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YOU ARE INVITED TO THE PROGRAM ON
MARCH 17, 2024
SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS CHURCH,
801 SHERIDAN, CANON CITY, CO 81212
2:00 P.M. - PUBLIC WELCOME

“Language of Flowers” – Audri Garonson

Hello, Audri Goronson here. AKA Martha ~

I’m about three years into being a Coloradan. I’ve accomplished my Colorado Garden Certification and my Colorado Master Gardener title. I am originally from Northern Illinois.

I am a self-taught garden master beginning at the age of 11. I owned my first greenhouse at 18 years old, after briefly attending Western IL University. I then operated my own SOIL SISTER Gardening Company.

I am a mother of two adult daughters and a grandmother of three. I have been married for 40 years to a man that encouraged my passion and who is a retired flight attendant after 38 years with American Airlines.

One of my favorite quotes is from Claude Monet, I MUST HAVE FLOWERS, ALWAYS, AND ALWAYS.

In grade school I learned that flowers have meanings, and I started to explore the LANGUAGE OF FLOWERS.

Flowers and their meanings brought me to the Victorian Era. I continue to learn about these meanings and their uses.



I HOPE YOU CAN JOIN
ME AS I “PETAL” MY
WAY THROUGH SHARING
WHAT I’VE LEARNED.

Greenwood Cemetery: A Stroll Into History

This will be an ongoing story of those residing at this historic cemetery. Here are their stories.

William Catlin, 1827-1896

William donated 10 acres of land that became the Greenwood Cemetery. Catlin along with Rudd and Helm paid \$300 in 1867 for a load of fruit trees. They were to come to Canon City by way of a prairie schooner. This load did not survive the trip. The men were not defeated although it took several years for fruit trees to become established. By 1976 William established apple trees in Lincoln Park despite loss of the trees by freezing and rabbits.

Joseph Maupin, 1856-1929

Joseph was a building contractor most noted for building the Canon City Post Office Block at 5th and Macon in Canon City. The post office block still stands. In 1892 Maupin was the Democratic nominee for the governor of Colorado. However, he did not win the election.

Milby Smith, 1794-1877

Milby crossed the plains of the west by ox train in 1860 at the age of 52. He was a veteran of the Mexican American War and also fought in the Civil War when he was 67 years old. During his life time he saw the invention of railroads and trains, photography, telegraph and Morse Code, and the telephone.

Robert Amick, 1879-1969

Robert was born on a ranch near Canon City, Colorado. During his life he was a painter, illustrator, and teacher. He specialized in paintings of early western history. He donated seven lithograph copies of his work to the Royal Gorge Regional Museum and History Center. These works of art can be seen at the museum.

Historical Society Programs

Upcoming Events in 2024

May 19, 2024	Kathleen Shoemaker & Janice Zeiler	“Cattlegirls”
July 21, 2024	Ashlee Sack	“Eugenia Endicott”
September 15, 2024	Stacey Cline	“Female Felons”
November 17, 2024	Anne Whitfield	“Rock Art”

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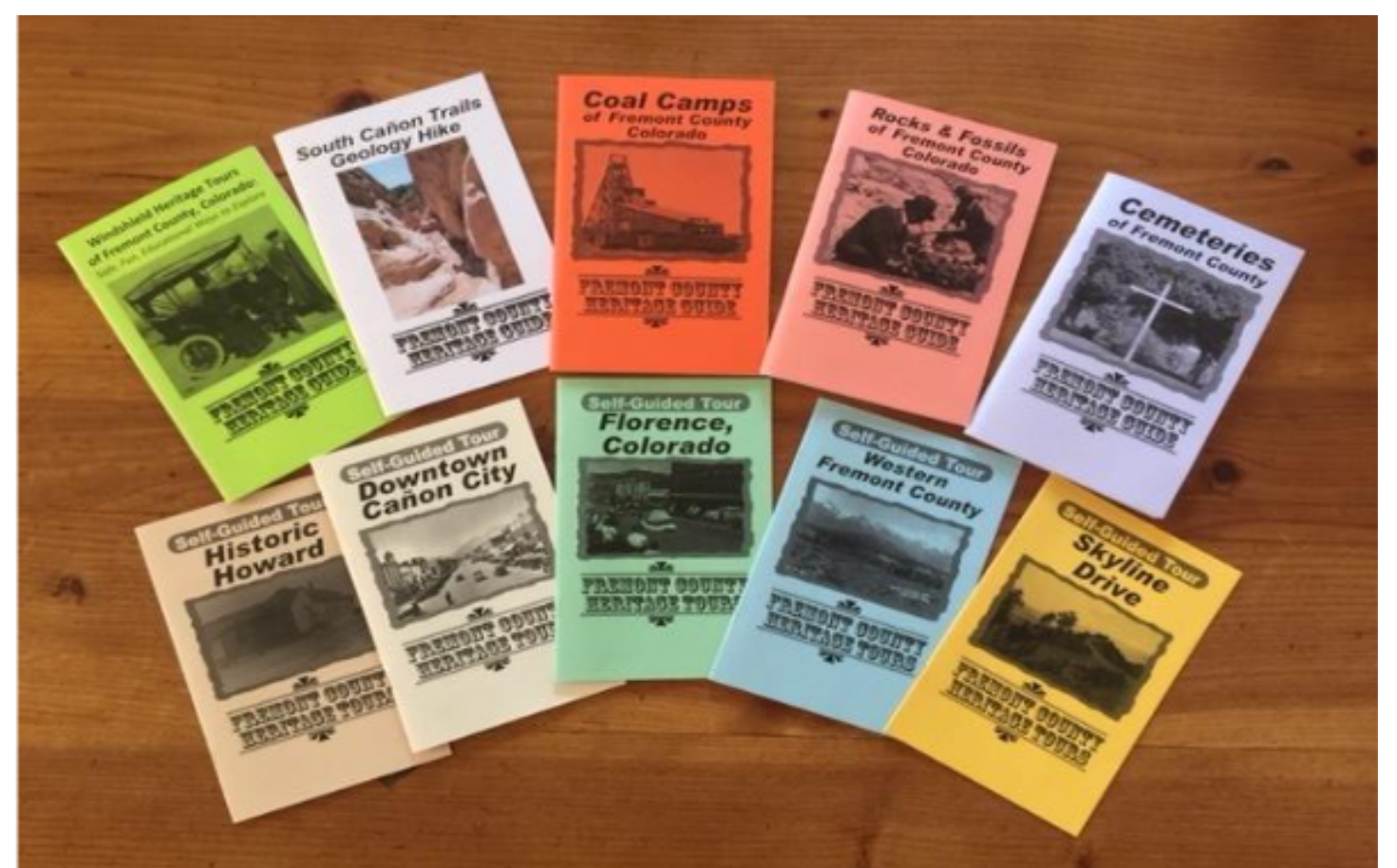
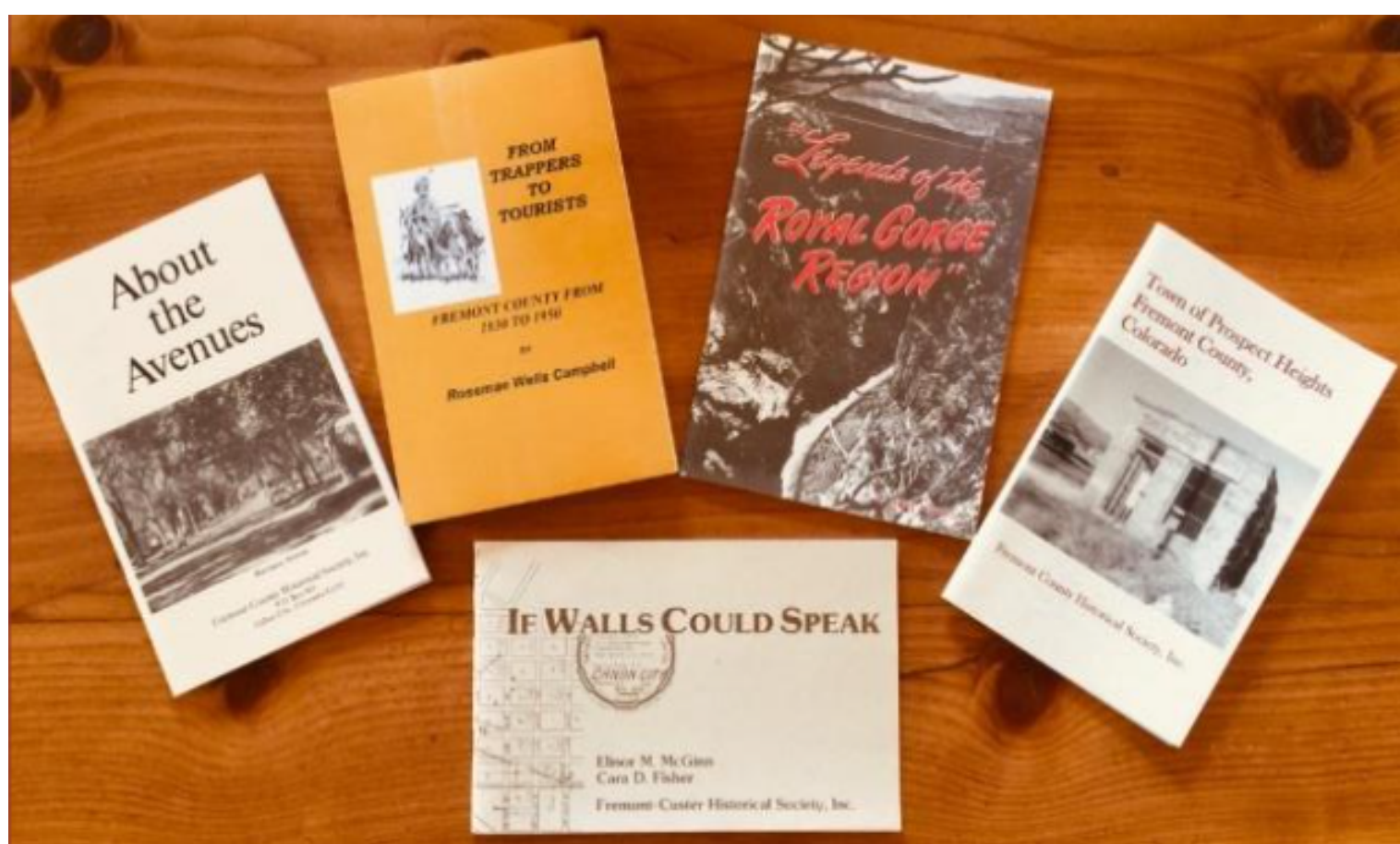


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ROYAL GORGE REGIONAL BOOKS FOR SALE

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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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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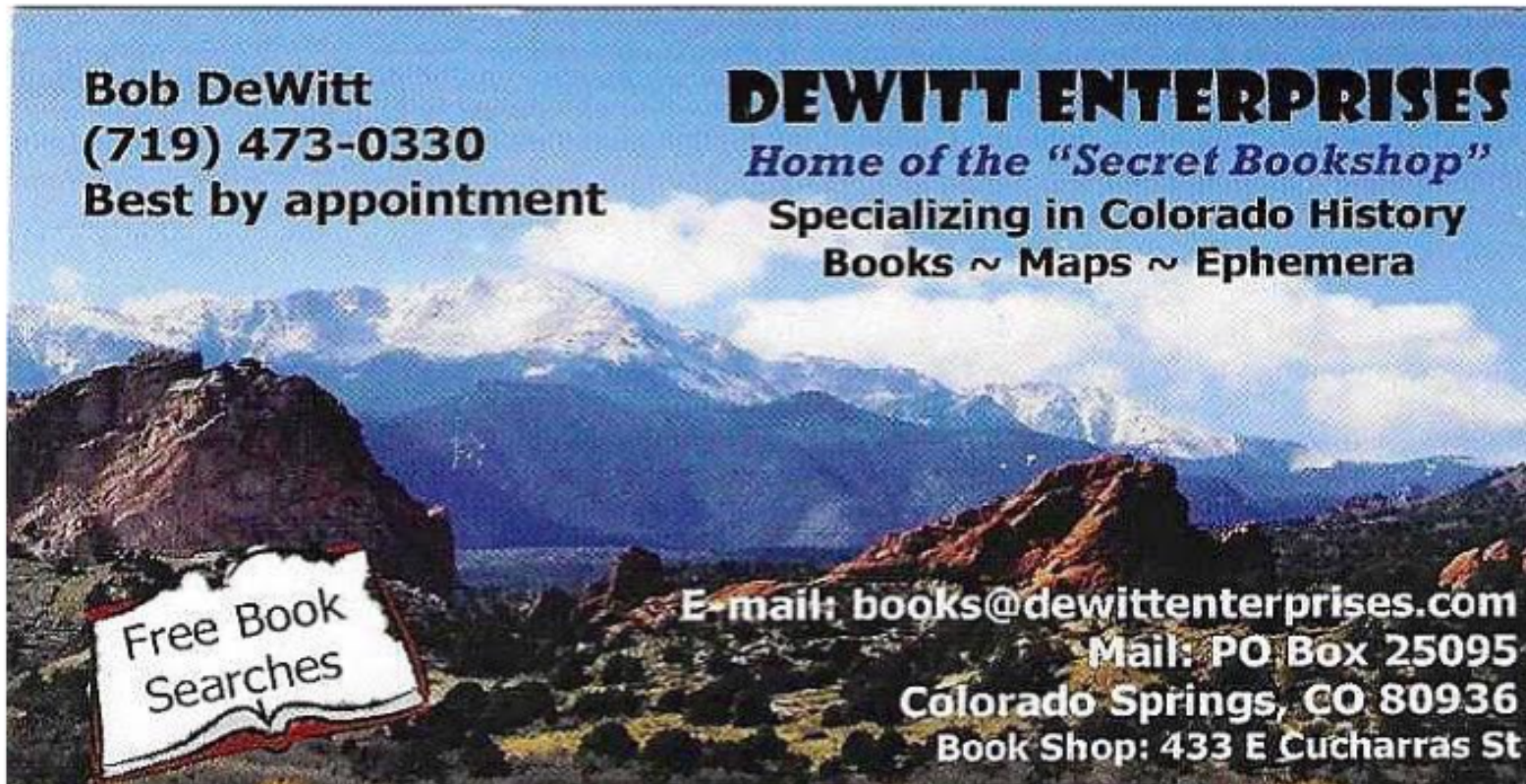


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