

FREMONT COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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YOU ARE INVITED TO THE PROGRAM ON July 17, 2022

STEEPLE EVENT CENTER – 7TH AND MACON

CAÑON CITY, CO 81212

2:00 P.M. PUBLIC WELCOME



Dr. Doug Walker

The University of Kansas

100 years of Field Camp in Cañon City.

Field Geology or as it is commonly called **Field Camp** is the capstone course of most Geology degree programs. It is the class where students are able to take all of the information and skills they have acquired in their other geology

classes and use them to understand rocks in the field. The work involves understanding how sediments are deposited to become rocks, how igneous rocks flow and intrude into

the crust, and how metamorphic rocks are made from igneous and sedimentary rocks by deformation and the addition of heat. The processes leave a decipherable record in the rocks and can be investigated by geologists. Colorado offers venues with excellent exposure to study these geologic materials and processes.

The University of Kansas has been teaching our course in Field Geology in the Cañon City area for the last 100 years.



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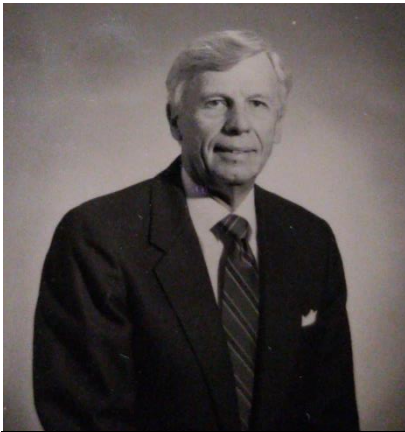
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The Field Geology course has focused on the Garden Park area north of Cañon City along with field exercises done over the entire surrounding area. In 1940, the current permanent camp was established just south of the entrance to Shelf Road when cabins were built for staff and students, and a small meeting hall was constructed. The camp was on property leased from the Dilley family and ran successfully for decades. In the late 1990s, the Dilley family sold their property, and donors to the KU Geology endowment funds purchased the 35-acre lot where the camp is based. Since that time, the KU Field Camp has been a fixture of the Dilley Ranch development area. KU further solidified its position in the area in 2018 by purchasing a section of land in the mountain's northwest of Cañon City. This area, referred to as Blue Ridge, is underlain by world-class exposures of metamorphic rocks showing the structures associated with their development. Again, this was supported by the generous contribution of the KU alumni.



Robert P. Harrison

In 2022, the Department of Geology and our alumni celebrated 100 years of Field Camp in Cañon City. We held a 3-day celebration at the camp and in town to recognize the myriad of geologists who have taken the course. At the same time, Beth Harrison announced a generous gift in honor of Robert P. Harrison, a former geology student, a very successful businessman, and her father-in-law, to help fund the camp into the future. Harrison was a 1938 graduate of the University of Kansas in Geology. The camp has been now named the Robert P. Harrison Field Station. We feel now that the camp will be able to start its next 100 years with the support it needs for continued excellence in teaching Field Geology.



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The Prospect Heights Jail at 1315 So. 4th Street, Cañon City is open in the summer, on Saturdays, from 1:00-4:00. Visits are free.

FREMONT COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.

50 YEARS PRESERVING OUR HISTORY

Founded in 1971 by a consortium of interested persons from Fremont and Custer Counties. There were 200 original charter members, and the name was Fremont-Custer Historical Society. The name was changed to Fremont County Historical Society in 2012. The focus of the Society is to facilitate researching, interpreting, and preserving local history, materials, and sites. The Society has worked to place various locations on Colorado and National Registers of historic buildings throughout the County. Present Society projects include the Prospect Heights Jail preservation and restoration. The Society is cooperating with the Fremont County Heritage Commission in initiating the Local Landmark Designation for deserving properties throughout the County. The Society is also responsible for reprinting and selling the Self-Guided Tour booklets generated by the Heritage Commission. Support for the Geology Club and Stones 'n Bones Club is also continuing, as well as for the Florence Historic Archives, Inc.

The Society is authorized to have 12 members on its Board of Directors; currently we have 9. Our Board meetings are held the second Monday of each month (1 PM) at the Steeple Event Center and are open to the public. We encourage anyone interested to attend or become a board member.

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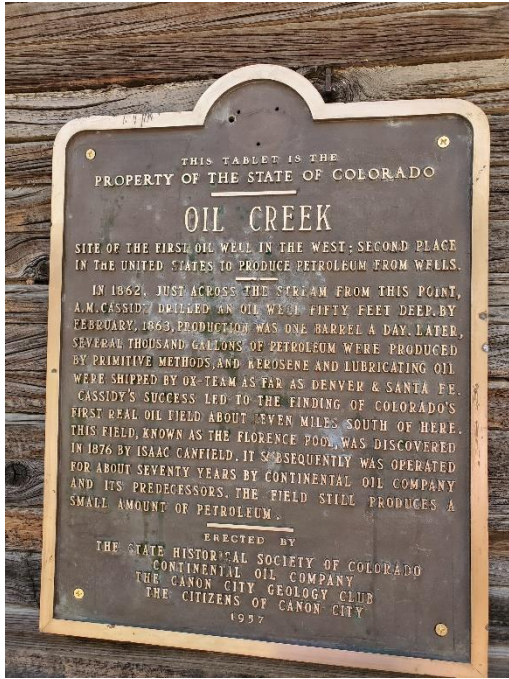
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July 17 – Doug Walker Presenting *100 years University of Kansas
Geology Field Camp History*

Sept. 18 - Eve Nagoda Presenting *Wood Stave Water Pipeline*

Nov 20 - John Anderson Presenting *Culturally Modified Trees*

Florence Pioneer Museum and Research Center



When Mother Nature decides to prune her trees in Fremont County, she does it with 12 inches of snow, spotty electrical black outs and in the middle of May. The Florence Pioneer Museum had to cancel the Chili and Beer Fundraiser due to the weather last weekend. It was disappointing, but the Museum knew there would be a better day.

And THAT better day will be Saturday, July 16th! The Museum's regularly scheduled fundraiser, "A Night at the Museum" will be featuring the home-made chili in the home-made bowls and cups by P & G Pottery. For \$10.00, you can have an adult beverage, your choice of a cup or bowl, have it filled with chili and you keep the bowl! Also featured will be the gold reduction history in Florence during the heyday of gold mining in Cripple Creek. The Museum will have a display of the Florence & Cripple Creek railroad, and Sidewinder Sluice, a gold panning company in Florence CO, will be on hand to talk about panning your own gold. Museum Chili Makers, if you can help the Museum out with your wonderful

chili at that time, let the Museum know: 1-719-784-1904! Mark your calendars for July 16th to come and enjoy a wonderful evening event. Haven't been to the Museum yet (or lately!) You are missing a lot! Our new "Oil Field" plaque, donated by the Cañon City Geology Club is up on the north side of the "Jail" waiting to be read. The "Original 19" plat map is still up for those who didn't see it in January and the new "W. Morris Cafky" memorial display has been created to honor one of Florence's most famous train book authors.

Drop by for a "look-see" at what the museum has! Business hours: Tuesday-Friday, 1:00-4:00 pm, Saturday: 10:00-4:00 pm, closed Sunday – Monday.

Western Fremont Historical Society

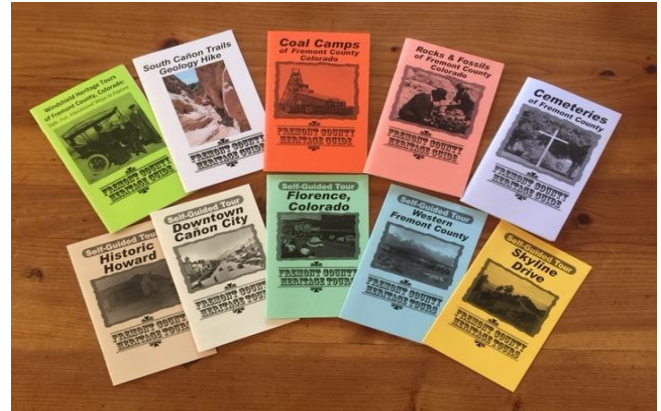
Access Sundays at the History Center in Howard began on April 24th and will continue on the last Sunday of the month through October unless there are scheduling conflicts.

Summer tour – Parker Homestead/Coaldale area, date to be determined by Terry Andrews, since she will be main presenter.

Fall tour of Amy Homestead?? Possible, depending on apple crop.

Display highlighting Western Fremont County is currently featured at the Fremont County Administration Building, thanks to Debbie Hildebrand and crew members.

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The history books written by Cara Fisher and Eleanor McGinn have been reprinted. A new book, Legends of the Royal Gorge Region by Janet Sterling, has been added. 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 www.fremontheritage.com/fchs

ROYAL GORGE REGIONAL 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. 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
4. BELL TOWER ART CENTER
5. ANTIQUE SALVAGE ON MAIN

WESTERN FREMONT COUNT

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

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Thank you to all the new members who have joined this year – we are glad you have joined us. Dues cover December 31, to January 1.

Individual.....\$15.00

Family.....\$20.00

Group.....\$25.00

Lifetime.....\$150.00

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Cañon City, Colorado

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