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Glenn Wesley Murray

by Don Kallaus

A lifelong Colorado Springs resident, Glenn Wesley Murray was born in 1906 at 2714 North Cascade Avenue, in what is now known as the Roswell section of Colorado Springs. He acquired his photographic skills at Colorado Springs High School, graduating in the class of 1925. His first darkroom was in the basement of his parents house at 411 West Bijou Street, just west of downtown. Glenn's father, Dr. Daniel Murray was a local physician.

After high school, Glenn Murray went to work for Colorado Springs Utilities, then known as Colorado Springs City, Light & Gas, and worked in the electrical department. His employment with the city lasted some forty years. During this same period, he built his freelance photographic business. He photographed people, the local environment, weddings, advertising and the personal and social events of the day.

When the city utilities department had need of a photographer, they turned to Murray. Thus, he captured many of the local building, street works and major construction projects. Many local building contractors used the services of Murray as well, to document their construction endeavors. In many cases, he captured not just what was to come, but also the existing structures that were to be razed and cleared in order for a new construction project to proceed.

As a photographer, Murray had a "keen eye" and possessed a technical mastery in the darkroom. His compositions were traditional, but carefully composed and artful. Much of the commercial photography of the time, especially advertising photography, was cropped after the fact, in the darkroom. Murray seldom, if ever, cropped his work, his final prints were presented "as taken". His tool of choice was a 4x5 inch Graflex view camera.

His pictorial contribution to the city of Colorado Springs and the Pikes Peak region is a historically rich documentation. It is a recording of time and place, the way the city used to be, and, a glimpse of what it was to become.

Glenn Murray retired from the city utility department and photography in 1967. After forty years of late evenings and weekends in the darkroom, he was ready to spend more time with his family. He passed away in 2004 at the age of 98.



Glenn Murray
around 1925

The brief gallery of Glenn Murray's photographs on pages 3 and 4 offers a sampling of his work which will be displayed at

CityWORKS 2.0

a photography show at the Pikes Peak Regional Development Center on Friday, May 15
with sales benefiting the Old Colorado City Historical Society

Free and Open to the public. RSVP by Friday, May 8 to linda@pprbd or (719) 327-2989

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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:

Individual	\$ 25	Business	\$ 75
Family	\$ 35	Lifetime	\$250

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.

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MEETINGS

The OCCHS Monthly Meeting & Program is held each month, except June, July, and August. The History Center opens half an hour before the meeting for refreshments and visitation. Everyone welcome.

WELCOME ~ NEW & RENEWING MEMBERS

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***Photos by
Glenn W. Murray***



Ruxton Hydroelectric Plant 1932



Dancing on the Broadmoor terrace 1957



Bijou Street Bridge 1932

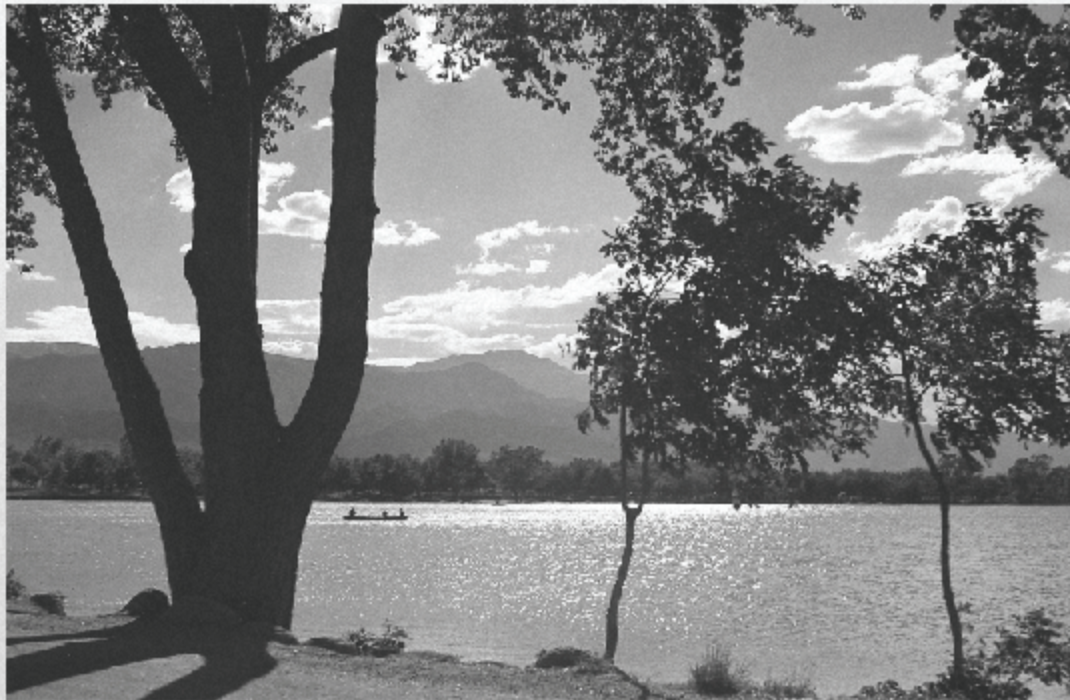


Waiting for a Train -D&RG Depot 1945

CityWORKS 2.0

A PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW

**Featuring the Photography of Glenn W. Murray
who documented local building, commercial construction
and street works in the Pikes Peak region
from the 1930s through the 1960s.**



Friday, May 15, 2015

Opening Reception 5:00 p.m.

**The "Atrium" at Pikes Peak Regional Development Center
2880 International Circle, Colorado Springs, Colorado**

Benefiting Old Colorado City History Center

**Sponsored by Pikes Peak Regional Building Department
and Board of County Commissioners, El Paso County**



LAUNCH PARTY & BOOK SIGNING:

Celebrating the publication of John Wesley Anderson's new book

Ute Indian Prayer Trees of the Pikes Peak Region

This 150 page hard bound coffee table style book is the result of over two years of research during which John Anderson gained the trust of Southern Ute elders who assisted him in identifying the trees.

He has led hundreds of interested hikers through the forests identifying and photographing the trees.

The book will be available for \$39.99

Saturday, May 30
11:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. at the
Old Colorado City History Center

The Old Colorado City Historical Society is proud to
be the co-publisher of this special book.

Treasurer's Report

April, 2015

The Old Colorado City Historical Society is working on a budget this year of \$20,800. This amount pays for: Utilities, Security, Phone, Photocopy Machine, Newsletter and Building Maintenance. As of March month end our income and expenses are as follows:

Income: \$6,457.26
Expenses \$5,004.56

As shown above, we are starting our year off in the "black" in our operating account. Our bookstore is also starting the year well.

Designated donations have been given to the Historical Society to go toward the Second City Works Photography Show to be held in May. Not only does the Society get to keep the photographs produced for this show, but proceeds from the sale of the photos go to the Old Colorado City Historical Society. Once again we thank Don Kallaus for coordinating this show and fundraiser.

If you have any questions regarding the finances of OCCHS, please do not hesitate to call me. I will be glad to go over anything you wish to see, after all, this is your Historical Society.

Respectfully,
Suzanne Schorsch
Treasurer

6th ANNUAL MIDLAND DAYS SYMPOSIUM

"A Peek at the Pass/Past"

(conversations about "Midland" railroad history)

Featured Presenters:

Mel McFarland, Art Crawford, Tom VanWormer
and Dwight Haverkorn

Moderating and presenting: David Martinek

Saturday, May 16, 2015 - 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

*Hosted by the historic John Wesley Ranch - Divide, Colorado
(21285 Highway 67 South, just before Mueller State Park)*

Advanced Reservations: \$55.00/person (includes lunch & drawing).
Walk-ins welcome but seating and lunch not guaranteed - \$60.00/person.
Seating is limited. Reserve yours today! *R.S.V.P. by Sunday, May 11th.*

Call: (719) 213-9335 or Email: MidlandDays@yahoo.com

*Proceeds benefit Midland Days at Divide, Inc. (a 501(c)3 nonprofit corporation), future symposiums
and the Midland Depot at Divide Preservation Project. Co-sponsored by the Divide Chamber of
Commerce and the Teller Historic and Environmental Coalition.*

The Old Colorado City Historical Society's Board of Directors meets regularly the third
Monday of each 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 May 18
at 1:00 P.M. at the Old Colorado City History Center**

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May/June Calendar

Saturday, May 9
11:00 A.M.

Program: "The Original Frozen Five - the Founding of AdAmAn Club " presented by Steve Morath. Steve Morath remembers fondly the stories of his family and their many adventures. Among them was the New Years Eve trek up Pikes Peak on which Steve's grandfather Fred P. Morath and Steve's uncle Ed Morath were among "The Original Frozen Five" who founded the AdAmAn Club. OCCHS Members FREE, non-members \$5.00

Friday, May 15
5:00 P.M.

Photography Show, "CityWORKS 2.0" featuring works of Glenn W. Murray. Pikes Peak Regional Development Center, 2880 International Circle
Free. RSVP by Friday, May 8 linda@pprbd or 719 327-2989

**Friday, May 23 through
Monday, May 25**

Territory Days The historical Society will have the cabin open and will have a train display in the History Center. **Free.**

Saturday, May 30
11:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M.

LAUNCH PARTY - celebrating the publication of John Wesley Anderson's new book, *Ute Indian Prayer Trees of the Pikes Peak Region*
- at the History Center

Friday, June 26
6:00PM

Program: "My Life as a Whore - The Biography of Madam Laura Evans" Tracy and her daughter India will dress in vintage clothes and present a slide show that will communicate the story of Madam Laura Evans as described in Tracy's book. 1940's music plays to set the mood. Tracy will have her books available for sale, as well as Brass Checks (cost \$3.00) like those used by the men to purchase a girl. OCCHS Members FREE, non-members \$5.00

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