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'Old Crows Gets in Your Bones' Dealers Thriving at Old Crows Antique Mall

By Jon DeStefano

The time has finally come for Old Crow Antique Mall to celebrate their Grand Opening. It hasn't been easy. They faced the typical challenges of starting a new business, of transforming a 40,000 square foot empty space into a place customers and dealers would feel comfortable, and a place that gave 200+ dealers a space that was attractive and distinct. They also had to construct the inside and then meet the needs of the numerous inspectors to comply with all the county and state building codes and requirements.

Then they had to get their dealers. Sounds like a lot and it was.

By early March they were ready to open and sure enough in mid-March the COVID-19 pandemic hit. They were shut down until May. The journey that began almost a year ago when brothers Tim and Joe Crawford undertook a great challenge and decided to open a very special antique mall in a shopping center in Littleton, Colorado at the Southwest corner of Bowles and Kipling was now finally underway. The time was not wasted. They had transformed the space into a purposeful and efficient antique mall.

However, Tim and Joe Crawford wanted much more than that. Joe said, "Our goal was to create an antique and vintage wonderland where the variety of items is continuously being rotated and changed. A place where you can browse in comfort, enjoy a large and diverse selection, and enjoy a bottle of root beer, a fresh cup of coffee, or a snack while you take a break from your journey through time."

"Our greatest success has been our dealers," Joseph continued, "They are outstanding. We have been selective about the dealers who have joined us. They are great people, very involved. Together we have really created something special here for our customers. The entire place is a welcoming environment. We are all having fun doing this together. We're more like a family."

Old Crows' dealers are very excited about this new and fascinating antique mall and they should as they have indicated their businesses are really thriving here. Customers are equally excited.

Here are comments from several of the dealers and shoppers:

"After forty years of owning my antiques shops, I'm thoroughly delighted to become a part of Denver's newest and most exciting collection of dealers at Old Crows Antique Mall, in Littleton Colorado. The mall is amazing, the owner, management and staff are excited to serve, and our customers are thrilled with the quality and selection of styles represented. "I'm proud to have my new boutique shop in the mall, and to invite my longtime customers to peruse all the beautiful items in this delightful 40,000 square ft. mall. It's a fresh, pristine building, with a plethora of parking, and something for everyone.... including special weekend events, and their famous Root Beer Bar!!"

—Joy Phelps

"The staff and management at Old Crows Antique mall are friendly, helpful, and knowledgeable. Also, the newly-renovated building has been created into a modern, clean, and accessible antique mall. Filled with a variety of items from several dealers, it offers the customer a great shopping experience."

—Lois Claggett

"Rare finds, fun events and frosty root beer floats; I'm proud to be one of the original Crows."

—Justin Dartt

"One of the best things about being a dealer at Old Crows is the family friendly atmosphere. With the variety of ages and personalities it's always fun to watch the reaction of people to things that trigger



fond memories or offer a learning experience.

When a grandfather was showing an old payphone to his granddaughter, she was fascinated with the old technology and couldn't imagine standing in one spot while having a conversation. She studied the phone for several minutes and fell in love with it. I thought how wonderful it would be to sell all my cleverness and buy some bewilderment.

Bring the kids — You'll find lots of great things to provide an opportunity for a meaningful conversation."

—John Howe

"Treasure hunting at Old Crows Antiques led me to shopping for my place as a vendor. The staff is truly remarkable. Old Crows is a special place for fun finds!"

—Lori Counterman

"At Old Crows we like that you can find items from days gone by that were made well and are still usable today! Also, the craftsmanship on repurposed pieces add a touch of charm to your modern home."

—Kelly Payton

"I love Old Crows Antiques! It's a great place to shop for unusual items. From the minute you walk through the doors you are greeted with smiling, friendly faces. The spaces are filled with amazing one-of-a-kind treasures and beautifully displayed throughout. It's an easy and relaxing atmosphere to spend an hour (or two or three!). My new FAV!"

—Linda Faller

"...From the moment I walked in, multiple engaging elements at Old Crows Antique Mall captured my senses. Most immediately, the expansiveness (over 40,000 square feet). I could see a wonderful display of a broad range of antiques, collectibles, and upscale repurposed items. I knew that my shopping experience may take me more than a day. I was enthusiastically greeted as I entered by a helpful staff member who offered to direct me to any particular area of interest. Suffice it to say, I didn't want to miss a thing. My shopping experience rewarded me with a plethora of quality items at a great price. I have always felt that a quintessential day looking for my particular antique furniture pieces, accessories and collectables can only be met through a great selection and those fabulous prices. Old Crows Antique Mall did not disappoint."

—Ken Jones

Old Crows Antique Mall has over 40,000 square feet of display space featuring a variety of merchandise including antiques, primitives, vintage, collectibles, mid-mod, upcycled, repurposed, rustic, farmhouse, and more. Old Crows Antiques features over 600 individual booths and cases. They are at 80% capacity.

THE ROOT BEER BAR at Old Crows features a large selection of premium bottled root beers, beverages, pre-packaged snacks, hot dogs, nachos, pretzels, and candies. They also have soft-serve ice cream in vanilla and root beer flavors. Come enjoy a root beer float!

Focused on antiques, vintage, collectibles, mid-mod, farmhouse, upcycled and repurposed items, you'll find a large volume and variety to browse as you walk down memory lane and into a time gone by.

"Old Crows gets in your bones," says Lindsay with Schitt to Shine, "every aisle is filled with memories...even ones you forgot about but with a simple glance brings back every best part of your childhood! The people are rooted in bringing uncovered joy back to our lives. Every booth has a story you feel compelled to dive into. No booth is the same and isn't that just a grand experience for our eyes and our hearts! Old Crows is a must-visit!"

OLD CROWS WILL BE CELEBRATING THEIR GRAND OPENING THROUGHOUT THE MONTH OF OCTOBER. Refer to their website calendar, Instagram, and Facebook as they announce special events and giveaways. They have a great line-up for you! On October 3, start your engines with the Cars For Christ car show from 10 am - 2 pm. Enter your cool ride into one of several categories for only \$5. Then, from 1-3, hustle inside where Denver Broncos great Randy Gradishar will be signing autographs! That's not all, they'll also have local Denver author and Broncos expert Scott Perry talking NFL/Bronco history in the Root Beer Bar. It's going to be an amazing day filled with drawings, giveaways, and prizes. Be sure to share it with your friends!

See advertisement on page three for more about Old Crows.

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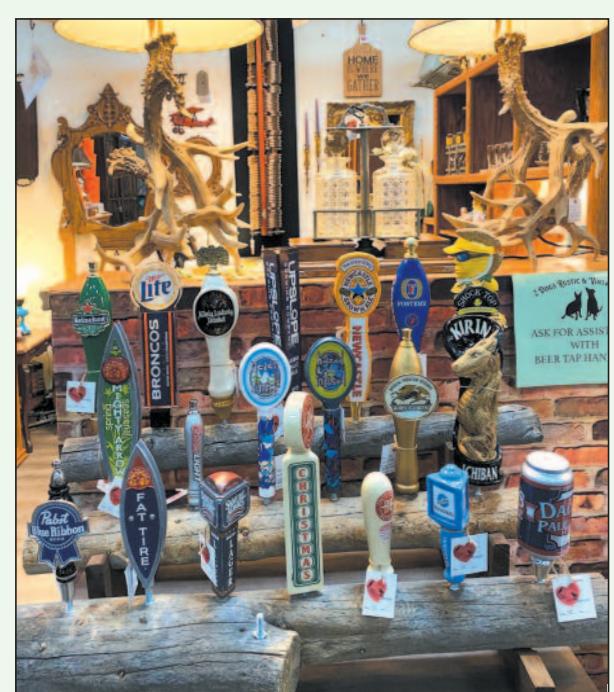


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Here is a description of the NOAA agency:
NOAA is an agency that enriches life through science. Its reach goes from the surface of the sun to the depths of the ocean floor as they work to keep the public informed of the changing environment around them.

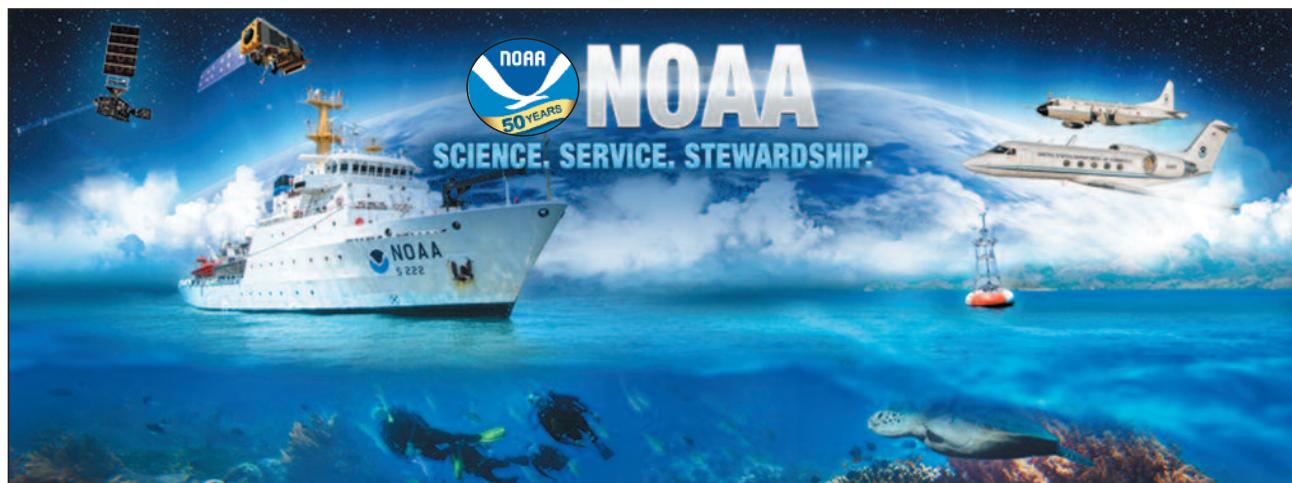
From daily weather forecasts, severe storm warnings, and climate monitoring to fisheries management, coastal restoration and supporting marine commerce, NOAA's products and services support economic vitality and affect more than one-third of America's gross domestic product. NOAA's dedicated scientists use cutting-edge research and high-tech instrumentation to provide citizens, planners, emergency managers and other decision makers with reliable information they need when they need it.

NOAA's mission of science, service and stewardship spans from the surface of the sun to the depths of the ocean. Their mission:

1. To understand and predict changes in climate, weather, oceans and coasts;
2. To share that knowledge and information with others; and
3. To conserve and manage coastal and marine ecosystems and resources.

To understand and predict changes in climate, weather, oceans and coasts

Science at NOAA is the systematic study of the structure and behavior of the ocean, atmosphere, and related ecosystems; integration of research and analysis; observations and monitoring; and environmental modeling. NOAA science includes discoveries and ever new understanding of the oceans and atmosphere, and the application of this understanding to such issues as the causes and consequences of climate change, the physical dynamics



of high-impact weather events, the dynamics of complex ecosystems and biodiversity, and the ability to model and predict the future states of these systems. Science provides the foundation and future promise of the service and stewardship elements of NOAA's mission.

To share that knowledge and information with others

Service is the communication of NOAA's research, data, information, and knowledge for use by the Nation's businesses, communities, and people's daily lives. NOAA services include climate predictions and projections; weather and water reports, forecasts and warnings; nautical charts and navigational information; and the continuous delivery of a range of Earth observations and scientific data sets for use by public, private, and academic sectors.

To conserve and manage coastal and marine ecosystems and resources

Stewardship is NOAA's direct use of its knowledge to protect people and the environment, as the Agency exercises its direct authority to regulate and sustain marine fisheries and their ecosystems, protect endangered marine and anadromous species, protect and restore habitats and ecosystems, conserve marine sanctuaries and other protected places, respond to environmental emergencies, and aid in disaster recovery. The foundation of NOAA's long-standing record of scientific, technical, and organizational excellence is its people. NOAA's diverse functions require an equally diverse set of skills and constantly evolving abilities in its workforce.

Also underlying NOAA's continued success is its unique infrastructure. NOAA's core mission functions require satellite systems, ships, buoys, aircraft, research facilities, high-performance computing, and information management and distribution systems. The agency provides research-to-application capabilities that can recognize and apply significant new understanding to questions, develop research products and methods, and apply emerging science and technology to user needs. NOAA invests in and depends heavily on the science, management, and engagement capabilities of its partners. Collectively, NOAA's organizational enterprise-wide capabilities — its people, infrastructure, research, and partnerships — are essential for NOAA to achieve its vision, mission, and long-term goals.

NOAA's Vision of the Future

1. Resilient Ecosystems, Communities, and Economies; and
2. Healthy ecosystems, communities and economies that are resilient in the face of change.

Earth's ecosystems support people, communities, and economies. Our own human health, prosperity, and well-being depend upon the health and resilience of natural and social ecosystems. Managing this interdependence requires timely and usable scientific information to make decisions. Human well-being requires preparing for and responding to changes within these natural systems. NOAA's mission of science, service, and stewardship is directed to a vision of the future where societies and their ecosystems are healthy and resilient in the face of sudden or prolonged change.

A vision of resilience will guide NOAA and its partners in a collective effort to reduce the vulnerability of communities and ecological systems in the short-term, while helping society avoid or adapt to potential long-term environmental, social, and economic changes. To achieve this vision we must understand current Earth system conditions, project future changes, and help people make informed decisions that reduce their vulnerability to environmental hazards and stresses that emerge over time, while at the same time increase their ability to cope with them. Resilient human communities and

economies maintain or improve their health and vitality over time by anticipating, absorbing, diffusing, and adapting to change. Resilient communities and institutions derive goods from ecosystems in a way that does not compromise ecosystem integrity, yet is economically feasible and socially just for future generations.

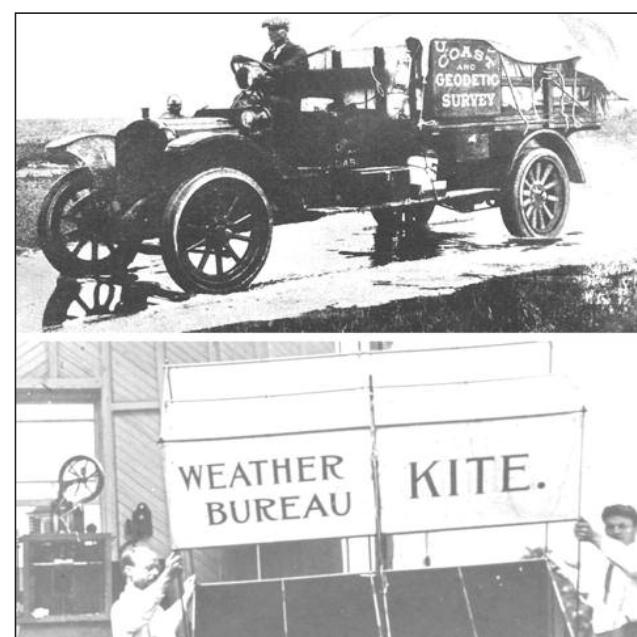
To this end, NOAA will focus on four long-term goals that are central determinants of resilient ecosystems, communities, and economies — and that cannot be achieved without the agency's distinctive mission and capabilities. The objectives identified in NOAA's Next-Generation Strategic Plan are the basis for NOAA's corporate planning, performance management, and stakeholder engagement over the next five years. Objectives are specific outcomes NOAA can achieve on the path to broader, long-term goals and toward a more capable, flexible enterprise. They are measurable and can be affected by specified activities over a five-year period.

NOAA's Line Offices and Staff Offices will be accountable for executing the strategy laid out in this document through implementation plans at a tactical (rather than strategic) level of detail. Where there are shared capabilities to achieve an objective, there will also be joint accountability for budgeting, executing, and performing toward that objective.

Their history

NOAA's roots reach back more than 200 years: They are America's environmental intelligence agency.

In 1807, President Thomas Jefferson founded the U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey (as the Survey of the Coast) to provide nautical charts to the maritime community for safe passage into American ports and along our extensive coastline. The Weather Bureau was founded 1870 and, one year later, the U.S. Commission of Fish and Fisheries was founded. Individually, these organizations were America's first physical science agency, America's first agency dedicated specifically to the atmospheric sciences, and America's first conservation agency.



History in the making

(Top photo) The officers of the Coast and Geodetic Survey, the NOAA Corps predecessor service, were world-renowned for their expertise and accuracy in surveying and charting. (Bottom photo) U.S. Weather Bureau weather kite being prepared for launch. (NOAA)

The cultures of scientific accuracy and precision, service to protect life and property, and stewardship of resources of these three agencies were brought together in 1970 with the establishment of NOAA, an agency within the Department of Commerce. In 2020, NOAA is celebrating its 50th anniversary. Happy Anniversary!

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Dear MSC

The front page article and pictures of Connie's Antiques & Treasures was a surprise and welcome promotion. We saw immediate response from your readers. The exposure to the antiquing community was invaluable. Thanks for the support. Your publication is nicely done every month. Thanks for bringing all of us together.

Gil Rivera



The Book of Abraham

Thank you, Peg. What a great article about a great guy! You must be very proud. I sure am! I just forwarded it to many Bergen teachers who will love seeing Joey's success. Sondra

This is awesome!

Courtney Stain

Please send my Congratulations to Joey! I especially like his quote of Abraham Lincoln's, "Do not be afraid, stand firm and see the deliverance the Lord will accomplish." That is so true for us today as we go into our Presidential election. Plus, Abraham Lincoln said this on Sept 1.... No coincidences.

A note here, Abraham Lincoln is on our Family Tree and my daughter Amanda is named for my great, great, great Grandmother, Amanda Sacket Hanks.

Lynda Moore

Perfect!

Martha Kiefer

This is awesome. Thanks for keeping me in the loop! So glad to hear Joey's putting more amazing words into the world, the book sounds great. Sending love from a rainy day in Massachusetts!

Dennis James Sweeney

What?! This is crazy. Crazy awesome! Thanks, Ma. Maybe there's a readership for it yet. I was surprised to see this. I just logged on to share with you another response, maybe for the future blurb or advertisement, and then I saw this. Wow. Thank you. How much do I owe you? I'll pay you back with the 5 cents I make with each sell. Ha. Love you.

Joey

Great article and great picture. I recommend the book club read one of his books.
Colleen Jorgensen

Dear Peggy,

Please tell Joey congratulations on his book. I'm looking forward to reading it soon!
That is a wonderful accomplishment!

Love,
Donna Wittmer

DAR Feature — Little Free Libraries

Thanks, Peggy
Fran McVeigh

Thank you for putting this in the September issue! We try to help out in the community wherever we can, and letting people know where they can find this library is a great help.

Thank you also for sending the whole issue. They are always fun to read.

Sherry Perdina

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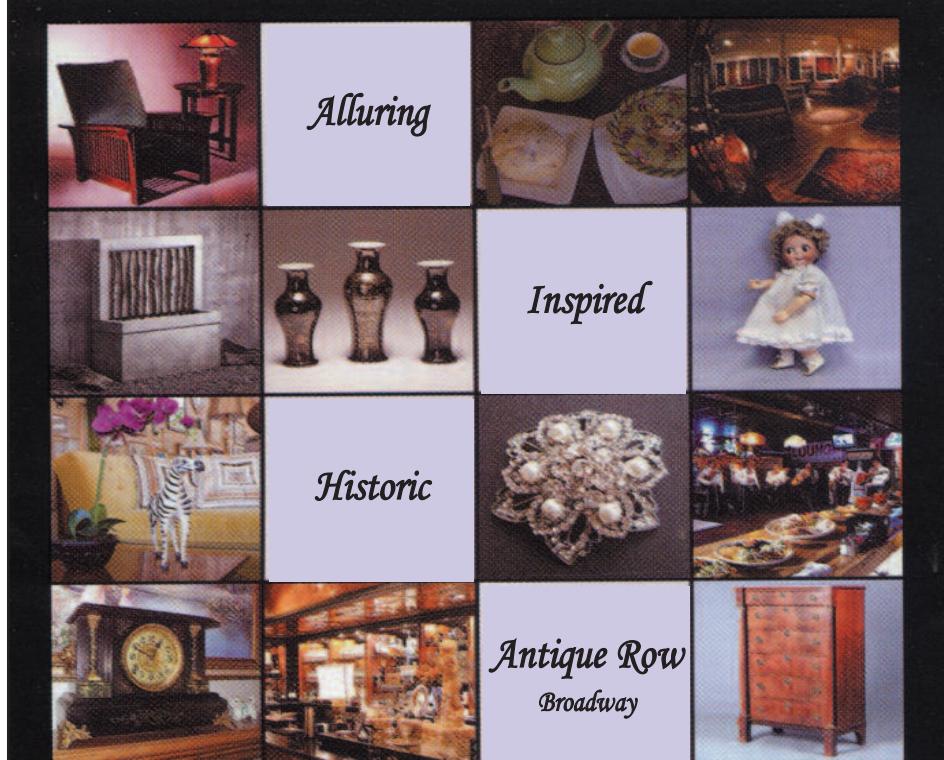
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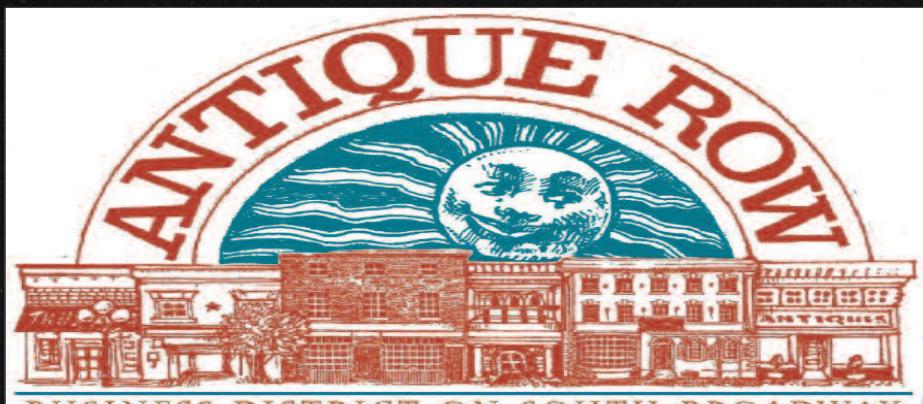
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Japanese Kimonos and Fragments Still Popular

By Anne Gilbert

Kimonos have come a long way from Geisha girl gowns to 21st century fashion statements. They were also made for men and still are.

When you can find them, not only antique but early 20th century Japanese kimonos are framed or considered wearable art. The best examples can be costly. When I recently scanned them I found one dealer pricing a 1930s wedding kimono at \$3,800. Another dealer priced a 1930s, silk Art Deco motif kimono at \$1,400. Even in 15th and 16th century Japan they were considered works of art, worthy to display on racks of ivory, polished bamboo and ebony.

CLUES: Styles changed over the years. Historically there are three main types of kimonos, made for different

functions. The "yukata" was an unembroidered print robe made for home and bath.

The designs in the textiles used several techniques that included dyeing, embroidering, brocading, appliquing, raised gold-thread repoussé work and hand painting.

The earliest style was the "kosode," a heavy, undecorated garment worn under heavy, formal court robes. By the 17th and 18th centuries, colorful, bold designs appeared, turning the look of the kimono and other Japanese textiles into an exciting art form. The finest examples were done for the Kabuki theater. Examples can be seen in the 18th, 19th century woodcut Kabuki theater woodcut theater prints. Brightly colored floral motifs often were enriched with silver foil. Other times gold foil backgrounds were strewn with flowers and dramatized with water fowl.

Important designs used in different forms were the flowering cherry tree, plum and bamboo. Among the popular birds used in the designs were the heron, phoenix and falcon. Often the geometric de-



signs showed a Chinese influence, such as the thunder-line and trellis motifs.

Family crest motifs were yet another type of embroidery. They were often printed on the fabric and embroidered.

Americans got their first glimpse of them in quantity, first at the Philadelphia Centennial Exposition in 1876, and by tourists who brought them back until World War II. The next influx of Japanese textiles, after that, included elaborate 20th century obis (wide bands of cloth wrapped around the waist.)

More changes were in store for those created in the Art Deco style of the 1920s, 30s. Some motifs used stylized graphic designs that were sometimes humorous.

It took the devastation of the Pacific War that ended the tradition of wearing kimonos every day. These days they are worn for special occasions.

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What Difference Does My Vote Make?

By Jules Archer

Ever hear of President Charles Evans Hughes? You would have, if just one more voter in each California district had voted for him, sending him to the White House instead of letting Woodrow Wilson remain in it in 1916.

Many Americans don't bother to exercise their franchise, feeling that the vote of one more person isn't going to make any difference in the results of an election. Some explain that they're too busy or have more important things to do. Others shrug and say that they're simply not interested in politics.

In 1964, a public-opinion poll found that three out of four Americans trusted the government to do what was right most of the time. But another poll in 1978 found only

28% expressing such trust, with 65% by then convinced that the government was run on behalf of a few big interests.

One might have expected such disillusionment to result in a widespread determination to "vote the rascals out." Instead, 65% expressed the belief that ordinary people had little to say about what the government does. Their apathy was reflected by a sharp decline in registration and voting.

Yet even presidential races have often been so close that they were decided by the few extra votes of citizens who cared enough to cast their ballots. In 1884, Grover Cleveland was elected over James G. Blaine when out of over a million New Yorkers who voted, just 1149 more chose Cleveland. And in 1960, John F. Kennedy was sent to the White House instead of Richard Nixon by an average of less than a single vote per election precinct.

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PRESIDENTIAL ENDORSEMENT

Joe Biden Will Bring Us Together

By Jon DeStefano

We endorse Joe Biden for President of the United States.

He is a good man.

He is capable, honest and dignified.

He has served our country well.

He will be a president for all Americans.

Donald Trump has failed.

He has put America and Americans in grave danger misleading us at a time when our lives depend on hearing the truth. He told Americans the corona virus was just like the flu and it would magically disappear from our country..

He lied, and now we know he knew better.

He told us we had enough ventilators when we did not. He told us masks would not help us. That, too, was untrue. He said taking Hydroxychloroquine would cure you and encouraged people to drink or inject disinfectants.

Just before summer, he said warm weather would stop the virus, it did not. He also told us the young were immune. They are not. He told us we are all safe now, because we have herd immunity, again not true. He promised us a safe vaccine before Election Day and then forced the CDC to lower vaccine testing standards.

He has continuously lied to the American people about the worldwide pandemic, failing to protect the lives of our people by grossly mismanaging America's response to COVID-19 resulting in the deaths of over 200,000 Americans. Over 20% of the people who have died as a result of the virus in the entire world are Americans. Americans make up only 4% of all the people on earth. The majority of these deaths could have been prevented with competent and compassionate leadership.

Donald Trump has consistently and deliberately lied to the American people and when he lied, people died.

Trump has undermined our democracy.

He has turned his back on our troops and our veterans failing to confront the Russian dictator Vladimir Putin for placing bounties on the lives of American soldiers. He has alienated our allies, betraying our alliances and insulting them while coddling dictators.

He has undermined NATO, removing troops from Europe, essentially threatening its continued existence.

He has allowed and even encouraged foreign interference in our national elections. He has attacked freedom of the press in America and covered up the Saudi execution and dismembering of an American journalist and bragged about it.

He has interfered with the rights of Americans to vote, using the US Postal Service to obstruct mail-in voting so that he can deny the counting of hundreds of thousands of mail-in ballots. He has even threatened to nullify the election results if he does not win, telegraphing a coup of our American government.

Donald Trump has pitted the American people against each other.

His overt and persistent racism continues every day. He has encouraged civil unrest often turning peaceful demonstrations into armed conflict. He has equated extreme white nationalists groups and violent agitators with peaceful protestors.

He has undermined the rule of law in America intimidating whistle blowers and lawful witnesses. He has used the office of the US Attorney general to attack his political opponents while protecting criminals from lawful prosecution.

Donald Trump is void of basic decency. He has been accused of rape and sexual assault by at least 25 women and has used the office of the President to shield himself from justice.

He has inhumanely put children in cages and the practice continues even now although he claims otherwise. He is also responsible for the sterilization of women without their knowledge or approval.

He is both a bully and a thug. He is incapable of civility let alone leadership. He is a crook who has used his office to steal millions of dollars for himself, his family and his cronies. Trump has fraudulently paid no taxes 10 out of the last 15 years and only \$750 in 2016 and \$750 in 2017.

Donald Trump is a mortal threat to Americans.

He has continued his effort to nullify health care for Americans, and health care for those with pre-existing conditions. He is also continuing to attempt to nullify Medicare and Medicaid and to end Social Security.

Trump is a threat to the world. He has shamefully pulled the United States out of the Paris accord and has removed hundreds of important environmental safety measures by executive order.

Donald J. Trump is not deserving of another term as President of these United States. Neither are those who empower him.

It's time for a change.

**Vote for democracy, vote for America,
and vote for Joe Biden.**

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November 3

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- Review your voter record to make sure your information is up to date: www.sos.state.co.us/pubs/elections/vote/VoterHome.html

- October 9 - 16: Counties will begin mailing ballots.

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Tis the Season of the Witch

By Sandy Dale

Here it is again - my favorite month - though it is nothing like all the last Octobers I can remember. It is difficult to plan for a "pandemic" holiday. Will I or won't I get to suit up in my favorite pointy shoes and pointy hat and terrify small children with my famous screaming cackle? Will there be any small children out there to terrify? I think I won't dwell on the uncertainty. Instead, I will focus on why I love October in general and particularly October in Florence.

I have always had an affinity for witches. It may be a past life thing, but I suspect it has more to do with their reputation as mouthy old feminists who wear great black outfits, perform magic, and cast powerful spells. At this time in my life and at this time in our world, this seems very appealing. We could all use a little magic, we would like to say out loud exactly what we are thinking and maybe dress up in that fancy black dress we've been saving for a special occasion. I have to admit I have been designing a particularly creepy mask for my favorite holiday.

From October 12 to 17, one can enjoy Florence Art Council's Paint the Town extravaganza. It is a week-long "plein air" painting event wherein artists from all over the state come paint our wonderful little town and the surrounding landscape. The event will be altered somewhat this year, of course, but, will nonetheless occur. For more information on this, to participate or to patronize, you may contact the Bell Tower Cultural Center at 719-784-2038.

Also, since Florence was unable to present the popular Junktique event in September, Second Saturdays Sidewalk Sales (say that three times fast) have become the rage. Most of the downtown merchants have great bargains on the sidewalk in front of their shops, there is live music, and sometimes even snacks. Mark your calendars: October 10.

You can find the spirit of the season in Florence - maybe even some witches and real spirits in our lovely old haunted buildings. Please come visit, wear your mask, and social distance (and don't come if you are sick) - all small sacrifices to make for a lovely October day in our beautiful little town.



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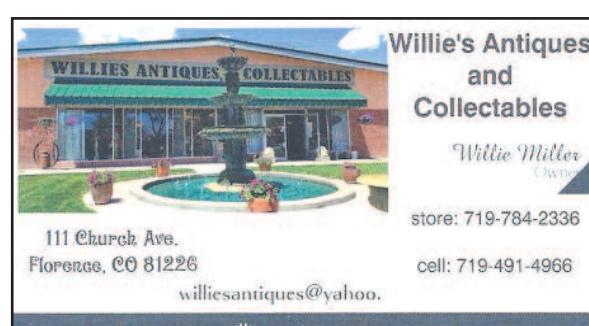


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VOTING

Your Vote Matters, Democracy Matters

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Even world history could have been changed by a single vote. That was the margin by which Adolf Hitler was elected leader of the Nazis in a 1932 party election. Had he lost by a single vote instead, there might have been no World War II.

Sometimes minorities feel discouraged from voting because they are always outnumbered, but then something happens that lets them discover their strength when anger drives them to vote. For example, after the Civil War, President Andrew Johnson sought to pacify white Southerners by weakening the Civil Rights Act. In 1868, angry blacks went to the polls in record numbers to vote against him. The black vote proved decisive in sending Ulysses S. Grant to the White House.

Since 1872, there have been nine presidents who went to the White House with less than a majority of the popu-

lar vote— Hayes, Garfield, Cleveland, Harrison, Wilson, Truman, Kennedy, Nixon and Trump. The significance of this fact is that, had the small number of third-party votes

gone to their opponents instead, these nine presidents would not have been elected. The importance of even a handful of votes cannot be overestimated.

While your vote may or may not be crucial in an election, casting it gives you the healthy satisfaction of acting out your convictions. "Always vote for a principle, though you vote alone," John Quincy Adams advised, "and you may cherish the sweet reflection that your vote is never lost."

Some citizens who ignore the polls on election day feel that it doesn't matter because plenty of others will be voting. If everyone felt the same way, of course, there would be no elections and, in a little while, no more democracy!

"The whole system of American government rests on the ballot box," President Calvin Coolidge declared in 1926. "Unless citizens do their duties there, such a system of government is doomed to failure."



CONTEST

September's What Is It?

We had one guess for our September What Is It. Carol Klomp of Boulder, Colorado thinks it might be a yerba mate gourd. We think that is a good possibility.

Another idea is that it looks like a Victorian, English, hinged container with silver trim. If it is wood it could be a humidor or tobacco jar.

Thanks for helping us figure this one out.



October's What Is It?

Send your answers to the What Is It contest, postmarked by October 20, to *the Mountain States Collector*, P.O. Box 1003, Bailey, CO 80421. At least three winners will be drawn. Winners will receive a year's subscription to *the Mountain States Collector*.



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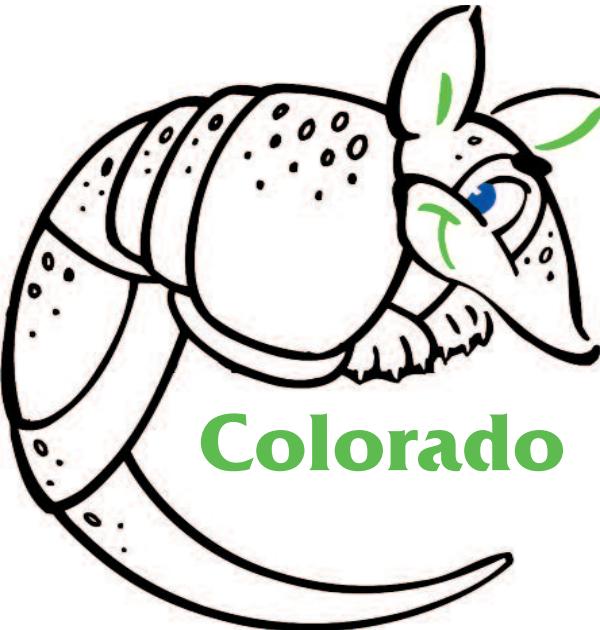
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