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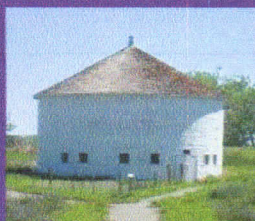
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Aurora Historical Society

Aurora, Colorado



Embrace your city and its history

President's Message

Dear Aurora Historical Society Members,

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas or whatever your family celebrates, and a Happy New Year! The weather has been nice and I am trying to get motivated to pack up all the decorations.

The AHS will be forming a Nominating Committee at our January meeting. In May 2025 Mike Lockwood and Karen Schwieder will be stepping down and I will be resigning from the post of President, but still intend to remain as a director. I am attaching the part of our Constitution that pertains to the nominating committee.

ARTICLE VI - NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Section 1. *A nominating committee of three members shall be appointed by the President: two from the Board of Directors and one from the General Membership.*

Section 2. *Not less than two months prior to the annual meeting, the Nominating Committee shall select the candidates from a list of members in good standing.*

If you are interested in serving, please contact me at 720-560-2490 or lyevans@comcast.net. We need some members to take leadership positions, or the Aurora Historical Society may have to dissolve. Currently, we are looking into some options. There may be more information to give you in March.

Lynne Evans

Historical Society Officers

President & Website: **Lynne Evans**

Vice President: **Nadine Caldwell**

Secretary: **Gregg Chase**

Treasurer: **Michael Lockwood**

Directors: **Susan Hicks, Karen Schwieder, Gordy Tucker**

Historical Society Committees

Education: Vacant

Historian: **Michael Lockwood**

Hospitality: **Judy Keilman**

Membership: **Michael Lockwood**

Newsletter: **Michael Lockwood**

Program: **Susan Hicks**

Publicity: Vacant

Got Questions?

Ask a Historian

Aurora Historical Society
mdlkel@aol.com

E-mail your question to mdlkel@aol.com

Join or Renew Membership

Our membership dues come due in January each year now so you can send your payment for year 2025 to Michael Lockwood, 1100 Windflower Lane, Woodland Park, CO 80863.

(Note: The society changed its bylaws at the March 2022 meeting. The membership categories have changed).

Memberships:

Individual	\$15	Family	\$20	Contributing	\$30
Business	\$200	Life	\$200	Newsletter hardcopy	\$5

You can now pay your dues online at the AHS website on the join today page using PayPal.

<http://auroracohistoricalsociety.org/join-today/>

**THANK YOU
NEW & RE-NEWING
MEMBERS**

November/December 2024

November – none

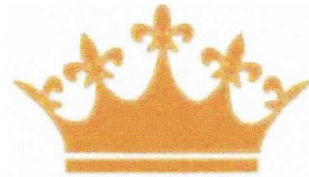
December – Karen Schwieder, Mary F. Jones, Robert Bergen

Member Discounts

FOX discount

We have a discount for 20% off tickets for just this sort of thing. The discount code is CULTURAL. Anyone can use that for our Season shows online or over the phone (not valid for special events, cabarets, or rentals).

Remember AHS members also get in free to the “Lunchtime Lectures” at the Aurora History Museum.



VIPS

of Aurora, Colorado

We’ve looked at all 44 of the Mayors of Aurora, Colorado since 1891, now let’s look at those individuals that one might consider an Aurora, Colorado V.I.P.

Thomas & Magdalen Fahey



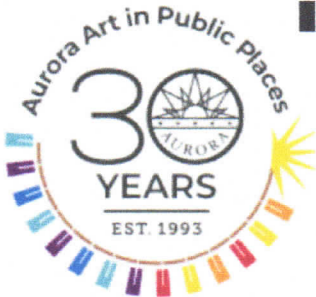
- ❖ Thomas was born in Ireland
- ❖ He came to Colorado in 1859
- ❖ One of the earliest homesteaders in Aurora
- ❖ Filed a homestead claim on Nov. 26, 1867
- ❖ Claim was 160 acres just east of what would become Fitzsimons Army Hospital
- ❖ He had around 10,000 herd of Texas Longhorn cattle
- ❖ Ran the cattle between Greeley and Colorado Springs
- ❖ He was a member of the Society of Colorado Pioneers
- ❖ Donated some of his land for a school, which would later become Sable Elementary
- ❖ Their children were Tom Jr. and Mary
- ❖ John died at the age of 70



From our November 26, 2024 AHS regular meeting
Jim Wright, Magician

**Aurora Historical Society
28 January meeting
6:00 pm at the Aurora History Museum**

Our speaker for the evening is Roberta Bloom, Maestro of Aurora's Art in Public Places Program



Roberta Bloom helms the dynamic Art in Public Places Program for the city of Aurora, CO. With an MFA in Visual Arts, she brings over four decades of extensive experience as an artist, educator, and program manager to the table. Ms. Bloom will delve into the rich 30-year history of Aurora's Art in Public Places program, spotlighting some of its most beloved installations and talking about an exciting vision for the program's future.

Jim has been doing magic professionally for at least 25 years, it started as a kid, as a hobby. He does everything from close up, table magic, parlor shows as well as stage and grand illusions. He has worked six years at the Gilpen hotel casino in Black Hawk, Colorado, doing walk around magic, stage shows on Saturday nights and grand illusions in the parking lot. He has also preformed walk around magic at the Lodge casino, Black Hawk, Colorado.



He has opened concerts for Herbie Hancock, George Benson, Spyro Gyro, The Boomyown Rats as well as 10 plus shows with Chubby Checkers.

Remember, drawing for door prizes is part of the fun at our meetings.

Promo shows for Fleetwood Mac and JR Thompson (former member of The Crest who sang 16 candles).



He does shows for Douglas county Fair and Radio and 8 years plus doing the Eagle County Fair (Eagle Flight Days), Waverley Iowa State Fair and Rodeo.



Remembering Aurora

Michael Lockwood, Aurora Historical Society

An Aurora native, a graduate of the Aurora Public Schools (Vaughn Elementary, North Middle School & Aurora Central High School), Aurora has been a big part of my life ever since I was born. Having grown up here, I have several memories that I'd love to provide for your reading pleasure via The Advocate newsletter. For those of you who have Aurora connections that go back as far as the 1950's the recollections presented may bring back waves of nostalgia. And while I have 60 years of memories to relate, if you have some stories you'd like to share, please feel free to contact us at the Aurora Historical web site: www.auroracohistoricalsociety.org

REMEMBERING: Family Stories



In doing genealogy research, one question that always intrigued me was, how did it come to be that I was born in Aurora, Colorado? What was it that brought my parents to Aurora. Well that's a tale of two different events.

My mother, Catherine Grace Edwards, was born in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma in 1926. Her tale of coming to Aurora was very similar to many others. Her father, Staff Sergeant Arch Edwards, was a military man and before I was born in 1955, he had contracted tuberculosis while in Oklahoma and

relocated to Fitzsimons Army Hospital for treatment. He passed away in 1939. My grandmother and her three children had settled in Aurora at 1738 Geneva Street and after his death they all stayed in Aurora.



Now my father's story as was told to me, is a bit different but perhaps not uncommon. Gilford Leroy Lockwood was also a military man but long before he started his tour of duty aboard the USS Ara, he was born in Kiowa, Kansas in 1918 and I was told the family was relatively poor. One day it was decided that there was more opportunities in California than in Kiowa, Kansas so they loaded up the car and started for the west coast. As luck would have it, the car broke down in Denver. Needing money they settled in Denver and might have moved on to California when my grandfather, William Henry Lockwood died suddenly of a heart attack in March of 1955. My grandmother and her three sons stayed and when my father returned from the Navy, he settled in Aurora to be close to, you guessed it, Fitzsimons, where he worked as a Machinist Foreman



Time waits for no man and our history eventually becomes shared memories of people and places. Preservation can help keep those memories a little more tangible so that we can share with future generations.

TRIVIA

City of Aurora Trivia Questions Aurora Democrat & Aurora Advocat

1. 1910 Aurora v Myron Van Buren, what was he found guilty of (\$25 fine)? [AD Vol 1 No 12]
 - a. Cheating at cards
 - b. Having a leaking pipe
 - c. Staying out past curfew



2. How many homes were in Aurora on Feb. 6 1925? [AD Vol 16 No 16]
 - a. 147
 - b. 891
 - c. 546



3. Police car sirens sounded notifying residents of what Jan. 1940? [AD Vol 31 No 5]
 - a. Start of curfew
 - b. Break in the city water main
 - c. Tornado warning



4. What did Jack Bullock think every family should have in Jan. 1955? [AA Vol 8 No 11]
 - a. Polio insurance
 - b. An outside trash incinerator
 - c. Two working parents

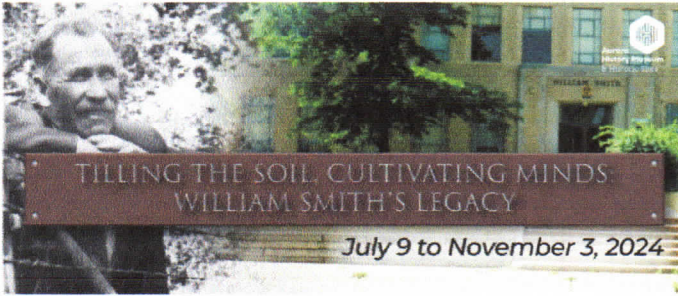


5. Pizza King started offering fried chicken – Italian style in Feb. 18, 1970. Where was Pizza King located? [AA Vol 22 No 14]
 - a. 576 Dayton Street
 - b. 15102 East Hampden
 - c. 11111 East Colfax



Aurora Museum Exhibits

BEYOND THE STOREFRONT



Community Gallery: Jul 9 – Nov 3, 2024

An early pioneer of Aurora, the life and legacy of William Smith shaped our city's history, and his life is portrayed in a new exhibition by the Aurora History Museum, "Tilling the Soil, Cultivating Minds: William Smith's Legacy," now open and running through Nov. 3 at the community gallery in the museum, located at 15051 E. Alameda Parkway.



Mosaic of Cultures: Aurora's Nepali Community May 7, 2024 to April 6, 2025

Aurora's Nepali community will be celebrated in a new exhibit, "Mosaic of Cultures: Aurora's Nepali Community," opening on May 7, 2024, at the Aurora History Museum. This exhibit is part of a museum and Office of International and Immigrant Affairs series that aims to promote understanding of our culturally diverse city. It will showcase vibrant aspects of the Nepali community, including music, art, dance, religion and food. Through this exhibit, the Nepali community's contributions to the city's history will be highlighted, along with stories of individuals and businesses.

On Display in the East Hallway

Aurora's Historic Photos

Photos have a way of connecting the current generation with their past. This exhibit showcases a small sample of the over 30,000 images archived at the Aurora History Museum.

On Display in the Theater Room Trolley Trailer #610

This exhibit takes a deep dive into the history of electric streetcars in the Denver metro area and explores the story of Aurora's Landmark, Trolley Trailer #610 before it was an exhibit at the Aurora History Museum. This exhibit was chosen to return to our museum by visitors in June and July 2023.

Growing Home & Trolley Trailer No. 610

Growing Home is a permanent exhibit about Aurora's history featuring Trolley Trailer No. 610, a fully-restored 1913 historic trolley trailer. The exhibit highlights people, places, and events from Aurora's history. It features over 100 historic photographs and objects, and the fully restored 1913 historic Trolley Trailer No. 610 in the new Ruth Fountain gallery. Go inside the trolley and experience 100 years of history first-hand. The exhibit was designed by Dennis Meyer of Filament Design/Build with support from museum staff.

In October 2012, the Aurora City Council approved funding for the construction of a new gallery and addition at the Aurora History Museum. Council resolved to name it in honor of Ruth Fountain, a former city councilwoman, community activist and museum supporter.

The Aurora Museum Foundation was instrumental in raising funds and in-kind donations through grants and support from local businesses, organizations, and individuals. The 1,630 square foot gallery was completed in November 2014. The addition was designed by Humphries Poli Architects and built by Palace Construction



Baker, Susan
 Barnes, Mildred
 Bartholomew, Randy & Barbara
 Beach, Mr. & Mrs. Robert L.
 Beach, Robert
 Benedict, Sally & Van I.
 Bennett, Mr. & Mrs. Don
 Bottoms, Jack & Ruth
 Brown, Dick & Kay
 Caldwell, Nadine
 Caron, Dean & Theresa
 Chase, Gregg & Mary
 Crawford, Judi & Jessica
 Daniels, Kimberly & William
 Drollinger, Don & Carol
 Elwell, Tom & Dottie
 Essex, Joyce Brown
 Fanning, James
 Fletcher, Robert & Cindy
 Fugler, Carl & Gloria
 Gehler, Robert & Terri
 Gigikos, John & Lila
 Harding, Julie
 Heckman, Dorothy
 Heflin, David & Mary
 Hensler, Bill & Sue
 Hogan, Becky

Jordan, Ralph & Sharon
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 Lockwood, Michael & Kathryn
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 McClure, Kirby & Roberta
 McFadden, Joyce
 McGrath, Jane & Isaacson, Thomas
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 O'Brien, Joe & Betsy
 Perkins, Steve & Jan
 Peters, Charlie
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 Sala, John & Elizabeth
 Sanders, Dr. & Mrs. Randall
 Scherling, Richard & Beverly
 Severson, Carl
 Sherfick, Donald & Charline
 Spencer, Vernon
 Steele, Laurence & Virginia
 Ulmer, Keith & Mary
 Vickers, Mary
 Wiggins, William & Lori
 Wilterdink, Larry & Carol

In Memoriam

In remembrance of Society members who are no longer with us.

Armstrong, William
 Beach Sr., Robert
 Creager, Jo (past president)
 Dunning, Annabelle (past president)
 Fountain, Ruth (past president)
 Haag, Col. (Ret) George
 Harding, Dexter
 Hogan, Stephen
 Hood, Shirley (past president)
 Kerns, Peggy
 Lincoln, Joseph & Jeannine
 Lindemann, Donald
 McClure, Janice
 Moore, David
 Murray, Bev
 Murray, William Jr
 O'Brien, Mr. & Mrs. John
 Penn, Ruth
 Preston, Mary
 Sparks, Juanita
 Staadt, Florence (past president)
 Travis, E.A.
 Tupps, Edythe
 Watson, Elizabeth
 Weddig, Frank & Pat
 Whitmore, Ruth
 Wiley, Robert
 Woodbury, Ruth

PRESIDENT'S CLUB

Dunning, Anabelle (1976-1979)
 Metcalf, Gladys (1980-1981)
 Staadt, Florence (1982)
 Elwell, Dottie (1983-1984)
 Johnson, Elizabeth (1985-1986)

Pierce, Mary (1987-1988)
 Creager, Jo (1989-1990)
 Sanders, Kathy (1991-1992)
 Creager, Jo (1993)
 Hood, Shirley (1994-1995)

Brown, Connie (1996=1998)
 Betka, Charyn (1999-2000)
 Fountain, Ruth (2001-2009)
 Sweeney, Sandy (2010-2018)
 Evans, Lynne (2019-present)

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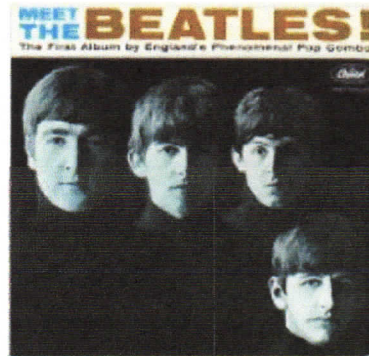
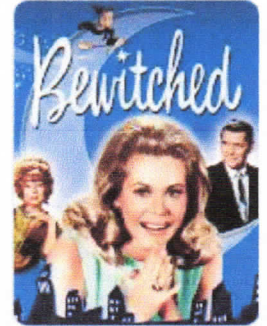
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Holy Communion 7:00 a.m.
Church School, Pre-school thru
3rd grade 9:15
Family Service & Church.
School, 4th thru 9th grade 11 a.m.
For Information EM 4-3186



From the 1960's



Trivia Question Answers:

1) b 2) c 3) b 4) a 5) c