

# FRIENDS OF THE MUSEUM AND HISTORY CENTER

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## Old Timey Movies



You are in for a special treat this year. Thanks to a donation from the Friends, the museum has several digitized home movies. And now we get to see them! We will be showing a silent film from the 1934 Cañon City Old Pioneer Parade and a 1968 Chamber of Commerce promotional film as previews to our 1951 feature **Vengeance Valley** on Thursday, September 29 at 6:30. Come see an “Adventure Drama at Its Rugged Best”

Join us on Friday evening, September 30 at 6:30 to watch more Pioneer Parade and 1956 home movies prior to our screening of the 1994 Western comedy **Lightning Jack** written and starring Paul Hogan, Cuba Gooding Jr. and Beverly D’Angelo.

Come and see if you recognize familiar sights from Cañon City’s past and try to find yourself, a family member, or a friend who might have been tapped as an extra!



A \$4.00 donation is suggested and the popcorn is free. Attendance is limited to 50 people. Call the museum to register or register online at <https://museum.canoncity.org> under the Calendar.

## History in the Making

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

**Community Coffee and Conversation** - Mark your calendars for 9:00 a.m. on the fourth Friday each month to join the 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, September 17 for our Zoom genealogy class on Church and Cemetery Records. October 22 will feature newspapers, and November will explore railroad records.

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

Learn about the rich paleontological and geological history right here in Garden Park! Join a moderate hike with paleontologist Joshua Broussard as we walk in the footsteps of history and see where some of the first dinosaurs were unearthed!

Saturday, October 15 from 10:00 to noon. Space is limited. A \$5.00 non-refundable registration fee is required. You must register in person at the museum. Hope to see you there.

## Tour of Schools

Three years ago the Friends sponsored a tour of four of the older local schools. In the intervening years Washington School has been completely rebuilt and the Cañon City Middle School has been renovated and enlarged. Principals Jesse Oliver of the Middle School and Kelli Jones of Washington Elementary have graciously agreed to allow us to tour their new facilities on Saturday, October 8th. Watch for the posters and a special invitation in the mail with further details.

## Happy Retirement, Geoff!

The Friends would like to express our many thanks to Geoff Ormandy for his years of faithful service to the Board and to the museum. A member of the Board for more than a decade, he has most recently served as Vice-Chair in charge of membership. We will miss him and wish him all the best in his future endeavors and look forward to seeing him at future Friend's events.



## Community Coffee and Conversation

Mining, recreation on the river and movies are just a few of the topics discussed during this summer's coffees. Folks involved in the local mining industry, descendants of miners, residents from mining areas and those interested in learning about local history all contributed to the discussion in June. Construction of the riverwalk, clean-up along the river and the adventures and misadventures of youth were brought to light in July. Fishing, tubing, kayaking, swinging from ropes dangling from cottonwood trees and something called "scurfing" were just some of the antics recounted by attendees. And Steve Smith regaled us with stories about the start of Buckskin Joe, how the 75 buildings were chosen, their design and construction and the flourishing of the movie industry and tourism there. Join us each month for more stories from the community. You never know where the conversation will go.



## Dinosaurs and More

A huge crowd turned out on Thursday, June 16 to hear Joshua Broussard and Jessica Wortman present a children's learning program at the Library. They gave some history of the Western Interior Seaway, talked about the fossils along Skyline Drive and brought along examples for the children to handle and examine. Joshua showed a paleontologist's tool kit and told the function of the loop, rock hammer, field notebook, maps, collecting bag, markers, and scale bar. Each child received pictures, an activity book and simulated rocks that they could dig for treasure.



## Draper Ranch Tour

A caravan of folks arrived at “The Barn” at the Draper Ranch on Saturday, July 23. And oh, what a welcome!



Constructed at the beginning of the last century as a feeding operation, the barn features two silos, a crenelated tower where the horse trainers lived, and an expanse of hundreds of feet of concrete with 20 entrances.



Jerry and Buddy Draper ushered us into one of the areas to see 16 assorted wagons that had been used in some of the westerns filmed in the local area in the 1950s-1970s. Jerry told us about the 5000 acres of land that they manage locally as well as the cattle operations that their extended family run in adjacent communities. She explained the significance of the four brands each representing a branch of the family. Did you know that ranchers in the 21st century sell their cattle online?



Jerry pointed out the construction techniques used in building the barn. And back at the house in the shade of some large trees and tents, Jerry recounted the history of the ranch land, the five generations of the Draper family, and some of the stories about the Draper Cave. It was a fabulous adventure into the history of the area. Our many thanks to Jerry and Buddy for their hospitality.

## What Are You Doing With Your Bricks?

Members of the Friends have been available at several First Friday events to sell Royal Gorge Bricks. Do you need a decorative accent for your yard or do you know someone who no longer lives here that might cherish a remembrance of home? If you have not had the opportunity to purchase your Royal Gorge Bricks, you can stop by the museum at any time. Vintage/used bricks are available for \$15.00 each. Unused/stored bricks are available for \$20.00 each.

## Gerrie's Chocolate Crunch Brownies

Several of the folks visiting the Draper Ranch requested the recipe for Gerrie's Chocolate Crunch Brownies. Gerrie is graciously sharing the recipe for others to enjoy.

1 c. softened butter	1 c. all-purpose flour	1 jar (7 oz) marshmallow creme
1 c. sugar	2 tsp vanilla extract	1 c. creamy peanut butter
4 eggs	1/2 tsp. salt	3 c. crisp rice cereal
6 tbsp baking cocoa	3 c. semisweet chocolate chips	

In large bowl, cream butter, sugar, and 1 egg at a time. Stir in cocoa, flour, vanilla, and salt. Spread into greased 13 x 9 x 2 inch baking pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 25 minutes or until brownies test done. Cool overnight. Next day, spread marshmallow creme over brownies. Best to chill overnight. In a small saucepan, melt peanut butter and chips over low heat. Remove from heat; stir in cereal and spread over marshmallow layer. Chill in refrigerator. Happy cooking!

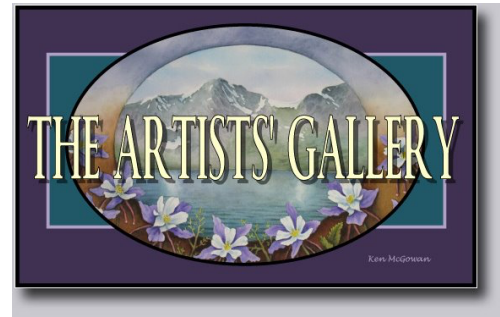
## Welcome Logan Williams

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."



## Opportunities

As we near the end of the year, 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.



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