



## RED ROCK CANYON

Mining in and around Red Rock Canyon  
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Besides being a source of building stone, the varied geology of the Red Rock Canyon area has been explored and exploited in a variety of other ways since 1859 when Colorado City was founded.

1859 marked the beginning of the Colorado gold rush. Prospectors who explored Red Rock Canyon and the surrounding area were most interested in the igneous and metamorphic mountain immediately to the south in Section 16. There, they dug more than half a dozen exploratory shafts and tunnels. Most of these were in the Idaho Springs gneiss which appeared to have interesting and varied mineralization. It contained no economic gold deposits, however. So, the prospectors' hard work went unrewarded. The shafts and tunnels were abandoned and can still be seen. People who played in the area as children in the 1920's and 30's remember a miners cabin or shaft house which was still standing at one of these diggings. One mine tunnel was converted to a squatter's residence and outfitted with a stone fireplace near the entrance with a short four inch stovepipe for a chimney.

In 1880 Fredericka Langmeyer leased her hogbacks property for the mining and milling "of such gold, silver, copper and lead ores as may be found." The lease terminated when the lessors abandoned their efforts after finding no ore.

The prospectors' diggings were re-explored during the uranium boom of the 1950's. One short tunnel seemed particularly interesting when a Gei-

ger counter virtually went wild in it. However, the radioactivity proved to be radon; and the black rock at the back face of the tunnel proved to be biotite schist (metamorphosed mica) instead of pitchblend. Exploration during the uranium boom also turned up very fine streaks of carnotite in the Benton shale between the Niobrara and Dakota hogbacks. This, too, proved not to be an economic deposit.

In its early days, Colorado City had a plaster mill which made plaster from gypsum which was mined from local deposits. I've seen references to three locations where gypsum was mined: a small mine in Colorado City west of Camp Creek, Gypsum Canyon which is now buried beneath the landfill on the Red Rock Canyon property, and the Garden of the Gods. These gypsum deposits are all in the Lykins formation which is found between the hogbacks and the Lyons sandstone which forms Red Rock Canyon.

One historian has claimed that there was a gypsum mine near the switchbacks on South 26th Street. However, the geology of that area is alluvial gravel and Niobrara formation which consists of limestone and shale. It is possible that a limestone mine was operated in that area. Land in that area was once owned by Anthony Bott, one of Colorado City's founders. Bott operated limestone mines to obtain limestone for cement. When he started mining limestone, he had it shipped to a cement plant in Denver. Later he operated his own cement plant in Colorado City. Mr. Bott's limestone mining operations ended when his cement factory burned in 1894. Evidence of two limestone mines can be seen

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west of 31st. Street just north of Robinson.

The Snider Stone and Lime Company which operated the largest quarry in Red Rock Canyon also mined limestone at some location in the region.

The sand from decomposed Lyons sandstone is a nearly ideal material for making foundry sand which is used to make molds for cast iron. This sand was mined from the bottom of Red Rock Canyon for a number of years, probably into the early part of the twentieth century.

Later in the twentieth century, gravel from the alluvial deposits of decomposed Pikes Peak granite was mined for road material and as aggregate for concrete. Around the middle of the century, gravel pits were operated around the intersection of 26th Street and the Gold Camp Road. These included gravel pits on both sides of 26th Street and on both sides of Lower Gold Camp Road. Following the gravel mining operations on Lower Gold Camp Road, the road bed was lowered a short distance east of 26th Street. Village at Skyline is built in one of the former gravel pits. The gravel pit on the east side of 26th. street was a municipal gravel pit and is now the site of a Street Department facility. The gravel pit west of 26th Street is on the Red Rock Canyon property and is traversed by the former landfill road.

A more recent gravel pit which is larger than the others was in operation between the Dakota hogback and Red Rock Canyon until it was closed by Zydeco after Zydeco entered into an option agreement for purchase of the Red Rock Canyon property.

*Note: In the early nineteen eighties El Paso County, as part of the lowering process, purchased, stockpiled and then removed more than a million cubic yards of material from the Lower Gold Camp road just east of 30th street . The material was used to gravel County roads in Eastern and Northern El Paso County. County Commissioners estimated that the gravel purchased for a dollar a cubic yard and removed over several years saved the tax payers more than five times the cost of the material. editor*

### From President Disch

We are off to a rousing good start this year at our History Center. Our January general meeting was a big success with almost fifty people in attendance. We had good publicity for Dr. Martinez' talk and overhead presentation of the Anza expedition. Afterward we sold many of his books in our bookstore.

Also our potato bar dining for our volunteers and the Innkeepers on our B&B tour was enjoyed by all thanks to the good cooking of Betty Baker who prepared in all.

Our condolences to Betsy Evans, our bookstore Manager, for the recent death of her husband, John.

Bev Disch, President

### Treasurer's Report

We ended 2001 in good financial shape. With all bills, including new sidewalk and outdoor painting paid for, we had, between the Bookstore and our General Account, plus the interest earned on our Endowment, 27,779 free and clear on 31 December, apart from our restricted-use Endowment CD worth \$61,000, plus a valuable inventory of books, including Guide books, worth over \$15,000, all paid for. And we own a Center worth over \$300,000 not counting the dollar value of our collections. Not bad for our 'til old Historical Society!

We did well last year from a combination of things - good cost control by your board, the bad-news good-news of not having to pay for a Director or Archivist (for 9 months of the year). Good dues collections from mailed out bills (\$3,700). \$5,500 in grant income. Good initial sales of our Guide Book (\$3,594). Large income from our Crafters Sales operation (over \$6,000). Great results of the B&B Tours (over \$4,000). Growing income from the Cemetery Crawl over (\$1,200). And 6% interest on our endowment (\$3,700). And even \$500 from our ever-loyal Bake Sales bakers!

So we start out 2002 with some flexibility in applying our assets. Your Board has approved a budget which can pay a needed part time Archivist to help complete documenting our collections. We can upgrade our creaky, old, computer. We can increase our interest earning Endowment fund to ~~\$45,000~~ \$48,000 from our reserves - although the bad news is that we cannot expect more than 2.7% interest this recession year! We have settled a dispute with the Old Colorado City merchants over our large summer crafters sales taking business from them, by their paying us \$4,000 not to sponsor crafters this year - except over Founders Day weekend, and giving us a free street booth at Territory Days which sees over 100,000 visitors pass by, where we can sell our books and historical items in much greater volume than we can in the off-to-the-side Cabin. We can, if we pursue it, increase rental of our space for wedding receptions and gatherings of people who like our beautiful Center and we sponsor some new historical event ideas that can earn funds.

Our bottom cost line (no employees) is now \$680 a month-utilities, security, telephone, insurance, copier lease, routine maintenance.

So even with a conservative \$34,000 budget this year (it was \$48,000 over affluent last year - before Sept 11th and the recession) we will break even for the year, but should still end up with over \$15,000 in the bank going into 2003.

Your Historical Society and the operation of our History Center is in fiscally sound shape going into 2002.

Dave Hughes  
Treasurer

# WESTSIDE MEMORIES

compiled by Jan Knox

## WEST SIDE MEMORIES TURNING BACK THE CLOCK ON LOCAL EVENTS

transcribed by Jan Knox

### One Hundred Years Ago

December 1901

Colorado City is to have a board of trade, on which various kinds of stocks will be dealt in. The promoters of the scheme have tried to keep the matter quiet until they should be ready to open up but it leaked out yesterday. The board of trade is to occupy the room just east of the Hoffman house. This room has been fitted up for the purpose and it is said that the board will be opened in a short time. The names of those connected with the new institution are not announced, but that it is to be established is authoritatively state. *Colorado Springs Gazette*, 12/6/1901

A new dramatic company has been formed in Colorado City to take the place of the Hickman-Bennet company, there having been some difficulty with respect to the old management, and in the new organization all the members will have an interest. The new company is to be known as the Colorado Dramatic Stock company and have planned to give one or two plays every month in the new Waycott building as the stage there is of very good size and well equipped with modern accessories. Next Wednesday evening, December 18, the company will present a melodrama under the title "Crawford's Claim." The play is an admirable presentation of a mining camp tale, and in the hands of this company of clever young people from Colorado City and Colorado Springs will no doubt attract a large house. The admission charge for adults will be 35 cents, and for children 25 cents. *Colorado Springs Gazette* 12/12/1901

The first day of the art exhibit at the Whittier school closed Saturday night. The intense cold kept many from attending and the exhibit will be kept open this afternoon and evening to allow the patrons of the school an opportunity to see the very beautiful display. There will be no charge or admission. Each room has an individual scheme of decoration, which has been carried out almost to perfection, forming a charming setting for the many statues, paintings and other works of art on sale. Candy is sold in the halls. Teachers and pupils have put much time and effort into decoration of each room and it is hoped that all the parents and friends of the school will contribute toward the success of the exhibit by attending this afternoon and evening. *Colorado Springs Gazette* 12/16/1901

Thousands of Colorado Springs people took advantage of the beautiful day and firm ice to enjoy a skate on Prospect lake yesterday afternoon. For the first time in seven years at this season, Prospect lake is one solid sheet of ice, without an air hole in it. It is thick enough to support an army and there

was a small sized army on it yesterday. It is estimated by those in charge of the lake that over 4,000 people were skating on it during the day. There were over 2,000 on it at one time. The ice was as smooth as glass and better skating was never known in the city. The small fee, 10 cents, charged for the privileges of this big ice sheet makes the great winter sport in all its glory a matter of a mere trifle. The other ponds in and about the city had their share of skaters yesterday and, all told, there were probably 5,000 people sliding about on steel during the day. The weather was temperate enough to make the sport enjoyable for all. *Colorado Springs Gazette* 12/16/1901

The trouble which has been brewing among the stockholders and more particularly the directors of the Citizens State bank is at last settled. John T. McDowell, the cashier of the bank, who controlled the majority of the stock, has sold out to the interests represented by M. T. Burwell, the president, and that gentleman is now in control. The transfer has been made and Mr. McDowell is out of the bank. New blood has come into the board of directors, but it could not be learned yesterday who the parties are. The idea of a national bank for Colorado City has been exploded by Mr. Burwell. He opposed the Kansas gentlemen who tried to get into the bank to turn it into a national bank, it is said, because he could not get the control of the stock. Mr. Burwell succeeded in keeping the Kansas men out side, but could not get the control himself. John T. McDowell had the control and an effort was being made to oust Burwell from the head of the institution. This plan was succeeding until Mr. Burwell induced some of his friends to interest themselves in this bank and got them to buy out Mr. McDowell. The bank will continue as the Citizens State bank. The transfer has been made and the new parties are now in control with Mr. Burwell at the head of the institution. This settles the trouble which has been on ever since the national bank idea was first promulgated. One of the reasons Mr. McDowell sold out was his health, which is failing under the heavy strain of business. *Colorado Springs Gazette* 12/19/1901

"Just to put an end to all this long-winded talk about my connection with the ball park and race track, I wish to state my connection with it from the first," said Mr. W. S. Stratton last night after reading a report in the evening paper to the effect that he had given the promoters of the scheme \$30,000 with which to start the park. "When this park was first talked about, the idea was to establish a regular summer resort for the people and tourists of Colorado Springs, and, not merely a race track and baseball ground, which would only run for a short season and for only a part of the people. A summer theater was to have been put up, and in all ways the park was to have been such as would be the pride of a thriving city. The idea was a good one, and I concurred in the plans of the promoters. It was estimated that the park would cost in the neighborhood of \$125,000. This amount was to have been divided into 25,000 shares of \$5.00 each. I told the men who were backing this

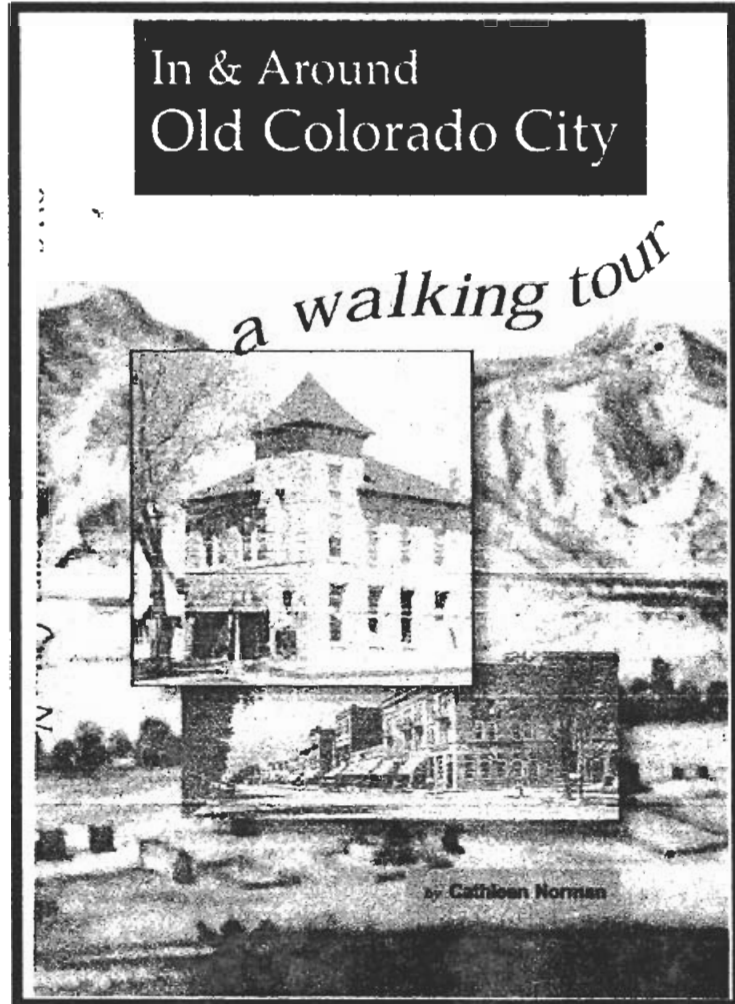
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scheme, that I would buy \$30,000 worth of shares provided two other men would take \$25,000 worth each. This was agreed to by two of the most prominent backers of the proposed park. There was to be no chin-music or dilly-dallying about it. I thought it was a good business idea, and was willing to back it, provided the other men made good their word. So far, they have not ut in a nickel, and there the matter stands. My interest in it was only provisional. It is tiresome and very annoying to be told I am about to do this and that and the other thing when I really never hear of these things except as I read them in an uninformed newspaper." *Colorado Springs Gazette* 12/20/1901

The wind storm of Tuesday night did considerable damage in this city. Several small buildings and fences were blown down and considerable damage was done to new buildings now going up. The new Templeton block, on North Fifth street, which is just going up was probably the worst sufferer. The front wall at the top was blown down and several other parts of the buildings suffered. A number of new residences, not yet enclosed were badly torn by the breeze. There were no fires during the night but the department expected an alarm any minute and was ready to respond quickly. *Colorado Springs Gazette* 12/20/1901

The school board has decided to vote bonds for new school houses and the bond election will be held January 8. The growth of the city during the year has been something remarkable, and it has been more than the board could do to furnish room for all the children who wanted to go to school. It is proposed to vote \$30,000 worth of bonds to erect two new school houses. One of the new schools will be south of Colorado avenue, probably near the Midland depot. The location of the other building has not yet been decided on. *Colorado Springs Gazette* 12/20/1901

Rev. Duncan Lamont, now pastor of Mt. Olive Baptist church of Denver, has accepted the call to the Baptist church of this city. Mr. Lamont's acceptance was received by the pulpit committee on Wednesday Mr. Lamont indicates that he will be in this city to start his new pastorate about January 1. The Baptist people feel that they are very fortunate in getting Mr. Lamont to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Rev. W. E. Powell. The church has not been without a pastor very long and considers itself fortunately in this aspect too. *Colorado Springs Gazette* 12/20/1901

The library board is preparing to move into new quarters soon after the first of the year. Arrangements were made some time ago for a room in the new Templeton block and it is probably that this room will be occupied by the library as soon as the block is completed. *Colorado Springs Gazette* 12/20/1901

The city fathers last night discussed the question of the Tejon street undercrossing. The discussion was informal and was held after the regular council meeting had adjourned, but it is probable that out of it will come a special meeting of the aldermen at which an ordinance will be introduced providing for an appropriation for a steel railroad bridge over Tejon street where the D. and R. G. tracks are. The city has an agreement with the Denver and Rio Grande railroad which

provides that at any time that the railroad desires to put in a steel bridge in place of the present frame structure, the city must stand half the expense. That is all the city has the privilege of doing in the matter. It is such a lopsided agreement that the aldermen were last night wondering who composed the council at the time it was drawn up. In order to accommodate the new street railway line which Mr. Stratton is running straight down Tejon street, changes must be made in the D. and R. G. bridge. The D. and R. G., it is understood, is not willing to make temporary changes to last an indefinite period and does not seem anxious to construct a steel bridge. The city council, by appropriating for half the expense of a steel bridge can demand one, and after talking the matter over, most of the aldermen have come to the conclusion that Mr. Stratton is doing much for the city and that the steel bridge, together with the new street car line, will be a public improvement that will be of great benefit to the city at large. *Colorado Springs Gazette* 12/21/1901

The new mining camp in the Fountain Creek district, south of Woodland Park, had its first fire on the 18<sup>th</sup> inst. The assay office of John Herbest, an old resident and merchant of Manitou, was completely destroyed, together with most of the contents. Mr. Herbest went to the new mining district several months ago and has been doing an excellent business, his work having been largely responsible for the exceedingly hopeful view that mining men who are interested in the camp take care of its future. The fire destroyed a considerable portion of the equipment that Mr. Herbest had taken to the camp with which to do business and his is badly crippled for a few days. He is still making assays on the rock that is brought to him by the prospectors, however, and will stay with the camp. He expects to rebuild his establishment on a larger scale than it was before, and to be in the new building in about six weeks. *Colorado Springs Gazette* 12 23/1901

Had not General W. J. Palmer sent three men from Glen Eyrie to fight a prairie fire on top of the mesa yesterday shortly after noon, it is likely that the magnificent drive over this tableland today would reveal nothing but an unbroken expanse of blackened ground. The three workmen from Glen Eyrie, however, succeeded in extinguishing the fire when only a few acres had been burned over and General Palmer this morning is offering a reward of \$100 for the arrent and conviction of those who, from carelessness or design, set fire to the grass. The Mesa road has long been one of the finest drives that Colorado Springs people have been able to take. The grade is easy from the top of the hill east of Glen Eyrie to Colorado Springs and the road is a great favorite with the wheelmen as well as person driving. It is also the most direct road from Glen Eyrie, General Palmer's home, to Colorado Springs. During the past summer, General Palmer has spent a great deal of effort and no small amount of money, giving this drive the attention that it needed to make it even more enjoyable than it has ever yet been. To transform the natural surface of the mesa, with its added attractiveness, due to the setting out of shrubs, into a blackened expanse of ground is a serious matter, and General Palmer will undoubtedly have the co-operation of the people of the city in his effort to have the beauty of the drive preserved.

*Colorado Springs Gazette* 12/23/1901

Mrs. E. M. Rose, a pioneer of this section of the state, died at her home at 314 South Nevada avenue at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Dropsy was the cause of death. Mrs. Rose came her with her husband in '69 and lived a short distance below the city on the Fountain. Her husband died some time ago. She leaves four sons and three daughters. Mrs. Rose was 79 years old. She had many friends in this city, especially among the pioneers, and her death will be regretted by all who knew her. *Colorado Springs Gazette* 12/25/1901

A good-sized audience of music lovers assembled at Perkins auditorium last night to hear the fourth concert of the Colorado Springs Musical club. The program included selections from Handel's "messiah" rendered by members of the club. The ladies' chorus, which is a new feature of the club this year, rendered several of the magnificent choruses from this grand master-piece and the solos were given by well-known singers of the city. It was a rare musical treat and was much enjoyed. *Colorado Springs Gazette* 12/25/1901

The Pastimes Gun club of this city, will hold a Christmas shoot on its range north of the city this morning. The shoot will commence at 9 o'clock and will last all morning. The prizes will be turkeys and there will be three prizes for each of 11 events. The entry fee will be 65 cents which includes the price of targets. All shooters are invited to participate. *Colorado Springs Gazette* 12/25/1901

With a membership of 45, a local branch of the Cigar Makers International Union of America was organized yesterday at Union Labor hall. The organization is the result of the growth of the cigar manufacturing business in this city, as heretofore, there were not enough cigar makers in town to form a strong union. Recently, however, new factories have been established and the capacity of the old ones increased, and their products are finding extensive sales. The following officers were elected: J. E. Carroll, president; Herman Schmidt, vice-president; George Ehman, financial secretary; Mr. Clark, recording secretary, and William Mosco, treasurer. The members of the union propose to interest smokers in union made cigars. These goods bear the "blue label" which is a guarantee for clean workmanship and good tobacco, whereas, many of the eastern made cigars are made by cheap labor in sweat shops. *Colorado Springs Gazette* 12/25/1901

Five Ute Indians from the Uintah reservation, in the northern part of Utah, paid a short visit yesterday to Robert Waugh, former government agent at the reservation. The Indians spent an hour at Mr. Waugh's residence, No. 26 Boulder Crescent, and then left for home. The Utes were returning to Utah from a trip to Washington, where they had to consult the Indian bureau in reference to a mining deal they are negotiating. They intend to lease a tract of mineral land which they own. Mr. Waugh was government agent at the Uintah reservation under President Harrison. He has many friends among the tribe, which has become somewhat civilized. All of those who visited Mr. Waugh yesterday speak English. The visitors were Vernie Mac, Big Joe, Martin Van, Tim Johnson and John Duncan. All are tall, finely built men. *Colorado Springs Gazette* 12/25/1901

The New-Century Christmas at the Antlers was certainly a

very merry one. If anybody had awakened from a Rip Van Winkle-like sleep yesterday and strolled in there, they would have known at once that it was Christmas day for there were many signs and sounds which gave evidence of merriment and good cheer. Large pyramid bay trees sentineled the spacious main corridors. Evergreen and holly wreaths and quantities of holly and mistletoe boughs were hung about with very tasteful decorative effect. Guests of the hotel enjoyed the holiday in various ways. Many being tempted to drive or stroll about the city for the perfection of the weather would have been deemed phenomenal everywhere out side of Colorado. Bell boys and messengers flew about all day, their arms piled with Christmas boxes and bundles of every size and shape. Luncheon and dinner were served in the unexcelled fashion that has contributed toward a world-wide reputation for this popular hostelry. The menu included substantial and dainties galore. About 9 o'clock in the evening, just before the informal hop began in the ball room, the guests were presented with some trifling gift, each one bearing a humorous sentiment. The presentation of the gifts afforded much amusement and as each recipient stepped forward there was good natured railery. Afterwards, the Antlers orchestra, led by Prof. Casser, played in their accustomed acceptable style for the dancing that kept up until toward midnight. *Colorado Springs Gazette* 12/26/1901

The Argus Printing company is moving from Colorado avenue to its new building on Washington avenue. The work of transferring the plant began yesterday. The Arugs has put up a building for its own use on Washington avenue. The building which is being vacated by the printing company will be occupied immediately by Bellman and Ford and the building they vacate at 513 Colorado avenue will be inoved off its present lot by Mr. George Riter, who has purchased it, and will be placed on a lot behind the city hall. *Colorado Springs Gazette* 12/27/1901

The funeral of Paulina Isabella Wister, one of the oldest residents of this city, was held from the family residence on Grand avenue yesterday afternoon. The services were conducted by Rev. J. P. Lucas, who is filling the pulpit of the Methodist church. A large number of old-time friends were present to pay their last sad tribute to the memory of one of the city's pioneers. Mrs. Wister was 67 at the time of her death. She came to this city with her husband, George Wister, in the early days. Mr. Wister then filed on the land now occupied by the Midland shops. When the railroad cam in, he sold the land to the Midland. The husband and three sons survive Mrs. Wister. *Colorado Springs Gazette* 12/27/1901

Colorado City will soon have a new brick plant in which local capital is invested. Mr. C. E. Corporan of the Star grocery has recently purchased a large tract of land in South Colorado City and has leased part of an adjoining school section. Mr. Corporan has on this land some of the finest fire brick clay in the state. A corporation is being organized to utilize this valuable clay and the brick industry will receive a bigger importance in Colorado City commercial circles. Mr. Corporan believes that his clay will make a superior kind of brick and those who have seen it are of his opinion. The immediate plans of the new corporation are not known, but is understood that a brick plant with the latest improved machinery will soon be established on the south side. *Colorado Springs Gazette* 12/29/1901

## Upcoming O.C.C.H.S. Programs

### FEBRUARY 8th OCCHS PROGRAM COLORADO'S PAINTED LADIES — WHO, WHERE AND WHY

This is a historical and humorous presentation about the women of the "sporting houses" and mining camps in Southern Colorado. Learn about business cards, dance hall costumes, the China Doll, the Unfortunates' Friend and the Denver Red Book. Meet Jennie Rogers (Denver), Cock-eyed Liz (Buena Vista), Mae Phelps (Trinidad), Pearl Devere (Cripple Creek), Lillian Powers (Florence), Laura Evans (Salida), and both Red Stockings and Silver Heels from Leadville; last but not least Old Colorado City will be represented by Laura Bell McDaniels.

Nadine Gilman, a retired Colorado Springs School District 11 music teacher, retired violinist of the Colorado Springs Symphony, and a long time student of Western History is the presenter of this program. The program originated and was first given for the Southwest Studies Study Group of the American Association of University Women and has been presented to many other groups since in Colorado Springs and Woodland Park. Nadine is a volunteer at OCCHS and when not doing fund raisers, can be found in the Old Colorado City History Center's Research Library accessioning books.

**March 8, 2002**--Doris McCraw, well known historical actress and O.C.C.H.S. member, "Conversations with Dora" takes you on a trip in the 1800s to experience some of the Pikes Peak region's most colorful and fascinating characters.

**April 12, 2002**--Dr. Jack Reeves speaking on "Mabel FitzGerald in 1911: a Breath of Fresh Air for Colorado's High Altitudes."



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