



NEWSLETTER

Summer 2018

What's Happening:

Volunteer!

It's what we do. It's what we are all about. And we need more of you to volunteer to help our organization this spring and summer. We have some tremendous volunteers, and some of them have really been carrying the load for too long on some of our projects.

We NEED a chair to coordinate events for the Florissant Heritage Day. It will be on Saturday, July 28 this year. This is a fun day that celebrates our area, our people, and our history. We have a lot of the activities organized and in place, but we really need a chair. This is not a horrible or difficult job; it's fun. There are lots of us who have been a part of it before to help you along. Please give John a call (719-748-3861) and volunteer to help make this a special day.

We NEED a chair for the fall Auction. Again, the routine is pretty much in place, and there are many who have participated before to help guide you along the way. It's a fun opportunity and a great way to help PPHS. Again, please call John (719-748-3861) to volunteer.

A new chair is needed for the Membership Committee! Brian Stewart is working on updating and organizing all the files, so everything is already in place and ready-to-go; we just need YOU to take it over!

Seriously, we do need your help. And I am sure that a lot of you have thought about taking on these important positions, but have worried that you don't have enough time or experience. Well, this is a great opportunity to get that experience and to help *YOUR* PPHS. There are many standing ready to give you some advice and a helping hand.

Thanks!

Gee, Thanks!

We always have people and businesses to thank for their contributions to PPHS in the form of money, time, energy, materials; so:

Thanks!

A number of volunteers did a GREAT job of cleaning up and polishing the Museum

Ginger at Outpost will be doing the flowers again this year . . . thanks!

Volunteers have completed restoring the interior of the Teacherage . . . It looks GRAND!

Thanks to the volunteers who helped with our Cemetery and Highway Clean-Ups in May

All our wonderful docents and volunteers for all you do!

What can you do to help PPHS?

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2018 Calendar of Events

History & Geology of Guffey

Steven Veatch

Sunday, June 24, 2:00 pm

Florissant Library

Florissant Heritage Day

Saturday, July 28, 10:00 am-2:00 pm

Florissant Library, Museum (plus events in other parts of Florissant)

Theodore Roosevelt

Don Moon

Sunday, August 12, 2:00 pm

Florissant Library

PPHS Annual Volunteer Appreciation Brunch

Saturday, September 15, 12:00 pm

Florissant Library

PPHS Annual Auction

Saturday, October 20, 12:00 pm

Lake George Charter School Gym

Veterans Day Ceremony

Sunday, November 11, 10:00 am

Florissant Pioneer Cemetery

Birds of Florissant

Debbie Barnes-Shankster

Sunday, November 18, 2:00 pm

Florissant Library

PPHS Holiday Party

Saturday, December 15, 12:00 noon

Florissant Library

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Editorially Speaking:

What's Up?

Don't miss the interesting upcoming Chautauquas! Florissant Heritage Day is always a fun event with many local groups and residents participating; plan on a fun day in our beautiful mountains! Our Annual Volunteer Appreciation Brunch is Saturday, September 15; a great opportunity to visit with your fellow volunteers and PPHS members.

The cost for a plot at the cemetery will be going up in 2019; reserve your space now to save money.

The Florissant Grange is another great organization in our area, and sponsors and participates in many area activities. They will be having a Flea Market and Craft Show on June 9, a Mini Concert and Bar-B-Que on August 18, and will be a big participant in Florissant Heritage Day.

Chautauquas are a public service of the Pikes Peak Historical Society. There is no admission charge and refreshments are served. Chautauquas are normally held at the Florissant Library unless otherwise noted.

Geocaching: Where's Kaelin?

Kathy Perry

PPHS has released a travel bug as of April 2018. What is a travel bug? A geocaching travel bug has a unique tracking number that allows its movements to be tracked online (www.geocaching.com). Objects attached to the trackable dog tag are called hitchhikers and are often assigned a mission. One of the hitchhikers on our travel bug is a little boy charm we named Kaelin. His mission will be to visit places rich in history and geology around the world and have photos taken of his travels. We will post updates in the newsletter and on the website. It should be a fun way to see where it travels.

Our seven history-related geocaches were placed in 2015 and 2016. As of April 1, 2018, they have been found over 700 times by geocachers from around the world, which has been our unique way of sharing this part of our world.

Some other missions travel bugs have had are:

- A cow who wanted its picture taken around hamburgers.
- One that wants to host The Tonight Show.
- One that wanted to visit the Statue of Liberty.
- One that wanted to visit the Godzilla statue in Japan.
- One that wanted to collect whistles (already had 16).
- One that wanted to visit haunted places.
- One that honeymooners dropped off on their honeymoon to travel for 10 years. Then the owners would travel to where it ended up to collect it.
- And Pete the Party Pelican just wanted to go to parties.

Geocacher Hives, from Little Canada, Minnesota, who has found 23,426 caches so far, picked up Kaelin the day he was launched, April 16, 2018, and started him on his journey as he was making his way back home. As of May 21, Kaelin has traveled 1,682.8 miles through Oklahoma, Arkansas, Missouri, Iowa, and Minnesota. He has visited 20 caches along the way

with Hives, including 6 cemeteries. He spent Cinco De Mayo in Minnesota and visited Lt. Charles Garrison in Missouri. He visited two historic sights where he learned about a cool courthouse in Oklahoma where he read the following:

“When the Cherokees arrived in Indian Territory, they divided their new lands into nine districts based on the 1839 Constitution of the Cherokee Nation. The Saline Courthouse, located in Rose, Oklahoma, is the only one of the nine courthouses to remain standing today.”

And in Missouri he got to see “A chimney made of native fieldstone from the Henry W. Younger farm with hand-cut stones providing an authentic setting for three interpretive panels telling the story of The Burnt District.”



Kaelin's tag reads: "My name is Kaelin and I live in Florissant, CO, specifically at the Pikes Peak Historical Society Museum (pikespeakmuseum.org). I love it here where I can hike at the Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument or visit the nearby Garden of the Gods. But now I am old enough to travel and I want to see the world. I'm especially interested in places rich in history or geology. I'd love to join your adventure as you help me travel to as many places as I possibly can! Don't forget to post photos of me."

The Legacy of a Pioneer Nurse

By Robyn Proper

Imagine leaving a secure and salaried position with benefits to travel West and bring a new service to an unfamiliar area. It sounds much like what the early pioneers were brave enough to do many years ago, and it is exactly what Carolyn Pinion Rice did in the early 1980s. She is the founder of Prospect Home Care and Hospice, which is still today the only hospice devoted to Teller County.

Carolyn was drawn to the mountains from Virginia. She chose the name "Prospect" to reflect the mining history of the area, and she found herself typing a procedure manual on her portable Smith-Corona typewriter from a rustic cabin behind a store in Lake George. She brought her daughter to the area to start a new life and a new agency. She fought government regulations, weather, and wildlife to bring much needed home care and hospice services to our mountain community. Her book, *Taking Hospice to the Mountains*, describes the early days and evolution of her business. Her challenges involved everything from obtaining referrals with the help of a four-party phone line and the Help U Club to finding homes in remote areas without the benefit of a cell phone or GPS. She would take any and all referrals and head out in her Toyota station wagon following directions which involved terms like "old cabin" and "fence." Her payments included everything from venison and firewood to car repairs and fudge. Her expertise helped her to practice in all areas of medicine, including providing aid to a gunshot victim who lost an argument. She chose a territory that included some 2,000 miles between Green Mountain Falls and Alma, and

sometimes she drove alone up to 200 miles in a day. Instead of complaining about the challenges, Carolyn described opportunities for creative problem solving in unique situations. She described herself as being privileged and honored to be invited into each home she visited.

Carolyn soon learned that she had been a part of the history of this area all along. Her grandfather's first cousin was Laura Belle Carrico, who met and married John Witcher. They owned the 76 Ranch south of Florissant. After John's death, her great uncle, Silas Pinion, assisted Laura in managing the ranch. Carolyn visited the grave of Uncle Silas and found the quote "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills" (from Psalm 121:1) on his gravestone.

Carolyn's amazing story has led to a legacy of valuable services for our community. Mary Barrowman is the President and CEO of the agency today. Carolyn could not have asked for a more knowledgeable, passionate, and kind person to continue her legacy of care. The business continues to operate as a 501c3 with a founder and not an owner. The agency is owned by the community as Carolyn set it up in the 1980s. Mary describes the challenges of huge government regulations and comprehensive inspections today. She holds fundraisers, applies for grants, and accepts donations to meet the many costs that are beyond the level of insurance payments. Through the Helping Hands program, Mary helps to bring lifeline buttons into the homes of the elderly. The agency is still involved in the providing of comfort care to hospice patients and home health care including physical therapy and counseling.

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Nurses are sometimes assisted in reaching their clients with the use of snow plows and snowmobiles. There are times when walking in is the only way to go.

Health care in our area has come a long way since the 80s. For example, The Golden Bridge Network is made up of 10 member organizations that provide support to seniors. Mary describes that as part of the beauty of Teller County. Organizations are in place and working

together to help coordinate care and help citizens to understand the different routes to take toward the best care possible. Mary tells of Carolyn's generosity, work ethic, and compassion. Carolyn's pioneer spirit has led to a valuable legacy of care that continues to be advanced through the efforts of people like Mary Barrowman. The tremendous pioneering spirit of our people continues to make Teller County an amazing mountain community.

PPHS Gift Area

Donna Knudten

As the summer tourist season begins and museum visits increase, many visitors will browse through our inviting, well stocked gift area. This area is designed to add to the enjoyment and educational experience of visitors and to contribute donation funds to PPHS. Donations in the gift area account for about 20% of our annual net income.

Who keeps this area operating so smoothly? Doris Kneuer. Petite, unassuming, and energetic, Doris took over management responsibilities in the 2013-14 season. A resident of Florissant for 29 years, Doris had no prior purchasing experience. However, as a volunteer at the Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument manning the front desk, Doris became familiar with their inventory and the favorite items selected by visitors . . . valuable experience when she became manager of our PPHS Gift area.

"Basically" said Doris, "I was handed a list of the current PPHS inventory and a list of suppliers. At that time the area was primarily a bookstore, but interest in the printed word has declined. Now our visitors seem to desire souvenirs unique to our area." To track buying trends Doris visits area museums inquiring of docents and managers about popular items. When volunteering as a PPHS docent, her other role at the museum, Doris notes the preferences of various visitors. What items do children gravitate toward? Young adults? Seniors? Based upon these observations Doris has added items that are locally made or emphasize local interest

and history. These include:

- Mineral specimens donated by members
- Fossil shale from our neighboring Florissant Fossil Quarry
- Jewelry incorporating Colorado gems and minerals
- Leatherwork by Rick Favinger
- Finger puppets of mountain animals and birds
- Replica of T-Rex claws and teeth from the Dinosaur Resource Center

Doris adds that she'll continue to maintain a supply of popular history books, field guides, travel information, and children's activities. Previously Doris could peruse books from two local suppliers specializing in regional publications. Sadly, they are no longer in business and Doris orders through catalogs--which is not as enchanting as holding a book in your hand and determining if it would appeal to museum visitors. But, as our museum shows, times change!

What are the most popular items available in our gift area? According to Doris it's the mineral specimens, fossil shale, and Celinda Kaelin's book *Pikes Peak Back Country*. The popular finger puppets which Doris introduced last year will also be restocked for the 2018 summer season. These are but a few of the many unique items on display in our gift area. Plan to stop by and bring your family, friends, and neighbors. And should you see Doris, thank her for doing such a tremendous job and volunteering many hours for PPHS.

Bits and Pieces

A Chairperson is needed for the 2018 Benefit Auction (Saturday, October 20). Contact John Rakowski.

A Chairperson is still needed for Florissant Heritage Day (Saturday, July 28). Contact John Rakowski.

Plan to attend our PPHS Annual Volunteer Appreciation Brunch! Saturday, September 15, 12:00 pm at the Florissant Library

We have some interesting Chatauquas coming up this summer, and Florissant Heritage Day is Saturday, July 28. Come be part of your Pikes Peak Historical Society.

Our Museum is open for the season! Sheila Naviasky is in charge of the work schedule. If you are interested in becoming a docent and volunteering at our museum, contact her at sheilan@mesanetworks.net

Get Out and Enjoy Colorado!

Amazon Smile Program

Do you shop on Amazon? Did you know that you can benefit the Pikes Peak Historical Society every time you shop? Amazon has a program to support your favorite charity: Amazon will donate 0.5% of most purchases to your chosen charity, and PPHS is now registered as participating charity. Just go to smile.amazon.com to get started, and select Pikes Peak Historical Society from the list of charities.

Membership Information

If you have questions or need to make changes to your contact information, members may call 719-748-8259 and leave a message for a call back; or call President John Rakowski at 719-748-3861; or contact Brian Stewart, Membership Chairman, at jbcstewart@msn.com; or use the 'Contact Us' form via the website:

www.pikespeakhsmuseum.org.

March 1st is now the expiration date for all dues paying members. Your expiration date is shown on the address information of this newsletter. Memberships may be renewed either online through the PPHS website using PayPal or via the U.S. mail (PO Box 823, Florissant, CO 80816).

ATTENTION! The Editor is always looking for articles, old clippings, old photos, and story ideas for upcoming newsletters. Email the Editor with your submission. daricezimmermann@gmail.com

FLORISSANT PIONEER CEMETERY

Florissant's cemetery received its first permanent "guest" in 1874. This is not surprising, since the town of Florissant was established by Judge James Castello in 1870. What is surprising, however, is that Frank, James' son, waited until 1886 to incorporate a Florissant Cemetery Association. This was probably in anticipation of the boom that would come to the area with the arrival of the Midland Railroad. The Pikes Peak Historical Society maintains this tradition of stewardship with its management of the Florissant Pioneer Cemetery on behalf of Teller County. If you meet the residency requirements; you may also secure a final resting place in this historic cemetery. Donations of \$300 are requested for a full burial, and only \$150 for cremains. These rates will be increasing in 2019 to \$400 and \$200, respectively, so be sure to reserve your space now.

Call Pikes Peak Historical Society at 719-748-8259 to secure your future at this historic site.

MEMBERSHIP



The Pikes Peak Historical Society (PPHS) is a non-profit corporation organized under IRS Code Section 501(c)(3). The purpose of the Society is to encourage the preservation of the history of Florissant and the West Slope of Pikes Peak, and to educate the public regarding this historical legacy.

Pikes Peak Historical Society is funded solely through memberships and donations, and supports its mission through volunteers who serve on its numerous committees.

PPHS owns and operates two museums: The Pikes Peak Historical Society Museum, at 18033 Teller County Road CR1 (across from the Florissant Post Office) and the Schoolhouse Museum, located at Teller County Roads CR31 and CR3 (Wildhorn Rd.).

Our Cemetery Committee manages the 1874 Florissant Pioneer Cemetery on behalf of Teller County. Our Beautification Committee sponsors an area-wide clean-up each spring and plants flowers throughout the town of Florissant. Our Chautauqua Committee sponsors free educational programs during the year and our Tree Committee researches and records Native American Culturally Scarred Trees. In addition, we maintain a fund for returning representatives of the Ute tribe to their sacred mountain, Tava, each year. If you become a Docent (Museum Volunteer), you act as host at the Museum, and meet wonderful, exciting people from all over the world.

The volunteers and members of the Pikes Peak Historical Society make all of these community projects possible. Your membership entitles you to our tri-annual newsletter. Life Members receive a 10% discount on all items at the Museum Gift Shop.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION (please print):

NAME(S): _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____

STATE: _____ ZIP: _____ e-mail1: _____

e-mail2: _____

I prefer Newsletter by: Email____, US Mail____, both Email and US Mail____

MEMBERSHIP TYPE

COMMITTEE INTERESTS

<input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining	\$20/year	<input type="checkbox"/> Auction	<input type="checkbox"/> Cemetery	<input type="checkbox"/> Chautauqua
<input type="checkbox"/> Family	\$30/year	<input type="checkbox"/> Geocaching	<input type="checkbox"/> Heritage Day	<input type="checkbox"/> Hwy 24 Cleanup
<input type="checkbox"/> Supporting	\$50/year	<input type="checkbox"/> Kiosk	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Trails
<input type="checkbox"/> Castello Life	\$200	<input type="checkbox"/> Trees		

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For more information, call John at 719-748-3861. Thank you.

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