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Annual Meeting

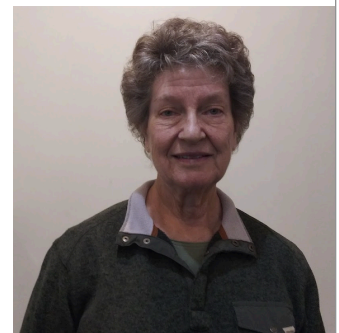
You are invited to the Friends of the Museum annual meeting on Saturday, February 4th at 1:00 p.m. at the museum. Everyone is familiar with the exhibits throughout the museum and the services offered by the staff. Do you know what goes on behind the scenes, where all the treasures are stored, and what the future goals and dreams are? Lisa Studts, Director, will discuss the current operations of the museum, the scope of the holdings, a little bit of history and the current and future needs. We will also feature a slide show from the offsite facility showing some of the museum's rare holdings.



There will be a short business meeting at the conclusion of the program. Join us to see how the museum is working for you and your community.

Farewell Jean Toto

Jean has resigned from the Board of the Friends but continues to volunteer at the museum transcribing oral histories. She has served on the board for many years, has contributed research to our annual meetings and articles to this newsletter and most recently coordinated the Tour of Schools. She will be greatly missed by the board and we send our best wishes to her in all her future endeavors.



History in the Making

Morning Line - Remember to tune in to 1400 KRLN the 3rd Thursday of every month to hear news, stories and information from the museum.

Community Coffee and Conversation - Check the museum calendar or Facebook so you can participate in the monthly conversation about Cañon City history, unique characters, and events. The topics are limitless and the coffee is brewing.

Virtual Genealogy Classes - Join us at 9:00a.m. on Saturday, January 14 for our Zoom genealogy class "What the Cousins Have to Say", February 11 for "Timelines in Your Toolbox" and in March for "Get the Most Out of Google"

Check the museum's calendar for the schedule of all activities, registration and waiver forms.

<https://museum.canoncity.org>

Click on the facebook icon to Follow the museum's activities

Videos of some of the museum's programs are available on [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com) by selecting the icon.

If you are interested in viewing photos from the museum's collection, follow us on instagram at rgrmhc.

Hike with A Paleontologist

What a fabulous adventure! Joshua Broussard and Jessica Wortman led us on a 100 year adventure through time at the Marsh Quarry. We heard about the work of both Othniel Marsh and Edward Cope, their discoveries and rivalry, and the contributions to paleontological study and methods of preservation made by both Marshall Felch and his wife Amanda. While the hill might provide a challenge for some folks, don't miss any future opportunities to hear Joshua's paleontology tales and Jessica's commentary on the museum's holdings.



Tour of Schools

If you were unable to attend the tour of schools, you missed an eye-opening experience. Principal Kelli Jones guided guests through the new Washington School with its thermal heating, solar light tubes, garage and barn doors, maker spaces, traditional and innovative classrooms and so much more. The children have an imaginative setting for learning.



The architects at the Middle School took great pains to maintain some of the beautiful aspects of the old school and incorporate them into a 21st century facility. The old gymnasium floor was used as an eye-catching enhancement in several spaces as were bricks from the original building in the new library space. Students from the Junior National Honor Society escorted guests through the new and old spaces and explained key features in each area. A wonderful opportunity for all members of the community to see.

Old Timey Movie Reviews

Friends came out on the evenings of September 29th and 30th to watch home movies and our features *Vengeance Valley* and *Lightning Jack*. It was interesting seeing the sheer number of horses in the 1934 Old Timers parade as well as the old cars. There were even a good number of fake beards on full view. The audience had fun quickly looking at old storefronts and identifying today's businesses. Only the Fremont County National Bank looked the same!

Burt Lancaster plays Owen, the good adopted son and Robert Walker is Lee, the ne'er-do-well biological son of a wealthy Colorado rancher. Lee attempts to frame Owen for fathering an illegitimate child that is actually his and connives with the woman's brothers to have Owen killed so he can take over his father's empire. Fortunately, good triumphs.



Who knew that Cuba Gooding Jr. had such comedic talent - and without saying a single word? Paul Hogan plays a bank robber who can't quite pull off the job. When he is forced to take Gooding as a hostage, the young man is eager to learn a new trade. But they never manage to get it right until the very end when they ride off into Apache territory!



Community Coffee and Conversation

The coffee and donuts may be a staple but you never know where the conversation will lead! Growing up in Cañon City, reminiscing about by-gone buildings and regretting some of the changes that have occurred through the years have spurred other memories and great exchanges. School teachers and the antics of friends; the prison farm, its produce and cannery; ushers that actually escorted you to your seat; the Ben Franklin store where you could find everything; phosphates from your favorite drug store soda fountain, Lincoln Park Greenhouses, when Main Street was four lanes were just some of the memories shared.

Whether you have lived here all your life or are new residents, there is always something to learn, new friends to meet and a story that will put a smile on your face. Check the museum calendar or watch Facebook for announcements of the next opportunity to join the conversation.

A New Partnership

The Friends of the Royal Gorge Regional Museum and History Center and Fremont County Colorado Master Gardeners are joining forces to create a new educational opportunity at the museum. A Low Water Native Plant Community Educational Garden at the site of the former native fish/water lily pond and later a cottage garden will be planted on the west side of the museum building.

Colorado Master Gardeners (CMGs) are non-paid staff members of the Colorado State University Extension. After completing in-depth training, they help the public with horticultural problems by providing information and recommendations based on current research results from Colorado State University and other land grant universities. CMGs provide training on challenging garden issues, staff the Garden Help Line, make site visits, lead Weed ID Walks, and assist with county fair activities.

The Community Educational Garden being developed will use low water plants with blooming periods throughout the growing season; use primarily native plants that are acclimated to our local growing conditions; provide nectar/pollen production throughout the growing season for pollinators; provide public education through the use of plant identification signage (scientific and common names) and limited growing requirements that support sustainability; encourage local gardeners to choose low water plants that will produce a beautiful, sustainable and beneficial garden; acquaint local residents with the Colorado Native Plant Society (CNPS), their educational native plant hikes, workshops and conferences; and provide an outdoor classroom for future training programs.

The positive characteristics of this project are many but there are a few hurdles to be jumped before the project can proceed. To address potential flooding of underground museum storage space, low water-use plant material will be selected and the sprinkler system will be modified to meet low water requirements. Plant materials that are reliable performers, showy, easy to grow, xeric and low maintenance will be evaluated. Appropriate plant material for public gardens, tough and safe for public enjoyment for all ages, will be identified and sourced.

Come join us and watch our garden grow or consider volunteering and getting your hands dirty.

Special thanks to Ann Zielinski and Lyn Anderson for submitting this article.

What Are You Doing With Your Bricks?

Is there someone on your Christmas or birthday list that would enjoy a Royal Gorge Brick? Besides the garden, they can be used as doorstops or bookends. Include a brick in your wrapping to disguise a simple gift card! You can stop by the museum Tuesdays through Saturdays, 10:00-4:00 to purchase yours. Vintage/used bricks are available for \$15.00 each. Unused/stored bricks are available for \$20.00 each.

Meet Logan Williams

Logan is the new Archive Librarian for the Royal Gorge Regional Museum and History Center. He is a life-long Cañon City resident and has spent several years volunteering at the museum. He is an avid reader and history buff and continues to pursue historical studies. He says, “I look forward to a long and fruitful tenure at this wonderful organization.” Be sure to take the opportunity to introduce yourself and to welcome him to the staff. He’ll put a smile on your face.



Holiday Party



Volunteers and family members enjoyed an evening of good food, conversation, and trivia at the annual Christmas party on December 10th. Since there were several new faces, everyone introduced themselves and spoke about the project they were working on. We got a fascinating glimpse into the backgrounds of some of the volunteers and were able to see how their previous experience might help in their work efforts. Each of the

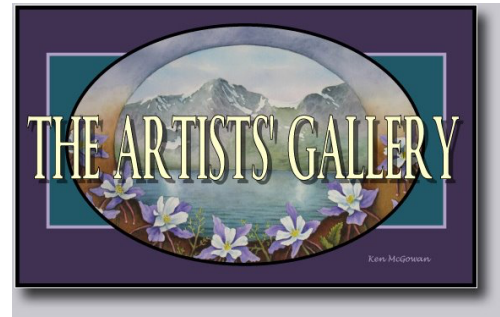
staff members expressed their thanks for all the contributions of the volunteers and the volunteers responded “We love this museum”.

Time to Renew

It is once again time to renew your membership. Membership runs from January 1 through December 31 of each year. Envelopes are enclosed for your convenience. Your ongoing monetary gifts ensure the availability of funds to support the museum’s needs and programs. During 2022, the Friends provided funds for the digitization of home movies, for the purchase of sound and recording equipment and for multiple 5-drawer filing cabinets.

Are you a retiree who is required to take a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD)? A direct contribution to the Friends of the Museum is tax deductible and would go a long way to supporting many of the needs of the museum for supplies, equipment, and storage units. Thank you in advance for thinking of us.

We on the board would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your attendance at museum programs, your financial support, and your volunteer work. **We want to wish everyone a joyous holiday season and all best wishes for 2023.** See you in the new year with more exciting programs.



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