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**YOU ARE INVITED TO THE PROGRAM ON MARCH 20, 2022
STEEPLE EVENT CENTER - 7TH AND MACON
CAÑON CITY, CO 81212
2:00 P.M. PUBLIC WELCOME**

CAROL MCNEW HONORED AS OUTSTANDING CIVIC LEADER OF FREMONT COUNTY.

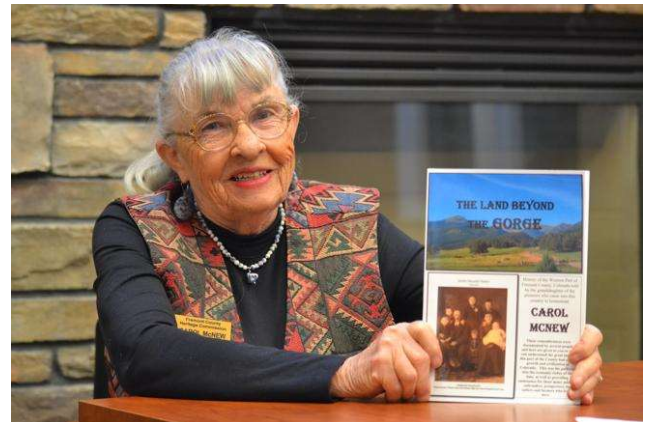
We have known Carol for as little as three years to more than a decade and a half. She was one of those rare individuals who exhibited principles, expertise, and passion that are symbols of a responsible, committed citizen. She authenticated outstanding leadership in each organization by encouraging the use of historic preservation ideas, efforts, and practices to draft their plans and goals. She spearheaded many projects, such as the Prospect Heights Jail preservation.

One specific civic skill that has become important is technological capability. It provides organizations opportunities to create competitive advantages. One of the simplest forms is the flash drive and power point presentations we use to empower our slideshows. Carol was an expert at all of these.

We wish to honor our friend and colleague as one of those individuals with enduring records of accomplishments and who has demonstrated exceptional civic and charitable leadership.

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We are missing you, our dear friend. Keep an eye on us, we still need you.



**NOTE:
WE HAVE CHANGED OUR PROGRAM VENUE TO
THE STEEPLE EVENT CENTER, 7TH AND
MACON, IN CAÑON CITY.
FELLOWSHIP ROOM
2:00 P.M. MARCH 20, 2022**

Biographical Sketch:

Jessica Wortman, Education Coordinator of the Royal Gorge Regional Museum and History Center and Cañon City native.

Jessica Wortman Education Coordinator of the RGRMHS is a Cañon City native and CCHS graduate area. She is a College, and has including Leadville, and Maui HI. She working with some often in an capacity. Some of include Copper Durango Nature Dillon Ranger Whale Foundation.



is no stranger to the graduate of Fort Lewis lived in many fun places, Durango, Breckenridge has had the pleasure of great organizations, outdoor education those organizations Mountain Ski Area, Studies, Friends of the District, and the Pacific

Her family has rich history here. Jessica is the 4th generation in her family to live in Cañon City with her Great Grandparents arriving here in the 1920's. In 1947, while working as a guard at Old Max, her Great Grandfather Joe Gray was injured during the famous prison break. In the late 1950's, in the first years that Buckskin Joe was open, her Grandparents Dave and Phyllis Ashton managed the Buckskin Joe Wells Fargo Stagecoach and Riding Stables. Her parents, Dr. Joe and Diane Ashton owned Ashton Chiropractic from 1976-2014.

Jessica came back to call Cañon home again in 2015. She loves sharing and discussing our areas rich and diverse history.

This year is a very special year for the City of Cañon City. We are celebrating 150th, or

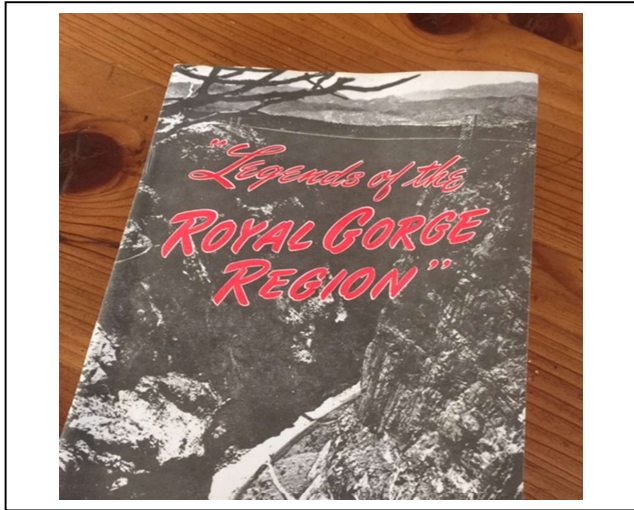


sesquicentennial, anniversary! Founded in 1872 Cañon City has such a vast, rich, and unique history. We have everything from dinosaurs, to



ranching and agriculture, from territorial prison to world class recreation and so much more! I look

forward to sharing and discussing with you some of the significant pieces of our area's unique history.



The Fremont County Historical Society is fortunate to have come across a book that hasn't been included in our Historical Book Collection in quite a few years. The family of Janet Sterling found a large inventory of books printed in June of 1983, and has made *The Legends of the Royal Gorge Region* available to the Historical Society for distribution.

Janet Sterling was the mother of Jim Sterling, who was a past Advertising Editor of the *Cañon City Daily Record*. She wrote some of

this collection of stories for the *Daily Record* and other publications around the County. She wrote:

The Cañon City region is rich in legend and history. It is one of the first explored and first settled areas of the West. Cañon City itself is one of the oldest towns in Colorado. These stories I have written from time to time as occasion arose, or whim dedicated. Most were written for the newspaper and magazine publication or for production as radio plays. I have collected them between these covers for convenience sake and for ready reference. My version of the legend of the Spanish Peaks is being published as printed herein for the first time. I dedicate this book to Cañon City, the Beautiful, the Loveliest Town in all the world, in which to live.

The *Legends of the Royal Gorge Region* has been discovered at a very convenient time. This 150th Anniversary Celebration of Cañon City's history will be the unveiling of Janet Sterling's book and will be available at the Jubilee Celebration, April 2, at Cañon City High School in the Historical Society's booth for a donation of \$5.



JANET STERLING



JANET'S TYPEWRITER



JANET'S
GRANDDAUGHTER
MARTHA STERLING
TEIGEN

OAK CREEK CEMETERY PROJECT


Since 2019 the Historical Society has been investigating the Oak Creek Cemetery on County Rd 143. We are the stewards of this cemetery and have started the processes of surveying and improving the boundaries. There are several graves in the cemetery and the goal is to locate them and see to it that they are marked more clearly. We would like to give recognition and thanks to those who have worked on the project and donated time and materials. Martin Gassaro has headed up the project and volunteered his time, energy and passion to the cemetery. Also, thanks to Diane Dudley for her interest and ability to find resources; Andy and Becky Kagan @ Oak Creek Gravel Pit for the road base; and Ray Swota for his excavation skills.

We will keep our members apprised of our progress.



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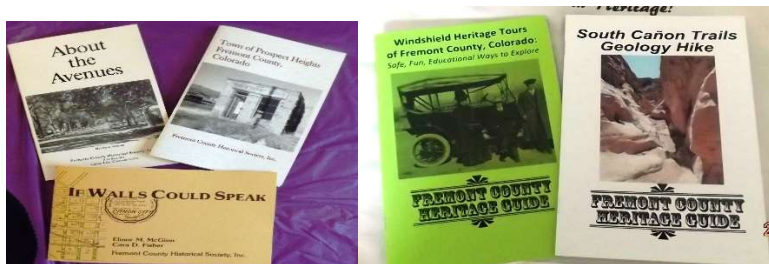


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The history books written by Cara Fisher and Eleanor McGinn have been reprinted. The new Prospect Heights Town book is also available at retail outlets in Cañon City & Florence. These have been added to the library of Fremont County Historical books 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 www.fremontheritage.com/fchs



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ROYAL GORGE **REGIONAL MUSEUM**
HISTORY & CENTER

612 Royal Gorge Blvd.
 Cañon City, Colorado

Open 10am - 4pm
 Wed. - Sat.

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The City of Cañon City is pleased to print the Fremont County Historical Society Newsletter as a contribution to the Society. Thanks for all you do for Fremont County History.



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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.

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| Individual | \$15.00 |
| Family | \$20.00 |
| Group | \$25.00 |

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