

# WEST WOOD



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## HOLIDAY TOUR – 19 YEARS AND COUNTING

By Suzanne Schorsch

It is not the grace and grandeur of the old homes that dot Manitou, Colorado Springs and Old Colorado City, but the history of the people who built and lived in those homes that bring so many people out to the OCCHS Holiday Tour. In the past we have toured the 1874 wellness clinic built circa 1874 of Dr. William Bell, the founder of Colorado Springs, the historic 1885 hotel in Cascade now called Eastholme in the Rockies Bed and Breakfast,



Old Town Guest-House, built on the site of Colorado City's second City Hall which was built in 1890 housed Colorado City's third fire department and later the police department, The McAllister House, home of a Civil War Major who served under General Palmer (now a museum) along with so many others.

Many of the great homes have become Bed and Breakfasts and for 19 years, the owners of many of these Inns around the Pikes Peak area have opened their doors and welcomed



OCCHS and those who wish to visit, in for a taste of the past, a bit of Holiday Cheer - with all the proceeds going to offset operating expenses of the Old Colorado City Historical Society. We cannot express the gratitude we



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## Old Colorado City Historical Society

*'Preserving the past for the future'*

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### MISSION

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*The Old Colorado City Historical Society is a nonprofit volunteer organization established to recognize the historical significance and unique culture of original Old Colorado City and early El Paso County which includes the present and future history of today's greater Westside neighborhood.*

*This organization perpetuates the preservation and display of artifacts and archival materials, encouragement of research, education of the children and the community, through the membership and the operation of the Old Colorado City 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	Business	\$75
Individual	\$25	Lifetime	\$250
Family	\$35	Life plus one	\$300

*Funds from a Lifetime membership are placed into an Endowment Fund to be used only for projects 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 10:30 A.M. on the day of the meeting for refreshments and visitation. Everyone welcome.

## WELCOME TO OCCHS!

### ~ NEW & RENEWING MEMBERS

Kay Atteberry

Fred and Nancy Clark

Brian Copeland

Muriel Dunkley

Marjorie Evans

Shirley Fallis

Merrell Folsom

Delores Gustafson

Jane Rose Lyons

Mary Beth McKnight

Donald Meyer

Arthur Porter

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Kathy McBride

Kristine and Lawrence Van Wert

Curt Neeley

Sally Shepard



### *Tour from Page 1*

have to the local Inn owners, churches and museums, nor ever explain how their warm welcome has benefitted our society. They have become such a part of OCCHS.

The first Holiday Tour was held on December 3, 1995. Carla Hefferan of AwareNest Bed and Breakfast was the chairman of the events. She worked with local

Bed and Breakfasts to open their historic homes and buildings to tours to benefit OCCHS. That first year's event had the Holden House 1902 Bed and Breakfast Inn, Our Hearts Inn, Painted Lady Inn and the Wedgewood Cottage



Bed and Breakfast Inn as destinations of interest. The cost was \$7.00. Considering that for members, advanced tickets are only \$10 now, so many years later, it is one of the best Holiday treats you can do in the area.

I remember my first awareness of OCCHS was seeing an advertisement for the Tour in the local paper and my husband and son taking me on the tour. I was greeted at each location by a docent of OCCHS and hosts of the Inns. All the docents were very knowledgeable about the building they were in, telling me all the "scoop" I wanted regarding the history. One pretty, white haired lady (as I remember) talked to my husband and me and told us she was a volunteer at OCCHS and if I liked history, I should stop on by and get involved! That docent was



Eloise Wynne, and when she tells you to do something, you do it!

This year we have nine locations on our tour, First Congregational Church, Old Town GuestHouse, The Lennox House, Grace and St. Stephens Church, The Avenue Hotel Bed and

Breakfast, Rockledge Country Inn, 1st Christian Church, Onaledge and the OCCHS History Center. Come out and learn about these historical places...one has been known to have a ghost and one has a mysterious echo and all have the Holiday Spirit.

The Board of OCCHS asks that you please join us for the Holiday Tour this year and bring AS MANY FRIENDS AS YOU CAN. The first year it was

supported by around 300 people, and we would love to see all our members stop by and attend this event and make it the best ever. And please, thank the host of each of the Tour spots for supporting OCCHS for so many years.





Inns that have participated over the years have been:

Avenue Hotel  
 Andy and Pat's Our Hearts Inn  
 Blue Skies Inn Bed and Breakfast  
 Blue Spruce Inn  
 Cheyenne Canyon Inn  
 Crescent Lily Inn  
 Eastholme in the Rockies  
 Gray's Avenue Bed and Breakfast  
 Heart of Manitou Bed and Breakfast  
 Hearthstone Inn  
 Inn at Cascade  
 Lennox House  
 Old Town Guest House  
 Onaledge  
 Painted Lady Bed and Breakfast Inn

Peacock Bed and Breakfast  
 Red Craggs Bed and Breakfast Inn  
 Rockledge Country Inn  
 Rocky Mountain Lodge and Cabins  
 Room at the Inn  
 Spring Cottage Inn at Cascade  
 Spurs and Lace Inn  
 Summit House  
 1892 Victoria's Keep Bed and Breakfast

Historical buildings and homes have also been featured such as McAllister House, St. George's Anglican Church, First Congregational Church and First Christian Church.

**THANK YOU SO MUCH!**

Saturday, November 30  
 2 - 4 P.M. at the  
**Old Colorado City  
 History Center**

***Tasting History:***  
***Colorado City Candy Making***

A celebration of the Pikes Peak Library  
 District's release of its reprint of

***Candy Makers' Manual  
 for the Household***

(Originally published in Colorado City in 1905)

A part of PPLD's Regional History Series,  
 with printing sponsored by the  
**Old Colorado City Historical Society**

***The celebration will feature:***  
***Candy making demonstrations!***  
***Hands-on children's activities!***

**Buy the book at this event  
 and get a 15% discount!**

**Candy Makers'  
 Manual  
 for the  
 Household**

Containing

Finest Formulas for the Use of  
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 to the Professional.

Prepared by  
 Cal. O. Enos,  
 Colorado City, Colorado  
 1905

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# CityWORKS

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who photographed local building, commercial construction  
and street works in the Pikes Peak region  
from the 1930s through the 1960s.



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**Coming Spring 2014**

The "Atrium" at Pikes Peak Regional Building Dept.  
2880 International Circle, Colorado Springs, Co.

Curated by Don Kallaus

**A Fundraiser for Old Colorado City History Center**

Sponsored by Pikes Peak Regional Building Dept.



## President's Report

\*By Vice President Betty Baker\*

The sad news this month is our President Sharon Swint has been ill and is in the hospital. We all miss her and wish her well. As of the writing of this newsletter she can receive no visitors as of yet and we hope by the time this newsletter is received that all will be well. Do not inundate her family with calls, if you need information, please call one of our Board members.

This newsletter we are reminding you that in January we will be having an election of new Board of Directors officers at the annual meeting. We changed the year-end of OCCHS to a calendar year end this past year, making it better for new officers to have planning months before they hit the field running with events. In the past, new elections occurred in May, and the new officers were hit with Territory Days, Tuesday Nights in July, Crafters and Cemetery Crawl all at once, leaving no time for planning and learning how the Board works! This year we hope it makes the transition easier.

OCCHS has 7 Board positions, 4 of which

change one year and 3 the next year. This always leaves a portion of the Board as veterans. For this next year, we will have three open positions. Bev Disch, Suzanne Schorsch, Brian Copeland and I continue on for another year.

We are asking for anyone who would like to serve on the Board to please contact me, as Vice President I am in charge of the nominating committee. My number is 633-2350. I would love to talk to you about the responsibilities of our Board and welcome any of our new members to serve. (We like old members too).

Sandy Hanzlian is off and running with our monthly programs. This month's program - music through the Colorado Trail was very well received. A few people said it was the best ever. Make sure you make the monthly meetings. Kay Atteberry has taken on providing the snacks for our meetings and her fall table was a real hit. If you ever feel like making cookies that we can use for our meetings, bake them, freeze them and bring them by for Kay to use.

Remember OCCHS is only as good as its members make it. Join in the fun and volunteer!

Dust off that Poodle Skirt,  
Put that cuff back in you jeans,  
And if that's not enough, break out the Brill Cream

HOLD THE DATE OF JANUARY 17TH  
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DINNER

CELEBRATING OLD COLORADO CITY IN THE 1950'S



Return to the Days of the Diner and the  
Sock Hop

Dust off your own 50's memories  
Master of Ceremonies - Phil McDonald



Got your interest up - More to follow next West Word

## Treasurer's Report

September/October

### Members Rise to the Occasion Repairs in Progress

Suzanne Schorsch

Great News (but I expected no less from our members) one donation at a time added up and we exceeded the amount required to receive the matching funds of \$2,000 from the local business that wanted to help in the repairs needed to OCCHS due to this last summer's flooding. I am also happy to report that we are "dry" in the basement.

Summer rains, along with settling of our foundation allowed for gallons of water to make its way into our basement and the Archive Department (through cracks in the foundation and down the outside stairs). As reported previously, no archival material was damaged, and the overabundance of humidity which can be detrimental to archival material has been decreased.

If you stop by the center, you will see the new addition. A cover over the basement stairs is up and work on a door to that cover is still in process. We are still raising funds to complete a door on the front, but water no longer pours in down the stairs and under the door AND it has stopped the vagrant person from using the stairwell as a "restroom".

You can also notice that the concrete around the building now slopes away from the building and gaps in the foundation have been filled.

Most of this work is thanks to Leo and Miki Knudson and Dave and Sharon Swint. They not only hired the contractors to get the work done, but worked in the take down of

flooring and walls that were damaged due to water and did a lot of the labor themselves, including painting.

Expenses to date on this project are: \$4,654.17

Donations received to date with matching funds are: \$5,290

**DONATIONS RECEIVED THROUGH OCTOBER 15TH:**

We thank the following members that contributed to the building fund (a few names are omitted as they wish to be anonymous): Joanne and Werner Karlson, Delores Gustafson, Robert and Jay Hatlestad, Don and Merle Ellis, Doris Morland, Catherine and Mark Dymkoski, Eloise Wynne, Dave Hughes, Sandy Hanzlian, Kay Atteberry, Tom and Carol Daniels, Susie and Tom Schorsch, Sharon and David Swint, Daltha McGee, Mary Beth McKnight, William and Gretchen Lloyd, Edward and Carol Overby Jr., John and Sally McGraw, Kathy McBride and Shirley and Patricia Sampson.

Many of these donors were from out of town and sent their greetings to us here in Old Colorado City. Much progress has been made on our repairs thanks to the above mentioned donations and the matching funds. A HEARTFELT THANKS FROM THE BOARD OF OCCHS.

#### GIFT RECEIVED IN MEMORY

We also received a gift in memory of Bob and Nell Sonnekson from Gertrud Martin. Bob was born on Bott Street in Colorado City in 1888 and Nell was born in Franktown in 1890. They resided at 908 West Colorado Avenue until 1945 and then moved to 9th street. This gift will be placed in our Endowment Fund.

The Old Colorado City Historical Society's Board of Directors meets regularly on the third Monday of the month at 1:00 P.M. at the

**Old Colorado City History Center**, unless otherwise announced.

Interested visitors are always welcome at the Board meetings.



**The next Board meeting will be Monday, November 18  
at 1:00 P.M. at the *Old Colorado City History Center***

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## November / December Calendar

Friday, November 8  
11:00 A.M.  
(Doors open at 10:30)

**Program: Fruit Production in the Grand River Valley 1885 - 1918**  
- This presentation will provide information on marketing, packaging, shipment and expanded sales of products from the Grand River Valley and how they have been sold internationally.  
Gift drawings for bottles of Colorado wine.  
OCCHS Members FREE. Non-members \$5.00

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2:00 - 4:00 P.M.

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*Candy making demonstrations! Hands-on children's activities!*  
The book will be available with a 15% discount at the event.

Sunday, December 8  
1:00 - 5:00 P.M.

**Holiday Tour** Visit bed & breakfast inns and historic churches  
\$20 in advance, or \$25 the day of the event  
Members; \$10 in advance, or \$15 the day of the event  
Group rates available for groups of 10 or more

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Museum Hours: Thurs. thru Sat. 11 - 4 Free Admission. Donations greatly appreciated.