

# The Advocate Newsletter

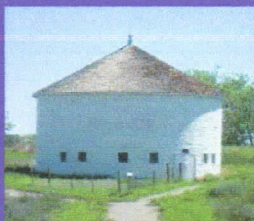
## May/June 2025

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## Aurora Historical Society

Aurora, Colorado



Embrace your city and its history

### President's Message

Dear Aurora Historical Society Members,

I started my term as President in June 2019 and I am resigning as of May 27, 2025. Dr. Gordon Tucker will be the new AHS President. I will still serve on the board.

I have enjoyed my time as the President of the Aurora Historical Society and I'm proud of what we accomplished during that time. We survived COVID-19. The AHS Bylaws were updated in 2020, so that if the AHS ever folded, we would have control over where our remaining money would go and again in 2023 moving our annual potluck meeting to May.

In 2020, we donated \$17,606 towards the Aurora Newspaper Digitization Project (more to follow). Centennial House has also benefited from AHS. AHS donated \$2500 to help pay for the new sign in the front yard, \$2,933 for new blinds, and \$1,750 for porch repairs. AHS also spent \$1,400 annually for garden maintenance for many years until 2023, when we spent \$9,222.

AHS donated \$1,200 for an education assistant to create a walking tour on Anshutz. \$3,725 was spent on interns and speakers, and \$1,000 was promised for a high school historic preservation intern for each of the next 3 yrs.

AHS continues to support historic preservation and my hope is that a new generation will come, join the AHS, and help spread the love of our city's varied history.

**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

E-mail your question to  
[lyevans@comcast.net](mailto:lyevans@comcast.net)

## Join or Renew Membership

Our membership dues come due in January each year now so you can send your payment for year 2025 to Gregg Chase, 25762 East Kettle Circle, Aurora, CO 80016.

*(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://auroracohistoricalociety.org/join-today/>

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

**March/April 2025**

**March** – Karol Shupe, David & Paula Jackson, Keith Outcult

**April** – none

### 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.

### Pauline Lincoln



- ❖ She graduated from Harden College in Missouri
- ❖ She married Harry Lincoln in 1921
- ❖ They came to Aurora in 1924
- ❖ Their children were Birdie, William, Polly Ann, Joseph, Thomas and Nancy
- ❖ Lived at 1518 Geneva Street
- ❖ President of the Aurora Women’s Club
- ❖ Elected Justice of the Peace of Adams County
- ❖ Member of the First Presbyterian Church
- ❖ Aurora Public Library assistant librarian
- ❖ Republican Women’s Club, United Way Board, organized the Aurora Historical Society, PTA Vice-President, Outstanding Mother of Colorado, President of DeMolay Mothers Circle, Aurora Historical Commission



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Aurora Historical Society 27 May meeting  
Pot Luck & Election of Officers  
Bring a salad, side dish or desert to share  
Arrive by 5:30, Dinner at 5:45  
at the Aurora History Museum**

The Aurora Historical Society will supply paper products, drinks, ham, and fried chicken. Remember, drawing for door prizes is part of the fun at our meetings.

Our speaker for the evening is



**Chuck Stout**

Curator at Wings Over The Rockies Air & Space Museum



Wings Over the Rockies is a diverse community organization dedicated to unlocking our visitors' dreams of flight through exhibitions, events and educational programming at two locations: Wings Over the Rockies Air & Space Museum and Exploration of Flight. Each year these two locations welcome approximately 160,000 visitors representing all 50 U.S. states and 34 countries.

Transferred from the United States Air Force to a group of volunteers in 1994, Wings Over the Rockies Air & Space Museum is located in Hangar 1 of the former Lowry Air Force Base in eastern Denver, Colorado. Today, the museum boasts more than 100,000 square feet of exhibit space dedicated to displaying iconic aircraft, space vehicles, artifacts, military uniforms and more.

From our March 25, 2025 AHS regular meeting  
Roberta Bloom, Aurora Arts in Public Places

Program- Space Base Delta 2

Speaker: Francis SHAWN BAWDEN, CIV, DAF



Our March speaker was F. Shawn Bawden, CIV, DAF Historian, Space Base Delta 2 Buckley Space Force Base, CO. Space Base Delta 2 is a unit in the US Space Force. It is assigned to Space Operations Command and is headquartered at Buckley Space Force Base in Aurora. SDD2 is responsible for providing installation support functions for the resident air operations, space-based missile warning capabilities, space surveillance operations, and space communications missions at Buckley Space Force Base in Colorado, Cape Cod Space Force Station in Massachusetts, Cavalier Space Force Station in North Dakota, and Clear Space Force Station in Alaska.

From World War I to the present, the base has been occupied by five different branches of the U.S. military. Five sitting Presidents have landed at Buckley Base. For significant reasons, the streets have been renamed using ski resort names. The footprints of most buildings erected and demolished during Buckley's history remain. The big White Radar Balls are the most significant land feature for the base.







### 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.auroracohistoricalociety.org](http://www.auroracohistoricalociety.org)

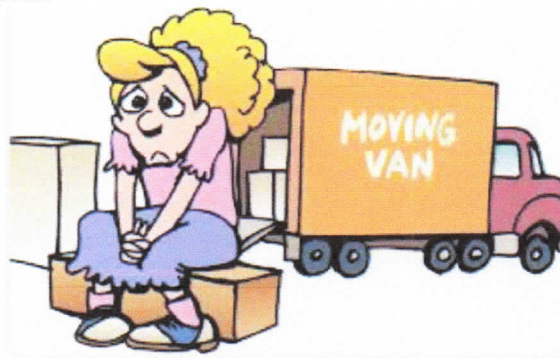
#### REMEMBERING: Saying Farewell



So many places in Aurora that I called home  
 12705 E. 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
 1090 Cimarron Circle #107  
 1936 Dallas Street  
 517 Emporia Street  
 1011 Malaya Street  
 1629 Galena Street (pictured above)

I never imagined in all that time that I would leave Aurora. Born here, went to school here, got married here, raised 4 children here, retired from work here.

And yet there was an urge to return to a place that would remind me of what Aurora was like back in the 1950's. We found it in Woodland Park, Colorado, population 8,119 (Aurora in 1950 had a population of 11,421). So in 2021 my wife, Kathy, and I packed up the house along with our 3 cats and headed south towards Colorado Springs. It was a mixed emotion day, sad to be leaving and excited to begin a new chapter.



And now I say goodbye to the Aurora Historical Society as I step down from the Board. I'm still a Lifetime member so I'll keep up on things in Aurora.

#### Kahlil Gibran says it best

"Farewell to you and the youth I have spent with you. If in the twilight of memory we should meet once more, we shall speak again together and you shall sing to me a deeper song."



Our new home

Time waits for no man and our history will eventually become shared memories of people and places. Preservation can help keep those memories a little more tangible so that it, too, can be shared with future generations.



## City of Aurora Trivia Questions From Aurora Advocate

1. Jul 1949 – What was coming to Aurora that called for local talent? [Vol 2 No 35]
  - a. Arthur Godfrey's Talent Scouts
  - b. Showagon
  - c. Major Bowe's Amateur Hour



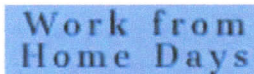
2. Feb 1955 - Firing guns within city limits was illegal. What else was added? [Vol 8 No 13]
  - a. Zip guns and slingshots
  - b. Bow and arrows
  - c. BB guns and pellet guns



3. Sep 1961 – Aurora H.S. was part of a National experiment teaching what subject? [Vol 14 No 45]
  - a. Mathematics (APCS)
  - b. Biology (BSCS)
  - c. History (CPCS)



4. Apr 1967 – What was legally allowed in residential homes? [Vol 19 No 20]
  - a. Day care
  - b. Home brewed beer
  - c. Dog breeding



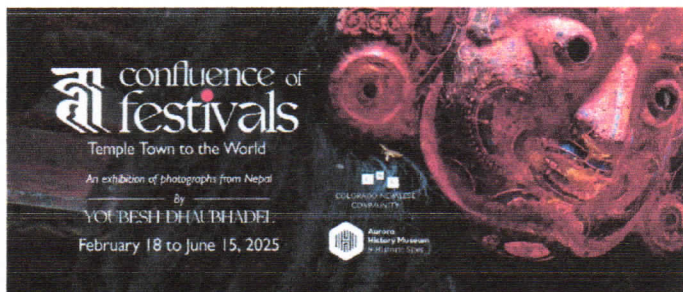
5. Feb 1972 – A special vaccination program for military dependents was made available for which immunization? [Vol 25 No 12]
  - a. Smallpox
  - b. Polio
  - c. Measles





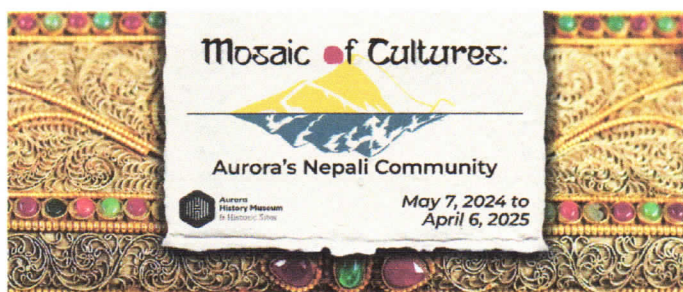
## Aurora Museum Exhibits

### BEYOND THE STOREFRONT



**Community Gallery: Feb 18 – Jun 15, 2025**

Immerse yourself in the vibrant traditions, history and artistic expressions of Nepal's cultural capitals: Bhaktapur, Lalitpur and Kathmandu. This captivating exhibition features the stunning photography of Youbesh Dhaubhadel. Hailing from Bhaktapur, Nepal, Dhaubhadel is a multidisciplinary artist focusing on visual creation through photography, an avid traveler and a blogger known as @firantayy.



### 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  
 Heckman, Dorothy  
 Heflin, David & Mary  
 Hensler, Bill & Sue  
 Hogan, Becky  
 Jordan, Ralph & Sharon  
 Keller, Chris & John

LeGare, Bob  
 Letofsky, Jane Anne  
 Lindemann, Ingrid  
 Lockwood, Michael & Kathryn  
 Lord, Pat  
 Lusche, Jim & Pat  
 McClure, Kirby & Roberta  
 McFadden, Joyce  
 McGrath, Jane & Isaacson, Thomas  
 Metcalf Jr., Traver  
 Monroe, Vernon & Helen  
 Morey, Bill & Teresa  
 Murray, June  
 Nicholls, Edwin  
 O'Brien, Joe & Betsy  
 Perkins, Steve & Jan  
 Peters, Charlie  
 Reynolds, Mr. & Mrs. Walter  
 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  
 Julie Harding  
 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 (2019-2025)

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**ADVOCATE**

**"YOUR HOME TOWN NEWSPAPER"**

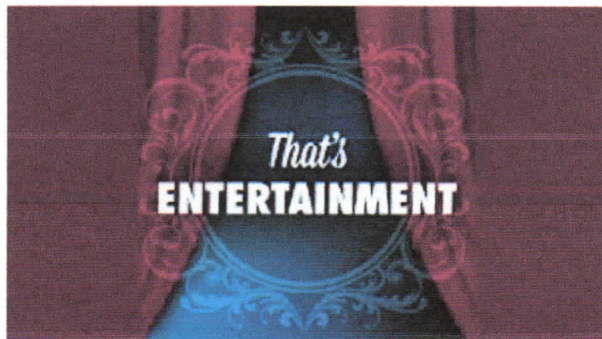
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Harris Plumbing & Supply: 1540 Galena  
 Crumpacker Automotive: 1445 Elmira  
 Coach Light Restaurant: 10305 E. Colfax

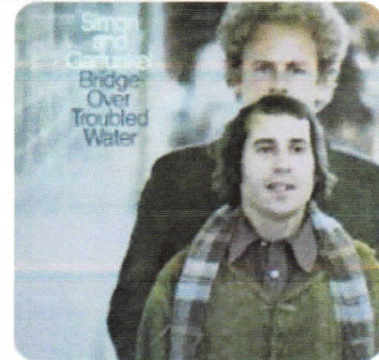
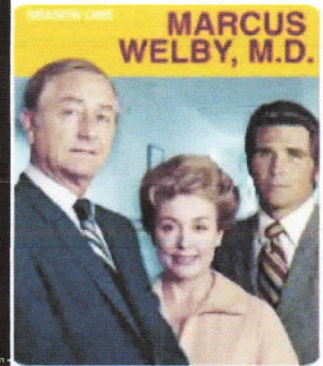


From 1970

Movie: Patton

TV show: Marcus Welby, M.D.

Music Album: Bridge Over Troubled Water



Trivia Question Answers:

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