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YOU ARE INVITED TO THE PROGRAM

"Heritage Apples" presented by Caleb Richtner and Cinde McPhail

NOVEMBER 17, 2024 - SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS CHURCH,
801 SHERIDAN, CANON CITY, CO 81212
2:00 P.M. - PUBLIC WELCOME

A Look Back Into History

Join Western Fremont Historical Society for "A Look Back Into History," on Sunday, November 10, 2024, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the Cotopaxi-Mullins History Center, located at the corner of Plum Street and CR 12 in Cotopaxi, Colorado. We will be honoring all veterans—living and deceased—for their service to our country.

Our featured exhibit will highlight World War I artifacts and memorabilia from the Frank Lastovica collection and contributions from area residents. Come view uniforms, boots, a helmet, WWI song books, a draft card, memorabilia, and photos on display. We encourage visitors to bring their own family pictures and stories to share with us. You can also browse our collection of Cotopaxi Yearbooks and delve into our research on local communities and families. WFHS historians Betsy Denney and Craig Leitner will be available to answer questions and impart fascinating insights into our local history.

We look forward to seeing you there!



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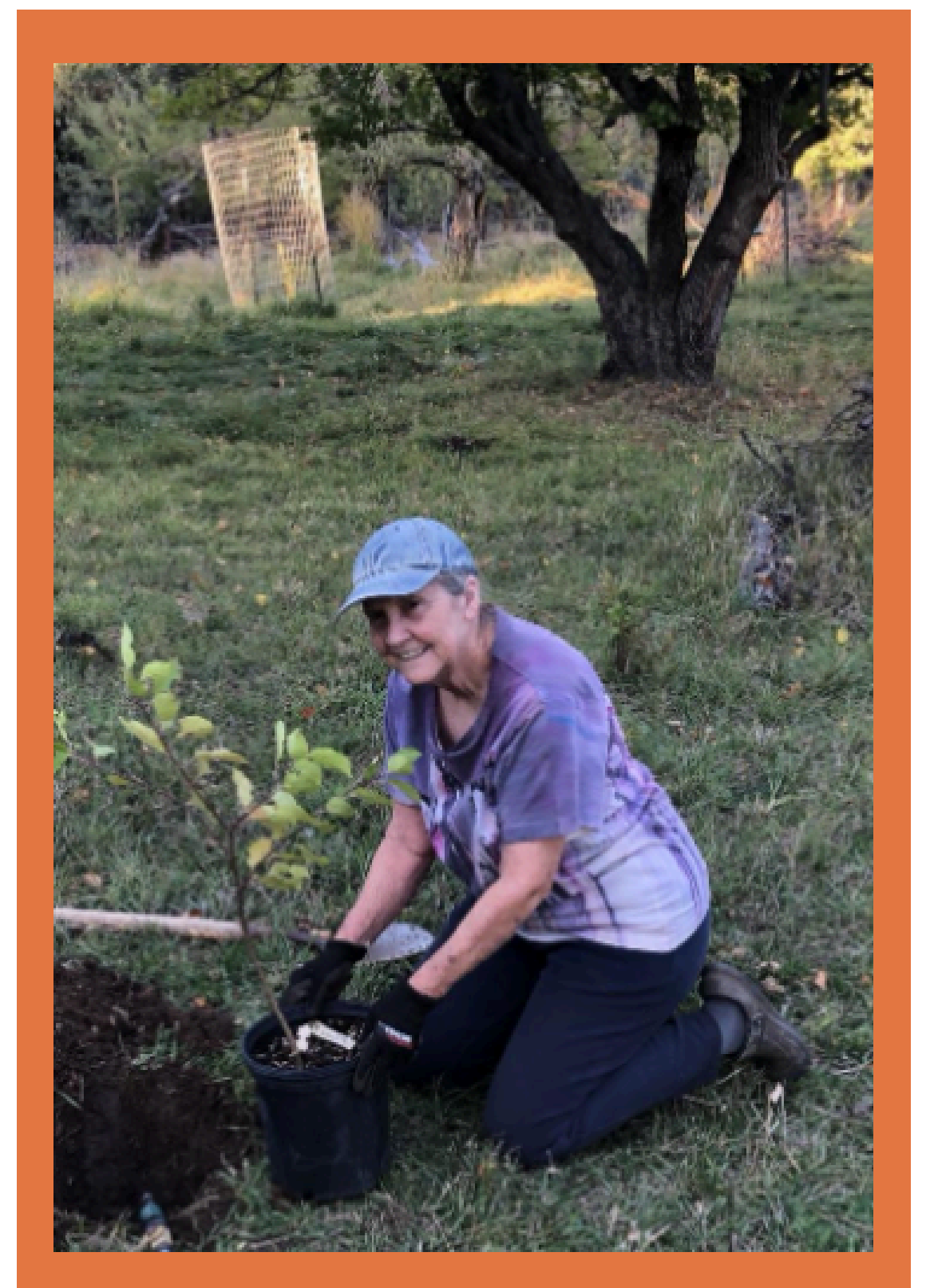
- Caleb Richtner -

Born and raised in Fremont County, Caleb always had an interest in plants. Growing up he remembers fondly playing in the old, neglected orchard near his Grandpa's house in Lincoln Park. His interest in plants led him to do many gardening and farming projects in the local 4H club. Some of these included growing many types of ornamental plants for bouquets and arrangements and planting and mixing medicinal herbs to make homemade teas. His passion for fruit trees really took off when he began helping local entrepreneurs Mario and Albert DiNardo with their orchards. From them he learned that Fremont County was a special place with a unique heritage of fruit growing. Our area offers superb climatic conditions for the cultivation of fruits, and has had a long history in that industry.

For over 20 years he has been learning, pruning, planting, and sharing the fruits from this labor of love. Caleb lives in North Canon City with his Mother where he enjoys planting more trees for the future.

- Cinde McPhail -

My grandparents purchased the Howard, Colorado, Amy Homestead in 1942 partially because of the old orchard that was still thriving there. Our family has attempted to keep the heritage trees alive, and more recently to share their genetics and their produce with others interested in promoting them. Grafting classes in the spring with local varieties offered is one of the ways this is done. I support the Montezuma Orchard Restoration Project (MORP) by locating, mapping and DNA testing old heritage apple trees in the Fremont County area as well.



Historical Society Programs Upcoming Events in 2025



January 19, 2025 - Betsy Denney
“North Country Cattle Baron: The Story of the Witchers”

March 16, 2025 - Anne Whitfield
“Rock Art”

May 18, 2025 - Victoria Miller
“Steelworks: Colorado Fuel and Iron”

July 20, 2025 - Sue Buchanan
“Prospect Heights”

September 21, 2025 - Lisa Stuts
“Interactive Items”

November 16, 2025 - FCHS
“Canon City”, 1948 Movie

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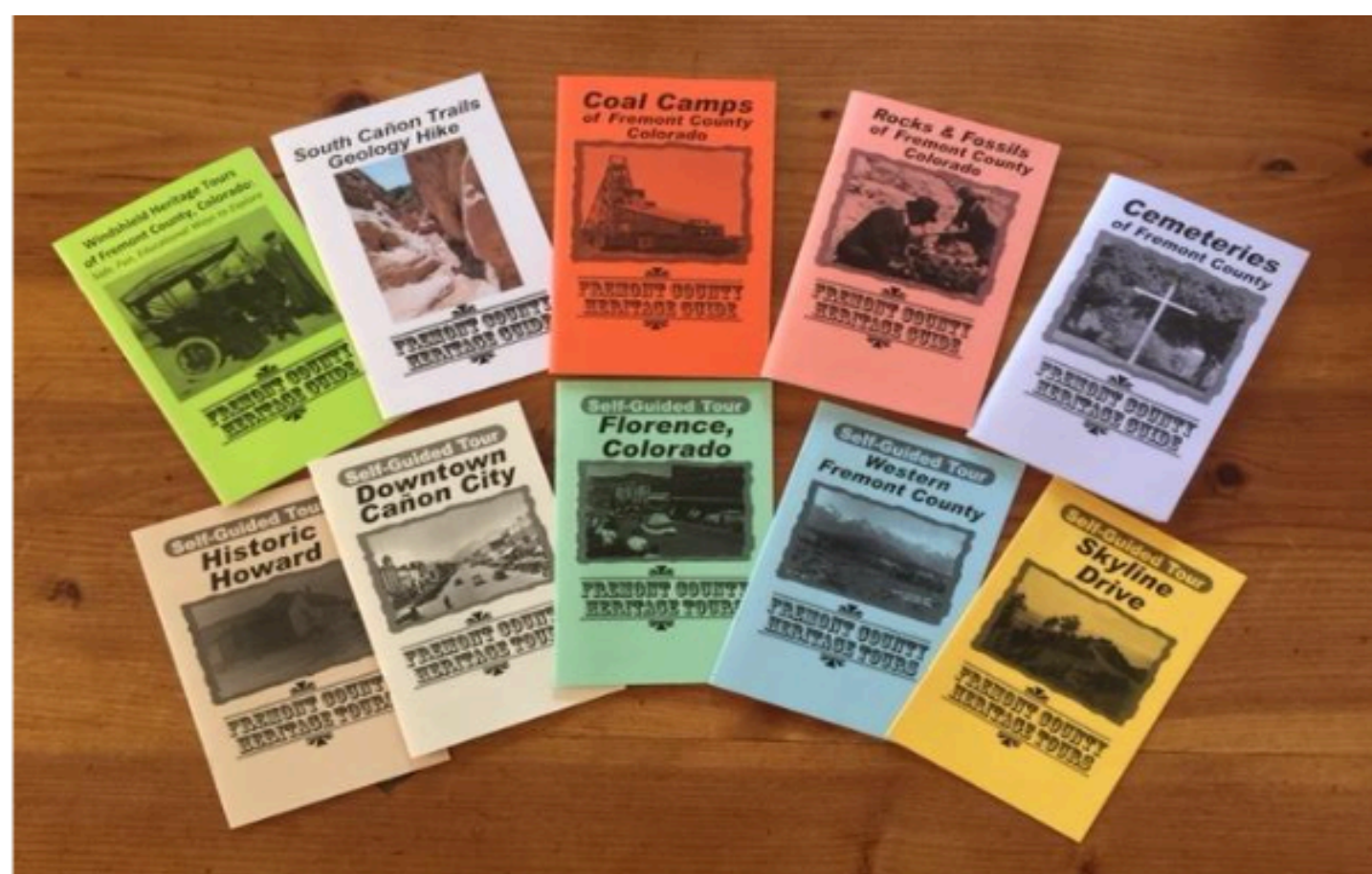
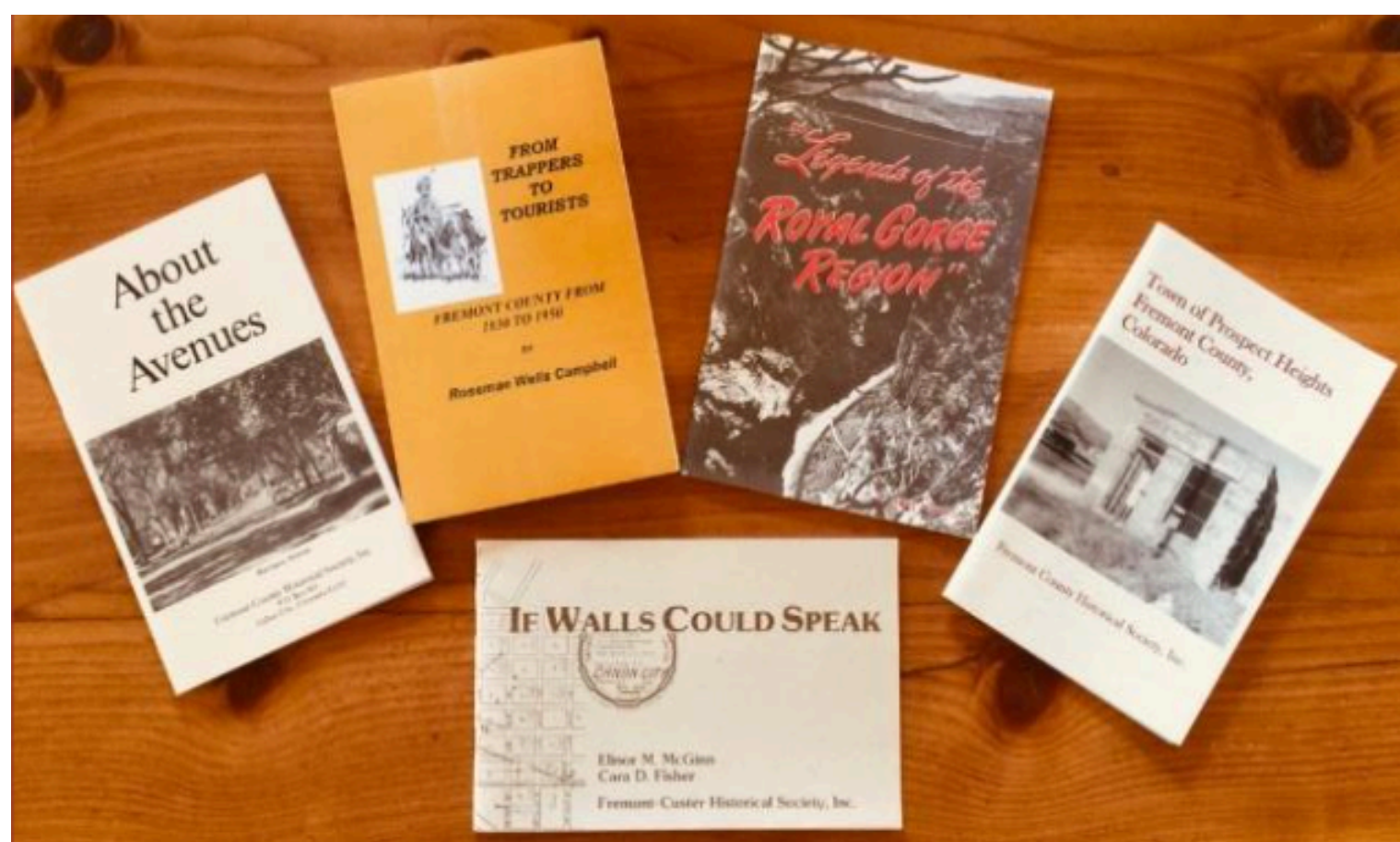


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ROYAL GORGE REGIONAL BOOKS FOR SALE

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.



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1. HOWARD MUSEUM (CHURCH)
2. COTOPAXI STORE
3. COTOPAXI-MULLINS HISTORY CENTER

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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& HISTORY CENTER

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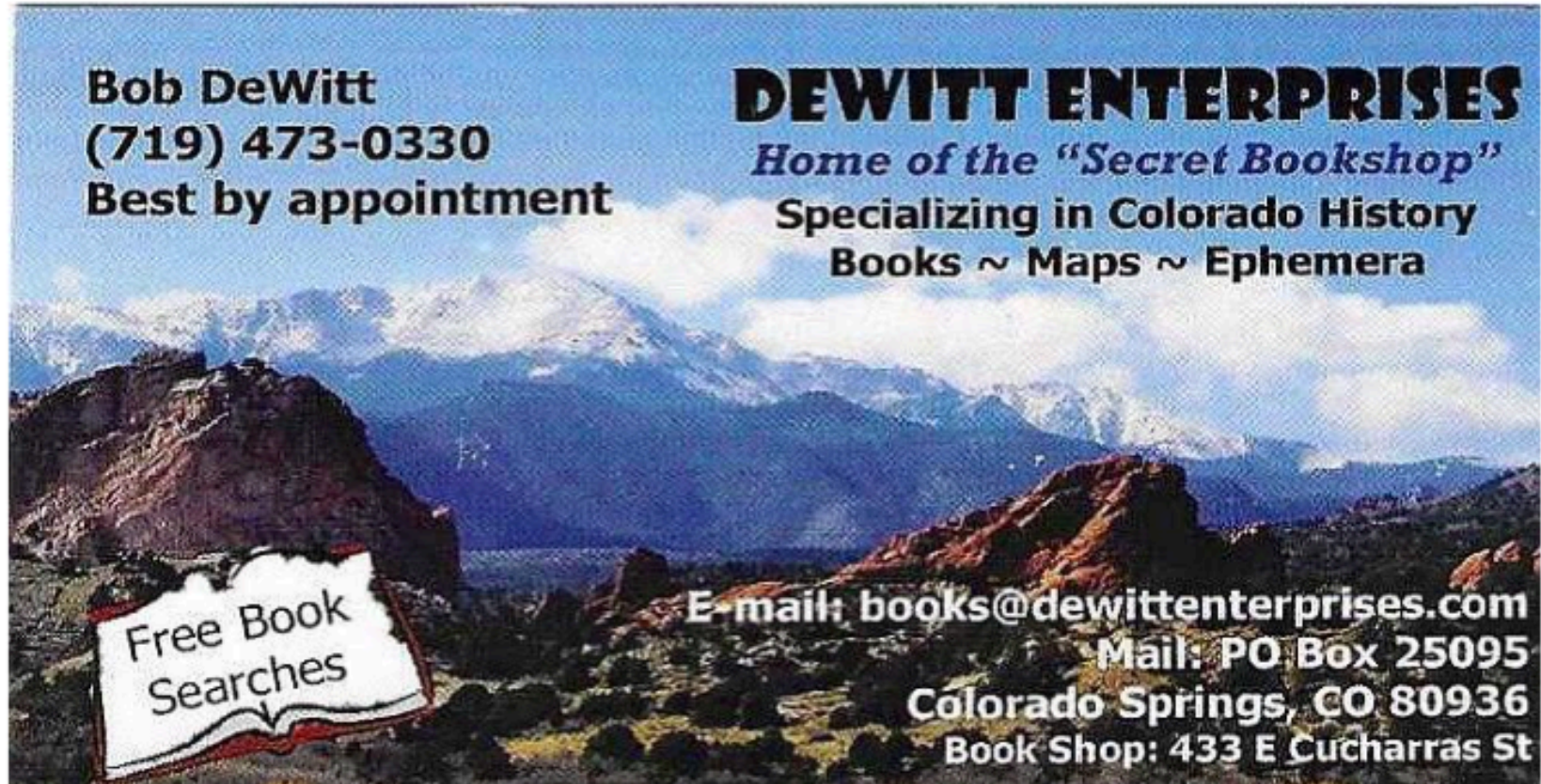


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