



“It’s fun to search, and a joy to find”

2017 SPRING LUNCHEON

THURSDAY, APRIL 20

PROGRAM: “REMARKABLE WOMEN OF LARIMER COUNTY - HISTORY FROM BEYOND THE GRAVE”

Host Chapters Flatirons #1342 & Old Mill #728 invite you and your guests to join them for what will prove to be a very “lively” day!

In 1844 the first U.S. settlers arrived in an area of the Nebraska Territory that would one day be known as Larimer County, Colorado. Antoine Janis led that party and described the area near Bellevue as “the most beautiful place on earth.” Come hear the stories of some of the remarkable women, some famous, some infamous, who were part of the early history of the foothills of northern Colorado.

Susan Kniebes, Flatirons member, and her husband, Duane, recently published in three volumes, *Cemeteries and Remote Burials in Larimer County, Colorado*. Susan will highlight some of these intriguing women, including early Native American and ranchwives, the hardworking wife of a settler from the East Coast who homesteaded near Virginia Dale, a “Lady” from the Red Feather Lakes area, and a lodge owner/proprietor from one of the founding families of Estes Park.

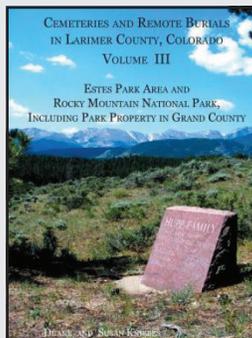
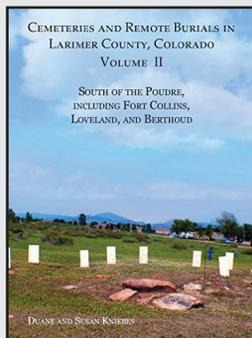
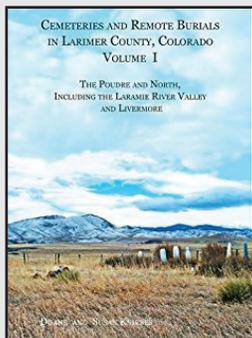
SCHEDULE & REGISTRATION

- 8:30 Registration and drop-off of Silent Auction items; enjoy coffee, tea, and pastries
- 9:30 Silent Auction bidding begins; proceeds will benefit *Quester Quotes*
- 10:00 Business Meeting and installation of Officers
- 12:00 Lunch: Buffet Italiano featuring caesar salad, grilled chicken, penne with alfredo & marinara sauces, garlic bread, and cupcakes with Quester blue frosting
- 1:00 Program: Presented by Susan Kniebes, Flatirons #1342

COST: Cost is \$35.00 per person if paid by April 6th, after that date is \$40.00. Each chapter should send a single check, along with the registration form mailed to the chapter, made payable to Flatirons #1342, and mail to Susan Kniebes, 4612 Hampshire St., Boulder, CO, 80301.

Plaza Convention Center, Longmont
1850 Industrial Circle, Longmont, CO 80501

Directions: Located behind the Best Western Plus Hotel, 1900 Ken Pratt Blvd. (north side)



From the President's Desk.....

It's hard to believe that I'm over halfway through my first year as State Questers President. Time flies when you're having fun! I want to thank all the chapters that have invited me to visit. This is truly the best way to learn what Questers is all about. Each chapter was unique, but one thing was always the same; the warm welcome I received from each. I was so fortunate to be treated to several fantastic Christmas feasts. I'm looking forward to the visits still on my calendar, but would always welcome more.

The 2020 International Convention Planning Committee, with Carol Affleck as our leader, is well underway. She has held monthly meetings since October and the attendance has grown each month. Thank you to everyone for all your great support and ideas. Everyone is so enthusiastic! Keep it coming! We always have room for more members. I'm sure Colorado Questers will host one of the best International Conventions ever!

A group of Colorado Questers will be traveling to St. Petersburg, Florida, to attend this year's International Convention May 5-7, 2017. There is still time to register to attend - please check your Winter Edition of the Quester Quarterly for the registration forms. We will all be taking notes, as Florida is the first convention to follow the new three-day format, which Colorado will also be using. Chapter Presidents: please complete the Annual Report of Chapters form that I enclosed in the Presidents' Packets last fall and return them to me by March 31, so that I may make my report at the International Convention.

Thanks to all of you for your generous donations to our state project, the William Allen White Cabin, that will be ending in April. To choose a new state project, a group of 22 including the Executive Board and our Questers International President, Lorraine Jeffus, were treated to tea and a tour of the Governor's Mansion decorated for Christmas, a first for many. We were shown several beautiful items in need of repair; the Board discussed these options at our meeting on January 17, and voted to repair a beautiful large tapestry that hangs at the entrance to the mansion. It is in need of restoration and stabilization for its weight is causing it to tear. Look for a photo and detailed description of the tapestry in this issue.

Donna Lakin, our P&R Chair, would like me to remind chapters that she is accepting applications for State P&R Grants. April 15 is the postmark deadline, and winners will be announced at the Fall Luncheon. More information on this topic may be found in Donna's P&R article in this Quotes edition.

Lee Hensley, State Recording Secretary, and I visited Fort Morgan, Colorado, January 19 on an invitation from a local resident to present an informational program with the possibility of forming a new Questers chapter in Northeastern Colorado. Mary Biggers, 1st Vice President, has been working hard to establish chapters in outlying areas and would appreciate any leads from our Colorado Questers members.

Mark your calendars for our upcoming Spring Council Meeting, April 20, 2017 at the Best Western Plaza in Longmont. Colorado Questers' own Susan Kniebes, Flatirons chapter member, will present the program, "Remarkable Women of Larimer County - History From Beyond the Grave."

I'm looking forward to meeting many more of our Quester members and their guests at our Spring Council Meeting. Thank you for all your efforts to further Questers' goals in Colorado!

Sincerely,
Paula Doty
President, Colorado State Questers





Columbine Pioneers Spring Outing



You are invited to discover Distortions Unlimited in Greeley, Colorado. We'll tour their manufacturing facility and then enjoy lunch at the Rio Grande Restaurant (625 9th Street). There are museums and antique stores in the area you can visit after lunch; directions, hours and fees for those destinations will be available at lunch.

Hidden in an industrial warehouse in Greeley, Colorado, Distortions Unlimited's owners, Ed and Marsha Edmunds, and their talented crew make monsters. Their quality props, masks, and fanciful creations have been a mainstay of the dark amusement industry since 1978. The working environment looks more like a nightmare factory than a place of business, and was recently featured on the reality show, "Making Monsters", that aired on The Travel Channel.



Ed Edmunds, founder and co-owner of Distortions Unlimited, and a friend

This should be an interesting and entertaining outing, with opportunities for socializing, good Mexican food, and exploring and antiques as well. Plan to join your fellow Pioneers for an enjoyable day!

If you would like to learn more about the company before the tour, visit their website: distortionsunlimited.com.

COLUMBINE PIONEERS FIELD TRIP TO BERTHOUD AUGUST, 2016

Last August, the Columbine Pioneers enjoyed a multifaceted field trip to Berthoud. They visited the 1874 Meining Homestead Cabin, the 1916 McCarty-Fickel museum home, and also learned about the telescope at the Bunyan Observatory. It was a lovely outing which highlighted some very interesting history centered on the northern Colorado community.

Information contributed by Rosie Chojnacki, Delving Damsels #676



*The McCarty-Fickel House Museum,
Berthoud, Colorado*

Berthoud's Historic McCarty-Fickel home is an elegant residence designed by noted Colorado architect Glenn Huntington and built by Dr. and Mrs. D.W. McCarty in 1916. Constructed in the Denver Square style, it retains its original woodwork, numerous family artifacts, and original furnishings from Denver's Daniels and Fisher Department Store. The historic house museum explores the domestic, professional, and civic lives of the McCarty and Fickel families from the 1890's to the present, and even includes an onsite medical office dating from the 1930's. Please refer to the Berthoud Historical Society's website for information regarding hours, admissions, and opportunities for group tours.

- Partially paraphrased from the Berthoud Historical Society's website

Fall Luncheon Recap

Members of Longs Peak #735, Pieces of the Past #1397, and Chimney Sweeps #325 welcomed Colorado Questers and their guests to the Fall Luncheon at the Lionsgate Event Center in Lafayette on September 22, 2016. State President, Paula Doty, added her welcome to everyone, introduced the State Board and Past State Presidents, and extended a special thank you to Fall Luncheon Planning Chair, Donna Bustamonte, Longs Peak. Donna thanked her committee as well as the day's speaker, Rosemary Fetter, then reviewed the bidding procedures for the Pumpkin Centerpieces as well as the Silent Auction. Many thanks to Auction Co-chairs, Carol Salisbury and Joyce Hall of Marie Lafitte #1427, and their committee. Proceeds of \$2,171 from this auction were donated to Colorado's P&R Grants. A special fundraiser for our current State Project at the William Allen White cabin in Rocky Mountain National Park was provided by Caroline Jensen, Silver Dollar #643, who generously donated sales of limited edition prints and note cards depicting her pen and ink drawing of the cabin. Thank you, Caroline. President Paula reminded the group that this project's term will end at the Spring Council Meeting and State Project contributions until then will continue to be applied to preservation efforts at the cabin.

Preservation and Restoration Chair, Donna Lakin, Arvilla Meeker #802, presented information regarding the process for obtaining State Chapter Grants. She submitted applications to the Past State Presidents' committee which approved four grants last year. Representatives from the recipient chapters gave their reports to the gathering.

Corine Hesslink, President, Grand Mesa Peaches #1439, thanked the organization for the grant monies, and described her chapter's efforts to preserve and restore an apple barn which is of local historical significance, was once part of a 24 acre agricultural site, and is listed on the National Register. The Chapter's original plan was to paint one outside wall. However, structural challenges were noted, architectural specialists evaluated the building, and the community came together to support painting the entire barn and making the needed architectural changes. Corine reported that the barn's interior had been finished, as well as painting all lower exterior walls. Weather and the need for a lift to facilitate painting the upper parts of the barn have delayed completion.

Peggy Toft, Arvilla Meeker #802, expressed appreciation for fellow chapter member Norma Lord's numerous efforts in working with local museums. This \$1,200 State Grant, coupled with \$500 from the Chapter, allowed the purchase of a SubZero freezer to be used for archival preservation. Arvilla Meeker's members are very grateful to the group for the means to complete this project.

Steamboat Representative, Katie Fletcher, Steamboat Springs #759, reported on the distribution of a State Grant written by Chapter Historian, Claire Frasier. Steamboat Spring's local Tread of Pioneers Museum and the Chapter are so grateful for the \$900 grant. At the museum, picture frames were repaired, UV glass and acid free backing were installed, and all appropriate photo restoration and preservation steps needed for significant historical pieces were accomplished.

State Events Chair, Caroline Jensen, Silver Dollar #643, described her chapter's plan to apply its State Grant award to restore and rebuild the Hildebrand Ranch pump house at Denver Botanic Garden - Chatfield. The Chapter is hopeful this project will be finished in early 2017.

The outdoor projects that were unfinished were granted extensions, and representatives from the relevant chapters will give reports reflecting the projects' completion next year. Donna thanked everyone who participated in seeking out P&R needs in the state, then procuring and applying the Quester grants' resources.

The meeting was adjourned, lunch was announced, and all were encouraged to find some treasures to take home from the auction. After lunch, Denver author and historian, Rosemary Fetter, presented a program based on her book, *Colorado's Legendary Lovers, Historic Scandals, Heartthrobs, and Haunting Romances*. She took a lighthearted look at many of the state's pioneers, adventurers, gamblers, and shady ladies. Afterwards, copies of her book were available for sale.



Silent Auction staff and customers

2020 Questers International Convention News

Carol Affleck, Convention Chair

YOU Are Invited!

What: Colorado 2020 Questers International Convention - "Purple Mountain Majesty"

When: May 1, 2, 3, 2020; registration begins April 29, 2020; tours begin April 30, 2020

Where: Omni Interlocken Resort near Broomfield, Colorado

I am grateful for the enthusiastic response of our Colorado Questers as we begin planning to host the 2020 Questers International Convention in our wonderful state. At the 2016 Colorado Questers Fall Luncheon, I invited attendees to sign up to become part of our 2020 Convention team. Questers attending the luncheon were encouraged to submit ideas for our Convention Theme, and the winner was, "Purple Mountain Majesty." Many thanks to Colorado State President, Paula Doty, who wrote to all Colorado chapters seeking approval of the theme. The majority vote affirmed that "Purple Mountain Majesty" would be our convention's theme.

Our Convention Committee of volunteer Questers from many chapters has met monthly since October. Our initial task was to choose a hotel site for the convention. Questers International President, Lorraine Jeffus, worked with a representative from Helms Briscoe to identify a list of hotels in Northern Colorado which could accommodate our meeting space requirements and provide appropriate lodging for our convention attendees.

Our planning committee visited hotels on the list and, after much consideration, narrowed the list to the Embassy Suites in Centerra, east of Loveland, and the Omni Interlocken Resort near Broomfield. In December, Lorraine Jeffus traveled to Colorado to join our State Board and members of the Convention Committee for a visit to the Colorado Governor's Mansion. We were shown items for possible future Colorado State Preservation and Restoration projects, and also viewed the Mansion as a possible Convention tour site. Afterwards, Lorraine and several committee members sampled a lunch at the Omni Hotel, followed by tours of the Omni and the Embassy Suites. After further contemplation, and many hours of skillful negotiation, Lorraine signed a contract for our 2020 Convention with the Omni Interlocken Resort Hotel. We are thankful for Lorraine's assistance with the decision and the contract. The hotel has a grand view of Colorado's "Purple Mountain Majesty", and is convenient for Convention tours, as well as travel to and from Denver International Airport.

Our planning committee researched and chose an item for Colorado Questers to sell at the Florida 2017 Convention to raise funds for our Convention. The Questers International Board approved a blue and gold luggage strap as our sales item (see page 10 in this newsletter for more information).

JoAnn Holland volunteered to be our Convention Registrar and Joyce Taff volunteered to be our Convention Treasurer. JoAnn and Joyce were ratified by the International Executive Board in January 2017. Pam Thomas volunteered to be our Convention Secretary. Thank you JoAnn, Joyce, and Pam! Thanks to all who have toured hotels and shared ideas at our planning committee meetings. Our 2020 Convention Core Committee will be announced in the near future.



State President, Paula Doty, and 2020 Colorado Questers Convention Chairman, Carol Affleck, are surrounded by Convention Planning Committee members. They invite you to join their team!

HOW CAN YOU HELP? We need members of each Colorado Questers chapter to be involved in the Convention in some way. You might use your skills and talents serving on a Core Committee or as a hostess for the many events and tours. You could share your ideas, or help with fundraising. It will take a team of many to plan and present the 2020 Questers International Convention, which will welcome hundreds of Questers to our beautiful state, showcase our Colorado P&R projects, notable historic homes, sites, museums, private homes, and more. Save the dates and plan to attend the Convention!

To add your name to our list of Convention assistants, please send your contact information and areas of interest to Carol Affleck at:

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Gobelin Tapestry Restoration is the New Colorado State Project



After visiting the Colorado Governor's Residence in December, and viewing a variety of options for the new State Project, Quester State Board members voted to support the restoration of one of the Mansion's lovely tapestries. State Treasurer, Joyce Taff, will begin accepting donations for this new endeavor after Spring Council.

The Governor's Residence is the proud home of several intricately-woven tapestries that were favorites of historic owners, Claude and Edna Boettcher. In the past, Colorado Questers have helped the Mansion repair two torn and tattered tapestries, and have now committed to helping restore the largest of the collection. The piece measures ten feet, one inch in height and six feet, eight inches in width. Claude Boettcher secured the tapestry from an art dealer in New York.

The beautiful eighteenth century example of the weaver's art, worked in choice wools and richly highlighted in silk, was produced in the Ateliers of Nielson, Manufacture des Gobelins, in Paris. It is best known as a royal factory supplying the court of the French monarchs since Louis XIV, and is now administered by the French Ministry of Culture. Details of the tapestry include an ecru ground, bordered in sky blue with a framework of golden leaf scrolling, hung with festoons of pastel-colored roses, peonies, and other flowers. The center is highlighted with an oval medallion depicting a landscape vignette with the figures of three children in the Claude Boucher style.

The Governor's Residence Preservation Fund estimates \$3,100 is needed to restore and frame the tapestry. This will include repairing holes and tears, matching and restoring dyes, strengthening seams and borders, building a frame, and stretching. The GRPF will commit to funding the project beyond the Questers' contribution if required. Any surplus donations for this State Project will be applied to repairing the beautiful and imposing Tiffany grandfather clock that stands on the mansion's entry hall staircase landing. The State Board is excited to begin gathering donations for this project, and hope that Questers all across Colorado will feel the same. We are looking forward to a variety of fundraising events to support this restoration, and anticipate seeing the beautiful result of our efforts.

❁ A Visit to the Governor's Mansion ❁



Colorado Questers and their guests visited the Colorado Governor's Residence on December 12th for tea, a casual tour of the home and its Christmas decorations, and to consider a new Colorado State Preservation Project. Here we see International President Lorraine Jeffus, State President Paula Doty, members of the State Board, and Committee Chairs, on the mansion's grand staircase (left), and the exterior of the Mansion (right).



Last Call for RMNP Cabin State P&R Project Donations

In a desire to participate in Rocky Mountain National Park's 100th Anniversary in 2015 and the 100th Anniversary of the National Park Service in 2016, Colorado Questers have been contributing funds toward the restoration of the iconic porch at the William Allen White Cabin in Moraine Park since September 15, 2015. This effort has been in collaboration with the Rocky Mountain Conservancy.

Pulitzer Prize winning author, newspaper editor, and politician, William Allen White 1868-1944, of Emporia, Kansas, purchased the cabin as a vacation home in 1900, and it was used as such until 1930. Once the White family's summer getaway, the cabin now hosts Rocky Mountain National Park's Artist in Residence Program, which offers professional composers, writers, and visual and performing artists the chance to pursue their artistic disciplines while living in the Park's inspiring environment. Selected artists occupy the historic cabin for two-week periods from June through September.

This State Project will be coming to an end April 15th. If your chapter or you personally want to be a part of this noteworthy endeavor, time is running short to make a donation to help preserve and restore this important historic cabin. Please send your checks to State Treasurer, Joyce Taff, before April 15, and designate the monies be applied to the William Allen White Cabin Fund.



*The William Allen White Cabin in Moraine Park,
Rocky Mountain National Park.
Photo courtesy of NPS*

CHECKING YOUR CHAPTER PULSE) & RESPIRATION)

Our Colorado Quester Chapters will be opening another cycle of applications for State P&R Grants during this spring season. This is a good time to talk about your chapter's 'heart' and to check its pulse and respiration to keep the future interesting for all your members. A purpose and an interesting project brings any group together with more enthusiasm.

We all love to gather with friends who have similar interests and share our Quester curiosities; but we also have a responsibility to make sure we stay focused in exploring our support of local projects and 501c3s by providing boosts for them with Quester P&R Grants. If you have identified a future project, congratulations. If not, perhaps you could combine forces with another chapter. During 2015, four Colorado Grants were awarded and are either completed or are still in process because of weather delays. We look forward to their completion. In 2016, two Colorado Chapters, Casa Quasita #518 and Pieces of the Past #1397 were International Grant recipients. Their hard work paid off for the Avenir Museum in Fort Collins and the Parish Home in Johnstown. A Quester shout out to them for their persistence and hard work. Thanks and congratulations!

Our international website, www.Questers1944.org has a wealth of information including forms used for both international and state P&R applications (password is Heritage). You can also access the Colorado website dropdown (password is mountains). Our state postmark deadline is April 15, 2017 for awards to be presented at the fall meeting. Be sure to get approval for any fundraising with a form that is on the Colorado website. Please let me know how I can help you in any way.

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Chapter News

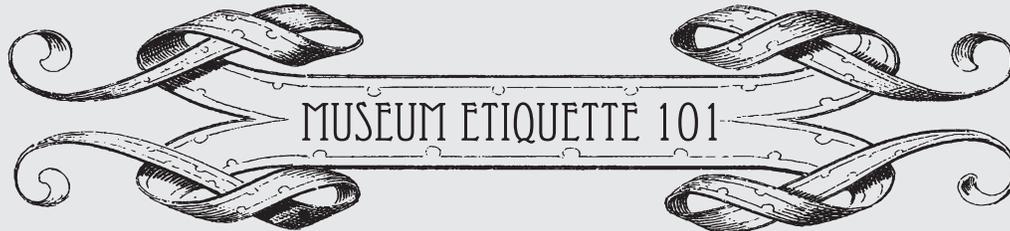
DELVING DAMSELS #676 AND SILVER DOLLAR #643 QUESTERS ENJOY A JOINT MEETING

Delving Damsels #676 and Silver Dollar #643 Chapters came together for a joint meeting on January 9, 2017. Twenty-one Questers and guests attended the event. The group was hosted by Jan Mason and Diane Mancheski at Jan's home in Littleton. After a delightful luncheon and plenty of socializing, the chapters held their individual business meetings. Colorado Questers State President, Paula Doty, from Stagecoach #260, addressed everyone. Silver Dollar President, Darlene Toomey, entertained the group with a fabulous and educational Vintage Fashion Show. What a good idea it was for Delving Damsels and Silver Dollar Questers to share Paula's visit and Darlene's program as well as taking the opportunity to reconnect with old friends and meet new ones.

Carol Yoss, President, Delving Damsels #676



During her program for the joint meeting of Delving Damsels and Silver Dollar Chapters, Darlene Toomey shows off a vintage Suffragette's dress and a sign that lady might have carried during a rally or a march.



The Collection, regardless of type, is the very reason the museum exists, and the museum staff members have ethical and legal obligations for its care and preservation. Ideally, the Collection will exist in perpetuity. All decisions made by staff should derive from this principle.

Scheduling special or specific interest visits, groups, or behind-the-scenes tours:

- Planning ahead is a good thing. Start by consulting the organization's website - general information regarding tours may be listed there.
- Special interest visits or tours may require an advance reservation, and not every museum may be equipped in terms of staff or space to provide the particular attention and or expertise you or your group may be seeking.
- Call to discuss your specific interest area with museum staff. Since special requests and events are labor-intensive, many museums have an admission fee or a set price for these.
- There may be a limit on the number of participants the museum is able to accommodate at one time for a group tour; this is for the safety and security of both visitors and artifacts.

Donations to Museum Collections:

- Just as in the case of special tours or visits, please plan ahead. Many museums have information concerning donations listed on their websites - if they don't, be sure to contact a staff member regarding guidelines for donating before bringing anything to the museum.
- If the museum expresses interest, plan to make a mutually convenient appointment to bring your items in for further review and discussion.
- Please remember that if the museum does not express interest, this is in no way an opinion that yours is not an important artifact. It is simply that for multiple potential reasons - space, duplication, scope, etc. - this particular museum is not able to accept your donation.
- Dropping off items at a museum's front or back door is never appropriate, and the items may be considered "abandoned property" and could be destroyed.
- Documentation, or "provenance", is very important. Detailed information - what, where, when, who, and why - can be a huge factor in whether or not the museum will be interested in and able to accept your donation. Objects in exhibitions need these details to be able to tell their stories.

Chapter News, continued

DELVING DAMSELS #676 CELEBRATING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF A SPECIAL QUESTER

Colorado Questers' Delving Damsels Chapter is excited to be celebrating the one hundredth birthday of their long-time member, Elvera Jensen Thorne, on June 4, 2017. Actually, we've been celebrating for almost year, already. On June 4, 2016, we had a surprise birthday party to kick off the start of her hundredth year. Everyone wore pink, her favorite color, and showered her with birthday cards.

On December 4, 2016, her half birthday was celebrated at our annual holiday party which always includes spouses and special guests. Vera entertained the group telling stories of her childhood. She remembered dancing around the Christmas tree while singing carols in Danish. It was a tradition her parents brought from their homeland, but her father, Theodore, altered it a bit. Their Iowa farmhouse was so small there was no room for a tree, but Theodore cut one which the family decorated and left on the front stoop. Every night Theodore brought it into the center of the living room, and the family danced around it while he sang "Silent Night," his favorite carol. Then he took it back outside until the next night.

After high school, Vera clerked at the local 5 and 10 cent store, attended business school in Des Moines, and held a job at Look Magazine which, along with Life, was a prominent and popular publication at the time. She later worked for an insurance company.

Vera got the urge to travel in 1943, "Go West, Young Woman," she told her fellow adventuresome friend, and the two were soon on their way to Denver. They asked a cab driver to take them, "to the cheapest hotel in town." She wishes she could remember where he took them and realizes now they were lucky to survive! She does remember living in a boarding house before renting an apartment at 1418 Gaylord. She worked as a secretary at the Rio Grande Railroad where she joined the Bowling League. That's where she met William Thorne who worked as an electrician in the railroad yards. He'd been raised on a ranch in North Dakota. Six months after Vera and Bill met, Vera's mother, Cecile, came from Humboldt, Iowa, for their wedding at Messiah Lutheran Church in Denver on October 22, 1944. Along with the couple's co-workers, Vera's mother was the only family member who attended the wedding.

After living in Denver for two years, Vera and Bill moved to Anchorage, Alaska. He went first by boat and secured a job with the Alaska Railroad as an electrical engineer, and rented a one-room cabin with no running water or indoor plumbing. Vera followed and became a secretary with the Civil Aeronautics Administration. There was only one doctor to see in Anchorage when she realized she was pregnant who told her her baby would be stillborn. "What a terrible thing for him to say," Vera laments. Bill insisted they get a second opinion. They went to Portland, Oregon, and stayed there where their healthy baby girl was born.

Bill didn't like all the rain, so the family moved back to Denver where they lived in a basement apartment, then a one-room apartment, followed by a row house, and finally a rental house for \$100 a month. Their sons were born during these times of transition. They finally bought the house on South Williams Street where Vera still lives. She always enjoyed daily bicycling jaunts around her neighborhood, and now takes walks along the same routes.

Vera says, "Every day I thank the Lord for my longevity. I am fortunate to be in relatively good health. I've never had a serious illness. Sometimes it's hard to sleep, so I just recall pleasant memories. There are so many!" She is proud that she was always on the cutting edge of manual typewriting skills for many years, but confesses, "I never learned to use an electric typewriter or a computer. I am illiterate when it comes to modern technology. I wish typewriter ribbons weren't obsolete. You can't get them anymore."

Vera has led a long life and thinks it's in her genes because her dad lived to be ninety-five, and her mother to one hundred and five. "I've passed my dad, but don't know if I'll catch up to my mother," Vera says with a smile. She and a brother, 91, and a sister, 93, are the remaining siblings in a family of seven children. Vera has been a widow since 2001, and is grateful her daughter Jan, also a member of Questers, and her two sons live nearby.

In addition to Questers, Vera belongs to the social clubs, Denver Danes and Sons of Norway. She stopped driving at the age of ninety-eight, so depends upon others for rides to church. Her daughter, Jan, a member of our chapter, brings her to Quester meetings. Vera says, "I have been blessed with a wonderful family and am grateful for everything. Each day brings joy." We fellow Questers feel we're the lucky ones to know her!



Delving Damsels are celebrating Vera Thorne's 100 birthday for a full year, and Vera is all smiles as she enjoys her ongoing party.

Fundraiser Announced for Colorado 2020 Convention

Colorado Questers are looking forward to hosting the International Convention in 2020, and are anticipating successful fundraisers to help in that endeavor. The Convention Committee has selected a luggage strap to begin selling this year in Colorado and at the St. Petersburg Convention. Colorado Questers will have their first chance to purchase the straps from Diane Martell and Larimer Squares members for \$10 each at our annual Spring Council meeting on April 20 in Longmont. The blue and gold straps are 84 inches long, 1 1/2 inches wide, and will have the words, "The Questers" with the "Q" logo printed on them. Checks should be made payable to "2020 Quester International Convention." If you cannot attend the April meeting, but would like a strap or two, please send your check with someone who will be there. Diane Martell and the 2020 Convention Committee members appreciate your support of this important project.

New Colorado Questers

Powderhouse Prospectors #1117
Peggy Lilly

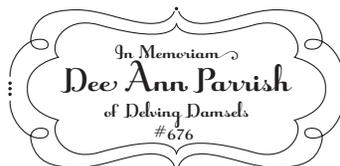
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Karol Henderson Harding
Jean Ott

Casa Quasita #518
Roberta Guidry
Associate Member, Barbara Siess

Grand Mesa Peaches #1439
Christine Church

Steamboat Springs #759
Annie Tisch

Victorians #477
Deborah (Deb) McAlister
Mary (Em) Roper



SAVE
THE
DATE!

2017 Fall Luncheon: September 28
Group Publishing, Loveland

Ken Jessen, Loveland engineer, author, and columnist, will present the program, "White Gold," highlighting the Colorado sugar beet industry and the Great Western Railway that linked the sugar beet factories in northern Colorado.



Mark your calendars - it's a don't-miss event!

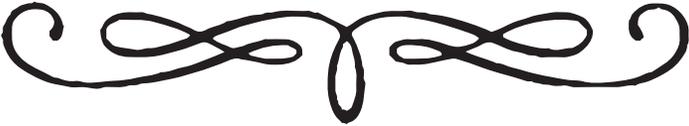
Colorado State Questers Financial Report	
Current Balance Sheet: September 20, 2016 to January 16, 2017	
Total Assets: September 20, 2016	\$ 28,824.50
Funds Received	\$ 5,384.30
Funds Disbursed	\$ 1,277.12
Balance: January 16, 2017	\$ 32,931.68
Current Assets: January 16, 2017	
General Fund	\$ 4,926.54
Membership Fund	\$ 8,393.16
Quester Quotes Fund	\$ 2,040.14
P&R (Grants) Fund	\$ 14,706.61
P&R (State Project) Fund	\$ 2,815.23
Yellow Pie Plate Fund	\$ 50.00
Total Assets: January 16, 2017	\$ 32,931.68
Guaranty Bank Balance: January 16, 2017	\$ 32,931.68
Submitted by Joyce A. Taff, Pieces of the Past #1397 Colorado State Quester Treasurer,	

Colorado Website:
coloquesters.com
Members' only link = mountains

International Website:
questers1944.org
Log-in = Heritage

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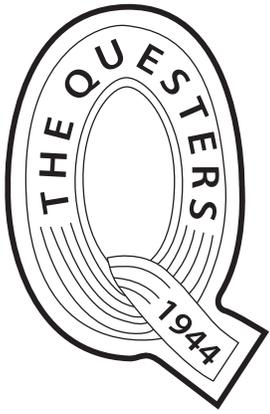
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