RED FEATHER HISTORICAL SOCIETY
EVENTS, TOURS & PROGRAMS 2018
ANNUAL DINNER June 2, 2017

Annual Meeting - 7:00 pm

Entertainment

John Hafnor, Author of Strange But True Colorado
Weird Tales of the Wild West
Jenifer shared with us about the history of cattle coming to Colorado, cattle drives and the technology that changed cattle ranching. In addition to the history of Colorado's cattle industry, she discussed nutrition, sustainability, products beyond meat we obtain from cattle, and much more. Jenifer is a member of the Colorado Cattlewomen in association with the Colorado Foundation for Agriculture which provide agriculture education to teachers in Colorado.
Fort Collins First Fort Site
by Brian Carroll
June 20, 2018

Brian Carroll describes the history of the first fort site where a monument stands in LaPorte, Colorado. Site where Antoine Janis became the first white settler in northern Colorado in 1858.
Jim Flower arrived in the valley and set up a homestead on a parcel of land he purchased from Joseph Manson. Flowers had migrated westward from Ohio and Missouri after the Civil War and had settled temporarily in Greeley in 1872. The following year, Flowers followed the Poudre upstream and founded the town of "Bellevue" later that year (the name was later shortened). The old Bellvue General Store, is now the meeting house for Cache la Poudre Grange and a community center.

Judy Jackson talked to the tour group about the history of Bellvue.
FC Water Works Tour  
June 20, 2018

Dick Spiess & Wayne Sundberg lead the tour whom are members of the Friends of the Waterworks.

The 1883 Water Works was Fort Collins’ first public project.

10 members joined hands to circle the historic tree.

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Unknown Soldiers Identity
by Brian & Vicky Carroll
June 20, 2018

FORT COLLINS - "To forget the Dead is akin to them dying twice"
Identifying unknown soldiers at Grandview Cemetery
Brian and Vicky Carroll talk about the effort of the DAR Council Tree Chapter in identifying and memorializing 19 heretofore "unknown soldiers" who died while in service at Fort Collins from 1862 to 1866.
Red Feather Water Past, Present & Future
by David Frydendall
July 13, 2018
RFS&I Water History, 1948 - Present

Key S&I Leaders ~1965 - 2014

• Dennis Frydendall, for his leadership and vision
• Gene Barker, for his “let’s do it” approach
• Lynn Fey, for his running the water and over 25 years as Secretary of the Board
• Paul Barker for his work and management of RS&I assets / water
The Abbey of St. Walburga is a small community of Benedictine contemplative nuns of the Roman Catholic Church, located in a valley in northern Colorado, where the high plains meet the foothills of the Rocky Mountains. As contemplative nuns, their primary duty for the Church is to pray the full Divine Office. Their life of prayer bears fruit in hospitality, providing an opportunity for people to be in an atmosphere where they can find God. All their daily work, whether in direct service to others or undertaken for the financial support of their community by having retreats, raising cattle and farming.
Virginia Dale Stage Station
with Sylvia Garofalo
July 18, 2018
Phantom Canyon Ranch History with Carl Judson
July 18, 2018

Carl Judson talking about the ranch history.

Morgan stone-lined dugout
History of Contemporary Glass Art
by Jon Liebman
August 11, 2018

John Liebman is the Past President, Art Alliance for Contemporary Glass. “The Lord’s Prayer (not quite) on the Head of a Pin, and Other Wonders of Contemporary American Studio Glass”. Using as an example a small goblet by American artist Richard Marquis, Jon talked about the development of the American studio glass movement, which began less than 60 years ago. He described some of the techniques, originated centuries ago in Venice and perfected in recent years by Americans such as Marquis, that make elaborate patterning in glass possible.
The Vee Bar Guest Ranch is a family owned dude ranch. In 1994 Lefty Cole and his son, Kelly Cole, purchased the ranch. This family-owned dude ranch had a diverse history. The main lodge was constructed in 1891. It soon became a stage coach stop and post office. More of its recent history includes being a buffalo ranch, a government school for boys and now a Guest Ranch.
Tour participants learn the history of the prison plus how the broom factory help support the prison.
Women loom large in this collection and this first program features stories and anecdotes of the earliest. This sampling is meant to be fun and informative with more to follow. Some of the stories will be about Nettie Poor, Elizabeth Akin, Lady Moon, Mildred Dunning, Bernice George, Mary Ross Quaintance, Viola Stevens, Jessie Young, Bonnie Drake, Sparks women, and many more.
The Meadows Tour
with Debra Hawkins & David Frydenall
September 14, 2018

Marshall Fume at Deadman Creek
Place where wagon went off the road
Debra & David talking to tour participants
Eaton Reservoir
Marshall Fume at Deadman Creek
Lyles place with barn & house
Save Your Photos
Program by Gordon Nuttall
September 22, 2018

Gordon Nuttall discussing the Flip-Pal scanner with Shirley Peterson & Winnie Hanson