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Upcoming 2022 Archive Events

Florence Farmers Market

Location: Pioneer Park, Florence, CO - Corner of Pikes Peak and 3rd Street
June to October Thu: 8:00 AM-1:00 PM

The Archive is hosting a booth at the Florence Farmers Market. Each month features a different topic, with each week focusing on a unique aspect of the topic.

Sep Cemeteries of Florence, Cemetery Inhabitants, Symbolism, Summary

Bell Tower Cultural Center Lecture Series

Location: 201 East Second Street, Florence, CO 81226
July through November 2nd Sunday @ 3 p.m.

Oct 9 McCandless Family in Florence
 Nov 13 McCandless Space Walk

Check our website's calendar for more information and additional events:
<https://florencehistoricalarchive.org/events/>

Archive Holiday Closures:

Monday October 10 – Columbus Day
 Friday November 11 – Veterans Day
 Thursday November 24 and Friday November 25 – Thanksgiving Holiday
 Monday December 26 through Friday December 30 – Christmas Holiday
 Monday January 2, 2023 – Happy New Year

A special "Thank You!" to all our Veterans!
 Wishing everyone safe and Happy Holidays!

The Archivist's Summary

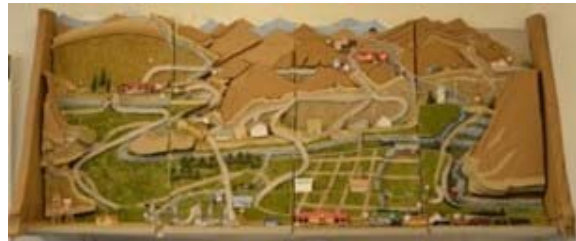
An Archive is Not a Museum But...

An Archive is a depository for flat items of importance: documents, maps, photographs, diaries, and correspondences. A museum is not limited by its display dimensions. The Archivist's responsibilities revolve around the manageability of their collections. (See first newsletter issue, for the introduction of our Archivist).

At the end of our annual group research and lecture presentations, our Archivist, Dr. Millie Wintz, presents her "Archivist Summary" of the topic covered. We are fortunate at Florence Historical Archive to have an Archivist with a vision and creative mind. This is when a second level of fun and excitement begins for the volunteers at the Archive. Millie surprises us with her creative response and we help to develop it.

In 2019, the importance and growth of the Railroad in Fremont County was explored and traced.

This diorama, designed and drawn by Millie, gives a vertical view of the railroad spurs and depots at the surrounding mines, smelters, and refineries.



In 2020, the Archivist's summary for the Anniversary of the Women's Right to Vote came in the form of a vase of roses and greenery. This illustrated the complexity of the legislation and the long-reaching results of the Suffrage Movement. In conjunction with the Colorado Territorial Daughters, a written text was supported with a photo display kiosk.

In 2021, the subject of how Florence (and the county) developed and was influenced by the people that immigrated here was cleverly summed up employing the image of a Puzzle placed over a rare local map. The Archivist's summary also included a power point presentation that the Archive will soon release in book form. Want to reserve your copy?



This year's 2022 Archivist's summary involves another map. The McCandless lineage can be traced through a "Family Tree" Quilt with a "timeline" and the "grid lines" of a map. Millie's design enables you to follow some of the McCandless descendants to their national and local contributions in the growth of Florence with her use of these lines. The closing session of this year's lecture series also summarizes quilts as a woman's documentation of history - not only for her family stories but the creative patterns and period textiles.

Other News and Events

Become an Archive Volunteer

We are always looking for assistance with photography, video production, historical research, social media, tour guides, yellow sheeting and presenters.

Are you interested in learning about volunteer opportunities at the Archive?

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Monday, Wednesday,
Thursday, Friday

Florence Historical Archive's **Annual Membership Drive** begins October 1, 2022

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<https://florencehistoricalarchive.org/Support%20the%20Archive/#become-a-member>

Or print, complete and mail with your check the membership form on the last page of this newsletter.

Mark Your Calendars! October is FHA's Open House for the Community –

Surprises around every corner! Please check our event calendar

<https://florencehistoricalarchive.org/events/> for upcoming details about this event.

Fremont Fall Heritage Days – Fremont County Board of County Commissioners has proclaimed September through November 2022 as Fremont Fall Heritage Days. The annual celebration will focus attention on the County's rich history and natural heritage and is supported by Fremont County Heritage Commission, Fremont County Historical Society Royal Gorge Regional Museum & History Center, Florence Historical Archive and the Western Fremont Historical Society. Fremont Fall Heritage Days events and activities are intended to help inform area residents about the area's heritage and attract visitors to the region to enjoy heritage related experiences, said Betsy Denney Chair of the Commission.

For details about these and other FHA and community events, please visit our [FHA Events Calendar](#) on our website: florencehistoricalarchive.org

Board Member Spotlight

Deyon (Mrs. Lynn) Boughton

If you are going to be born, do it on a Historic Day. I did, October 24, 1929, was the day the Great Depression hit. People jumped out of financial offices onto Wall Street. It wasn't a great day for America.

I was the daughter of C.F (Red) and Garnet Hannah Rachel Hatcher Davidson. We lived on a farm north of Mack, Co. We had orchards and I hoed weeds, sorted potatoes, and picked peaches; (fuzzy fruit). My brother was 11 years younger. Not good. I was a HS senior when he was in first grade.

I remember seeing food lines in Grand Junction and wondering where the kids were. I heard the news that Japan had bombed Pearl Harbor. I didn't know Pearl Harbor, I didn't know Hawaii, I didn't know Japan, but I listened to FDR's "Fire Side Chats", and he made me feel part of America.

I rode the bus to elementary school at Mack and the bus to High School in Fruita, Colorado where I graduated 5th in my class. I did everything, took part in every activity but sports. I didn't worry about grades because I was told girls didn't need an education! I was not going to college!!!!

The day after graduation I got up, found my suitcase packed and was told to catch the bus to Grand Junction and make it on my own. When I got off the bus I was bawling, carrying a suitcase, and applying for jobs as I walked the street. Didn't get any jobs because I certainly wasn't making a good impression.

What do I do? I had an aunt and uncle in GJ but didn't want to be part of their life. Had Grandparents but they didn't have much room. I was frustrated but went to them, who were as surprised as I. Sure, I could live with them.

As soon as I got my bearings, I got a job with a wholesale house pricing invoices. They found I was a quick learner, and I did many jobs and was asked to be a take shorthand. The boss made a pass at me, and I walked out. Heard of a job and applied and got it. Turned out it was with the road delivery for the D&RG. Great job and I have many stories. Kept bidding up until a man told me the next position was Agent for Montrose. That scared me, (I was only 18 and not up to that station). I went to work for City Market and became their Advertising manager. A job I am very proud of. Received commendations from BBD&O.

I loved and married Lynn Boughton helped him through college, audited classes and got A's. Then I had several miscarriages. When Keith was born, I quit working (for a while). Jeri arrived and David was on the way when National Lead, where Lynn was Chief Chemist was closing and Dave Marcott offered him a job in Canon City. We moved. Enter Cotter...

Peace time nuclear sounded good. Then Lynn discovered uranium in our well water. He talked with Marcott who was no longer was in charge. Robert O Anderson, Atlantic Richfield, said "To hell with the people," get it ready to sell.

I built a retail nursery and garden center. Operated it 25 years. Lynn became ill and had to leave Cotter. He filed suit against Cotter. Our bank and insurance company began blackballing us. Don't ever be a whistle blower unless you cannot not. Lynn could not, not. He was concerned for his workers, his employer, his neighborhood, his family, and himself. He could not, not.

He sued. We and 553 neighbors went to court for 3 years. When you've got your facts, you can beat the big guys. We won.

Lynn had radiation induced cancer and worked for my business as a sprinkler installer. Things got worse and David took over the sprinkler business and has done well.

Silver Cliff was a customer of ours and Bud Piquette told Lynn that Kansas had made a call on their water. Lynn was on the board of DeWeese Dye Ditch. The Dam had a costly problem and Lynn had an idea. Silver Cliff bought water from DeWeese and DeWeese had much needed money. When the Wildlife and water court permitted the solution Lynn met with the group and problem solved.

Lynn didn't wake up the next morning. I think he went out happy.

After a few years, I sold our farm and big house and bought a little house in Florence. I wrote a book on Cotter which the AEC, EPA, DOE consider historically worthy. After a couple of threats, I placed my back up documents in the Florence Historical Archives, Inc. I stayed with my documents and here I am.

It's a Woman's World

By Dorothy Cool

Geocaching.com GC468S//N 3826.286 W 105 17.329/ /Tunnel Drive, hiking

She Keeps Warm With Us, wife of *Petra Nocomo* (last story) and all Indian women's lives could be compared to life as a slave. Men did nothing, not even fetch the water. As a youngster she helped her mother and any other females in the band. She and all women needed to learn to survive quickly as she usually married soon after her first menstrual cycle.

All squaws spent their monthly period in a menstrual hut. A menstruating woman was considered taboo to the men so it became the only time they were allowed any rest. The hut was a social experience when several women might stay together. They would grind seeds, sew and gossip but making baskets was forbidden as it was believed that splitting the twigs would cause the teeth to fall out at that time. Men avoided menstruating women fearing contact would endanger his power and might make him sick or shorten his life. Married women could not eat meat or even cook at that time, it would invite bad hunting for her husband.

Babies were treasured and cradle boards were lovingly constructed and decorated. An assortment of soft fibers such as cattails were used for diapering. Some cradleboards could be laced to allow the penis to protrude for easy cleanup. The birth of twins was an unacceptable luxury as one baby at a time was about all the entire band could permit and defend. Caring for one was hard enough. When multiple births occurred the smallest or the girl was put out of the village immediately and left to die. Everyone looked after the new baby forming lots of sisters, and grandmas. Like in a pride of lions, the men allowed the toddlers freedom to maul them.

In the language of many Eastern tribes, the word for *woman* sounded similar to the word *squaw*. The early colonists picked up the term, but it was always used disparagingly. Similar to calling your wife the *old lady*.



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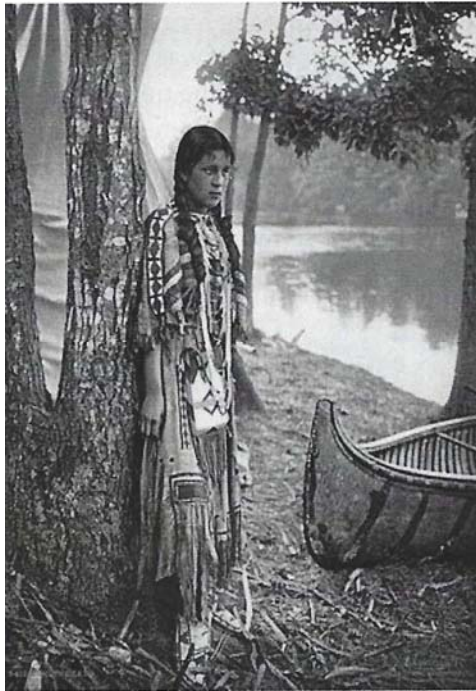
It's a Woman's World - Continued

Marriage and divorce followed various customs in the various tribes. Indian women had the right to her opinion in selecting a husband and it was honored even though many marriages were prearranged. The prospective warrior groom would pay the father of the respective wife a dowry which could be as little as one slain deer to as much as one hundred head of horses. Most warriors had more than one wife especially if he was able to pay the dowry and then provide for them.

Dressing in beautiful clothes was as important to Indian women as it is to women of today. Untold hours were spent making special outfits which were decorated from collar to hem. Starting with shooting a special animal, tanning the hide, then softening the leather and finally decorating it with special accents. Mothers showed love for their families by making intricate costumes for husbands and children alike. Moccasins were painstakingly constructed to match the rest of the costume.

Death and near death was a constant companion to all Indians. Upon the death of a loved one both men and women would wail with an unearthly sound. They would cut themselves especially on the arms and breast with death sometimes the result. Unnecessary fingers were lopped of as a sign of grief. Long hair was cut to ear length as another symbol of their mourning.

Handmade from scratch



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Cradleboard covered with beads



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A special thanks to Dorothy Cool, FHA Vice President for permission to re-print this story from her geocaching book (pages 14-15).

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