2020 Spring Luncheon

The Elks Lodge, Fort Collins
1424 E. Mulberry St, Fort Collins, CO 80525
I-25 Exit 269 B West – Map enclosed

Program
Underpinnings- What Lies Beneath
Presented by Linda Huerta

Schedule and Registration
8:30 Registration and Drop Off of Silent Auction Items
Continental Breakfast: Assorted Pastries, Coffee and Tea
9:15 Chapter President’s meeting at podium
10:00 Business Meeting
12:00 Lunch: A Colorado Picnic - Assorted sandwiches, Salad, Chips and Cake
1:15 Program – Underpinnings: What Lies Beneath

Cost: $25 each - Due by Friday, March 20th, 2020
One check from each chapter made payable to: Calico #512
Mail check & registration form to:
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Fort Collins Host Chapters are Marie Lafitte #1427, Calico #0512, Auntie Stone #0561
We look forward to everyone bringing their items for the Auction.

Please include a sheet with:
- Your name
- Chapter name
- Value

Remember to Bid Often and Bid High!!

The proceeds all go to P & R
PRESIDENT’S LETTER

Happy New Year Colorado Questers,

Looking over the 2020 calendar for the first six months it is hard to believe everything Questers have going on. It is going to be a busy, busy, next few months. This is a great way to begin 2020. We all need to have a full calendar to make our life “happy.” Happy New Years to all!

Three Quester Chapters have invited me to visit their meetings in January. It is informative and fun to attend your meetings. Hope to receive invitations from other Chapter Presidents.

Lee Hensley, our State First Vice President, has been trying different ideas to increase the Colorado State Quester membership. She attended the Christmas Tea, had a table with Quester information and talked to all non-Questers. She has reserved a table to showcase Questers at the Fort Collins Senior Center’s Live Involved Fair on Saturday, January 25, 2020 from 10 am to 2 pm. Lee and I will be there so come by, say “Hello,” and tell all your friends.

The ballots have been mailed for the Colorado State Quester Board officers. Thank you Ladies for volunteering. Be sure to send in the ballot before due date. On the same note now is the time to think about holding an office in your Chapter. Chapters should make up a slate of officers and vote soon as the President and Treasurer have to be listed on the membership list you send back to the State Treasurer with dues. The membership lists will be sent to your Chapter from International office within the next few weeks. The more you and your chapter plan for State and Chapter projects, committees offices, field trips, programs, etc., the more you will enjoy Questers.

We need Questers to sign up to help with several State Committees. Most jobs are not full time commitments. They are broken down so they can be completed very easily. Email me for information. Thanks to those who have worked on these committees. Questers would not exist without people like you.

The International Quester Quarterly is the place to find all the information for the 2020 Questers International Convention. There are tours, dinners, luncheons and receptions but don’t overlook the Early Bird Program, Arm Chair Tour programs and the Bess Barden classes/programs. They are in the hotel and are wonderful programs. The Bess Barden’s are free.

The Convention meetings start on Saturday morning. There are workshops for the all Chapter and State officers. They explain procedures and are very helpful. Plan to attend one or two of these even if you are not an officer—it might inspire you to volunteer and you will learn more about Questers. At 10-11am is the open forum on State and Chapter policies. On Sunday morning, 9-11am is the Annual Council meeting for all to attend. Hope to see all Questers from Colorado there. We are fortunate to have the Convention here in Colorado and have the opportunity to attend these meetings.

Don’t forget to sign up to help at the Convention. Call Carol Affleck Chair at 303-651-2180 or Leslie Boynton, 720-272-0014.

The Spring Council Meeting is early this year so please note the date. The hosting Chapters have planned a great program, a lunch menu served at your table and of course the annual meeting and Silent Auction, all for only $25.00. Parking is in the back and you enter at the back door. Let’s all come and enjoy each other and make new friends.

Joyce
The Hayden Heritage Center has a new look, thanks to Colorado Questers. This wonderful museum, located in the small town of Hayden 27 miles west of Steamboat Springs, now has warmly glowing, refinished wooden floors.

Those who have enjoyed reading the book “Nothing Daunted” by Dorothy Wickenden, about two intrepid Eastern ladies who went West to teach in the remote Elkhead Schoolhouse, will recognize Hayden as the little town where they disembarked in 1916 in the dead of night after a long train journey. In 1918, the town built a fine new railroad depot, and that depot is now the Hayden Heritage Center.

Curator Laurel Watson is grateful to have received the 2019-2020 President Project Award designated by Colorado Questers President Joyce Hall. The funds paid for a professional to repair and refinish flooring that was scuffed, water-damaged, and uneven in places due to previous remodeling jobs. Now museum staff and volunteers are reorganizing all the exhibits that were moved to accommodate work on the flooring.

The grant funds were presented to Watson last summer by members of Steamboat Springs Questers Chapter 759 and Colorado Questers State Treasurer Karen Mordi, who was visiting her daughter in Steamboat and gladly joined the trip to the museum.

Hayden townsfolk got a good look at the shiny new floors on December 7, when the museum hosted its annual Holiday Stroll. This open house featured horse-drawn wagon rides between the museum and the Wild Goose Granary, where chestnuts roasted on an open fire. Santa Claus made an appearance, and children enjoyed a crafts session at the museum.

The Steamboat Springs Questers thank Joyce Hall and Colorado Questers for recognizing the Western Slope as a place that is rich in history and a significant part of our statewide membership. They hope to arrange a Questers field trip in 2020 that would take participants not only to the Hayden Heritage Center but to the historic Elkhead Schoolhouse as well. Stay tuned!

Presenting the President Project Award check to Hayden Heritage Center Curator Laurel Watson, at right, are, left to right: Karen Mordi, Jackie Bass, Ardy Kneeland, Molly Raphael, Christine McKelvie, Jane Romberg, Claire Fraser and Mary Kay Monger.
THE QUESTERS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

April 30th through May 3rd, 2020
Omni Hotel & Resort Broomfield, Colorado
“PURPLE MOUNTAIN MAJESTY”

All Colorado Questers are able to take advantage of the in-state registration fee of just $20.00 if your registration is postmarked by March 15, 2020. Your registration is required to sign up for all Convention events.

Please read the full Convention schedule in the Quester Quarterly – Register and sign up for your favorite tours and events.

Highlights include the fabulous tours and:

The Thursday evening Early Bird program featuring five “Unconventional Women of the West” is just $10.00. An optional pasta buffet is offered at an additional charge.

Friday evening, attend two of four Bess Barden Seminars FREE. You may choose from The Butterfly that Morphed into a Sunflower by Carol Klomp, Heisey Glass by Caroline Jensen, Ivorex by Kathie Hertzke or Folk-Art Tree Cemetery Markers by Elaine and Richard Irwin. An optional taco buffet is offered at an additional charge.

Saturday evening, attend the President’s Reception and Banquet, where you will enjoy a delicious banquet dinner and tap your toes to the music of Glen Miller, as performed by the Crystal Swing Band, accompanied by professional dancers in period dress.

Sunday, the Annual Luncheon features “The Suffrage Movement…Women’s Right to Vote” presented by Eva Sue Littleton.

Sunday evening, don your Western attire for the Farewell Dinner and a program by Tom Noel, Past Colorado State Historian, “Color-oddities: Strangest Things About Our Highest State”.

See you soon at the 2020 Convention!
Carol Affleck
2020 Convention Chair
Cache La Poudre #0991 and Marie La Fitte #1427

Our October meeting was a joint meeting at Pat Nelson’s beautiful home. She provided a wonderful sit-down brunch for all 24 women who attended.

We were lucky to have Christine McKelvie come from Steamboat Springs to do a program on Colonial Times. Christine follows in her mother’s footsteps as a collector and appreciator of history and heritage. She and her husband enjoy visiting historic sites. They have been attending fur trade era Rendezvous for more than 20 years and have also been to several Colonial events.

Colonial Times span from the 1500s—1800s. Jamestown, VA was settled in 1607 by men and boys. Most of them were looking for gold and had no idea how to farm and raise crops. Many died of disease. The Powhatan Indians began helping the settlers with gifts of food. Slaves were introduced in 1619 to Jamestown, VA by a privateer who captured them from a Portuguese ship. The Pilgrims landed in 1620. Items made were glass, sassafras, iron and tobacco and were sent back to England.

Christine was dressed in traditional Colonial women’s clothing. The blue skirt is called a petticoat. The pocket she is holding is tied onto the petticoat and the scarf is a modesty cloth. Women normally wore a mop cap when around the house. The tussy mussy is a pin used to hold flowers and became popular again in Victorian times. Christine also wore traditional handmade leather shoes and knit stockings.

Christine also brought many replicas of items used by Colonial settlers.

Thank you Christine for a wonderful interesting presentation.

Many thanks to Pat Nelson for sharing her beautiful home and providing a delicious brunch.

Think about doing a joint meeting with your chapters. It was great fun!!
Marie Lafitte Chapter hosts popular Christmas Tea

The Marie Lafitte Questers Chapter #1427 hosted their 5th annual fundraising tea on December 7, 2019. The Christmas-themed Tea was a fundraiser to repair and conserve a Northern Arapaho women’s buffalo hide ceremonial robe. Following restoration, the 1850’s era robe will be on permanent display at the Fort Collins Museum of Discovery.

The event was held in Timnath First Presbyterian Church, decorated with twinkling trees, greenery and historic stained glass windows. The fellowship hall was set with 9 tables of colorful holiday china, centerpieces and accessories. Over 65 attendees were treated to 3 courses of scones, savory sandwiches and assorted sweets from a dessert buffet.

Harpist Mary Ellen Holmes entertained guests with seasonal music, and Linda Huerta presented a short program on the history of the Salvation Army. Another highlight of the event was a silent auction featuring baked goods, holiday ornaments, antique dishes and one-of-a-kind items.

Marie Lafitte chapter wishes to thank the attendees, chapter volunteers, and volunteers from Larimer Squares chapter for their support in raising $2,000 toward the total goal of $5,000.

Nancy Brooks is putting the final touches on the delicious tea goodies.

Paula Doty and Kareen Davison welcome guests.

Pam Thomas and Carol Salisbury organized the Silent Auction.

The Marie Lafitte Chapter is celebrating its 15th year. The chapter takes its name from a colorful Fort Collins businesswoman and entrepreneur.
Barbara Fleming, notable author, speaker and Fort Collins historian spoke to the Auntie Stone Questers in November. Elizabeth Stone is a famous founding mother of Fort Collins. She was affectionately known to those who lived here as "Auntie Stone".

Auntie Stone moved here with her husband while the soldiers were still stationed at Camp Collins. She was instrumental in starting the first flour mill, the first brick factory, the first hotel and school in Fort Collins.

Her niece, Elizabeth Keys, moved here with her son, Willie, when Auntie Stone's husband died and was the first school teacher in Fort Collins.

Auntie Stone was one of the first women to vote in this area. She was 95 when she died. Her original cabin is preserved in Library Park in Fort Collins.

The Questers and their guests had such fun asking Barbara questions about this incredible lady.
Chapter News

Powderhouse Prospectors #1117

The Colorado Springs Powderhouse Prospectors has been very involved in Colorado historical architecture these past few months. Thanks to a snowstorm, the October meeting was canceled but in November a tour of the Colorado Springs Day Nursery was rescheduled and we were treated to an extremely informative tour of the amazing building. Continuing on with the theme of historical architecture, in December our chapter visited Cherokee Ranch in Sedalia where we enjoyed a lovely high tea, followed by an informative talk by a docent highlighting the ranch and its history. A tour followed where we were treated to an amazing collection of world of art and furniture pieces throughout the castle.
Columbine Pioneers

GOOD NEWS:

Columbine Pioneers will be having an outing event in early June.

In the Spring Luncheon President’s envelopes there will be a sign up sheet to join for the year 2020. Dues are still $5 and as you know the majority of our funds go to P & R.

We do not have a Treasurer but Rosemary Chojnacki has volunteered to receive the dues as she has done in the past. If your President does not get the sign sheet to your meeting after Spring Luncheon you may send $5 in cash or preferably a check payable to ROSEMARY CHOJNACKI, 12212 E. Amherst Circle, Aurora, CO 80014. Phone: 303-755-2531  Email: rchoj@comcast.net

DUES WILL BE DUE BY May 15th to go on this June event.

Just a reminder please think about volunteering for the Treasurer office which will run to May 31, 2021. We will need a new President and Secretary as of June 1, 2020. Sherry and I will sponsor the June event but the new officers will need to step up and take over or the Subsidiary Society will need to disband. I don’t want to see this wonderful organization go under. We have stepped up to other positions in Questers and need other members to fulfill these duties.

Watch your emails for our planned event coming up early June.
CHECK THESE OUT
CURRENT BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 10, 2019 TO DECEMBER 9, 2019

TOTAL ASSETS: JUNE 10, 2019  $35,085.68

MONEYS RECEIVED  $  2,052.22
MONEYS DISBURSED  $11,903.00

BALANCE: (DECEMBER 9, 2019)  $25,234.90

CURRENT ASSETS

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TOTAL ASSETS (DECEMBER 9, 2019)  $25,234.90

INDEPENDANT BANK BALANCE (DECEMBER 9, 2019)  $25,234.90

SUBMITTED BY:

KAREN S. MORDI, CALICO #512
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VICTORIANS #477
LIBBY DALE

AUNTIE STONE #816
BARB DAVIN—
10 years as a Quester

OVERLAND TRAIL #1199
CHRISTINE BRYAN—
Christine passed away sud-
denly in Nov. She had served
as the Chapter President and
Recording Secretary on the
State Board.

DONATIONS

IN MEMORY OF
LIBBY DALE
VICTORIANS # 477
STATE P&R
CACHE LA POUDRE # 0991
MARIE LA FITTE # 1437
P & R GRANTS
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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

QUESTER QUOTES EDITOR: This position takes about 1 week twice a year. All the content is sent to the editor who formats and publishes it. You will work closely with the Colorado State President. The program used is very easy and will be provided by the Colorado Questers.

EVENTS CHAIRMAN: This position assists the Quester Chapters in their planning and implementation of the Fall and Spring luncheons. A Guide Book is provided.

PUBLICITY CHAIRMAN: This position is new for our state. This person would assist Chapters on ways to reach the public to promote Questers, search Internet for publicity ideas used by other non-profits and organizations. Be sure publicity information is current on the website. This person will work closely with the 1st Vice President.

PARLIAMENTARIAN: The person in this position will work with the President to ensure that everything meets the International Questers By-Laws.
**Deadlines**

Submit Content to the Quester Quotes are:

Fall Issue: July 1, 2020

Spring Issue: Feb. 1, 2021

Membership Dues
April 1, 2020

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**CORRECTION**

In the Fall Quester Quotes Edition, there is a correction for the article about Virginia Dale. The station is the only original station on the originals site. Other stations have been moved and restored.

Thank you Elaine

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**FALL LUNCHEON**

September 17, 2020

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