

FRIENDS OF THE MUSEUM AND HISTORY CENTER

612 Royal Gorge Blvd. Cañon City, Co. | 719-269-9036

Contact your board of directors for more information

Gerrie Colette- Chair

Geoff Ormandy- Vice

Paula McFarland- Treasurer

Jim Nelson- Secretary

Jean Toto- Newsletter

Paula McFarland - Newsletter

Terri Meeks - Newsletter

Ann Zielinski - Activities

719-269-9036

www.fremontheritage.com

Memberships to the Museum

Become a member to support our history & history to come.

Individuals cost is \$10.00

Couples cost is \$15.00

Families cost is \$20.00

Organizations cost is \$25.00

Life members cost is \$150.00

Friends of the Museum &
History Center, P.O. Box 481,
Cañon City, CO 81215-0481

Changes, Postponements...

We're not going to talk about what didn't happen! Instead we'll look back at all the wonderful things that the Friends and the Museum staff have been able to accomplish in the face of extreme conditions.

The Museum was forced to close on March 15, 2020 and was allowed to reopen on April 27th for appointments only with masks, gloves, sanitizing, and contact tracing requirements. Innovation and inspiration took over. After rearranging spaces to accommodate the restricted numbers, staff was able to continue supporting their Starpoint and school programs, and Morning Line. Craft and activity events became pick-up events. Genealogy classes went virtual from City Hall. Research requests and inventories were ongoing and a skeletal group of faithful volunteers continued working in isolation. Automatic lights were installed along with automatic water faucets. And fiber optic cable finally became operational!

A State Historic Fund Grant was received to work on Rudd House drainage improvement and porch rehabilitation. With these monies, a contract has been signed and work should begin soon. A Bureau of Land Management Grant was also received to support ongoing paleontology efforts. The Friends Classic Movie Night Fundraiser was a huge success which allowed for the purchase of newspaper storage units.

2021 is holding great promise. The Friends are working behind the scenes to support the activities of the museum. The annual meeting is still in the planning as are historic cemetery and bike tours when all is deemed safe. Planning for Cañon City's sesquicentennial exhibits and celebrations as well as fund raising activities are beginning. Thank you to our membership for your continued support.

History in the Making

Museum Blog - Check out the POSTS on the museum's website. Various aspects of the history of the local area are presented in each post. Learn about historic buildings, by-gone towns, local personages and other Cañon City and Fremont County events.

Beer Today, Gone Tomorrow: Prohibition and Prospect Heights will be the topic presented by Kathleen Eaton at the March 21st meeting of the Fremont County Historical Society.

We are sad to announce that **Curator Katie Conrad** is moving to Nebraska. She has organized the Royal Gorge Bridge and Fashion exhibits, worked tirelessly on inventorying the museum's collection and supervised many of the volunteers' activities. We send our best wishes to her and will all miss her smiling face.

Follow the museum's activities on [facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com/royalgorgehistorycenter). Simply look for the Royal Gorge Regional Museum & History Center to get tuned in to all the articles and activities.

If you are interested in viewing photos from the museum's collection, follow us on instagram at rgrmhc.

Check the museum's calendar for the schedule of all activities, registration and waiver forms.

<https://museum.canoncity.org>

First Facebook Live Presentation



The museum staff has adopted some innovative procedures this year to continue presenting programs and to keep in touch with the community. They have taken advantage of many of the social media platforms to share the history of Cañon City through posts, videos, and Zoom sessions. The latest innovation was a Christmas Traditions program streamed via Facebook Live on December 15th.

Virtual genealogy classes have continued via Zoom in 2021. The January meeting "The Weather Outside is Frightful; Adding Depth to Your Genealogy Story" focused on weather events that might have directly or indirectly impacted families. Love and Marriage were celebrated in February with a thorough examination of the various marriage records that might be found in courthouses or archives. Baby Makes Three, The Taxman Cometh, and Military records are planned for the next few months. Watch the museum calendar to see upcoming events.

Interviews, highlights from the museum's collection, crafts, historical portraits, interesting places, and unique attractions have been videoed and are available for viewing at your leisure on the museum's [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com) site. Simply go to [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com) and type in Royal Gorge Regional Museum and History Center and click on Videos for a complete listing of the programs.

Virtual Volunteer Christmas Party

The staff was not able to host their annual volunteer potluck and game night but instead invited us to participate in virtual Christmas Pictionary. Lisa Studts emailed five drawings depicting Christmas carols. The volunteer who was able to guess the name of all five Christmas songs *and* the name of the staff person who drew the clue would get a prize! A sixth picture was given as a bonus challenge or, if needed, a tie breaker. Everyone had until December 28th to decipher the clues and submit their best guesses. Apparently, the quiz was a tough one as no one got them all correct. Penny McPherson was the winner; congratulations, Penny!



Volunteers were also invited to search the town, whether on foot or by car, to participate in a scavenger hunt. Ugly sweaters, candy canes, snow globes, and egg nog were just some of the 16 items on the list. Many were easy to find while others took imagination and some alternative thinking to locate. Who would have thought that a gingerbread man would pose a challenge? And who knew that little girls shirts were covered with holiday unicorns?

Holiday Pickup Day

To celebrate Valentine's Day, the museum hosted a Pickup Day on Saturday, February 6th. Folks both young and old turned out to avail themselves of the activities. Kathleen Eaton, Education Coordinator, shared specimens from the museum's collection and handed out 70 packets each containing images of antique Victorian valentines, lace, ribbon, and pinprick art designs to fashion unique Valentine cards.



STATELY FARMS
 1607 SHERMAN AVE. CAÑON CITY, COLORADO 81212
 (719) 275-3936
 MONDAY-SATURDAY 10-6
 SUNDAY 12-5
 LOCAL. HEIRLOOM. ORGANIC



The Artist Gallery

416 Main Street, Cañon City

Open Monday-Sunday 10-6

(719) 345-4070

Brady Realty

Randy Brady


719-423-9745

FREMONT CAB
 STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION
 AIRPORT SERVICE
 DELIVERY SERVICE
 719-784-2222
 806 W. 5th Street Florence, CO 81226

Always Buying Books
 We Make House Calls!
 Adventures In Books
 (719) 641 - 6681
 Bill Porter
 The Antique Gallery
 117 South Wahsatch Ave.
 Colorado Springs, CO

Office: 719.269.1212 ~ JoAnn: 719.429.2345
 1212 Main Street
HOME TOWN
 REAL ESTATE OF CAÑON CITY

JoAnn Grenard
Managing Broker
*My 38 years of experience and results have earned me the status of #1 REALTOR in Cañon for the past 6 years!**
* Based on information from the Royal Gorge Association of REALTORS®/MLS for the period 1/1/12 through 12/1/17 interpreted by JoAnn Grenard of Home Town Real Estate



DOC SUSIE,
MY NEIGHBOR
 Title
OWEN BRIGGS
 Author
 719-999-5134
 dorisbriggs@comcast.net