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YOU ARE INVITED TO THE PROGRAM ON
NOVEMBER 19, 2023
4-MILE COMMUNITY CLUB BUILDING
E. MAIN & STEINMEIER, CANON CITY, CO 81212
2:00 P.M. - PUBLIC WELCOME

STACEY CLINE

“FEMALE FELONS”

COLORADO MUSEUM OF PRISONS

I have been the Museum Administrator of the Museum of Colorado Prisons for the past 11 years.

My husband Byron, two sons Joshua and Jacob and I moved to Canon City in 1999, while my husband was still active duty Army stationed at Fort Carson.

Over the course of 35 years, we have lived in Italy (Camp Darby), California (Presidio, San Francisco), Washington State (Fort Lewis), Texas (Fort Hood), Virginia (Fort Lee), Oklahoma, and finally here in Colorado for the past 24 years.

I have had many jobs throughout my life in including being a Library Tech for the department of Corrections for four years.

I worked at Fremont Correctional Facility, Colorado Women's Correctional Facility, and Centennial Correctional Facility.

My program is Women Behind Bars, a history of the women in the correctional system to include inmates and staff from 1871 to the present.



CANON CITY AND THE CIVIL WAR

When the Civil War started in 1861, Colorado was not a state yet. Colorado became a state in 1876. The Territory of Colorado was not specifically a free or slave area.

The “Canon City Times” newspaper ran an advertisement for volunteers to join the Civil War fight. Canon City, Colorado raised two companies that served with the Second Colorado Infantry. Records state there were 1127 on the roster of the Second Colorado Company. Members of the company left the territory on October 7, 1861. They first marched to Fort Garland, Colorado. This voluntary company fought in skirmishes in New Mexico, Missouri, and the Indian Territory, of what today is Oklahoma. They fought in the battles of Valverde, Glorieta Pass, Albuquerque, Cabin Creek, and Honey Springs.

The area also had a group of Confederates called the Reynolds Gang. Their military orders were to disrupt Union supply lines bringing gold to the Union.

After the war veterans from both sides, North and South, settled in Canon City, Colorado. The destruction in the east brought many veterans west. The opportunities of jobs, mining and land gave them hope of a new life.

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One of those veterans was Joseph B. Smith. Captain Smith came to Canon City in 1921. His residence can still be seen at 709 Rudd. Joseph fought at the Battle of Gettysburg. Later he heard President Lincoln give the Gettysburg Address. Joseph was taken as a prisoner by the Confederates and was held captive for eight months at Libby Island Prison near Richmond, Virginia. There his daily ration of food was a four-inch square of cornbread.

On December 30, 1944, at the age of 102 years, Joseph B. Smith died. He is buried in the Lakeside Cemetery. His grave marker says, "Joseph B. Smith Last Living Civil War Veteran in Fremont County."

Greenwood Cemetery has a memorial section for Confederate Veterans. Fremont County has 31 Confederate veterans buried at several local cemeteries. Greenwood Cemetery has 14 buried there. Please take the time to visit Greenwood Cemetery and other local cemeteries on observance of Veterans Day.

Courtesy of Royal Gorge Regional
Museum and History Center



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Historical Society Programs

Upcoming Events in 2024

January 21, 2024	Sherrie Skye	“Female Felons”
March 17, 2024	Audri Goronson	“Language of Floweres”
May 19, 2024	Kathleen Shoemaker & Janice Zeiler	“Cattlewomen”
July 21, 2024	Ashlee Sack	“Eugenia Endicott”
September 15, 2024	Mike Espinosa	“Espinosa’s”
November 17, 2024	Anne Whitfield	“Rock Art”

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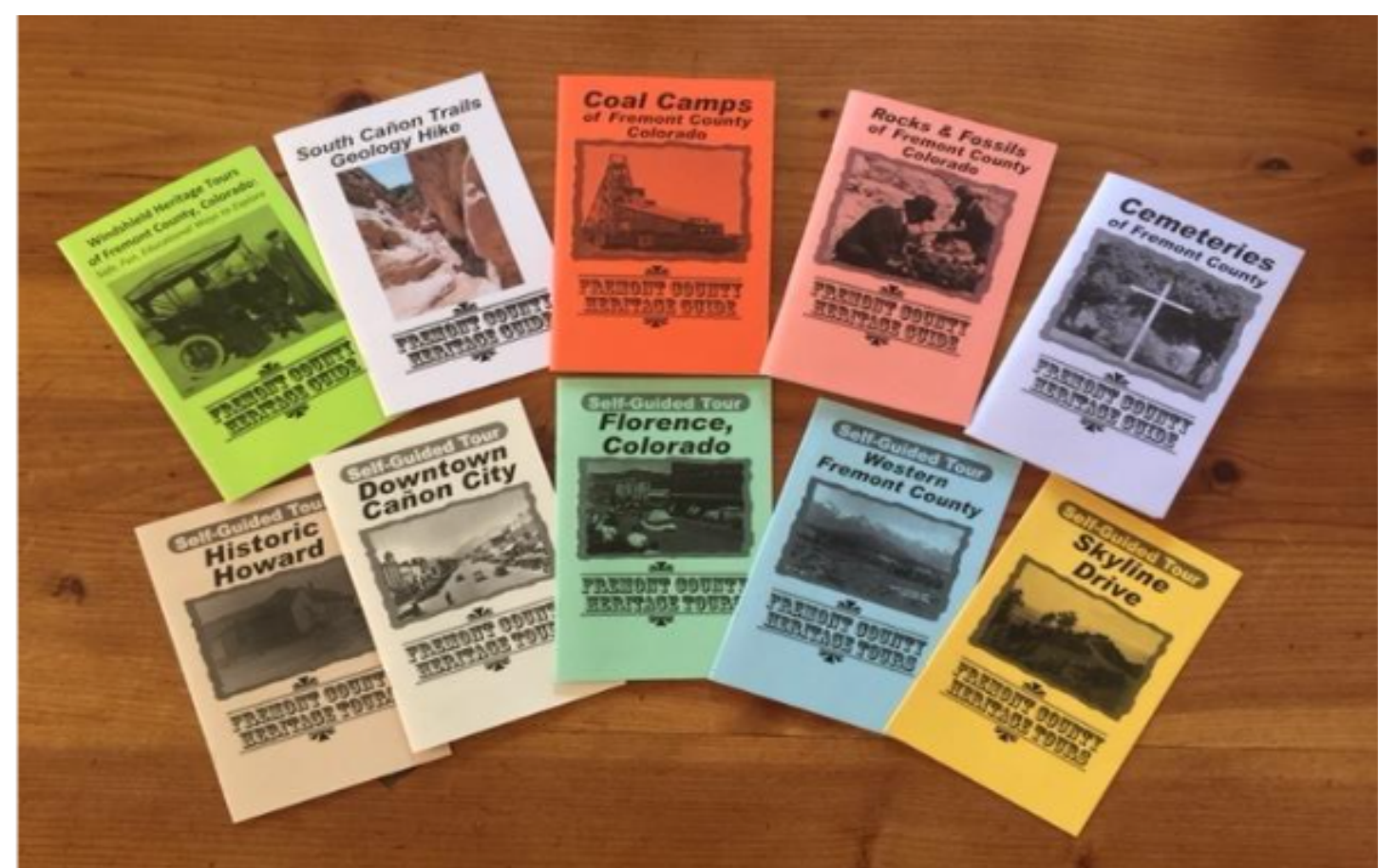
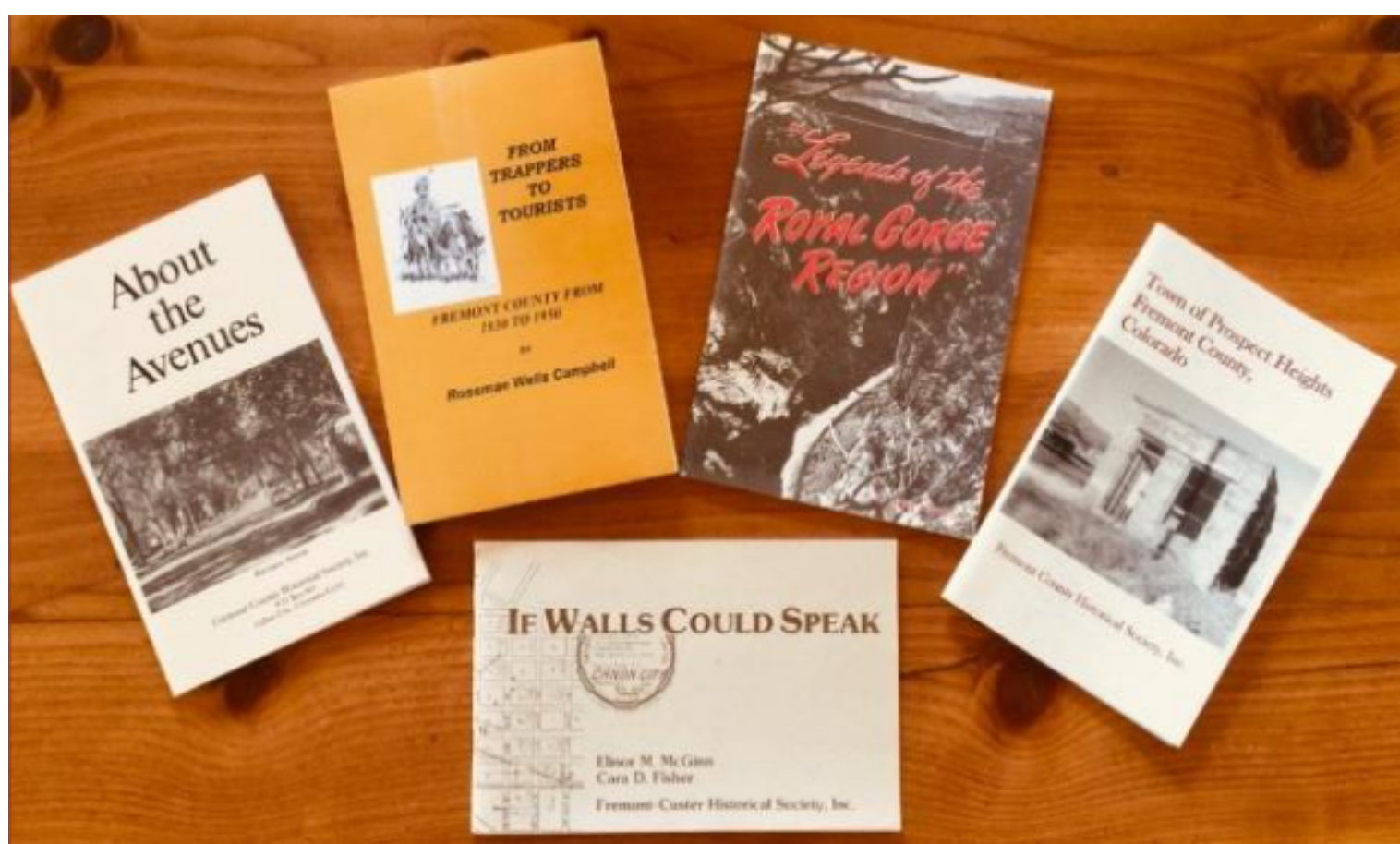


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ROYAL GORGE REGIONAL BOOKS FOR SALE

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.



ROYAL GORGE REGIONAL BOOKS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE FOLLOWING OUTLETS -- PRICES VARY.

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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

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 3. SPIRIT RIDERS ON MAIN STREET
 4. BELL TOWER ART CENTER
 5. ANTIQUE SALVAGE ON MAIN
- WESTERN FREMONT COUNTY AREA
1. HOWARD MUSEUM (CHURCH)
 2. COTOPAXI STORE

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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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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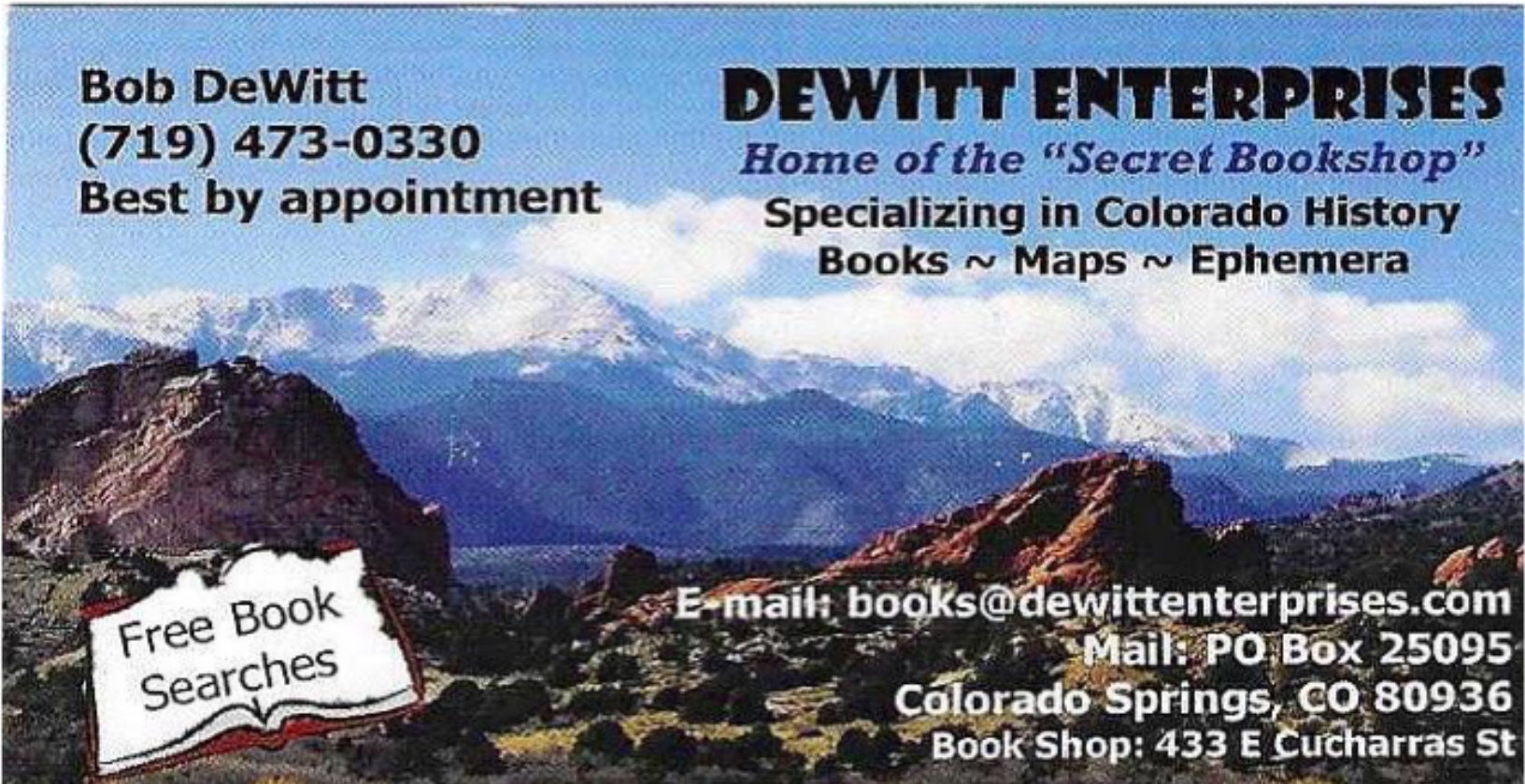
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