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Meet Your Candidates

OCCHS Board Elections - May 14 Annual Meeting

The Nominating Committee of Paul Shepard (chair), Kay Atteberry and Barbara Barbaro has announced the following slate for election for a 2-year term at the Annual Meeting on May 14 at 10:30 a.m. Those remaining on the Board are Johnie Jackson, Phil McDonald, Paul Shepard, and Sharon Swint.

Janice deChadenc des

Jan is presently the Secretary of the Board and an active OCCHS volunteer. She organized a "Tuesday group" to maintain the property, shares her talents planning exhibits, and helps with fundraisers. She has been a valuable member who sees much more that needs to be done in the future. A graduate of Cornell University, Jan is a retired real estate property manager.

Beverley Disch

Bev has agreed to run for the Board continuing to share her vast experience as a long time OCCHS member. She has been Board President and still continues to serve in numerous ways. A graduate of University of Wisconsin and University of Colorado, Bev is a retired elementary school teacher.

Tom Hendrix

Tom is a long time resident of the Westside who has been very active in the History Center as well as the community. He is a past Board

Vice President. Tom works in the photo archives, helps maintain the building and does numerous other jobs. Tom is retired from Timken Company - Rock Bit Division where he was a supervisor for over thirty years.

Dave Murray

"I joined OCCHS last May and began volunteering in the photo department at that time. Along with Barb, we have been reorganizing and cataloging the large map file section. An activity that I'm engaged in is the New Horizon Band of which I have been a member for 3 years. I play the clarinet. I have been retired for about five years. I worked for the Colorado Department of Highways for 34 years as a surveyor and project engineer for highway construction projects in this area. I then worked 8 years for Wilson and Company as a consultant to CDOH. I have lived in this area since 1956 and have always liked the west side of town." -Dave Murray

Suzanne Schorsch

Susie who has been acting as our Bookstore Manager since September is honored to be considered as an OCCHS Board member. She is a graduate of University of Colorado, retired from the accounting firm Deloitte and Touche, and is proud that her family settled in Colorado 1859. Her son is a high school graduate in May and just received his Eagle Scout award.

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MISSION

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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:

Student	\$15	Lifetime	\$150
Individual	\$25	Business	\$50
Family	\$30	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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	Tom Hendrix	633-7392
	Paul Shepard	633-8090
	Sharon Swint	630-8384

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.

WELCOME TO OCCHS! ~ NEW & RENEWING MEMBERS

Catherine Conrad

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Elaine Radney

Barbara Scott

Elaine Sommers

David & Sharon Swint

**For the record:**

There is a correction to the "Historic Buena Vista School" article, March 2010, page 3.

Leroy Ellinwood was Principal of Queen Palmer Elementary School, not Palmer High School. This information was confirmed by Colorado Springs School District #11. Thank you, Marjorie, for catching this historical error printed in a research book.

'Bicycles of Yesteryear'

(March 12 program notes by Bev Goodall, OCCHS member. Sixty-nine people attended this program and four bicycles were displayed.)

John Crandall owns the (downtown) Old Town Bike Shop which used to be located at 2909 W. Colorado Avenue in the (Wes) Colbrunn building. He opened his business in 1976.

Brian Gravestock works for John. Brian was raised in Cripple Creek and used to have a bicycle repair shop in the old field and grain building on S. Sierra Madre St.

In the 1930s, a championship bike rider was from Colorado Springs. His name was Eugene Tiger and he owned Tiger Bicycles. Brian has a photo of Mr. Tiger riding one of his bicycles up the Barr Trail in the 1920s. So there was "mountain biking" before the 1970s.

Before the advent of automobiles, bicycles were a great emancipator - especially for women. They allowed people to go out (of the city) into the country.

The first bicycles didn't have pedals. Your feet moved you along. Two examples of these early bikes were the Velociped and the Strider.

After pedals were developed, the front wheel of the bicycle became larger than the back wheel. These were called "ordinary" bikes. The larger wheel allowed for a higher seat so that the seat would put the rider on a level with the horses that he/she would meet on the road! These bikes were rather dangerous to ride, however. The rider would often fall off head first - hence, the expression of "taking a header." These accidents led to the development of a bicycle with wheels of equal size known as the "safety" bicycle.

The former Lucas Sporting Goods store in Colorado Springs had its own line of bicycles called the "Lucas Special Ride." These bicycles were manufactured in Massachusetts for Lucas Sporting Goods. Mr. Gravestock displayed a Lucas Special Ride bicycle that he retrieved from the basement of Lucas after they had gone out of business.

We are all familiar with the name "Schwinn" being associated with bicycles. Actually, Schwinn bicycles were manufactured under 18 different names. About 1930, Mr. Schwinn went to Germany and saw a child's bike with balloon tires. The 30s was a rough time for

bikes in the U.S. Mass-produced cars were available so bikes were thought of as only for children. The child's bike with balloon tires was introduced by Schwinn in the U.S. and was very popular.

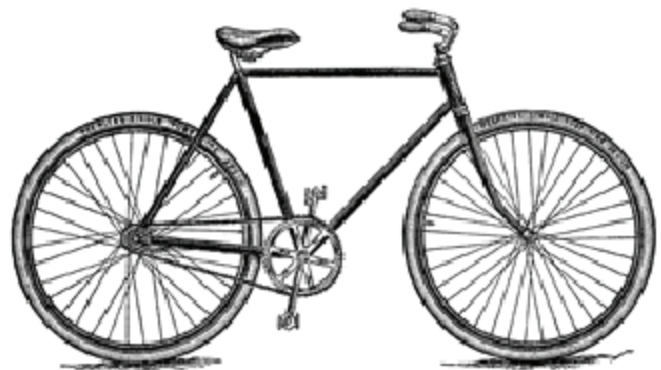
Bicycles have certainly gotten more complex over the years. Now they are designed for comfort, the suspension has been improved, and gears have been added. In the 1970s in California, the idea was born to ride "antique" bikes off-road. They added struts to the wheels. The modern era had the 10-speed bike and now there are 20-speed lightweight bikes made out of carbon fiber. They have also become much more expensive.

Notes from Dave Hughes:

Crandall's LAST bike shop address was 2409 W. Colorado in the Colbrunn Building. That building was his THIRD location in Old Colorado City. He actually started his bike business on the eastside of the Templeton Building at 12 N 25th where the OCC Development Company loaned him \$350 for that 'big wheel' wooden sign 'Old Town Bike'. He rented the small space from Bob Speer who had just bought the building.

Then as his business expanded, the Development Company loaned him the Bloc Grant money to rehab 2528 W. Colorado which he leased. This was one of Shirley Bond's Peerless Graphics buildings on the Avenue after she closed her business.

His business grew. Then the Development company was able to loan him the money to BUY the no-name 2409 W. Colorado as his last location on Old Colorado City. He said he wanted to do something for Wes. I suggested his naming the building as a tribute to Wes Colbrunn of the OCC Development Company who helped him start his business.



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NATIONAL HISTORY DAY 2010 AWARDS From Werner and Joanne Karlson

On February 20 and 21, over 400 local middle and high school students competed on the campus of Colorado College for regional awards to qualify for state competition on May 1, with only a few continuing to national competition in Washington, D.C. The judges were from area museums, historic sites, college students, teachers and professors. OCCHS was one of the groups giving special awards for local history research in the largest category: group & individual exhibits. Other organizations gave awards in individual performance, Web page design, documentaries, research papers, genealogy, and women's history.

With the theme of "Innovation & Change", you can imagine the topics these 11 to 18 year olds selected! OCCHS presented four \$25 cash awards for the following topics: "The Uprising of Indians of the Pikes Peak Region", "Home, Sweet Homestead: The Act That Changed the West" (included the Dust Bowl of eastern Colorado), "We Owe It All to Dr. Webb" (related to TB), and "Fannie Mae Duncan".

This was the first year for OCCHS to give awards. Next year we can establish stronger criteria so students will be more focused on local history...and we highly recommend a few more OCCHS members volunteer to be judges. It was challenging as well as fun! Janice deChadenedes was going to judge as well, but a snowy, icy weekend made travel difficult. Kathy McBride was one of the event facilitators and also a research coach for Coronado High School history students.

MIDLAND DAY at MIDLAND, COLORADO

On March 13 some forty people met at John Wesley Center, near Midland, Colorado for almost six hours of Midland. Art Crawford, Dave Martinek and Mel McFarland presented the history and memories of both the Colorado Midland and Midland Terminal railways. The seminar attendees added their own questions and thoughts to the event. Displays of Midland artifacts and pictures added to the event, which was in sight of the Midland Terminal's line through the area. It was presented as a fund raiser for the Depot at Divide project. Each received a copy of the latest, limited edition artwork, second in the series by Mel McFarland, depicting a meeting of locomotive number One of each railroad, at the depot at Divide. The day was splendid, not always so in March, and attendees traveled from Texas, Durango, and all around the Pike's Peak Region. The success of the day was such that there most likely will be other Midland Days in the future.

SPRING HOUSECLEANING?

Kathy McBride has asked for some help! She has completed inventory of the Research Library. When comparing actual books and pamphlets on the shelves with various past inventories, she has a list of missing items. A partial list is below.

If you have borrowed any of these, please return ASAP to the History Center and place in a box labeled "returned books". No questions asked! Thank you.

"The Wall of the World" by James Hightower. 1910. Fictional story.

Colorado Mountain Club monthly publication, No. 325, Jan. 1946. Various articles incl Jones Park, Crystal Park, Parasite Plants in the Mountains.

"Pikes Peak By Auto" by Pikes Peak Auto Assn. 2 copies. A pictorial booklet.

"The Colorado Springs Story" by the Mountain States Telephone & Telegraph Co. 1953. Commemorates 73 years of continuous service with many photos.

"Skylines": An Annual Anthology of the Colorado Springs Poetry Fellowship. 1981.

"A Brochure - Gen. Wm J. Palmer" by Edmund C. Van Diest 1942.

"Scenery of the Pikes Peak Region" with photos.

"Pikes Peak Sentinel of the Rockies: A Story Told in Pictures" by Stewart Brothers Publishers. Photos.

"Our Colorado" by Maude Linstrom. 1959. Middle school textbook

"Pikes Peak Regionnaire - Complete Information & Visitor's Guide" by Gowdy Press. 1965.

"Essays and Monographs in Colorado History" by Colorado Historical Society. No. 9, 1989. Multiple authors incl 1918 influenza epidemic article.

"Garden of the Gods" magazine. 1903. Various articles, photos, advertisements.

"Frontier Monthly" magazine. 1903. Formerly "Garden of the Gods" magazine. Various authors.

"Early Colorado Mails". 1959. Pony express and stagecoach delivery of mail.

"Views of Colorado College" by their Board of Trustees. 1914.

Quarterly Publication of the Colorado School of Mines. 1914. Incl photos.



What's On Those Shelves?

The research library is filled with treasures: books, pamphlets, documents, and manuscripts. Often overlooked is the Colorado Magazine. Copies spanning the years between 1923 and 1979 are available for research and are accompanied by an extensive and easy to use index. Many primary sources are hidden away in these historical magazines.

You'll be able to find events like the disputed election of Alva Adams, the Meeker Massacre, Prohibition in 1878, a series of discussions of water rights, the Denver anti-Chinese riot of 1880, and the Beecher Island battlefield diary of Sigmund Schlesinger.

Confederates in Colorado? The Colorado Magazine has them covered. You can read about the effort to raise the Confederate flag in Denver, skirmishes with the Colorado Volunteers, relationships causing problems with the Indians, and guerilla bands in Southern Colorado.

Many articles cover the growing movement for the rights of Negroes. You can research early legal status, rights in the Colorado Territory, restrictions for Negroes, demand for schools in Central City, and little known activist, William Jefferson Hardin.

There is an issue devoted to the rise of the KKK and its role in Colorado politics. It includes time period narratives and photographs.

Come into the research library to take a look.

~from Kathy McBride,
Research Library coordinator

From the President's Desk~

The weatherman keeps teasing us with glimpses of spring's warmer weather, and the History Center is getting ready for a busier season in the Museum and Bookstore. To help you plan ahead, please review the April/May calendar which includes dates for the return of our afternoon tea fundraiser as well as the May annual business meeting.

The March 15 monthly OCCHS Board meeting ended early for the group to tour the downstairs collections department. We saw some of the OCCHS collections, how items are registered, the digitalization project equipment, various work and storage areas, and how the downstairs is being used.

Eight volunteers are working on Tuesdays or Thursdays moving forward with the digitization projects, preparing displays, and "catching up" with the volume of items collected over time. The Board was impressed with the details needed for proper preservation of a variety of items, the museum standards that are in place, the extent of the now out-dated photo dark room, and some of the work behind the scenes. Our "thanks" for jobs well done to Barbara, Martha L. Jan, Sharon W., Tom, Paul, Dave M., and Jerry plus Don Kallaus and David Hughes III working on special projects.

Barbara has asked for a volunteer to organize, document, and supervise the vintage clothing/costume closet which members can borrow to wear for OCCHS programs, events, or presentations. If interested, please contact her.

The newest museum exhibit displays men's clothing and accessories. Other exhibits have been "refreshed" as items are traded in and out, specifically the gold mining exhibit as well as the Midland Railway documents.

Next month, the Board will tour the Research Library.

Best regards to all,

~Joanne Karlson

TREASURER'S REPORT BOARD MEETING MARCH 15, 2010

Our heating costs for the past month were \$557.38. This is comparable to the previous month. However March has been warmer so I expect our next bill to be smaller. We had a transfer of \$1,145.00 in February from the Shirley Bond Digital Fund to pay to Don Kallaus for digitally restoring some of our artifacts to make them available for reproduction. Bookstore sales were a little off from last month but we also had a few more snow days. The following is a recap of our current financial position.

OCCHS Bank Account	\$ 9,981.28
Book Store Bank Account	\$ 2,015.28
Memorial Hos. Revenue Bond	\$ 51,162.50
Cal. Regents Revenue Bond	\$ 25,088.00
Edward Jones Bonds (Cash)	\$ 1,078.21
Fixed Endowment Savings	\$ 14,433.59
Fixed Endowment Savings	\$ 90,684.09
Earned Income Savings	\$ 10,874.52
Shirley Bond Digital Account	\$ 4,180.00
Total Liquid Assets	\$118,813.38

We have also received to date \$5,550.00 as reported by Dave Hughes for our Project to save the Westside Community Center. It looks like the Woodman Chapel will get the center for three years and if they do our money will be donated to them. The City Council meeting is March 23th.

Submitted by Johnie E. Jackson, Treasurer
Old Colorado City Historical Society

Annual Afternoon Tea

Sat., May 8

2:30 to 4 P.M.

This fundraiser returns with a new program and theme. Tables of 4 or 6 for friends or mothers and daughters.

Reservations required.

\$20 public, \$18 OCCHS members.

Tickets on sale April 1.

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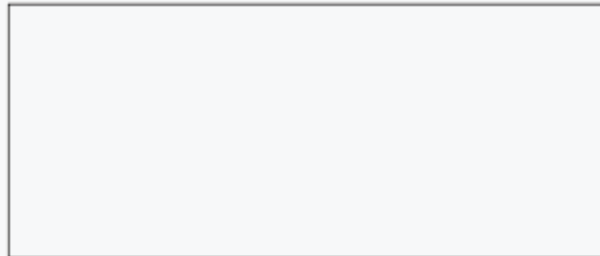
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April - May 2010 OCCHS CALENDAR

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| Saturday, April 3
11 A.M. | "Historic Westside Design Guidelines" Steve Obering of YOW Architects and principal author of this document just published by the City of Colorado Springs. |
| Tuesday, April 6
7 P.M. | "Red Rock Canyon Memories" Chelley Gardner-Smith will share her experiences living in Red Rock Canyon, including stories about the late John S. Bock. Sponsored by the Friends of Red Rock Canyon. |
| Friday, April 9
11 A.M. | "History of the Census". OCCHS Board member, Phil McDonald, will share his perspective of national as well as local results.
-- A timely discussion topic. |
| Tuesday, May 4
7 P.M. | "William Blackmore" presented by Brook Cruz. An English investor and landowner, Blackmore was involved in the early development of our region and the American West Sponsored by Friends of Red Rock Canyon. |
| Sat., May 8
2:30 to 4 P.M. | Annual Afternoon Tea fundraiser returns with a new program and theme. Tables of 4 or 6 for friends or mothers and daughters. Reservations, limited seating. \$20 public, \$18 OCCHS members. Tickets on sale April 1. |
| Friday, May 14
10 A.M. coffee
10:30 A.M. meeting
11:10 A.M. program | Annual OCCHS Business Meeting & Elections with Program: "Who Were the "Pioneers" of the El Paso County Pioneers Association?" presented by their Board members. Come learn about their beginnings and continued longevity! Annual meeting includes elections. |
| May 29, 30, 31 | Territory Days Festival on Colorado Avenue. |

Museum Hours: Tues. thru Sat, 11 - 4 Free Admission.