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# YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR PROGRAM ON JANUARY 19, 2014 – 2:00 P.M. ---- 801 Sheridan Avenue

## MEET OUR SPEAKER FOR JANUARY:

Sue Cochran is a native Iowan who got hooked on genealogy at a young age. Sue worked for the Iowa Genealogical Society before moving to Canon City in 1996. She has worked for the Local History Center and its successor, the Royal Gorge Regional Museum & History Center, ever since. Her latest challenge has been learning the names of the dinosaurs in the exhibits that now occupy the DeWeese Gallery.

Sue enjoys public speaking and can present programs on a number of history-related topics. This month's subject will be the lynchings that have occurred in Fremont and Custer Counties. Prepare to hear some interesting stories about the good guys, the bad guys, and what could happen in the days of the Wild West when the good guys ran out of patience and the bad guys ran out of rope.



## **OUR INFAMOUS HISTORY:**

Lynching describes the physical act of hanging, stringing someone up without expedient formalities. In principle lynching means a death sentence without recourse to due justice. Out West, lynchings were rough and ready -Colorado pioneers were quick to see justice done without preliminary due process. One western memoir recounts that lynch law was necessary to keep peace.

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, 801 Sheridan Avenue, Canon City 2:00 p.m. – see you there!

# SUE COCHRAN

Sue is the genealogical specialist at the Royal Gorge Regional Museum and History Center.

She is very knowledgeable about the history of the entire County, and has some wonderful tales to tell us on January 19, 2014 at the Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, 801 Sheridan Avenue, Cañon City.

Our programs start at 2:00 p.m., and the Public is always invited. There will be cookies and drinks available.

We will "Pass the Hat" at the end of the program, so tuck a buck or two in your pocket to help defray the expenses of the meeting place, as well as a reward for our great speakers.

See you there!



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Please stop by and tell Bob or Linda how much the newsletter means to you, and send business their way if you happen to be in Silver Cliff.

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#### <u>FREMONT COUNTY HAS SEVERAL NATIONAL DESIGNATED HISTORIC BRIDGES: HAVE YOU BEEN</u> <u>THERE - TAKE A LOOK AT SOME OF THESE:</u>

 Florence Main Street Bridge
 [Concrete arch bridge over Coal Creek on CO 115 in Florence

 Open to traffic
 Built 1921

 Florence Second Street Bridge
 • Closed-spandrel arch bridge over Oak Creek on Second

 Street in Florence
 Open to traffic

 Built 1908
 Florence Third Street Bridge

 Florence Open to traffic
 Closed-spandrel arch bridge over Coal Creek on Third Street

 in Florence
 Open to traffic

 Built 1908
 Closed-spandrel arch bridge over Coal Creek on Third Street

 in Florence
 Open to traffic

 Built 1916
 Closed-spandrel arch bridge over Coal Creek on Third Street



Canon City, Centennial Park to Veterans park on So. 4<sup>th</sup> Street.

### Open to pedestrians only

Built 1891 by the Bullen Bridge Co.; modified 1928; replaced in 2001; reconstructed ca. 2004



River on Union Pacific Railroad, now the Royal Gorge Route. Open to traffic Built 1879

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We have received an especially generous donation from the Carlson Family, and another from ELLIE Reiser; all have supported us through the years, and are "Life Members". Thanks, Linda, Eric and Ellie



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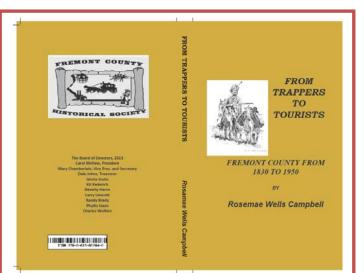
## **MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION**

Thank you to all the new members who have joined this year - we are glad you have joined us. Dues cover Dec. 31, 2013 to Jan. 1, 2015.

If you join the Society, and pay your dues now, they are good through 2014 - over a year's worth of newsletters and tours for your enjoyment.

We always accept donations in any amount, and are very grateful for any Memorial gifts you may wish to give - this is our pledge to you - good programs, historic interest in the landmarks of the County, and scholarship awards that will help some young person attend college.

Individual \$15.00
Family\$20.00
Group \$25.00
Lifetime\$150.00



In 1971, Charter members of the Historical Society worked with Rosemae Wells Campbell to research and produce the book From Trappers to Tourists: Fremont County 1830-1950. This book contains the story of the people and events of these years. It has been reprinted four times. If you would like to purchase one please let

your board know. Price \$18.00 Donation Available from Board Members and: Cup and Cone Cheryl's Book Nook Marketplace Shops Cotopaxi Store Kitchen Pantry Museum of Colorado Prisons Royal Gorge Regional Museum & History Center Spring Creek Vineyards The Art Gallery Classic Furniture Gooseberry Patch Fremont Center for the Arts Gift Shop

**BEQUEST** from **THEODORE JAMES** To enhance and further the mission of the Fremont County Historical Society We thank you.



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### STONES 'N BONES

Fremont County Stones 'n Bones has spread the joy of geology and paleontology around town. At the Aspen Leaf Bakery in Florence is Steve Wolfe's exhibit on many familiar minerals and their uses. Take a look at what magnetite does to a compass, enjoy stunning black mica and white mica specimens, and check out the brilliantly-colored copper ores.

At RSVP in Canon City are local Fremont County fossil collections from Tepee Buttes and Indian Springs, plus a myriad of fossils including a trilobite, shark tooth, palm leaf, clam, and ammonites. New at the Kitchen Pantry is Steve Wolfe's heart rock collection.

Coming soon will be Fluorescent Rocks under Short Wave Light at BLM and a Then and Now Coal Mining Gear display complete with a theropod dinosaur track from the Dorchester Mine ceiling.



The display in the Kitchen Pantry kitchen is a wonderful Valentine to the folks in Cañon City – "Heart" rocks which have been gathered through the years by Steve Wolfe.

## MEMORIAL FOR A MOTHER - THANK YOU-

A letter from one of our former citizens of the County – and in remembrance of that lady, here is the letter sent to us with the very generous donation of \$500.00: This letter was dated December 13, 2013:

"This December 31, (2013) will be the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of my mother's birth. Born Elizabeth Arbuckle Miller in Cañon City to Julia and Edward Miller, she lived on my grandparent's farm in the Four Mile area. She went to Four Mile School and graduated from Cañon City high School. My mother's elder sisters had been born in Cripple Creek but both also attended Cañon City high School.

I grew up in Pueblo but spent plenty of time in Cañon City until the farm was sold and my grandmother moved in with us in Pueblo. I have many happy memories of visiting the Royal Gorge, being on the Arkansas River, and eating at Merlino's. Both of my grandparents are buried in Lakeside Cemetery.

In honor of the centenary of my mother's birth, I wish to make a memorial gift to the Historical Society. I have enclosed with this letter a check for \$500.00. I place no restrictions on how the society chooses to use these funds.

Sincerely, Stephen E. James

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### Paraprosdokians

Paraprosdokians (Winston Churchill loved them) are figures of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected; frequently humorous. Enjoy!

1. Where there's a will, I want to be in it.

2. The last thing I want to do is hurt you. But it's still on my list.

3. Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear bright until you hear them speak.

4. If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.

5. We never really grow up; we only learn how to act in public.

6. War does not determine who is right - only who is left.

7. Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit... Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.

8. To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research.

9. I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you.

10. In filling out an application, where it says, 'In case of emergency, Notify:' I put 'DOCTOR'.

11. Women will never be equal to men until they can walk down the street with a bald head and a beer gut, and still think they are sexy. (Ever been to K MART?)

12. You do not need a parachute to skydive. You only need a parachute to skydive twice.

13. I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not so sure.

14. To be sure of hitting the target, shoot first and call whatever you hit the target.

15. Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in a garage makes you a car.

16. You're never too old to learn something stupid.



Your Historical Society at Work: #1. Scholarship for local students #2. Grade School "Crates" which are presented to classes throughout the County on various Historical Subjects and Geology #3: Propect Heights Jail project: Restore and use for museum purposes #4: Support the other Historical societies throughout the area: Wetmore Genealogical & Historical Society, Western Fremont Historical Society, Custer County Historical Society, Colorado Museum of Prisons, Royal Gorge Regional Museum and History Center, Florence History Museum, Fremont Center for the Arts. #5. Geology and Paleontology projects to promote tourism in the area. #6. Partner with the Fremont County Heritagge Commission to identify and educate the public about the historic sites in Fremont County. #7. Promote the Greenwood Pioneer Cemetery Committee in their successful achievement of National Historic Landmark Status. #8. Programs every two months that entertain and educate our members !

#### JOIN TODAY !

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