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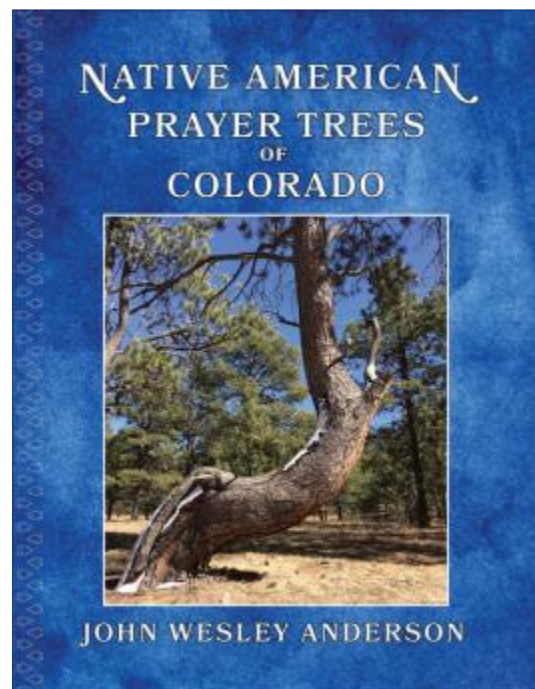
**YOU ARE INVITED TO THE PROGRAM ON November 20, 2022
STEEPLE EVENT CENTER – 7TH AND MACON
CAÑON CITY, CO 81212
2:00 P.M. PUBLIC WELCOME**



This presentation is based on two books written by John Wesley Anderson and published by the Old Colorado City Historical Society (OCCHS). The *Ute Indian Prayer Trees of the Pikes Peak Region* and *Native American Prayer Trees of Colorado* are not just about Culturally Modified Trees; they are about the advanced culture of the deeply spiritual people behind these trees. The Ute were among the Native American people who modified trees for navigational, spiritual, burial, medicinal, nutritional and educational purposes. Most Native American people, including the Ute, believe anything created by the hands of Creator has a spirit,

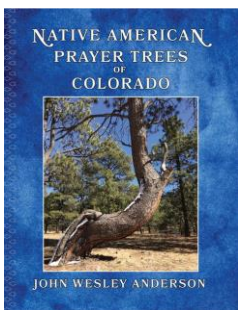
including an eagle, bear, person or a tree and trees would not be modified unless it was with consent of the Prayer Tree and Creator.

John Wesley Anderson, MBA, is a published author, storyteller and TEDx speaker. He enjoyed a 30-year law enforcement career, retiring as a sergeant after 22 years with the Colorado Springs Police Department, followed by 8 years serving as the elected sheriff for El Paso County, Colorado. After being term-limited as Sheriff John retired from public



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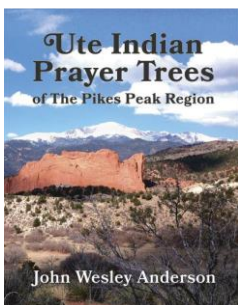
safety and worked homeland security for ten years in the corporate world. He retired from Lockheed Martin in 2012 to launch a small consulting business allowing him the freedom to pursue his love of history, writing and the arts. Although John has traveled around the world, including several adventures on a catamaran sailing the Caribbean, three corporate security assignments into a combat zone on the Horn of Africa and landing on an aircraft carrier at sea in the Pacific Ocean, he remains most fascinated by the rich history and art discovered in his own backyard in the American Southwest.



NATIVE AMERICAN PRAYER TREES OF COLORADO

By: John Wesley Anderson

Non-Fiction/History: There are Ute Elders who remember their ancestors, the Mountain People, teaching about the importance of trees. They tell of the many reasons trees were modified. Some were bent to mark a trail or an important location; others told a story or serve as a memorial honoring loved ones who have “walked on.” Each tree modification began with prayer, which remains part of the tree. Still today when some Ute Elders approach these sacred trees they speak softly to the spirits of their ancestors. Culturally Modified Trees are recognized around the world; still some believe Native American Prayer Trees are simply a myth or freaks of nature. This book will allow you to make your own mind. Come join John as he continues to share his journey with tribal elders in search of Native American sacred trees and places across Colorado



UTE INDIAN PRAYER TREES OF THE PIKES PEAK REGION

By: John Wesley Anderson

Non-Fiction/History: The *Ute Indian Prayer Trees of the Pikes Peak Region* is more than just a story about Culturally Modified Trees; this is about the advanced culture of the deeply spiritual people behind the trees. The Ute were the indigenous people of the Pikes Peak Region who skillfully modified trees for navigational, spiritual, burial, medicinal, nutritional and educational purposes. The Ute name for Pikes Peak was Tava, meaning the Sun Mountain, and Tava was the most sacred of all the Shining Mountains for the Ute believe the Creator allows the day to start there first, and each day is a gift from Creator. This book includes beautiful 8x10 color photographs of these living Native American cultural artifacts and lessons learned from Ute tribal elders.



**The McCandless Quilt Story
&
The Voices of Our Legacy
Quilts
Presented by
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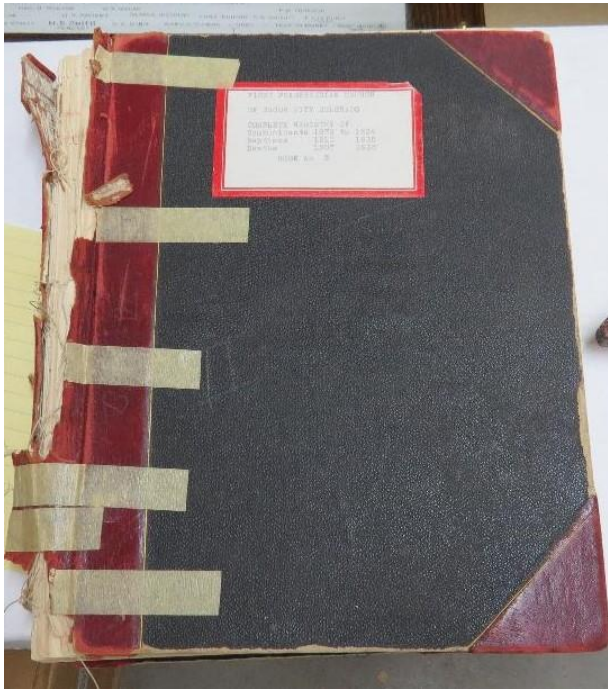
Sunday, November 13, 2022

3 pm to 4 pm

**Bell Tower Cultural Center
201 E 2nd St. Florence, CO 81226**

Admission: \$5.00 per person

Preserving History



When the United Presbyterian Church, located at 701 Macon, closed due to declining membership, the Historical Church Conservancy of Fremont County, a non-profit was formed. This nonprofit now operates the historic church building as the Steeple Events Center to acquire income to maintain the structure, with most of the staff being volunteers. While doing upgrades to the structure, the church vault was opened. Inside were ledgers, pictures, records of members seeking transfers, etc. It was decided that all these records

needed to be persevered and made available to the public doing research. Thus was the start of a major project conducted by Historical Society volunteers in phases. The purpose of Phase One was to find out exactly what the vault contained by inventorying the contents. There was an average of seven volunteers working once a week for two hours to catalog each item. Every item was given a number, with a sheet of paper giving a brief description of the item or the contents of letters, ledgers, etc. This phase took 3 months to complete. Phase Two will be combining all the material into certain categories. Phase Two will also include evaluating inventory records from Phase One, to weed out the duplicates and to combine related records. Over time, all the materials will be scanned or photographed as Dan Meeks, the project coordinator has time among his other duties. The next phase will focus on transcribing the records, to enable them to be entered into a searchable online data base so that researchers will to have access to the records.

By Sandra Haimerl

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Are you interested in learning about volunteering opportunities at the Archive? YES!

FHAI is a non-profit organization: Tax ID #81-1200379

**Consider the Archive as the future home for your historical books, maps, diaries, or photographs.
The Archive would be happy to aid in their preservation!**

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Fremont County Historical Society

Nov 5- Greenwood Pioneer Cemetery – Veterans Day Ceremonies
11:00 am.

Nov 20 - John Anderson Presenting *Culturally Modified Trees*

Florence Pioneer Museum and Research Center

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.

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2. ARTIST'S GALLERY
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4. MUSEUM AND HISTORY CENTER
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7. ANY BOARD MEMBER OF THE SOCIETY
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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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