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### Happy Cats Haven

By Sara Ferguson,  
executive director

Imagine if your own sweet kitty found himself in a conventional animal shelter. He would likely be so frightened that even cat professionals couldn't tell the difference between him and a feral cat for several days.

That scenario of terrified, doomed cats inspired the mission of Happy Cats Haven: a kinder, gentler space where homeless cats could recover from that trauma while waiting to find their new families.

Six years later, that dream has blossomed into the rescue — and rehabilitation — of thousands of cats and kittens. Last year alone, our tiny facility provided more than 12 percent of all shelter cat adoptions in the Pikes Peak region.

We are thriving because our loving volunteers work hard to keep up with the demand of finding new homes for cats in our community.

Cats are small animals in a very big world, and need feline-friendly

#### GET INVOLVED

Happy Cats Haven is hosting a fundraiser, the Academy Awards, at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21. The evening includes a live auction, heavy appetizers, community awards and a cocktail competition. For ages 21 and older. Tickets: \$20. Memorial Hall, 606 Manitou Ave. Information: [www.happycatshaven.org](http://www.happycatshaven.org).

handling to reduce their stress. Several of our team members are certified in fear-free handling and we all take the time to learn about each cat and kitten. We use play therapy and positive reinforcement with each cat, replacing fear with joy so their true selves can shine again.

Both our cats and visitors are given the gift of time to get to know each other. That helps us hand craft the best match possible, carefully placing happily recovered cats with



Courtesy of Madelene Travis

This sweet kitten will have a better future, thanks to Happy Cats Haven.

their new forever families.

Animals aren't *saved* until they *stay*. We offer our adopters ongoing support with classes, online advice and referrals to our behavior consultants, if needed. If we need to take back one of our cats, our Happy Cats Safety Net is here for them, no matter the circumstance.

Anyone who has visited us knows that we are bursting at the seams on the Westside. You may have noticed that our new building in Manitou has finally begun! Planet Happy Cat will house Happy Cats Haven and so much more at 327 Manitou Ave.

Planet Happy Cat eventually will double the number of homeless cats we can save, plus expand our medical and retail support. Sunny and spacious colony rooms will have their own secure outside "catios," with dedicated rooms for kittens, seniors and singles.

Two attached apartments will sustain the building into the future by stabilizing our rent, with a beautiful Purrfection Garden to offer respite for our community as well as our staff and volunteers.

There are many opportunities to help make this a reality, from naming rooms to sponsoring colonies to memorializing your loved one with a plaque or garden planting. We'll offer commemorative Happy Whiskers

Bowls by Mark Wong for stress-free kitty treats too!

We will need to grow our volunteer base as we increase our cat population, so we always welcome new

helpers. If you have any DIY skills, we can use help with the new building too!

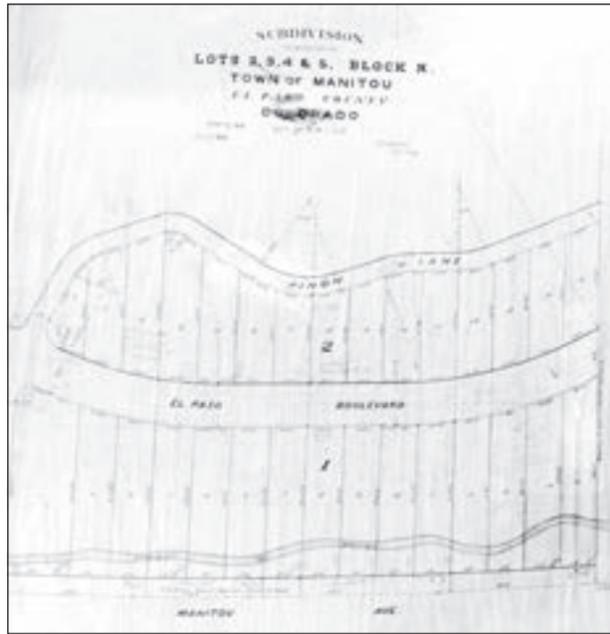
We are on our way with more than \$135,000 raised toward our goal of \$375,000, so you can rest assured that every donation helps sustain Happy Cats Haven for years to come. Please contact Sara at [sara@happycatshaven.org](mailto:sara@happycatshaven.org) or call 362-4600 if you would like to choose a naming gift. Or visit our secure portal at [coloradogives.org/planethappycat](http://coloradogives.org/planethappycat) to make an immediate donation.

With everyone's help, we hope to be in the new building next spring, with a grand opening in June. Thousands of future homeless cats and kittens thank you ... and so do we!



Courtesy of Happy Cats Haven

Work on the upper floor of the new building is progressing well.



Courtesy of Manitou Springs Historical Society

Left, Miramont Castle's Fire Department exhibit includes an antique hose cart the Volunteer Fire Department has owned since 1880. Center, this March 1891 map shows a subdivision north of El Paso Boulevard. Right, the Castle's staircase banister will be decorated with Christmas garlands in a few weeks.

# Miramont Castle/Manitou Springs Historical Society

By **Peggie Yager**,  
*treasurer*

Miramont Castle had a great summer of 2017. Our visitor count has increased, as has the Queen's Parlour Tearoom reservations.

It has continued into the fall; the December parties are almost completely booked. If you want to make reservations for the holidays, you should call as soon as possible.

This year, we did a midnight tour on Friday the 13th. The tour's premise: light is for the living and dark is for the dead. Since it is dark, the living were not welcome.

Tour guests met such notables as Father Francolon and his mother; General Adams; Beecher Davis; and Lizzie Allen, who burned to death in 1891. Set in a very dark Miramont with only a very dim candle, it proved

to be very interesting.

Emma's Wake, scheduled for Oct. 27, continues to be popular and reservations are filling up.

This year we continued to improve the castle. We have or soon will have all the roofs replaced that hadn't been in previous years.

In the Gift Shop's Tower Room, we pulled 1970s-era paneling off the walls and repaired the lath, plaster and the stone wall, and finished with a sand texture. The exterior door once had a transom but, after the 1972 fire, it was walled over.

We replaced the window and door,

and the light fixtures were replaced with period fixtures. We left the stone walls that been exposed by the fire as they were showing the construction of the building.

The Manitou Springs Historical Society continues to work on transferring all the paper archival records to our PastPerfect archival computer program. All the artifacts have to

be located, photographed and the new archival number placed on the item. It is very time-consuming but so worth the effort.

The Sawyer and Garstin Collection is still a work in progress. We have all of the client files, field

books and most of the maps in PastPerfect. The field book and maps still need to be scanned and affixed to each record.

The Southern Chapter of Professional Land Surveyors continues to fund and support our efforts. The city of Manitou Springs has a surveyor on retainer, Drexel-Barrell and Co., which has accessed the collection on many occasions and has been very supportive of its continued success.

We would love to show anyone who is interested what we're doing. If you have some time you would like to donate, we have a computer waiting for fingers to tickle its keys.

We will start decorating for Christmas on Oct. 30 and it will take about three weeks to complete. Come and join us — we will get you in the spirit of the holidays.

## GET INVOLVED

The Manitou Springs Historical Society is based at Miramont Castle, 9 Capitol Hill Ave. Information: [www.miramontcastle.org](http://www.miramontcastle.org) or 685-1011.

# The Kiwanis Club of Manitou Springs

By **Dan Stuart**,  
*president*

There are dozens of ways to give back. If you are interested in the future, the Kiwanis Club of Manitou Springs may be the place for you.

The men and women of Kiwanis focus on helping the children of our community and children around the world.

Our members work on projects to raise money for local charities that help children and young adults. One-hundred percent of all funds raised for charities are spent on charities.

For more than half of our local club's 96-year history, the Manitou Springs Kiwanis Foundation has given college scholarships to selected Manitou

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High School graduating seniors. Over the years, nearly 700 Manitou students have received Kiwanis scholarships. We help develop future leaders. We sponsor the local Boy Scouts and Girls Scouts, as well as the Builders Club in the middle school and the Key Club in the high school. We can be seen around the community, serving breakfast with Santa and dinner to Pikes Peak Marathon runners. We run Easter egg hunts and assist with Halloween carnivals. We clean Fountain Creek and plant trees in burn scar areas.

We are the fabric of the community.

In 2010, the Manitou Kiwanis Club pledged to assist Kiwanis International and UNICEF in an

effort to eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus around the world. Since then, through local St. Patrick's Day dinners and other efforts, the club has donated more than \$20,000 to that worldwide project.

New for the Kiwanis Club this year: the Santa Train. Partnering with the Pikes Peak Cog Railway, Kiwanis Club volunteers and other elves will be assisting Santa's visit with families on the train throughout the month of December.

Please consider joining your neighbors in the Kiwanis Club of Manitou Springs.

## GET INVOLVED

The Kiwanis Club of Manitou Springs meets for dinner at 6:30 p.m. Mondays at the Community Congregational Church, 103 Pawnee Ave. Information: [www.manitoukiwanis.org](http://www.manitoukiwanis.org).

# Manitou Springs Chamber of Commerce

By Leslie Lewis,  
executive director

2017 has been a year of change for the Manitou Springs Chamber of Commerce, Visitors Bureau & Office of Economic Development.

We had significant staff changes this year, losing Laura Nelson and Brittany Tafoya to other opportunities. We are again fully staffed as we welcomed Stephanie Willie (visitor information center supervisor), Jenna Gallas (special event coordinator), and Cathy Cayton (marketing coordinator) to the staff.

One of our goals for 2017 was to create a new logo for our advertising and branding strategies, and we launched the new logo this summer. We still have stickers available if anyone would like to stop by the Visitor Center to pick one up. We will use the new logo and the newly awarded Colorado Creative District designation in our 2018 advertising campaigns.

We strive to be a local resource for residents as well as our visitors. We partner with other groups and organizations to promote events and activities as often as possible and are excited to distribute the new Trail and Parks map created by

## GET INVOLVED

Stop by 354 Manitou Ave.,  
visit [manitousprings.org](http://manitousprings.org) or call  
685-5089.



Courtesy image

This aerial view of downtown Manitou shows landmark buildings including the Barker House, St. Andrews Church and the Spa Building.

the Open Space Advisory Committee and the Park and Recreation Advisory Board.

Our next project will be to create a list of local (home-based/officed) services to share with residents.

Upcoming new events for both residents and visitors include “Manitou Paints!” a plein air event on Oct. 21 (thank you to Tracy Miller and Patrice Filler for bringing plein air back), Trout Steak Revival, opened by

Woodshed Red, in concert Nov. 11, and a Silent Disco on Nov. 18.

We will have Santa and strolling musicians in downtown on December weekends and are working out the details for a “shop Manitou-ski Monarch” promotion.

The Visitor Information Center sees visitors from all over the country and the world. If you enjoy meeting and talking with people and have some free time available, we are looking for volunteers to assist our guests.

We are also looking for volunteers to help with events and would welcome suggestions on other events



you would like to see in Manitou Springs.

# Mineral Springs Foundation

By Terry Sharpton,  
president

People in Manitou Springs can probably agree that it has been a busy and interesting summer. The Mineral Springs Foundation wants to thank all the volunteers responsible for making this the best summer yet for Springabout Tours.

People were treated to great guided walking tours of the mineral springs on Saturday mornings throughout the summer starting at 7 Minute Spring Park. In addition, Roxanne Eflin presented Sip and Stroll Tours at noon Wednesdays beginning at the Town Clock.

Together, visitors and locals alike enjoyed learning about Manitou’s history, tasting mineral springs and generally getting out in the fresh Colorado air and sunshine.

As the fall season enters with winter just around the corner, we’re able to think about some upcoming projects. Over the years, Manitou’s mineral springs have undergone

numerous font and infrastructure upgrades.

When you see a Barnhart Pump truck parked near a mineral spring, most likely Barnhart staffers are working on some of the intricate plumbing that provides the great mineral water to the fonts for all to continue to enjoy. Many thanks to the guys at Barnhart for their continued efforts to help us keep everything flowing.

Time takes its toll on the fonts as well, and this year we’ll be conducting a much-needed renovation project on the base of Stratton Spring, with actual Manitou Greenstone to adorn the base of the font, replacing the artificial stone currently in place.

Our plans also include more lighting, an improved basin and replacement of the awkward stones on the ground in front of the font with pavers to make access easier.

If you’re wondering why Navajo Spring is not flowing, we’re working on its deteriorating plumbing and hope to have it flowing again soon.

This will only be a temporary fix, and the goal is to upgrade this font, get it off the side of the building and make it more accessible to everyone.

Stay tuned for more updates on these projects — follow us on Facebook for updates and ways you can donate to the cause.

In the meantime, tip a glass of mineral water from one of the other springs, and maybe even spice it up with a recipe from our website, [manitoumineral-springs.org](http://manitoumineral-springs.org).



Courtesy of Terry Sharpton

Kathleen Morrow presents information about 7 Minute Spring while leading a walking tour.

# Manitou Springs Heritage Center

By Michael Maio,  
MSHC board of directors

First, a test of your knowledge about our town's history. What figure in Manitou's illustrious history has died only once, but was buried on three occasions? I understand there has been some dispute about the number of actual burials, but the answer will come later.

It was another successful year at the Manitou Springs Heritage Center and we have not only our hardworking volunteers and board members to thank, but also our beloved town and the entire state of Colorado in making the Heritage Center the city's best-rated museum.

You're probably as shocked as I was when I learned about his honor. However, TripAdvisor.com recently rated three Manitou museums and, indeed, found the little museum packed with lots of history to be the best museum in town.

One visitor said it best. "There is so much history flooding this space, and with even just a quick walk-thru, you'll better understand the unique culture of the city even in its early beginnings (like the display now on a peanut that a man pushed up Pikes Peak with his NOSE- and yes, they have the actual peanut)."

The Heritage Center opened only one major exhibit this past season, but it turned into an overwhelming success. "The Red Mountain Incline — Manitou's Other Incline" features

not only the story about an incline that was destined to failure, but also a 12-foot-high letter announcing its presence to the town's tourists when it opened in August 1912.

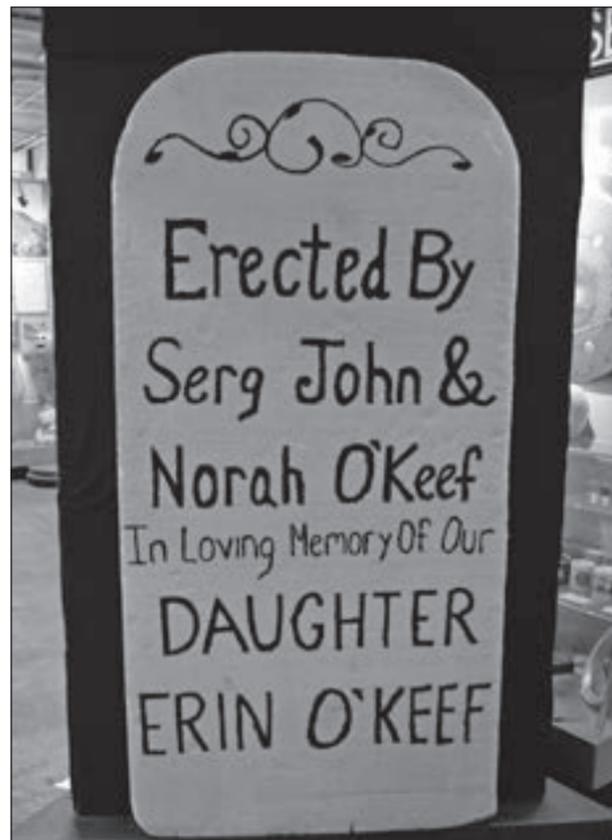
The letter "M" exhibited at the museum actually represents part of the electrified "Red Mt. Incline" sign that once graced the slopes of Red Mountain. At the time, it was known as the tallest illuminated sign west of the Mississippi River.

Stay tuned for our upcoming book about the Red Mountain Incline; we'll share more details of the attraction's short and sordid past.

Also, in the past year, the Heritage Center's Capital Campaign to purchase our facility was approved as a Pikes Peak Enterprise Zone project. If you've ever considered a contribution to our unique museum, this designation will give your donation added clout not only to our museum, but also to your pocketbook in terms of tax savings.

Let's also remember that the Heritage Center is not only about exhibits and archives, but it's also about fun! The museum seems to have this wonderful knack for mixing the town's unusual history with its fundraisers ... or are those FUNraisers?

The Heritage Center takes pride in having introduced to our town and hosting the Manitou Springs Heritage Brew Festival, the 23rd Annual Manitou Ghost Tours, the annual vintage baseball game, the Cog Railway's History Express and opportunities to dine at



the exclusive Craftwood Inn.

Join us for some fun in Manitou at the Manitou Springs Heritage Center where its admission, like its on street parking, is FREE.

And now the answer to the question: Emma Crawford died Dec. 4, 1891, but was buried at three locations! Two of her burial sites were on Red Mountain's summit, while her final resting place was Manitou's Crystal Valley Cemetery in Manitou Springs.

Learn more about Emma Crawford at the Heritage Center's Ghost Tours after the Emma Crawford Coffin Races on Oct. 28.

**GET INVOLVED**

The Manitou Springs Heritage Center is at 517 Manitou Ave. Information: [www.manitouspringsheritagecenter.org](http://www.manitouspringsheritagecenter.org) or 685-2453.



Photos by Rhonda Van Pelt

Heritage Center volunteers love decorating for Halloween.