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B & B TOUR 2006

**The 12th Annual
Holiday Bed & Breakfast Tour
Sunday, December 3rd,
2006 at 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.**

What started with a small group of Bed and Breakfast establishments, the AwareNest Victorian B&B, Holden House, Our Hearts Inn, Painted Lady, and Wedgewood Cottage as a fund raiser for the Old Colorado City Historical Society has blossomed into one of the most anticipated events of the Christmas season. Once again we will be invited into some of the most elegant and historic houses in the area. Each B&B will be decorated in their finest, displaying something of the past for our inspection and appreciation.

We thought this year you may be interested in



Blue skies Inn B&B



One of the fabulous bathrooms at Blue Skies Inn B&B

a little Tour History and background details. The first B&B Holiday Tour was held before the Old Colorado City History Center's restoration efforts were completed and the Center opened. Karla Heferan, an OCCHS member, was also a bed and breakfast owner and innkeeper. At her encouragement, five local area West Side B&B's were the first to coordinate, advertise, and open their homes to the public with all proceeds donated to the OCCHS. This small group funded the Tour's advertising, printing, and promotional efforts. They still do and it is much appreciated by the Old Colorado City Historical Society.

Visiting these bed and breakfasts allows a private tour inside the local bed and breakfasts for decorating ideas and holiday cheer. Also you will learn more about the interesting and varied history of our area as well as the individual history of each prop-

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SUBMISSION DEADLINE IS THE 15th OF EACH MONTH

MISSION
 Revised April 2004

The Old Colorado City Historical Society was founded as a volunteer organization to recognize the historical significance and unique culture of original Old Colorado City and early El Paso County. This spirit is perpetuated through the preservation of artifacts and archival materials, encouragement of research, education of the children and the community, through the membership and the operation of the History Center at 1 South 24th Street, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

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 8, 2006
 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

Old Colorado City History Center encourages you to attend its events, meetings, and projects. Please call 636-1225 for information

Summer Hours
 (June - September)

TUES - SAT 11 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Closed Sunday & Monday

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erty. Each home has a unique past that the present owner, innkeeper in this case, loves to share! This year we have nine of the finest Bed and Breakfast establishments in the area participating in the tour, so be ready to spend some time at each getting to know the history of the place, the decorations and the warm atmosphere that the hosts always produce for us. Maps to the sites are a part of the ticket. These B&B's were once private homes, boarding houses, and one was previously a casino & upscale bordello! **The Cheyenne Canon Inn** was built in 1921. It was once the "Dixieland" casino and an upscale bordello! If walls could only talk, what might be whispered to you as you walk her halls and share her spectacular views. Room at the Inn was built in 1896 and is a wonderful example of a Queen Anne Victorian. During the restoration efforts, an original mural was found in the entry hall and lovingly restored. **Holden House 1902 Bed & Breakfast Inn** opened in 1986 as the first Westside B&B. The house was built in 1902 by Isabel Holden, widow of a wealthy Colorado Springs businessman. While the inn has seen a few changes since its inception, com-



Holden House at Christmas



**The Red Caboose at the Blue Spruce Inn
in Cascade**

fort, hospitality, family heirlooms and attention to detail distinguish Sallie & Welling Clark's restoration efforts. In 1985 the house was the talk of the neighborhood while it was hoisted up to rebuild the foundation. The Clarks started with the main house and expanded into the carriage house, and then the adjacent rose Victorian to include five suites with fireplaces and oversized tubs. But Sallie claims that they've stopped expanding to more homes as her husband Welling has said "no" to hanging more than the thousands of white lights they currently display at Christmastime. The B&B has been the recipient of many awards and media coverage over their 20 years of business.

Home baked refreshments will be available at the Center from 2 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. so be sure and stop by where there will be door prize drawings. One of the fabulous door prizes will be a stay at one of the B&B on this year's tour. Advance tickets are \$10 and \$15 on the day of the tour so get your advance tickets soon. Remember too, our bookstore can be your Christmas Shopping Headquarters! When you visit the Center's bookstore and can't decide just which book would make the perfect gift we now have gift certificates available.

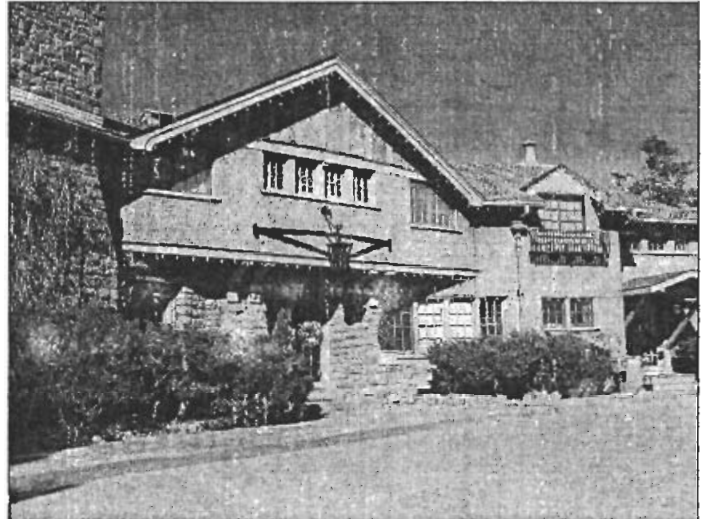
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Onaledge in Manitou

Onaledge
336 El Paso Blvd.
Manitou Springs, CO 80829

Blue Spruce Inn
4505 Fountain Avenue
Cascade, CO 80809



Rockledge Country Inn Manitou

**Andy & Pat's Our Hearts Inn Old
Colorado City**
2215 W Colorado Avenue
Colorado Springs CO 80904

**Holden House - 1902 Bed & Breakfast
Inn**
1102 West Pikes Peak Avenue
Colorado Springs CO 80904

Room At the Inn B&B
618 N Nevada Avenue
Colorado Springs CO 80903

Blue Skies Inn B&B
402 Manitou Avenue
Manitou Springs CO 80829-2303

Red Crags Bed & Breakfast Inn
302 El Paso Blvd
Manitou Springs CO 80829-2308

Cheyenne Canon Inn
2030 W Cheyenne Boulevard
Colorado Springs CO 80906

Rockledge Country Inn
328 El Paso Blvd.
Manitou Springs 80829



Room at the Inn B&B

**Treasurer's Report
November 13th, 2006**

October saw \$510 income from renewed and new memberships, 18 Individual and 6 Family. And \$300 for two lifetime memberships.

Our display room Cash Box took in \$115 in donations from September and October.

As noted in the last newsletter, together with donations for our traveling speakers and revenues from the Taste of Old Colorado, as well as advanced payment for December rental of our space for a Christmas Party we took in a total of \$1,712.60 in October.

Our expenses included the usual Insurance (\$111.40), Telephone (\$50.13), Security Alarms (\$42), Utilities (\$121.05) and Copier lease (\$144.49 with \$70 additional for copier ink)

One of our Board members routinely and generously buys all the paper we use for our monthly Newsletter. This does not show up as an expense.

Postage for our newsletter, plus our annual Postal Permit renewal came to \$260 in October.

Together with our annual Convention and Visitor's Bureau membership, our October costs were \$882. So we gained \$831 over costs for the month.

We owe Kasten Accounting \$625 for her doing our 2005 Federal and State Tax returns, while also scrutinizing our financial records for that year, and giving us detailed reports on all our income and expenditures for the year.

Our end of year balance looks a little more favorable, as the licensing of Photographs found on our web site in October, by two outside agencies – Canadian Broadcasting Company and the Golden Cycle Development will bring in a net of \$420 more than we projected.

As everyone knows, the increase in Federal interest rates has slowed, staying below 6%. So we can expect no more than an estimated \$4,750 earned interest from our variable rate Endowment CD, and T-1 bill account by the end of the year. But that is far better than what we were getting from just our pitiful savings accounts interest we were stuck with in early 2005.

Your Board will probably be able to increase the amount in our fixed 'untouchable' \$80,000 Endowment by more than the \$2,280 from 2006 Memorial donations and Lifetime memberships we are obligated to do, by the end of the year.

Dave Hughes
Treasurer

President's Report

Christmas season is one of the happiest times of the year. Christmas carols are played, Christmas bells are ringing. It's a time of good cheer. We are decorating our Center for the Christmas holidays. Our bakers are making delicious Christmas cookies to be served here during our Twelfth Annual Holiday Bed and Breakfast Tour. We will be having a drawing for door prizes with a special drawing for a night's stay at any participating bed and breakfast inn. Our members will be hosts for the inns that are on the tour. It's an interesting, busy time of the year for us. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Bev Disch, President

Christmas Collectables Resume

The maker of our popular etched wood Christmas ornament stopped producing them in 2004. We have found another source for sale in our Bookstore. For Christmas 2006 we have a new one, featuring an image of the classic 1884 Husted House in its design. You can buy them at the Bookstore before Christmas for \$7.50 each, or with discount for more than one. There is a special occasion - to fill the gap for the year's since 1998. Each year features a different image of a different Old Colorado City



The Old Colorado City Historical Society
Twelfth Annual

Holiday Bed & Breakfast Tour

Sunday,
December 3



2-6 PM

www.historytour.info

Tickets \$10.00 in advance - At the door \$15.00
Available at:

Holden House
1102 W. Pikes Peak Avenue
(719) 471-3980

Old Colorado City History Center
One South 24th. Street
(719) 636-1225

Cheyenne Canon Inn
2030 Cheyenne Boulevard
(719) 633-0625

And at any participating Inn during the tour.

<p>Refreshments & Entertainment 2:00 - 7:00 PM at the Old Colorado City History Center One South 24th. Street 636-1225</p>
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All proceeds from the Annual Holiday Bed & Breakfast Tour support the Old Colorado City History Center

?????WHAT'S NEW IN THE BOOKSTORE????

The "secret" is out!

Many new titles

~ including Adults & Children, Fiction & Non-fiction, Colorado & the West, Native American, Outdoor Sports, Travel, Adventure, Children's Spanish & English ~ and a few older favorites ~ Bring your friends. Come take a look!

-AND-

Gift Certificates for this holiday season...& 2007!

- *book or CD from OCCHS Bookstore
- *membership in OCCHS
- *small group walking tour of an Old Colorado City neighborhood
- *one-of-a-kind slice of history from a Garvin Cabin log
- *personalized commemorative brick installed on the History Center patio

~Perfect for birthdays, too~

Call OCCHS Bookstore (636-1225) for prices and information.

Vera Chambon passed away on October 24, 2006. She was married to Clarion Chambon until his death in 1977. She and her husband owned and operated Chambon's Surplus City from its inception in 1945 until the business sold in 1985. She was active in supporting the Old Colorado City Historical Society of which she was a charter member. She served in various capacities as a member of the Board of the Old Colorado City Advisory District.

BOOK SIGNING & LECTURE Colorado's Role in the Civil War

Saturday, December 2nd at 11 a.m. ~ Old Colorado City
History Center

Presented by Flint Whitlock, author of 2006
*Distant Bugles, Distant Drums: The Union
Response to the Confederate Invasion of New
Mexico*

Books are available for purchase in the History Center Bookstore.

History Center open at 10:30 a.m. Public welcome. Refreshments. Free.

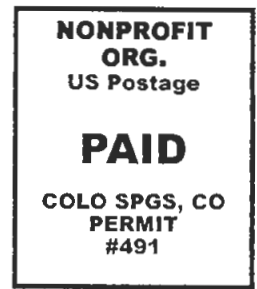
Flint Whitlock, military historian and author, will present an illustrated lecture about this exciting, but little known aspect of Western history. Whitlock is an ex-Army officer who lived in Colorado Springs from 1969 to 1974. His fourth book, *Given Up for Dead*, is a story about American soldiers captured in the late 1944 Battle of the Bulge and was a finalist in the 2006 Colorado Book Awards.

In 1861 Henry Sibley with the blessing of Jefferson Davis had an audacious scheme to raise a 3000-man brigade, invade New Mexico from Texas, and eventually move into Colorado to capture the gold and silver mines to supplement the dwindling Confederate coffers. Come hear about the events leading up to a group of rag-tag Coloradoans gathering in present Old Colorado City, marching 400 miles to La Glorieta Pass outside of Santa Fe, and turning back Sibley's brigade.

For more information, call 636-1225 or email history@oldcolo.com



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2007

REGULAR MEETING & PROGRAM

Friday, January 12th at 11 a.m. Bring your friends. Refreshments.

"The Story Behind the Clay" ~ Authors **Sharon Swint** and son, **David Swint, Jr.**, will present an illustrated program and a unique perspective of the history of Van Briggles Company art pottery and specialty pieces that were commissioned and are seldom seen. With this Westside business planning to move, more information will be available.