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A Grand Tour

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Purchase Your Tickets!**

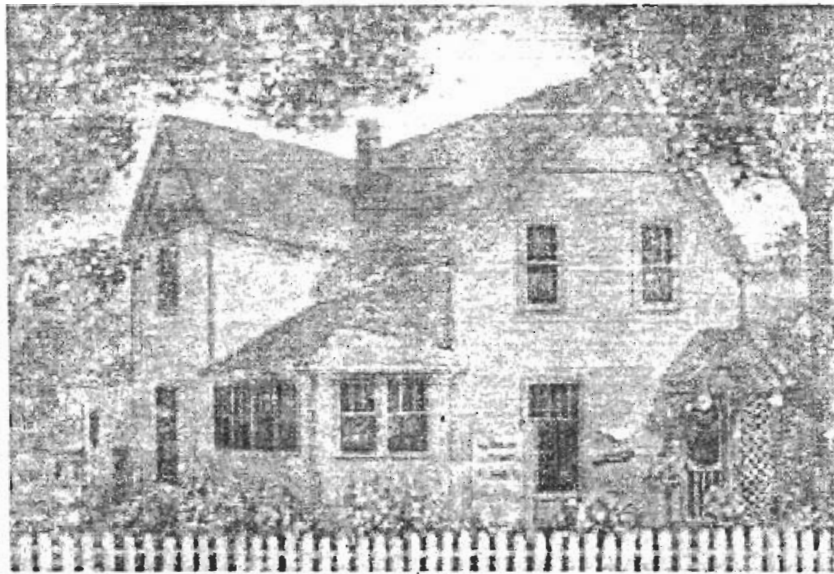
The **Seventh Annual Holiday Bed & Breakfast Tour** is guaranteed to put you in a Holiday Mood and offer new Christmas decorating ideas for your own home! Mark your calendars for the first Sunday in December-- December 2 from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m.

This year's tour has been expanded to include approximately twenty beautiful and historic homes lovingly converted to bed and breakfast inns in Colorado Springs' downtown area, our own Old Colorado City historic district, plus historic Manitou Springs. *Start your holiday season with a Peek inn-side bed and breakfast homes decorated for Christmas in the Rockies!*

B & B homes offered in this year's tour showcase varied styles ranging from High Victorian, Victorian Country, Colorado Lodge, Cottage, and Custom Stenciling. You're invited to visit these homes and see the "Season's Best Decorations" professionally and personally decorated to celebrate our season, our

area, and our unique local history! Invite your friends and relatives to *once again* participate in one of our most popular and successful fund raising events for the History Center. Additional bed and breakfasts are participating for the 1st time in this great fund raising event's history! This means everyone now has the opportunity to specifically

chose the area you would most like to see (due to the larger number of Inns participating in the Holiday B&B Tour, you will not have time to visit all of the Inns). Historic homes of the area lovingly restored and converted to bed and breakfast use will be decorated for Christmas inside and out and open to



the public.

With the expanded number of B&B's joining the tour this year, the OCCHS board feels very confident this will be a wonderful source of income once again for the many projects still needed for the continued success of the History Center. All proceeds benefit the History Center so please help us ensure our most successful tour ever!

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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 the 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
November 9, 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)
(719) 636-1225

FREE ADMISSION

Winter Hours
(September – May)

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(A Tour - continued)

Encourage friends and relatives to *once again* enjoy one of the area's opening events to the Holiday Season by letting everyone know of the expanded areas and new homes that have been added to this year's tour! Consider a pre-Christmas Gift idea that could include the book, "In and Around Old Colorado City a walking tour", plus a ticket to the expanded 7th Annual Holiday Bed & Breakfast Tour! This year the tour is featured in Victorian Homes "Bright Ideas for a Victorian Christmas" issue in their December, 2001, issue of Victorian Homes Magazine featuring Special Christmas Events throughout the country.

Refreshments and a gift drawing will be held at the Old Colorado City History Center so be sure to visit before ending your fun filled day! Some of the historic homes featured in "In & Around Old Colorado City a walking tour" book are also included in this year's tour.

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
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Treasurer's Report

- September, the end of Summer found our Society in
- good financial shape. While we projected \$4,000 income
- from the Craft Sales - now over - we actually cleared
- \$6,544. Real funds which can be used for our historical
- purposes.
- And of course our Cemetery Crawl brought in a record
- \$1,257, and a few new members.
- Book and gift sales continue on track, though sales of the
- Guide Book have leveled off from its new-release peak.
- Buy 5 as Christmas Gifts, members!
- Our last year Tax Returns, done by Judy Kasten, are
- turned in in good order (of course we owe nothing, as a
- Federal and State Tax Exempt Corporation). Her analysis
- shows that our free and clear Building and Land is worth at
- least \$350,000 conservatively.
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- We did not get the Grant we requested for the Computer
- Data Base, but we will manage without it.
- So we enter late Fall with over \$20,000 in liquid assets,
- and a solid financial grip on our future.

• Dave Hughes
• Treasurer



Message from the President of the Old Colorado City Historical Society

We have had some wonderful fund raisers which have put us in a good position for the slower winter time. Still we are busy with our annual Bed and Breakfast Holiday Tour which will be bigger and better than ever because we will have inn keepers from Manitou Springs and the North End participating. That means we will need more of our members helping out as hosts at these inns

Our building is in good shape with the west and South outer walls having been repainted. Also we now have had the spindles and top railing of the little choir loft porch on the west side of our building replaced. Come see how nice the outside of our building looks and visit the Luther McKnight exhibit Liz Geiss has just finished.

Again I want to thank all our volunteers for making our museum so smooth running.

Bev Disch, President

(A Tour - Continued)

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.

**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 Manitou's founder, 402 Manitou Ave.

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

Tickets will be available for purchase at the History 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 Crags, Old Town Guest House or please contact Karla Hefferan at 630-8241 for other ticket sales locations and further information.

**THE FIRST THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION -
JUNE 20, 1676:**

"The Holy God having by a long and Continual Series of his Afflictive dispensations in and by the present Warr with the Heathen Natives of this land, written and brought to pass bitter things against his own Covenant people in this wilderness, yet so that we evidently discern that in the midst of his judgements he hath remembered mercy, having remembered his Footstool in the day of his sore displeasure against us for our sins, with many singular Intimations of his Fatherly Compassion, and regard; reserving many of our Towns from Desolation Threatened, and attempted by the Enemy, and giving us especially of late with many of our Confederates many signal Advantages against them, without such Disadvantage to ourselves as formerly we have been sensible of, if it be the Lord's mercy that we are not consumed, It certainly bespeaks our positive Thankfulness, when our Enemies are in any measure disappointed or destroyed; and fearing the Lord should take notice under so many Intimations of his returning mercy, we should be found an Insensible people, as not standing before Him with Thanksgiving, as well as lading him with our Complaints in the time of pressing Afflictions:

The Council has thought meet to appoint and set apart the 29th day of this instant June, as a day of Solemn Thanksgiving and praise to God for such his Goodness and Favour, many Particulars of which mercy might be Instanced, but we doubt not those who are sensible of God's Afflictions, have been as diligent to espy him returning to us; and that the Lord may behold us as a People offering Praise and thereby glorifying Him; the Council doth commend it to the Respective Ministers, Elders and people of this Jurisdiction; Solemnly and seriously to keep the same Beseeching that being perswaded by the mercies of God we may all, even this whole people offer up our bodies and soulds as a living and acceptable Service unto God by Jesus Christ."

The First Thanksgiving Proclamation (June 20, 1676)
On June 20, 1676, the governing council of Charlestown, Massachusetts, held a meeting to determine how best to express thanks for the good fortune that had seen their community securely established. By unanimous vote they instructed Edward Rawson, the clerk, to proclaim June 29 as a day of thanksgiving, our first. That proclamation is reproduced here in the same language and spelling as the original.

Prepared by Gerald Murphy (The Cleveland Free-Net - aa300) Distributed by the Cybercasting Services Division of the National Public Telecomputing Network (NPTN).

The Thanksgiving Turkey

Turkey Trivia Quiz

How much do you know about the turkey!

- When was the first American Thanksgiving celebration?
1492 1567 1621 1777
- Where was the turkey first domesticated?
Canada
Mexico and Central America
New Zealand
India
- What is a female turkey called?
a rooster
a cuckoo
a chick
a hen
- What is a male turkey called?
a lamy
a dark
a harry
a tom
- What great American statesman lobbied to make the turkey the national symbol?
Benjamin Franklin
Thomas Jefferson
John Adams
Andrew Jackson
- What sound does a female turkey make?
Gobble click chirp peep
- What sound does a male turkey make?
Gobble click chirp peep
- About how many feathers does a mature turkey have?
1,500 2,000 3,500 5,000
- Which state produces the most turkeys annually?
Kansas
Ohio
Arkansas
North Carolina
- How fast can wild turkeys run?
5 mph 15 mph 25 mph 45 mph
- How does Arkansas rank among the other states in turkey production?
First third eighth fourteenth
- What Native American tribe celebrated the first Thanksgiving with the colonists?
the Wampanoag tribe
the Sioux tribe
the Choctaw tribe
the Arapaho tribe
- Can wild turkeys fly? If so, how fast?
No.
Yes, up to 25 mph
Yes, up to 40 mph
Yes, up to 55 mph
- Approximately what percentage of American homes eats turkey on Thanksgiving?
49% 67% 82% 90%
- Approximately what percentage of American homes eats turkey on Christmas?
34% 50% 67% 89%
- What is the name of the skin that hangs from a turkey's neck?
Snark snood garble swag
- Which U.S. president specified that Thanksgiving would fall on the fourth Thursday of November?
Martin Van Buren
Andrew Jackson
William H. Taft
Abraham Lincoln
- Which president attempted to move the Thanksgiving holiday to the next to last Thursday in November to create a longer Christmas shopping season?
Franklin D. Roosevelt
Dwight D. Eisenhower
Harry S. Truman
Gerald R. Ford
- Which country consumes the most turkey per year per capita?
The United States
Israel
Spain
The United Kingdom
- What is the fastest way to defrost a turkey?
with a hair dryer
in the refrigerator
in cold water
in the microwave oven

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Annie left school to help her mother and did various jobs. She worked for a couple who promised to send her to school. However, instead they forced her to work from dawn to late at night. She finally was able to leave and return home.

She faced hunger, personal loss, and her clothes were mainly made from gunnysacks. It was for survival and to put food on the table that she began to hone her skill with her father's cap-and-ball Kentucky rifle.

Her prowess led her to a performance given by Frank Butler, a noted sharpshooter of the day. He invited her to be his guest at a later exhibition of his shooting accuracy. They eventually married.

They joined Buffalo Bill Cody's Wild West Park. She took the name Oakley. The essay doesn't say why she chose that name.

Her association with Cody's show made her famous, and her alliance with Sitting Bull, Chief of the Little Big Horn fight, started her reputation as the "girl of the Western Plains".

Because Annie reminded Sitting Bull of his daughter who had died several years before, he felt close to her and offered to adopt her. He gave her the name, Watanya Cecilia or Little Sure Shot. Although many tried to have her capitalize on their friendship she refused to take part.

On the show's trip to England she was praised by Queen Victoria who remarked to her, "you are a very clever little girl."

She became even more famous when Thomas Edison's peep show featured Annie's shots, rifle smoke and the shattering of glass balls.

Her identification with the West was enhanced by her choice of clothing. Unlike others, as befitting the modesty of the Victorian period, she wore western style clothing - a blouse and calf-length fringed skirt, resembling buckskin, a western hat accented with a silver star, western guns and even a lariat.

She and Frank joined other shows. They also returned to the stage several times. Annie retired in 1913. She and Frank divided their time between three locations. They continued to hunt and enjoyed a pleasant social life. After being married 50 years Annie died on November 3, 1926 and Frank

followed on November 21, eighteen days after Annie.

As the author Glenda Riley says, "Although Annie became a westerner by affinity rather than birth; she achieved an enduring role as a heroine of the Old Wild West." This is only one of the eleven essays that bring such rich and diversified women and their lives to life for you.

A fascinating book.

There are many books in the Bookstore covering many subjects and personalities that might interest you or someone you know. Don't forget that with the coming of the holidays, our own book, *The Walking Tour*, would make a lovely gift as well.



Answers to Turkey Trivia Quiz

- 1- 1621, 2- Mexico and Central America. 3- hen, 4- tom, 5- Ben Franklin, 6- Click, 7- gobble, 8- 3500, 9- North Carolina, 10- 25 MPH, 11- third, 12- Wampanoag, 13- 55 MPH, 14- 90%, 15- 50 %
- 16- snood, 17- Abe Lincoln, 18- FDR, 19- Israel
- 20- Cold water

How'd ya do? I got 15 right, my wife says I know way to much about turkeys.

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

Have you been enjoying the articles featuring the history of Pikes Peaks region printed in the Gazette in the last few months? Then perhaps you would like to pre-order the book *Wellsprings* which will combine all the articles and more in one large, coffee table sized volume. 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.

From the Bookstore

By: Agnes Johnson

Now that women have finally been recognized as having played an important part in the U.S. migration to the west, an intriguing book titled "By Grit and Grace" caught my eye.

The cover illustration shows the back of a woman; boots on her feet, a blouse, a skirt banded by a row of stars at the waist, a cowboy hat, her right hand covered with a fingered glove holds a shotgun over her right shoulder, and she is gazing into a mirror that she is holding in her, hidden from view, left hand.



Glenda Riley and Richard W. Etulain co-edited the book.

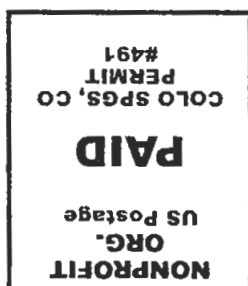
This is the first of a series called "Notable Westerners". The editors have chosen eleven women whom they believe helped shape the American West. Although a few were never in our locality including the one I have chosen to write about.

The women are "La Tules, the ultimate New Mexican woman, Jesse Benton Fremont, The Devine Lola Montez, Calamity Jane, Annie Oakley, Mary Ellen Pleasant, Iron-Eyes Daughters: Susette and Susan La Flesche, Eleanor Pruitt Stewart, Abigail Scott Duniway, and Mother Katherine Drexel." Different authors wrote all the essays.

There is a wide range of backgrounds and experiences of the women on the list. From the daughter of a noted painter, Jessie Fremont; to the La Flesches, the daughters of Iron Eyes; to Annie Oakley, born into a poor family by the name of Moses. It is Annie whose life intrigued me.

Annie was born on a small farm in Darke County, Ohio. Her father delivered the mail on horseback, but died after exposure from a storm leaving her mother with seven children under the age of fifteen, and with no financial support.

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