



## Old Colorado City Historical Society

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# *Old fashion tea time*

## IT IS TEA TIME, MY DEAR!!

Mark your calendar for Saturday, May 13, 2006, when the Old Colorado City History Center will host our **5<sup>th</sup> Annual Victorian Tea and Fashion Show**. This special fundraising event will begin at 1:00 p.m. at the Old Colorado City History Center, one South 24<sup>th</sup> Street, Colorado Springs, Colorado. The Tea is being catered by the west side's own Bona Dea Teahouse and Emporium. Enjoy a delicious afternoon Tea menu that includes tea sandwiches, delectable desserts and Bernideen's special tea. Generous contributions have been made toward the fundraiser's success by Bernideen's; Goodwill Industries; and, Sno White Linen. The **tickets** are \$18.50 and are non-refundable. Advance sales only! Tickets may be purchased at the History Center in the bookstore during regular hours. A 20<sup>th</sup> Century Vintage Fashion Show will be presented by Rita Wilhelm, of the Victorian Heritage Society, and her models as they feature attire from yesteryear. We look forward to her choice of historically correct fashions for this year's Tea. Join us for this fun event at the OCCHC. Make the **Annual Victorian**

**Tea and Fashion Show** a part of your Mothers Day weekend plans.

Below is some interesting information about High Tea, tea choices and the goodies that accompany tea. We look forward to seeing you on May 13<sup>th</sup>. Festive afternoon tea attire and hats are welcome.



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SUBMISSION DEADLINE IS THE 15th OF EACH MONTH

**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.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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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**  
**May 12, 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

Winter Hours

(September-June)

TUES—SAT 11 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Closed Sunday & Monday

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## HIGH TEA

Anna, the Duchess of Bedford (1788-1861) is credited as the creator of teatime. Because the noon meal had become skimpier the Duchess suffered from "a sinking feeling" at about four o'clock in the afternoon. At first the Duchess had her servants sneak her a pot of tea and a few breadstuffs. Adopting the European practice proved so popular, the Duchess continued it when she returned to London sending cards to her friends asking them to join her for "tea and a walking the fields." The practice of inviting friends to come for tea in the afternoon was quickly picked up by other social hostesses. During the second half of the Victorian Period, known as the Industrial Revolution, working families would return home tired and exhausted. The table would be set with any manner of meats, bread, butter, pickles,

cheese and of course tea. None of the dainty finger sandwiches, scones and pastries of royal afternoon teas would have been on the menu. Because it was eaten at a high dining table rather than the low tea tables, it was termed "high" tea.

## A Brief History

Tea emerges from legend over 500 years ago when it was "discovered" by the emperor Shen Nong. While boiling his drinking water, dried leaves from a nearby bush fell into the water and the result—TEA! Ever since, the influence of tea has permeated every aspect of the Chinese society and culture. As trade routes were opened, tea quickly gained popularity in the West. Today, it is ranked second only to water as the world's most consumed beverage. Throughout history, tea has influenced world politics and shaped

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international events. From the British colonization of India, to the Boston Tea Party, tea has played an integral role in global trade relations. Native to China, *Camellia Sincensis*, the tea plant, is now cultivated throughout the world. Today, tea plantations in India, Japan, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Africa and Indonesia produce most of the world's tea.

## Own a Piece of History

Wouldn't it be wonderful to own a piece of history that dates from the earliest days of Colorado City? Well, your Society is doing something that will make a piece of history available to you. The historic log cabin, now located in Bancroft Park, is the oldest structure from the Colorado City days. It dates back to 1859 and your Society has finished renovating the building with the help of a grant from the State Historical Society. During this renovation, and previous renovations, original logs from the building have been removed. We have taken two of these logs and sliced them into one-inch thick pieces. Each log cut is engraved with the following:

"This crosscut, removed during repairs, came from an original log of the historic cabin erected in Colorado City in 1859, now in Bancroft Park.

Certified True – Old Colorado City  
Historical Society, June 2003"

These log mementos are offered as a limited edition to members of the Society and other historians. The logs are numbered and will be issued in a limited set of 100. With each log, the purchaser will receive a parchment Certificate of Authenticity, signed by the President of the Old Colorado City Historical Society.

We are currently taking orders for the logs. The cost for each log is \$25 (no discounts), plus \$5, if the log is to be mailed.

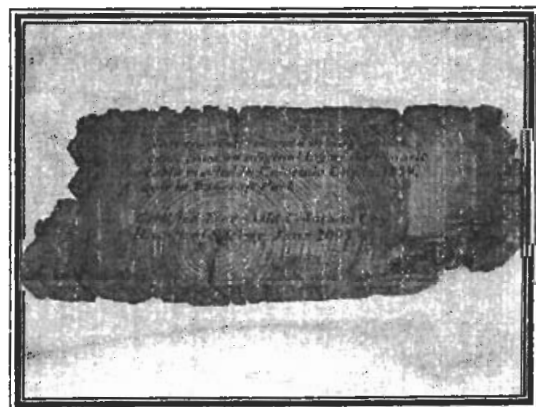


## The Origin of the Scone

This Scottish QUICK BREAD is said to have taken its name from the Stone of Destiny (or scone), the place where Scottish kings were once crowned. The original triangular-shaped scone was made with oats and griddle-baked. Today's versions are more often flour-based and baked in the oven. They come in various shapes including triangles, rounds, squares and diamonds.

[Tea information provided by Bona Dea Teahouse and Emporium.]

**Volunteers are needed to assist LaRue Ebersole in maintaining the museum grounds. Please call the History Center if you would like to help out.**



**Treasurers Report****April 2006**

Not much of importance to report this April. As spring is in the air, and the historical hedgehogs come out of their holes, things are picking up. Plans are being made for income from our Victorian Tea, Territory Days booth and cabin Bake Sale. We have to shell out \$65 for a rider on the Territory Days organization for insurance.

\$367 of new and renewed memberships - including another \$150 lifetime membership have been added this month. A \$70 Paypal order for 5 books from our online bookstore has come in. And queries are being made about buying photos they have spotted on our Web site.

The utility bill is falling, and more people are coming in the door. Many schools are having their 'field trips' visiting Old Colorado City so we should see lots of little faces inside, all asking to ring the church bell in our belfry. I have replied to over 20 schools and parent groups via the Internet asking about museum visits.

Friends of Bev Disch and family, made \$660 in Memorial Donations in the name of her deceased son. Those go into the permanent Endowment fund.

Meanwhile our \$80,000 CD is happily earning \$359 a month from the latest 5.38% Fed interest rate, and our T-1 Bill is earning at a 4.63% rate, with higher rates hinted at in Washington.

Dave Hughes Treasurer

**President's Message**

Territory Days in Old Colorado City will be Memorial Weekend, May 27,28,29, 2006. Now in its 30<sup>th</sup> year, Territory Days is an outdoor, historic festival that combines entertainment, exhibits, demonstrations, food and crafts. The emphasis of the Festival is "the Old West". It attracts thousands of people each year.

We will have our booth on the Avenue and will have the cabin open with some of our artifacts and our volunteers will hand out our brochures and direct people to our museum. The book store will be open all three days and we will again have a bake sale in the Cabin. So we will need lots of volunteers to make all these things successful and of course our bakers will be making their tasty treats. Let me know if you can help, my phone number is 634-5023.

Bev Disch, President

**Election of Officers**

It is again time to elect officers for the OCCHS Board of Directors. The election will be held at the **May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2006** monthly meeting so be sure and attend to cast your vote. The election committee consisting of Leland Feitz, Betsy Evans and Marge Knorr have submitted the following:

The candidates are **Beverley Disch, Joanne Karlson, Arlene Casey** and **Tom Hendrix** who are all now members of the Board of Directors and have been nominated to serve another term. They all have agreed to again serve if elected.

**LaRue Ebersole** has decided to retire from the board having served the society for many years as a member of the board and Vice President of the society. We thank him very much for his dedication and service.

**Eloise Wynn** has been nominated to replace LaRue, and has agreed to serve as a member of the society's Board of Directors.

Eloise is a native of Ogden, Utah and has lived in Colorado Springs since 1942. For three years Eloise has been a hard working member of the Society. She has volunteered to help out in most Society special events and works weekly in the bookstore.

A graduate of Colorado College, Eloise taught at Helen Hunt School and Patrick Henry Elementary Schools in the field of special education. Since her retirement, golf, luncheon clubs, and volunteer work has occupied much of her time.

**2006 Calendar of OCCHS Programs & Events**  
**Spring & Summer**

**Friday, May 12 - 11 a.m. "Unlocking the Mystery of Moritz Glauber"**

Cal Otto, antique book collector and President of the Pikes Peak Library District Foundation, has taken obscure bits and pieces of information to create a slide lecture telling the story of a 19<sup>th</sup> century Cripple Creek clothing merchant named Moritz Glauber. While much has been written about Cripple Creek gold mines and miners, very little has been produced about commercial life in the mining town. The visual story will trace his career from 1893 to his departure from the Cripple Creek scene in 1902. Museum opens at 10 a.m. for coffee.

**Saturday, May 13 - 1 p.m. Fifth Annual Victorian Tea & Style Show**

Tickets purchased in advance \$18.50 - available April 1.

**Saturday - Monday, May 27, 28, 29 - Territory Days in Old Colorado City volunteers are needed to man our booth for this event contact Bev 634-5023 or call the center 636-1225**

**Saturday, June 10 - 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Garden Fair in Bancroft Park**

Booths with Plants & Garden Items plus Arts & Crafts, Live Music, Bake Sale at History Center, Master Gardener demonstrations

**Date TBD - BIG Yard Sale in OCCHS parking lot and/or patio**

**July - Pike Family Reunion**

**Tuesday Nights in July - 7 p.m. - History Lecture Series**

**July 11, 18, 25 - Programs to be Announced.**

Free. Donations appreciated.

(No program July 4.)

**Saturday, August 12 - 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Founders' Day Celebration & Fiddle Contest - Bancroft Park**

Includes booths selling arts & crafts, displays at Garvin Cabin and History Center, and fiddle contest with the Black Rose Acoustical Society. Volunteers are still needed to man the OCCHS booth.

**August ..... - Cemetery Crawl/Fundraiser**

**ANNE OAKLEY ON TV**

*You may be interested in this broadcast...*

An American Experience documentary on Anne Oakley will be aired on Rocky Mt. PBS (KTSC-TV8 in Colorado Springs) on Monday, May 8 at 8 p.m. Much of the content for this hour-long documentary came from the Buffalo Bill Museum in Golden CO.

**GARDEN FAIR FUNDRAISER COMING**

**JUNE 10**

**"CRAFTY PEOPLE" AND SUPPLIES NEEDED!**

Homemade art and crafts sell well at this fundraising event.

Crafters and people who sew are needed to help make a variety of projects for our booth. Contact

Nancy Miceli at 227-0714.

Supplies needed are:

Garden pots & saucers (clay, pottery, plastic)

Fabric remnants (prints, solid color, taffeta, satin, net, lace)

Fabric paint

Brushes (1-inch or smaller)

Picture frames (smaller sizes)

Buttons (including unusual shapes)

Silk flowers (good condition)

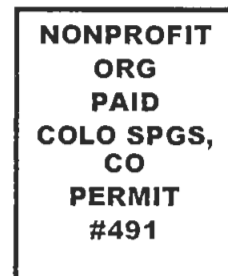
Fabric Ribbons

Potpourri

Tissue paper (all colors)

And, of course, your extra bulbs, herbs, succulents, house plants, honeysuckle starts, etc. you wish to donate. Set them aside for us...more details later.

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## RESEARCH LIBRARY NEWS

*By Nadine Gilman*

The Research Library began with two large donated collections and has grown annually due to smaller, but valuable donations.

The collection covers a wide spectrum: *History of the West*, *History of Colorado*, *History of the Pikes Peak area*, and specifically, *the History of Old Colorado City*.

Researchers of Colorado and Pikes Peak area history have a wide area of materials to choose from. This material can be found in the Library Index (a version of a card catalogue) indexed by a standardized Dewey Decimal System. All books and pamphlets have a Dewey Decimal number and can easily be located on the shelves. Magazine articles can easily be located in the Index to the Colorado Heritage Magazine, the Index to the Colorado Magazine, and the Brand Book Index.

The smaller, but most heavily used part of our collection, is the information dealing with genealogy, location of property, and history of both families and property in our local area. For this research, Polk's City Directories of Colorado Springs, Colorado City, and Manitou Springs are invaluable. We also have a packet of "*How to Research the History of Your House*" that directs users to other source materials from El Paso County and the State of Colorado.

We ask all researchers to use the materials "in-house" and to wear the white gloves that are provided for the needed preservation of these library materials.