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~ An Inn-viting Affair ~

The Seventh Annual

Holiday Bed and Breakfast Tour

The eagerly anticipated Holiday Festivities are close upon us. Mark your calendar quickly! December 2, the first Sunday, 2:00 - 6:00 PM. Remember to plan your tour well, this year there are more inns participating than you will have time to visit! Whether you begin in Colorado Springs downtown area, Old Colorado City historic district, or historic Manitou Springs you are sure to be enchanted.

From the youngest starry-eyed child listening for prancing hooves to great grandmother remembering her first tinsel clad home THE TOUR will long be remembered as the doorway into the twelfth month wonderland. It is a tradition long held by some and newly established by others. Truly the *Seventh Annual Holiday Bed and Breakfast Tour* will bring an enhanced meaning to this time set apart for each of us to honor our own cherished traditions. Each inn will express the significance of the season personally in ways that touch the heart.

Remember childhood ornaments collected from year to year, ornaments shaped by small hands, treasured heirlooms carefully unpacked? Bright, color filled, glowing and mystical they now each encircle their own trees. Room by room your wonder will grow increasingly as the history of the inn and innkeeper unfold. Teddy bears peeking out with holly berries in hand will invite you into their own world from the Roosevelt era. At another historic inn, leaves of gold and every festive hue sent from all parts of our country and the world will adorn a most

unique natural tree. It will be a joint innkeeper/guest tradition you too will be drawn into.

Nature transforms herself with winter white turning the most commonplace into magic. A place set apart to remember, to anticipate and to joy in our present and to remember our past. So it is...*inns are transformed, replicating the mystery of this winter holiday season.*

Costumed quarters from Little London to the first resort town west of the Mississippi invite you to imagine yourself a guest, a guest for a brief yet lovely time away from the everyday pressing schedule. Say a cheery "hello" as you are passing from inn to inn.

After THE TOUR meet to lift a cup to other Holiday Well Wishers at the *Old Colorado City History Center, One South 24th Street, Colorado Springs, CO.*

Enjoy refreshments & gift drawing and start your own Holiday Tradition... you now are one who can say, "We always come to this festive event to find our expectations are met in both heart warming familiarity and joyful newness!"

Seventh Annual Holiday Bed and Breakfast tour is sponsored by the Old Colorado Springs Historical Society and proceeds benefit the center. Advance Purchase Tickets are \$10; Tickets Purchased At the Door are \$15. Tickets are available for advance purchase at the following locations (all locations will have At the Door Ticket Purchase at \$15 Available)

The Old Colorado City Historical Society Center	(719) 636-1225
The Hearthstone Inn	(719) 473-4413
Red Crags Bed & Breakfast Inn	(719) 685-1920
Old Town Guest House	(719) 632-9194

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MISSION

The Old Colorado City Historical Society was formed to maintain the memory of Colorado City (1859-1917), to encourage research, preserve pictures, and keep alive the unique culture and spirit of West Side Colorado Springs through education of children and the community and through the establishment of a History Center.

MEMBERSHIPS

Memberships are welcome at any time. Membership renewals are due on the anniversary date of the initial membership. Members receive the West Word newsletter, discounts, local meetings and programs.

Annual membership classifications are:

Individual	\$20	Business	\$ 50
Family	\$25	Lifetime	\$150
		Corporate	\$250

Funds from a Lifetime membership are placed into a Perpetuity/Endowment Fund to be used only for projects which have been approved by two-thirds of the membership. Only the interest will be used for current expenses. We welcome gifts to this fund, which will be credited to the donor or as a memorial.

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MEETINGS

OCCHS Monthly Meeting & Program is held at 11 a.m. on the second Friday of each month, except during June, July, and August. The History Center opens at 10 a.m. on the day of the meeting for refreshments and visitation. The program begins at 11 a.m. This meeting is free and open to the public.

Next Monthly Meeting
 December 14, 2001
 At the History Center



Explore the REAL History
 at the
**OLD COLORADO CITY
 HISTORY CENTER**

1 South 24th Street
 (the corner of Pikes Peak & 24th Streets)
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FREE ADMISSION

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 (September – May)

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Preview of Participating Bed & Breakfast Inns by Area:

Colorado Springs Downtown Area Bed and Breakfast Inns - Added New This Year

- Lennox House Bed & Breakfast**, an 1891 Queen Anne Victorian, 1339 N. Nevada Ave.
- Chalice House**, 1922 Colonial Home, 1116 N. Wahsatch

Room at the Inn, Queen Anne Victorian, 618 N. Nevada Ave.

The Hearthstone Inn, Lodging and Restaurant, 506 N. Cascade Ave.

Crescent Lily Inn, Queen Anne Victorian, 6 Boulder Ave.

Old Colorado City Area Bed and Breakfast Inns

Spurs and Lace Inn, Built in the late 1800's and moved to 2829 W. Pikes Peak Ave.

Old Town Guest House, Newly built Urban Inn, 115 S. 26th St.

Our Hearts Inn Old Colorado City, 1895 Country Victorian, 2215 W. Colorado Ave.

The Painted Lady Bed & Breakfast Inn, 1894 William Proctor home, 1318 W. Colo Ave.

Wedgewood Cottage Bed & Breakfast Inn, 1899 Cottage, 1111 W. Pikes Peak Ave.

Holden House, Isabel Holden 1902 home, 1102 W. Pikes Peak Ave.

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Treasurer's Report

October saw our revenues decline sharply - as well as our costs - as expected at the end of summer. While we netted \$2,685 in September, we only netted \$1,259 in October.

We are still in excellent financial shape, as both the final reimbursement of over \$3,500 from the State History Fund for our Guidebook has been absolutely promised in November, and we are beginning to receive Ticket Revenues for the Bed & Breakfast December Tours, from which we expect to receive up to \$2,000.

We did have a budget setback when the merchants organization 'The Associates' of which we are a member, did not contact us to do the Santa Pictures in the Cabin this year - which earns us \$1,000 each year. So no revenue this year. We are having a summit meeting with the officers of the Associates soon, to clarify this and other matters.

In summary we are in good shape with, as of the 31st of October, over \$21,000 in liquid assets, and only routine monthly expenses, and \$680 to redo part of our sidewalk, as obligations.

Dave Hughes
Treasurer

Message from the Board of Directors of the Old Colorado City Historical Society

As the year end approaches we would like to thank all the volunteers for the excellent work they have done to keep our society open and running.

We simply could not operate without the various projects that have brought so much money into our treasury. The bookstore with the multiplicity of people that give their time to keep it open and profitable, the crafts in the park, the Cemetery crawl, the upcoming Bed and Breakfast tour and many more are organized and run by volunteers. We also wish to thank those volunteers that have contributed all the wonderful baked goods for the sales during Founders Day and Territory Days.

We wish to thank them one and all for a great year.

The Board of the Old Colorado City Historical Society

**Manitou Springs Area Bed and Breakfast Inns -
Added New This Year**

Sunnymede Bed & Breakfast, Victorian Home,
106 Spencer Ave.

Two Sisters Inn, Special Holiday Tree, 10 Otoe
Place

Gray's Avenue Hotel, 3-story decorated staircase,
711 Manitou Ave.

Heart of Manitou Springs Bed & Breakfast, 1
Pawnee Ave.

Blue Skies Inn, built on the 1873 estate of Mani-
tou's founder, 402 Manitou Ave.

Red Craggs Bed & Breakfast, built in the 1880's by
Manitou's founder, 301 El Paso Ave.

Tickets will be available for purchase at the His-
tory Center for \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door.
Tickets may also be purchased at several local
sites, the History Center, Hearthstone Inn, Red
Craggs, Old Town Guest House or please contact
Karla Hefferan at 630-8241 for other ticket sales
locations and further information.



A special Christmas present

**Cathleen Norman is coming to the Old
Colorado City History Center to auto-
graph her book and chat with us!**

Come visit Cathleen Norman, author of "In and
Around Old Colorado City - a walking tour" book.

As a historian and historical preservation consultant
Cathleen has worked with numerous Front Range
communities and historical societies in projects fo-
cusing on Colorado's mining and architecture. She
is the author of *Golden Old and New* and a walking
tour guide of Golden, Colorado.

Her portable, easy-to-read guide takes you on tours
through Old Colorado City. A walk through the
area's historic commercial district and the neighbor-
hood residence shows how the city began and how it
grew. The many pictures gives the reader a fascinat-
ing view of how it looked in the beginning and how
still today many of the buildings are still standing
and restored to their former glory.

Please come down and welcome Cathleen Norman
to the History Center where she will sign her book
and visit with you about the homes of the historic
west side on **Sunday December 2nd, 3:00 pm to
5:00 pm** at the Old Colorado City Historical Society
Center located at One South 24th Street, Colorado
Springs.

OCCHS has picked this Sunday to meet the author
because it provides an excellent opportunity to tour
some of the book's featured homes that are open to
the public during Sunday's Seventh Annual Holiday
Bed and Breakfast tour!

(tickets for the tour can be purchased in advance for
\$10 or fifteen at the door - contact Karla Hefferan at
719-630-8241 or pick up advance tickets at the His-
tory Center).

We have all read and seen at least a dozen different versions of the famous poem 'twas the night before Christmas'. Some good some not so good. The following version, I believe, is most fitting for this Christmas of 2001. Our country is once again at war, a war not of our choosing, but one that must be fought if we are to keep the torch of freedom burning. Our armed forces today are in harms way, protecting our way of life, our freedom. While we will enjoy our Christmas at home, they will not, let us not forget them and the sacrifice they are making for us.

'T WAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS,

'T WAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS,
HE LIVED ALL ALONE,
IN A ONE BEDROOM HOUSE MADE OF
PLASTER AND STONE.

I HAD COME DOWN THE CHIMNEY
WITH PRESENTS TO GIVE,
AND TO SEE JUST WHO
IN THIS HOME DID LIVE.

I LOOKED ALL ABOUT,
A STRANGE SIGHT I DID SEE,
NO TINSEL, NO PRESENTS,
NOT EVEN A TREE.

NO STOCKING BY MANTLE,
JUST BOOTS FILLED WITH SAND,
ON THE WALL HUNG PICTURES
OF FAR DISTANT LANDS.

WITH MEDALS AND BADGES,
AWARDS OF ALL KINDS,
A SOBER THOUGHT
CAME THROUGH MY MIND.

FOR THIS HOUSE WAS DIFFERENT,
IT WAS DARK AND DREARY,
I FOUND THE HOME OF A SOLDIER,
ONCE I COULD SEE CLEARLY.

THE SOLDIER LAY SLEEPING,
SILENT, ALONE,
CURLED UP ON THE FLOOR
IN THIS ONE BEDROOM HOME.

THE FACE WAS SO GENTLE,
THE ROOM IN SUCH DISORDER,
NOT HOW I PICTURED
A UNITED STATES SOLDIER.

WAS THIS THE HERO
OF WHOM I'D JUST READ?
CURLED UP ON A PONCHO,
THE FLOOR FOR A BED?

I REALIZED THE FAMILIES
THAT I SAW THIS NIGHT,
OWED THEIR LIVES TO THESE SOLDIERS
WHO WERE WILLING TO FIGHT.

SOON ROUND THE WORLD,
THE CHILDREN WOULD PLAY,
AND GROWNUPS WOULD CELEBRATE
A BRIGHT CHRISTMAS DAY.

THEY ALL ENJOYED FREEDOM
EACH MONTH OF THE YEAR,
BECAUSE OF THE SOLDIERS,
LIKE THE ONE LYING HERE.

I COULDN'T HELP WONDER
HOW MANY LAY ALONE,
ON A COLD CHRISTMAS EVE
IN A LAND FAR FROM HOME.

THE VERY THOUGHT
BROUGHT A TEAR TO MY EYE,
I DROPPED TO MY KNEES
AND STARTED TO CRY.

THE SOLDIER AWAKENED
AND I HEARD A ROUGH VOICE,
"SANTA DON'T CRY,
THIS LIFE IS MY CHOICE;

I FIGHT FOR FREEDOM,
I DON'T ASK FOR MORE,
MY LIFE IS MY GOD,
MY COUNTRY, MY CORPS."

THE SOLDIER ROLLED OVER
AND DRIFTED TO SLEEP,
I COULDN'T CONTROL IT,
I CONTINUED TO WEEP.

I KEPT WATCH FOR HOURS,
SO SILENT AND STILL
AND WE BOTH SHIVERED
FROM THE COLD NIGHT'S CHILL.

I DIDN'T WANT TO LEAVE
ON THAT COLD, DARK, NIGHT,
THIS GUARDIAN OF HONOR
SO WILLING TO FIGHT.

THEN THE SOLDIER ROLLED OVER,
WITH A VOICE SOFT AND PURE,
WHISPERED, "CARRY ON SANTA,
IT'S CHRISTMAS DAY, ALL IS
SECURE."

ONE LOOK AT MY WATCH,
AND I KNEW HE WAS RIGHT.
"MERRY CHRISTMAS MY FRIEND,
AND TO ALL A GOOD NIGHT."

This poem was written
by a Marine stationed
in Okinawa Japan.

The following is his
request. I think it is
reasonable.....

PLEASE. Would you do
me the kind favor of
sending this to as
many people as
you can? Christmas
will be coming soon
and some credit is due
to our U.S. service
men and women for our
being able to cele-
brate these festivi-
ties.

Let's try in this
small way to pay a
tiny bit of what we
owe. Make people stop
and think of our he-
roes, living and dead,
who sacrificed them-
selves for us. Please,
do your small part to
plant this small
seed.



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The Red Rock Quarries

In contrast to the simple low cost technology used in the Bott quarries, the Lyons sandstone quarries in Red Rock Canyon employed very expensive advanced machinery. Since the ridge which was quarried is a large competent mass of stone, quarrying involved cutting the stone rather than cleaving it. For each large block of stone quarried, steam powered channeling machines made cuts along each side of the block; holes were drilled beneath the block; and wedges were driven into these holes to break the block loose from the underlying sandstone. Once the block was cut free, it was loaded onto a railroad car by steam powered derrick.



THE SNIDER QUARRY AS IT APPEARED IN 1999

Several companies were involved in the Red Rock quarries. The two largest quarries were the Snider Quarry operated by the Snider Stone and Lime Company of Manitou and the Kenmuir Quarry operated by the Greenlees of Denver. The derrick at the Snider Quarry was the largest in Colorado.

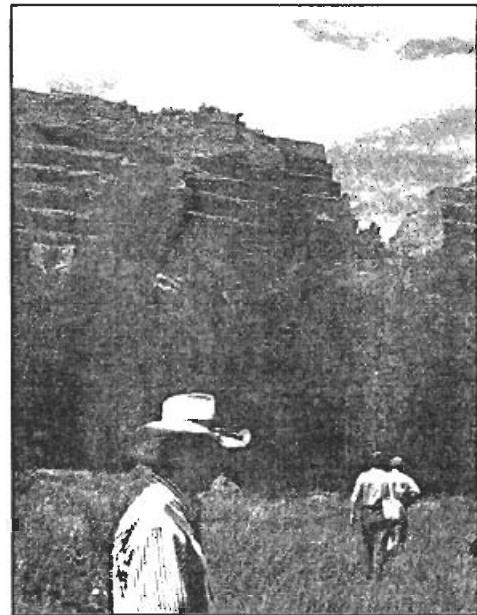
According to John G. Bock's *In Red Rock Canyon Land book*, these quarries were operated from 1884 to 1904. The Midland Railroad spur

which served them was built in 1886.

Because of the color and uniformity of the Lyons sandstone and the ease with which it was cut and carved, stone from the Red Rock quarries had a nationwide market; and around 1890 shipments were over 42,000 tons per year. At one time the Snider Quarry had an order backlog of 400 carloads. Anticipating growing and continuing demand, the Greenlees leased Section 16 for possible expansion of the Kenmuir Quarry. However, demand failed to continue when steel and concrete replaced cut stone.

Lyons sandstone from Red Rock Canyon can be seen in various buildings in the Pikes Peak Region and in Denver. In Manitou Springs, it was used for the Redstone Castle, Red Crags, the two round spring buildings on Manitou Avenue, and elsewhere. Because of the premium price of this stone, it was sometimes used only for architectural accents in buildings built of less expensive Dakota sandstone or brick. Today, buildings of Red Rock Canyon sandstone show that the soft stone which cut and carved so readily has not resisted weathering well.

The Red Rock Canyon tours during the summer of 1999 usually visited the Snider Quarry. The Kenmuir Quarry is located just above and south of the Snider Quarry.



IN THE KENMUIR QUARRY WITH THE SNIDER QUARRY IN THE BACKGROUND

From the Bookstore

A new book of the History of El Paso County is coming to the bookstore

Have you been enjoying the articles featuring the history of Pikes Peaks region printed in the Gazette? Then perhaps you would like to pre-order the book *Wellsprings* a History of the Pikes Peak region written and researched by Jeanne Davant of the Gazette.

What company of soldiers from the Pikes Peak region played an important -- perhaps decisive -- role in the Civil War in the West? Who was the Colorado Springs woman who was a prominent suffragist and wrote the Equal Rights for Women amendment? And why was Pikes Peak named for a man who never climbed it?



Wellsprings. A History of the Pikes Peak Region, answers those questions and many more about a part of Colorado with a fascinating heritage: Colorado Springs and the surrounding area.

The book has a unique organization: Instead of being strictly chronological, as histories usually are, its 24 chapters focus on specific geographic areas of the region, such as Manitou Springs and Colorado Springs' North End, and on themes in history, including Native Americans, early exploration, the "Pikes Peak or Bust" Gold Rush, transportation, sports, and education. That organization makes it easy for someone who's new to the area to find out about their neighborhood or about a particular subject of interest, such as the military or the economy. The book spans a period from prehistory to the last couple of years.

Within the pages, a reader will find a wealth of information on the people and events that have shaped the Pikes Peak region. Along with text and breakout boxes including timelines, the book contains nearly 150 photographs. An extensive index makes it useful as a reference work.

The Gazette will offer this book after Nov. 15 for \$35.00 plus tax. It will also be available at the Old Colorado City History Center in the bookstore with the usual discount for Society members. Advance orders are being taken at the History Center so be sure and reserve your copy now.

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