Rhubarb Festival in Pine Grove, Colorado on June 11

The fun starts at 7:30 a.m. on the 11th of June. It is the 29th annual Rhubarb Festival in Pine Grove, Colorado. From 7:30 to 11:30 a.m., the day begins with an all you can eat pancake breakfast. Last year, over 700 people were served. At 11:30 there is Bake-off where Rhubarb Recipes are judged. A parade starts after the winner of the Rhubarb Baking Contest is selected. At 1 p.m., there is the legendary River Duck Race. This is where you buy plastic ducks with numbers on them and see whose duck goes the fastest down the river. The first place duck owner wins $100.

The Rhubarb Festival is a fundraiser for the Fire Department and the Community. All the cabins in the community grow rhubarb in their yards so it is a natural decision to have the rhubarb commemorated. The Antique Bottle Collectors of Colorado (ABCC) will have a booth at the festival. It has been bringing warmth and rustic beauty to homes since 1999. Custom made to fit any size, style and budget, these rustic wood mantels come in a wide selection, with a large inventory and custom-made mantel options available. All mantels have the natural log front - some conserve for the traditional home and others with lots of character for the mountain feel. Over 90% of their log is reclaimed from “standing dead.” The rest is salvaged from being burned. They are committed to saving these ancient trees from being destroyed.

By Jan S. Racey, President, ABCC

The Antique Bottle Collectors of Colorado (ABCC) will host its annual Show & Sale at the Douglas County Fairgrounds in Castle Rock, Colorado on July 23rd, 2016. The ABCC is a registered non-profit corporation comprised of over 120 active members with a shared interest in exploring, educating, publishing and promoting the collecting of historical bottles and related antique and collectible items. Club activities include monthly meetings with programs, bottle raffles, show ‘n tell and much socializing.

Our Show chairman, Jeff Johnson, is excited to once again represent the ABCC as Chairman for the 2016 event. Jeff is extremely well organized and the venue at the Fairgrounds is very exciting for the Club. We are doing something a little different this year. The Fairgrounds is allowing us to once again have an early set-up on Friday. The dealers may set-up on Friday, July 22nd from 12noon – 4PM, after which an after party set-up will be hosted at the home of long time members Dan & Cheryl Anderson, less than a 5-minute drive from the Fairgrounds! More details on this will appear in each dealer packets upon arrival at the Show site.

There are many hotels in the Castle Rock area as well as camping. The Fairgrounds has even set aside our very own parking and camping zone for those who may be traveling by self-contained motor home. Castle Rock is about mid-way between Denver and Colorado Springs with so much to do in the area.

Plan on being in Colorado on the weekend of July 23rd. The Show will be open to the public from 9AM - 4PM (Saturday). There will be hourly door prize drawings from 10AM until 2PM. A Club raffle prize will be drawn for a lucky individual at 3PM. The lucky winner will be able to choose from one of 3 great prizes or go on a shopping spree among the dealers compliments of the ABCC!

You may contact Jeff Johnson at 303-681-3776 or email him at jsjmn@msn.com. Go to our Club website at www.antiquebottlecollectorsofcolorado.com to see the Show flyer.

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JUNE 1: YOYOS Discussion led by Cheryl Miller at 2:00 p.m. at The Brass Armadillo, 11301 West I-70, Wheat Ridge, CO. More information, or if you would be interested in doing a presentation in your area of expertise, call Dixie or Charlotte at 303-403-1677.

JUNE 4, JULY 2, AUGUST 6, SEPTEMBER 3, OCTOBER 1: A PARIS STREET MARKET is at the Aspen Grove in Littleton, Colorado. The 2016 Market is open from 8am to 3pm. Rain or Shine! More information or to reserve your space in the market, call 303-877-9457 or Email them at:tsvandel@msn.com.

JUNE 15: RARE CHINESE BOOKS Discussion led by C. Yves at 2:00 p.m. at The Brass Armadillo, 11301 West I-70, Wheat Ridge, CO. More information, or if you would be interested in doing a presentation in your area of expertise, call Dixie or Charlotte at 303-403-1677.

JUNE 18: ARVADA OUTDOOR ANTIQUE MARKET at Homestead Antiques, 6530 Wadsworth Blvd., Suite 130, Arvada, CO 80003, a wide variety of antiques, vintage furnishings, glassware, jewelry, collectibles, primitives, home decor and more, 3rd Saturday. Limited Seller space available, email at homesteadantiques1@aol.com or call 720-484-3644. Next outdoor markets: July 16 and August 20.

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JULY 9 & 10: ROCKY MOUNTAIN ANTIQUE FESTIVAL will be held at the Ranch Events Complex, 5280 Arena Circle in Loveland, Colorado. Produced by Heritage Event Company, featuring dealers from sixteen states with 140 booths. Call 970-619-2875 or visit www.HeritageEventCompany.com for more information.

JULY 15-17: WORLD WIDE ANTIQUE and VINTAGE SHOW at the Denver Mart in the EXPO Building, 451 East 58th Avenue, Denver, CO. For more information, go to www.findyourantique.com. Future show will be Oct. 14-16.

JULY 15 & 16: DENVER POSTCARD & PAPER SHOW, Antique & Collectible Postcard & Paper Show & Sale to be held at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds Exhibit Hall (15200 W. 6th Ave., Golden, Colorado, Friday 11-7, Sat. 9-30 to 4-30. $5 admission good for both days, Contact Dede Horan at 303-681-3776 or E-mail: DenverPostcardShow@comcast.net, www.facebook.com/denverpostcardshow or www.DenverPostcardShow.com for more information.

JULY 23: ANTIQUE BOTTLE COLLECTORS OF COLORADO SHOW, 51st Anniversary, Castle Rock, Colorado, Douglas County Fairgrounds at Kirk Hall, 500 Fairgrounds Dr., Castle Rock, Colorado (1/2 Mile East of I-25 on Plum Creek Parkway), $3.00 admission, Contact Jeff Johnson for more information, 303-681-3776 or www.antiquebottlecollectorsofcolorado.com

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I was so fortunate to explore the city for several days last month with Eron Johnson and wanted to share some of the ‘must-see’ places. These stops are filled with some of the best art examples of all kinds that I have had the pleasure of seeing. The city of Boston, Massachusetts, is rich in history and fine art. The art collections in the Museum of Fine Arts, Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Boston Public Library, Old State House Museum, and the Arlington Street Church are unbeatable. In Boston, you can see a full complement of world art and Americana. In these art institutions, you’ll find many paintings, sculptures, and marvelous artifacts. The exquisite architecture of the buildings is also noteworthy. If you can’t go anytime soon, I hope this piece gives you a little taste that you enjoy.

1. The Museum of Fine Arts is one of the leading art museums in the world. We were here from open to close and enjoyed every second. This museum needs two days. Every art movement from every period of history worldwide is represented here. Founded in 1870, the museum moved to its current location in 1909. The museum is affiliated with Tufts University. It admits more than one million visitors a year. They also have a fantastic brunch! My favorite was a room that was filled with only Monet paintings and a painting I have always wanted to see in person by John Singer Sargent.

2. The Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum was founded by Isabella Stewart Gardner (1840 - 1924), an American art collector, philanthropist, and patron of the arts. The museum was incorporated in 1900 and opened in 1903. It was designed to emulate a 15th-century Venetian palace. It features European, Asian, and American art, from paintings and sculpture to tapestries and decorative arts. This place is quite literally stepping into another world and is a CAN’T MISS in Boston. Isabella Gardner placed her portrait by John S. Sargent in the most prominent corner of the final gallery of the museum.

3. The Boston Public Library is a municipal public library founded in 1848. It is also the library for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. It is the second largest public library in the United States, behind only the Library of Congress according to the American Library Association. This library is not only visually stunning but filled with incredible art from artists like my personal favorite, John Singer Sargent. The library was a million times more exceptional than I expected and I was so grateful we went inside!

4. The Old State House is a historic building at the intersection of Washington and State Streets. Built in 1713, it was the seat of the Massachusetts General Court until 1798. It is one of the oldest public buildings in the United States. The museum is a favorite tourist attraction. It is also close to a couple of fun Irish pubs where on a Sunday afternoon, you can join a music session or have some delicious Irish cuisine.

5. Arlington Street Church houses one of the only complete matching sets of Tiffany stained glass windows. These windows you can get up close to and look at and even touch. It is a wonderful feeling to be so close to these precious artifacts.

As for eats, Marliaves and Mama Maria are fantastic places to have a nice dinner. If you are looking for casual stops, basically anything in Little Italy was superb from casual to upscale. The red velvet cupcake at Modern Pastry Shop was life changing.

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Doing antiques “since dinosaurs were pups,” Genna had her own store “the Country Line” for over 17 years starting in 1987 on Gaylord Street. She also was in Littleton’s Prince Street Dry Goods, then she moved to Southglenn and then to South Broadway evolving along the way. Now she calls Hampden Street home. Genna loves old mannequins, dress forms, authentic department store signs.

She was featured in a national magazine, 12 or 14 pages in country sampler home tours. Genna feels that Hampden Street Antique Market has a great staff and great dealers. They are all very knowledgeable, friendly and helpful. The Market’s merchandise is very diverse. You can spend $1 or $1000. The Market always has cookies, “We’re down to one cookie today, you have to get here early.”

Genna sums up her experience at Hampden Street Antique Market in a few words, “more refined, more service, brass elevator, nostalgic, so welcoming.”

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The following article was written by Stephanie Earls for the Colorado Springs Gazette. It talks about Jason Carr and his father Dean. Jason and his wife Tina own The Antique Gallery of Colorado Springs. The Mall just celebrated its 25th anniversary. Congratulations!

If you were a kid in a certain neighborhood in Minneapolis about 17 years ago, and you had an old, ratty, snugglespoke bike so broke no repair guy wanted to touch it, Dean Carr was the bike man for you.

Carr loved bikes, especially the ones that needed it the most.

“Dean loved working on the old, tattered bikes that most of us in the shop would run away from,” wrote Kevin Ishaug, owner of Freewheel Bike in Minneapolis, in a memorial blog post after Carr’s death in 2005. “He was a throwback to a time when things were simple, bikes had wheels with spokes, they were steel and if you were lucky, it had a few gears.”

Carr’s son Jason grew up in Colorado, 1,000 miles away from his father. What Jason knew of his biological dad back in Minnesota came from stories his mom told about how Dean was a master folk guitarist who was friends with famous artists like Leo Kottke and Bonnie Raitt. Jason had no natural musical ability and wondered what other gifts or inclinations he might have inherited from his dad. Father and son didn’t meet until Jason was in his mid-30s. “We didn’t look alike at all. My dad had lots of dark curly hair and I didn’t get that,” said Jason, now 48. “We were alike, but just on the inside. We’re definitely seriously mechanically inclined tinkerers.”

The elder Carr’s abiding passion, as Jason discovered was — handlebars down — bicycles. “My father lived in a big apartment building and he had a spare apartment in the basement that was filled with bicycle frames and parts and tools that he used to build into bikes for neighborhood people,” said Jason. “He rode nearly every day for fun and transportation in Minneapolis, where I imagine many of those rides were quite cold and slippery.”

As it turned out, Jason only had time for a few, too-brief visits with his dad. “I regret only one thing in my life and it is not getting to the father-son journey of discovery continues in the Springs, as well, on two skinny tires.

“I have begun riding in the past few years because I inherited a couple of great bicycles from my father,” said Jason, whose stepfather taught him to ride a bike.

One of those bikes — a Trek 660, his dad’s “daily rider” — is now Jason’s daily rider. “It’s scratched up and rode hard, but he fixed it up with all the nicest parts and it’s a super nice bicycle,” said Jason, ticking off a list of highlights his father added: Brooks leather saddle, Cinelli handlebars, Cagnagolo Super Record cranks, Modolo brakes, Arrow wheels and a vintage Vetta trip computer.

“Real bicycle guys look at it in awe at all the cool stuff on it, but when I first brought it back I had no idea it was cool it was,” said Jason. “Little by little people and Internet research revealed all the great things that he did to the bike. It seemed only natural that he would ride a janky looking bike that was actually a very great performer. That’s my style as well with many things.”

Jason also inherited a top-of-the-line Raleigh Professional that his dad bought new in the mid-1970s and only rode a few times.

For years Jason kept it on display atop a tall shelf at his Waatch Avenue store. It was for sale but priced about $1,000 over estimated value.

“That’s my ‘I don’t want to sell it price,’” he said.

A few years ago, he affixed a new tag. It reads “Not for Sale.”

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In Florence with its 27 antique shops, the most frequently asked question is:

Where’s the best place to eat?

By Sandy Dale

I’m afraid there isn’t a “best” place and it would depend on whom you asked. We locals all have our favorites... and me, well, each one of the seventeen places I’m going to list here (most on the main street) have something, or things, that I call my favorite.

I’m going to start at the east end of town and go west along Main Street (Highway 115 off Highway 80). You will see Super D Grocery Store on your left. I mention this because they have a great little deli. Then there is the Quick Stop on your right where Subway is located. Not wanting to take the time for a sit-down meal, a dedicated antique shopper might want to bring a cooler and stock up with some fried chicken or a sub to munch on during shopping breaks.

Or again, save time at Carl’s Junior coming up on your left – try the machine fixes. Next, on your right is Steele Smokin’ BBQ, yum. Nearly next-door is Domino’s. Order a pizza and take it to Florence’s lovely tree-shaded Pioneer Park two blocks north of downtown.

As we get into the downtown area, on your right is the Rosebud Café and across the street is Two Sisters. Hopefully, you are starting your shopping early and need a hearty breakfast. Both of these offer good solid American cuisine, breakfast and lunch. In the same block on your left is Oak Creek Grill with beer, food, and pool tables... a good spot for the shopper’s chauffeur to wait.

Moving on to the next block, we have Ito’s Restaurant and Sushi Bar on the right. Not a sushi fan? Try the Hento Box lunches, a personal favorite. Across the street, the Aspen Leaf Bakery and Café offers yummy bakery goods, tasty sandwiches and soups, and... ice cream. On the right is Papa’s where you can dine in or order at the walk-up window. Great pizzas whole or by the slice and other Italian treats.

Have you stopped till you dropped? Have an early dinner at Quincy’s. They offer filet mignon on weekdays and prime rib on the weekends plus a full bar. Or, in the next block, there’s pub grub at the Green Parrot.

Time for a shopping break? Two doors north off Main Street on Santa Fe is the Itty Bitty Bakery. Everything is decadent, delicious and gone by noon... get there early. Another great break spot is the Pour House Coffee Shop back on Main Street. Great fresh roasted coffees, sandwiches and goodies.

Around the bend next to Willie’s Antiques, the Jade Café offers tasty Chinese fare. If I haven’t tickled your palate with this list, then try one of the two lunch wagons often found parked on Main Street. Both serving up great eats.
May’s What Is It?

We had many correct guesses to our What Is It for May. The official description is that it is a waffle maker. The Pennsylvania Dutch sunburst adds value to this waffle maker which was designed to be placed over an “eye” or firehole, of a wood or coal range.

Carolyn Kundel of Roland, Iowa; Charles Pheasant of Centennial, Colorado; Kristy Younger, Denver, Colorado; Violet Robinson Easterling of Edgewater, Colorado; Fred Clark, Colorado Springs, Colorado; Jacqui Rutledge, Tyler Hill, Pennsylvania; Marjorie McLaren, Anchorage, Alaska; Jeannie Reynolds, Nederland, Colorado; B. Houser, Florissant, Colorado who, by the way, points out that both Pizzelles (Italian waffle cookies) and Norwegian Krumkakas can be cooked this way; Angie Wenzinger, Denver, Colorado and B.K. Palmer of Ingledwood, Colorado all have correctly identified May’s What Is It.

Congratulations!

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