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**YOU ARE INVITED TO THE PROGRAM ON JULY 18, 2021
STEEPLE EVENT CENTER - 7TH AND MACON
CAÑON CITY, CO 81212
2:00 P.M. PUBLIC WELCOME**

Museum of Colorado Prisons Stacey Cline

I have been the Museum Administrator of the Museum of Colorado Prisons for the past 9 years.

My Husband Byron, two sons Joshua and Jacob and I moved to Cañon City in 1999, while my husband was still active-duty Army stationed at Fort Carson. Over the course of 20 years, we have lived in Italy (Camp Darby), California (Presidio, San Francisco), Washington State (Fort Lewis), Texas (Fort Hood), Virginia (Fort Lee), and here. When Byron retired, we decided to stay in Cañon City, as have several of our Army friends. We love the climate.

The PowerPoint presentation will be about the Deputy Warden's House, on the corner of Main St. and 1st.

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**NOTE:
WE HAVE CHANGED OUR
PROGRAM VENUE TO THE STEEPLE
EVENT CENTER, 7TH AND MACON IN
CAÑON CITY.
2:00 P.M. JULY 18, 2021**

MEMORIES OF THE CAÑON CITY PRISON

By “Joanne”

As a child in the late 1950’s/early 1960’s, about 10 years old, my family attended a Boy Scout dinner at “Old Max” prison. The prisoners cooked and served the supper; and, we thought nothing of it. The convicts were polite and helpful. Above where we were eating, there were walkways where the guards were posted and watched all movements.

The convicts who were trustees were trustworthy and honorable in those days.

By “Margaret”

7 A.M. each and every morning, the steam whistle would blow; time for breakfast, time for school, time for work, time for church!

One escape in the early 1960’s, the escapee worked his way across town to East Circle Drive. From the Odd Fellows area, he took the ditch south behind the homes. I remember the officers telling us to go into our homes and lock the doors and windows; also to make sure the car keys were not in the ignition. We just watched them as they proceeded to Franklin.

In those days, homes were left open and keys in the cars. Escapees didn’t linger in Cañon City; they wanted to get out of Dodge.

Overview of PowerPoint Presentation

An overview of the Museum of Colorado Prisons

An in-depth look at the Deputy Warden’s House from 1901 to the present

What we are doing to save the Deputy Warden’s House and what the community can do to help.



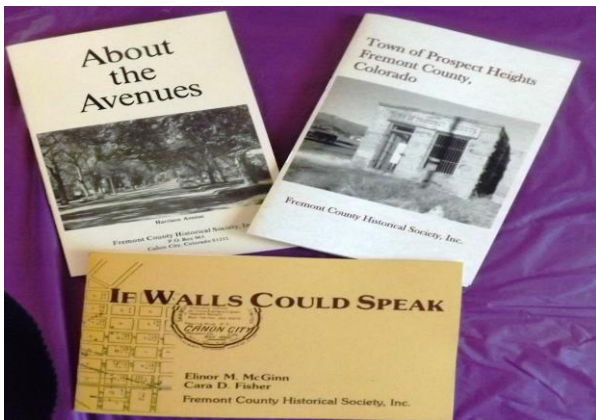
Left: Entrance to the Museum of Colorado Prisons, North 1st Street.
Below: The Deputy Warden’s House at 1st and Main Street, & prison wall.



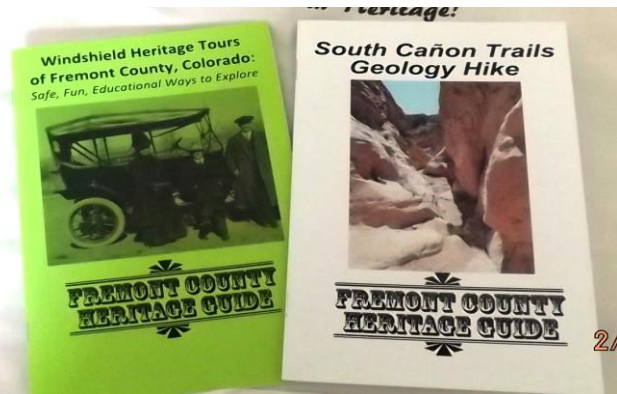
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The history books written by Cara Fisher and Eleanor McGinn have been reprinted. The new Prospect Heights Town book is also available at retail outlets in Cañon City & Florence. These have been added to the library of Fremont County Historical books published in the past four years by the Historical Society - Titles are: Cañon City, Skyline Drive, Florence, Howard, Windshield Tours, South Cañon Trails Geology Hike and Western Fremont County. The Guide books for Rocks and Fossils, Cemeteries and Coal Camps are also available online at <https://fremontheritage.com/self-guided-heritage-tours-2/>



The old books



The New Books

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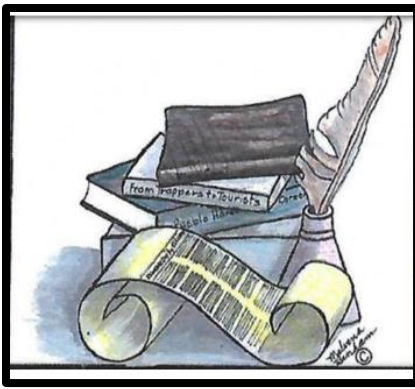
MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Thank you to all the new members who have joined this year - we are glad you have joined us. Dues cover Dec. 31, 2020 to Jan. 1, 2022.

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

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Fremont County Historical Society, Inc. - JULY

We invite you to visit the Florence Historical Archive to enjoy the wonderful display of their recent programs and projects. Pictures tell stories!

The Florence Historical Archive has a website:

www.florencehistoricalarchive.org

Lots of information, pictures and helpful ideas are also on their Facebook page at: Florence Historical Archive
(PHYSICAL ENTRANCE IS THROUGH THE POLICE DOOR ON WASHINGTON STREET)

THE FLORENCE HISTORICAL ARCHIVE IS PRESENTING PROGRAMS AT THE BELL TOWER IN FLORENCE ABOUT THE HISTORY OF FREMONT COUNTY. MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Voices from the Archive

Stories of immigrant and pioneer families

2nd Sunday History Series at the Bell Tower Presented by the Florence Historical Archive

Part I: July 11 - 3:00 p.m.

Intro to *Voices from the Archive* by Martie LaCasse

Our Earliest People and the Hardscrabble Settlement (1600 - 1860) by Sylvia Andrews

Immigration Patterns in Fremont County by Martie LaCasse

Conclusion - *Archive History and Thank you* by President Melvena Benham

Part II: August 8 - 3:00 p.m.

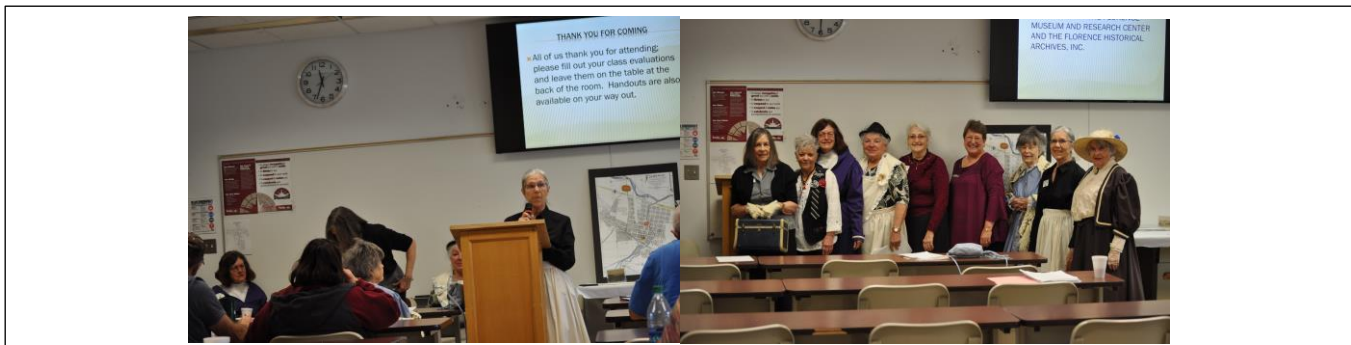
Intro to *Voices from the Archive* by Martie LaCasse

Innovative Farmer, Jesse Frazer, and his original Abstract (1859-80) by Dorothy Cool

Early Land claims from 1862 Forward

The Weight of Water; Ditch Development and Its Pioneers Including Dall DeWeese & the DeWeese-Dye Ditch by Reta Brunner

Conclusion - *Archive History and Thank you* by President Melvena Benham



BOOKS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE FOLLOWING OUTLETS-- PRICES VARY.

CAÑON CITY AREA

1. FREMONT COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
2. ARTIST'S GALLERY
3. J & J STONES AND MINERALS
4. ROYAL GORGE REGIONAL MUSEUM AND HISTORY CENTER
5. PROSPECT HEIGHTS JAIL (SUMMER)
6. COLORADO MUSEUM OF PRISONS
7. ANY BOARD MEMBER OF THE SOCIETY
8. AUSTIN AUTOMOTIVE

FLORENCE AREA

1. FLORENCE HISTORICAL ARCHIVE, INC.
2. FLORENCE PIONEER MUSEUM AND RESEARCH CENTER
3. SPIRIT RIDERS ON MAIN STREET

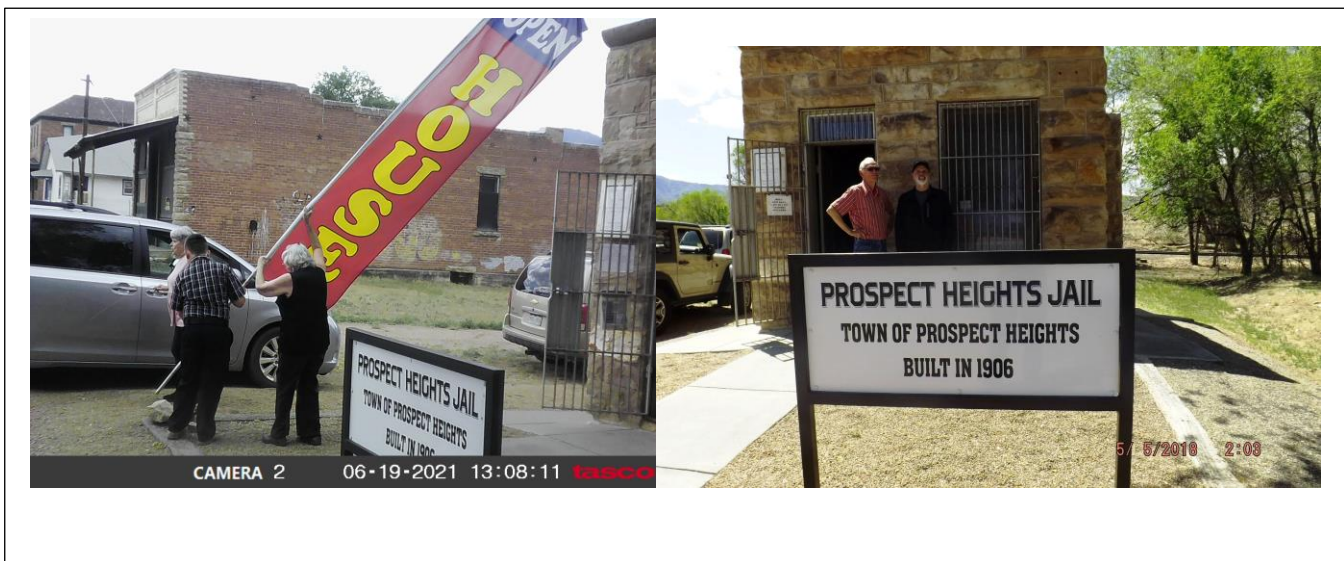
WESTERN FREMONT COUNTY

1. RIVERSIDE CAFÉ, HOWARD
2. HOWARD MUSEUM (CHURCH)
3. COTOPAXI STORE
4. BIG HORN LIQUOR (COTOPAXI)

HISTORY IS CALLING – PITCH IN!

We need help with our various projects, including the Prospect Heights Jail, Oak Creek Cemetery, and the distribution of our wonderful historical books. Help us get the word out, so our friends, neighbors, and visitors can see what an inspiring and robust history we have in this area.

Local, nationwide, and international visitors have a unique opportunity to visit our historic Prospect Heights Jail – a true part of authentic Western history. Join us at the Jail as a “tour guide” on Saturdays during the Summer, to share with visitors the story of the town, the jail’s unusual construction, and its final closure. No experience needed – you will quickly learn about the jail history as you get caught up in the excitement of sharing this piece of colorful, local history! **Contact any Board Member for additional information.**



ROYAL GORGE REGIONAL MUSEUM & HISTORY CENTER

612 Royal Gorge Blvd.
Cañon City, Colorado

Open 10am - 4pm
Wed. - Sat.

museum.canoncity.org
719-269-9036

Paul and Karen Austin/Owner
2625 E. Main, Cañon City, CO 81212

719-275-5055



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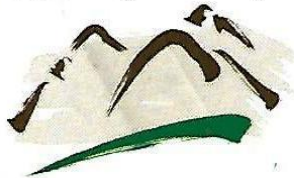
J. D. MEYERS

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P.O. Box 1005
Cañon City, CO 81215
275-1886 or 275-1576



Colorado Mountain Land Office

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719-275-2501

457 Shannon Road
Cotopaxi, CO 81223
(by appointment only)

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Golden Age Council, Inc.

Cañon City Senior Activity Center
728 Main Street, Cañon City, CO

GAC Transit Program Call 276-5200 for a ride

Office (719) 275 5177 Nutrition (719) 345-3064

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