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YOU ARE INVITED TO THE PROGRAM ON MAY 21, 2023
4-MILE COMMUNITY CLUB BUILDING
E. MAIN & STEINMEYER, CANON CITY, CO 81212
2:00 P.M. - PUBLIC WELCOME

"SILENT MOVIE ERA IN CANON CITY" PRESENTED BY DAVID EMRICH

David Emrich is a second-generation Colorado filmmaker and a fourth-generation Coloradan. He received BAs from CU Boulder (Go Buffs) in Economics and Political Science. By trade he is a film/video editor, although much of his time is now spent as Executive Producer and Director at his company, Prime Meridian Media, a Denver company producing documentary and feature films.

David has edited hundreds of TV commercials and a several documentaries including the Academy Award winning short documentary *A Story of Healing* and the Gracie Award winning *The Other Angels*.



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EMRICH TO SHARE COLORADO FILM HISTORY

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David has produced films for Bents Old Fort National Historic Site, Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site and Petrified Forest National Park amongst others.

For the past 30 years he has researched and written about Colorado film history. In 1997 he wrote a book, *Hollywood, Colorado*, chronicling filmmaking in Colorado between 1897 and 1914, much of it centered in Fremont County.

He will show dozens of pictures and short movie clips about these early days. He will then show a 1912 short movie shot in Canon City, *The Dynamiters*. This may be the first time that this film has been seen in 110 years!



THE DYNAMITERS

A Story of Love, Jealousy and Wrong Unrighted

Written and produced by MR. WILLIAM DUNCAN



CAST OF CHARACTERS

LON BARRETT	William Duncan	JOHN WILLET	Max de Rossett
JOE THOMPSON	Lester Cullio	SHERIFF DAWSON	Charles E. Reeves
TESS MARVIN	Myrtle Stedman	JIM MARVIN	J. Jacobs

A STORY of love and jealousy among the members of a survey party over a pretty mountain girl forms the foundation of "The Dynamiters." The blowing up of a dynamite shack starts the excitement. The man that is responsible for the explosion manages for a time to place the blame on the shoulders of his rival, while he goes off and celebrates over the success of his plan. The rival meantime experiences great difficulty in keeping out of the clutches of the quickly-formed posse. He is aided on his way by his sweetheart, who manages to keep the posse engaged until her lover has a good start on them. After his exciting get-away he manages to trace the job back to his former partner, and, after clearing himself in the eyes of his friends, he returns to find his sweetheart still holding the fort. She mistakes him for one of his late enemies and gives him a hot reception. She, however, discovers her mistake in time and he is amply repaid for his close call.



William
Duncan

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FREMONT COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER MAY 2023

Greetings Fremont County Historical Society Members,

As this year progresses and summer is approaching FCHS would like to update you on some changes that are happening.

First of all please note the change of venue for our May program. The location change will be the Four Mile Community Club Building on the corner of E. Main and Steinmeyer. The building is handicap accessible with restrooms and kitchen area for refreshments. The change was due to a scheduling conflict.

Another change is that our monthly board meetings will be held at the Fremont County Administration Building on Macon Avenue. We will meet in Room 208. Our board meetings are open to any and all. We meet the second Monday of each month at 1:00 P.M. We currently have a couple of open positions on the board. If anyone is interested in helping plan our programs, work on the newsletter, or volunteer as a greeter at the Prospect Heights Jail please let me know.

As summer approaches the Prospect Heights Jail is once again opening on Saturdays from 1:00-4:00 P.M. from May to September. We are always looking for volunteers to join us for the afternoon to swap stories and visit with those that come by. If you would like to volunteer please let us know.

FCHS recently received a reprinting of the "Town of Prospect Heights" booklet on the history of the town. We also had a new edition of "From Trappers to Tourists" book on the history of Fremont County printed. These publications as well as the other publications are available and make great gifts. Please check them out.

Thanks for your continued support of FCHS and Fremont County's rich history.

Sincerely,
Betsy Denney
President, FCHS



Historical Society Programs

Upcoming Events in 2023

May 21 - David Emrich - "Silent Movie Era in Canon City"

July 16 - Wes Brown - "Historic Maps"

September 17 - Victoria Miller - "Coal Mining in Fremont Co"

November 19 - Stacy Cline - "Prison Museum"

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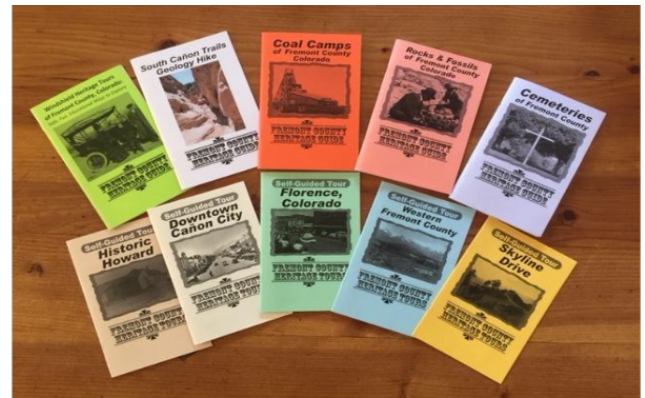
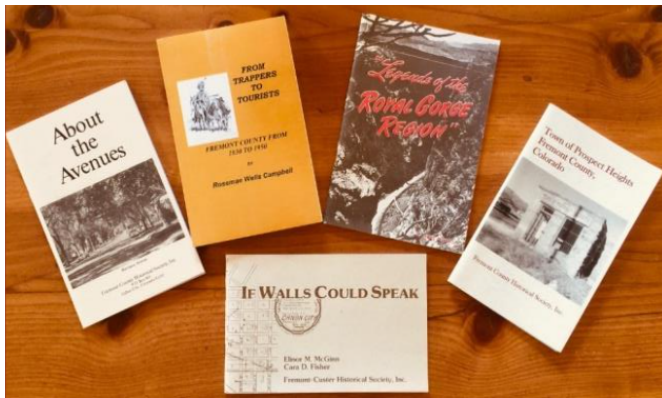
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The history books written by Cara Fisher and Eleanor McGinn have been reprinted. A new book, *Legends of the Royal Gorge Region* by Janet Sterling, has been added. The new *Prospect Heights Town* book is also available at retail outlets in Canon City and Florence.

These have been added to the library of Fremont County Historical books published in the past four years by the Historical Society. The titles are *Canon City*, *Skyline Drive*, *Florence*, *Howard*, *Windshield Tours*, *South Canon 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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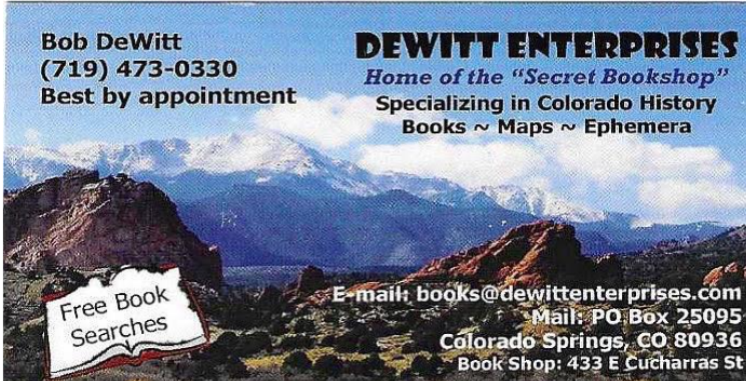
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