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Victory of Yorktown (1781)

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October 31

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Noble Treasures Antiques In Lafayette Offers 6200 Sq. Ft. of Personality

By Jeannine Erlhoff

Nancy and Terry West started West's Antiques 36 years ago in Old Town Lafayette after Terry discovered a passion that developed during refinishing a second hand dresser he bought because he needed a place to put his socks. In 1981, the Wests bought the buildings in the 400 block of South Public Rd. where they operated West's Antiques for 21 years.

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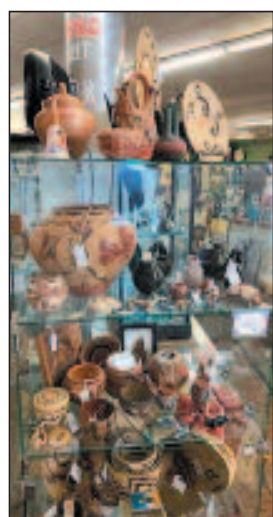
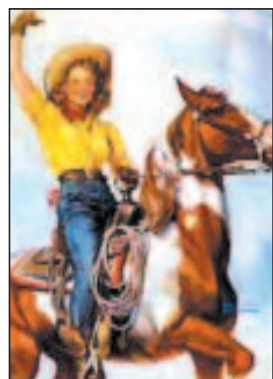
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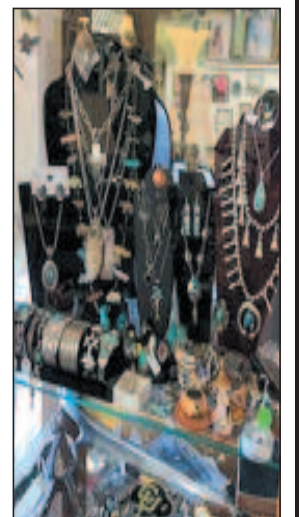
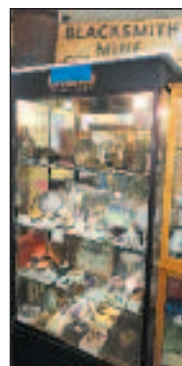
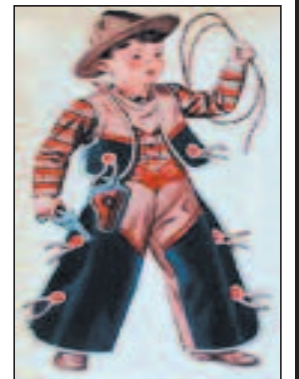
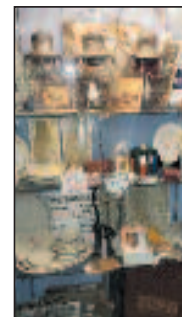
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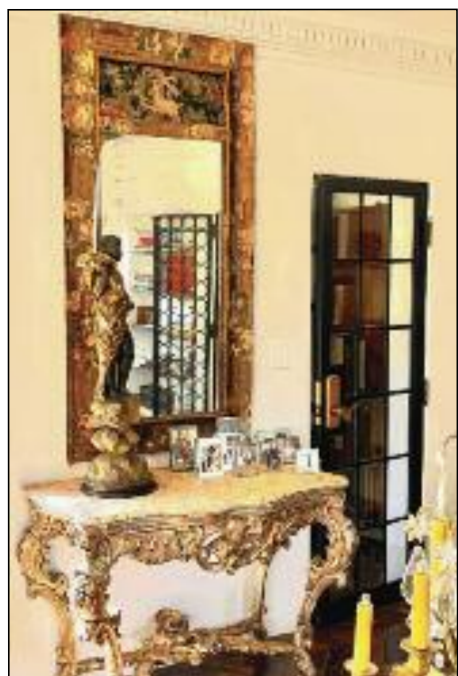
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Rocky Mountain Antiques Carries On In Spite of a Flood, Road Repair and Covid

By Peggy DeStefano

Rocky Mountain Antiques is a great place to visit! It is right at the gateway to Estes Park on W. Eisenhower Blvd. in Loveland, Colorado. Anyone headed to the Park or returning from the Park would find it a perfect addition to his or her travels.

Owned by the Bean family, Debbie Bean has been the manager since 2013. Since she took over these responsibilities, the business has survived a flood and the road to Estes Park being closed for repairs for three long years. They had one good year since these challenging events and then Covid hit!

The shop has continued on through thick and thin! And their customers appreciate that nothing has stopped them. When we visited, the place was humming. Customers were coming in, shopping and buying. Rocky Mountain Antiques would be the envy of any antique store.

The Beans have been in the antique business since 1989. Their experience with and their enthusiasm for their shop is wonderful. Describing their inventory, Debbie tells us, “We have mostly antiques and collectibles. We have low end to high end so it fits everybody’s budget.”

There is turquoise jewelry, arrowheads, marbles, glassware, artwork, and quality antique furniture. There are man cave items, which include tools, tack and fishing gear. You can also find Asian items, Czech glass, costume jewelry and toys newer and 70s. There are lots of sports cards, which is great thing for people to do during Covid.



Basketball cards are now worth 100 times what they were a year ago so said a customer who bought a slew of them while I was there. He told us a case of Panini basketball cards is worth 30 grand today. Comic books are really back in, too. I also noticed that they had a whole section devoted to postcard collecting.

The store rents out space and is a multi-dealer mall. Currently there are 40 dealers in about 4300 sq. ft. Requirements for dealers are that they have had some experience with the business in the past. They also have to work their booth. Debbie prefers that they have no flea market stuff and that they stick with antiques or mid-century. The mall does not take things on consignment and they have a waiting list for their showcases.

There is a LaQuinta motel right across the street from the Antique Mall, so if you plan to stay the night, there is a convenient place to stay before or after you visit Estes Park and Rocky Mountain Antiques.

Open seven days a week from 10 to 5, the store is really easy to visit. They take credit cards, cash or checks. They are on Craig’s List Marketplace. They have a website, Facebook and Instagram. Go to Rockymountainantiques.net. Facebook page is Rockymountainantiquesinc.

And their email is Rkymtnantiquesinc.@gmail. Or you can call them at 970-669-7440.

Why not make a point of stopping in? You will enjoy the wide range of inventory and the cordial atmosphere at Rocky Mountain Antiques. I know, I did!





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They opened "The Trolley" at Palmer Park and Union in August 2018. The word and enthusiasm spread, customers quickly became friends and the store was soon filled to the rafters. Literally. When the landlord had a new plan for the property, Mike and Brenda reopened 505 Trolley in a larger, nicer space with a much less congested parking lot. Most of their former customers have happily followed them the 2 miles to their new location at Fillmore and Hancock. New customers literally walk in daily and, if their 5 star reviews are any indication, are pretty taken with The Trolley.

They have done a wonderful job of filling their 1500 sq. ft. space with authentic vintage, antique and primitive pieces. There is literally something for everyone. Customers enjoy the layers and layers of well displayed finds. They appreciate the wide variety of items available. A word of caution however: many items and displays only last a day or so before being replaced with a new grouping or collection from the most recent hunt. But customers especially appreciate the owners. Most of the feedback inevitably

mentions how welcoming, helpful and comfortable they find Mike and Brenda to be. Mike, also a retired teacher, is so interested in people, all things vintage and is a wonderful advocate for Colorado and especially his hometown, Colorado Springs.

All vintage stores are not created equal. The Trolley carries a remarkable variety of hand-selected items. The owners rarely say no to primitives they find. Or industrial pieces. And they love all things Southwest. They have a lot of framed art, jewelry, ironstone and yard art ... just to name a few specifics. They have a lot of enthusiasm for what they do. And it shows.

505 Trolley is located at 3037 N. Hancock, about 2 miles east of the Fillmore exit off I-25. They are open Wednesday through Saturday from 10-5 and by appointment. They also offer private shopping for small groups in the evening. Call and set up an "Invite Night" for yourself! Call with any questions: 719-233-8639. Check out their website 505trolley.com and follow them on Instagram@505trolley and on Facebook @505 trolley-vintage. They look forward to seeing you soon!



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The Story of Nederland's Carousel of Happiness

Charles I.D. Looff was one of the great carousel makers of the late 19th and early 20th centuries. A skilled woodcarver, he arrived in New York City from Denmark in 1870 at the age of 18 and by 1876 had manufactured the first carousel for New York's Coney Island. During his lifetime, he produced carousels for parks across the nation. In 1910, he delivered a carousel to Saltair Park, just outside Salt Lake City, Utah, which would eventually find its way to Nederland, Colorado.

The Carousel At Saltair

During its 49 years of operation, the Saltair carousel survived fires and wind storms. Once, it was the only attraction to survive a devastating park fire unharmed. After a wind storm, during which the roller coaster was blown over onto the carousel, it was rebuilt with two rows of animals from the original four rows.

In 1959, the park was declared bankrupt and Utah's governor gave the Looff carousel to the Utah State Training School in American Fork, not far away. Nearby striking steelworkers and company management officers came together to set up the carousel on the grounds of the state school. The developmentally and physically disabled residents enjoyed it for another 27 years. In 1976, school residents restored the animals under supervision.

Carousel Revivals

For the first few decades of the 1900s, during the golden age of carousels in America, there were between 5,000 and 6,000 carousels, or merry-go-rounds, featuring hand-carved wooden animals, usually horses. Beginning in the 1970s and continuing to the present, many carousels were sold to buyers who would then auction off the animals separately to collectors.

Currently, there is a small revival of carousel art, with many of the old carousel frames being restored and then populated with newly carved wooden animals. This is what has been done to create the Carousel of Happiness. There are now only a few hundred wooden carousels left in the United States.

The Carousel Moves To Nederland

In 1986, when the Utah State School carousel was sold to a buyer who only wanted the wooden animals, Scott Harrison, a resident of Nederland, Colorado, learned that the empty frame was still standing and available. With the help of a friend, he took it apart and trucked it to Nederland.

As a young Marine in Vietnam, Scott had received a tiny music box that he held to his ear to distract him from the horror of the war going on around him. The music, Chopin's "Tristesse," brought him a peaceful image of a carousel in a mountain meadow. After rescuing the abandoned Looff carousel in Utah, he spent the next 26 years hand-carving animals to bring it back to life.

Scott had never carved before, but starting with the rabbit that is now on the sign in front of the carousel in Nederland, he went on to create more than 50 one-of-a-kind animals, 35 of which can be ridden. As he was finishing, he created a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, and the small community of Nederland (then with a population of 1,500) came together to raise the \$700,000 needed to build it a home.

The Carousel Of Happiness

The Carousel of Happiness is a blending of new and old creations. It is the spirit of the century-old carousel combined with new carvings, along with the inspiring story of Scott's creation, that encourages a new set of smiles from young and old visitors, alike.

All the original bearings, gears, and metal work have been restored or rebuilt for continued use. A few pieces have been replaced because of safety concerns. The original electric motor and controller were retooled by General Electric to conform to modern day use.

A new floor was built using southern yellow pine, a material that was used in many original carousel floors. The wood used was cut down in 1890 and used as cribbing for whiskey barrels for a Seagram's plant in Peoria, Illinois. When that plant was dismantled in the 1990s, this wood was resold and used as floor planks for the Carousel of Happiness.

Rounding boards, the decorative panels which surround the top of a carousel, were missing by the time the carousel was taken apart in 1986, so rounding board paintings from other carousels



This Butting Goat Rocker is carved by the same man who carved so many of the carousel figures now seen in Nederland. You can find it at Dewey Smith's booth in the Colorado Antique Gallery. "It's a big, gorgeous piece," Pam Kenny, owner of the Gallery, tells us.

were donated by collector Marianne Stevens and installed. The outside set are contemporary with the carousel itself, painted by the "Michelangelo of the Midway," August Wolfinger. The paintings were rescued from a 1910 carousel originally built for the Silver Beach Amusement Park in St. Joseph, Michigan, by Fred Dolle, Looff's brother-in-law. They were repaired and restored by the late Denver restoration artist Edwin Friedman.

Most of the inside paintings, depicting endangered species, were painted in the 1990s by V. Vladimir for a new carousel then being built in San Antonio, Texas. But because there were only 16 paintings and we have 18 sections to this carousel, local artist Dorothy Emerling generously volunteered to paint two extra panels representing polar bears and Amur leopards.

The Carousel of Happiness opened on Memorial Day 2010 with a silent memorial to recognize the service of fallen veterans, including two of Scott's Marine Corps friends. Their bare-bones staff is supplemented with many volunteers to help them keep an affordable ticket price, and they offer several benches and a wheelchair ramp so that the carousel is both accessible and inclusive.

Editor's Note: Special thanks to Dewey Smith and Pam Kenny of the Colorado Antique Gallery for sharing this information about the Carousel of Happiness. A trip to Nederland to see this wonder should be on everyone's list. To learn more about the Carousel or the Butting Goat Rocker, call Dewey Smith at 303-930-9899 or Pam Kenny at the Colorado Antique Gallery at 303-794-8100. Colorado Antique Gallery is located at 5501 S. Broadway in Littleton, Colorado and it is open seven days a week, 10 to 6 Monday thru Saturday and noon to 6 on Sunday.



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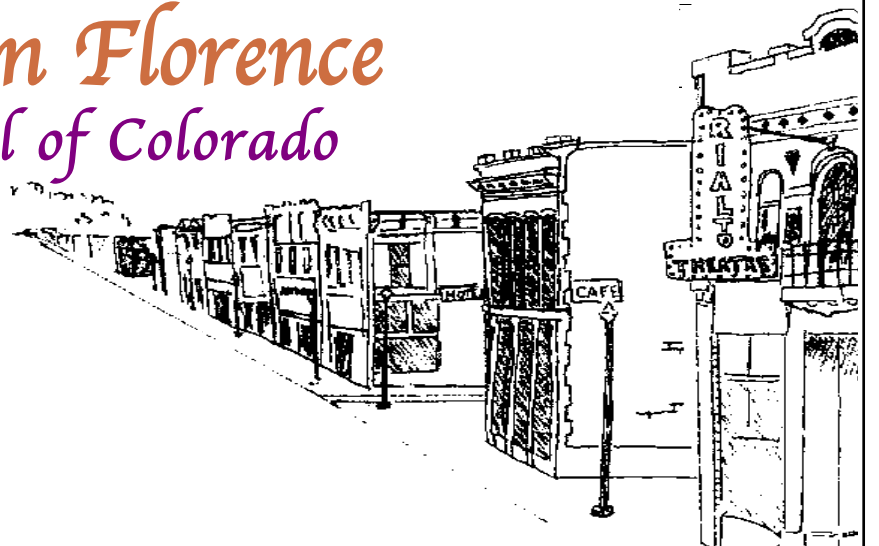
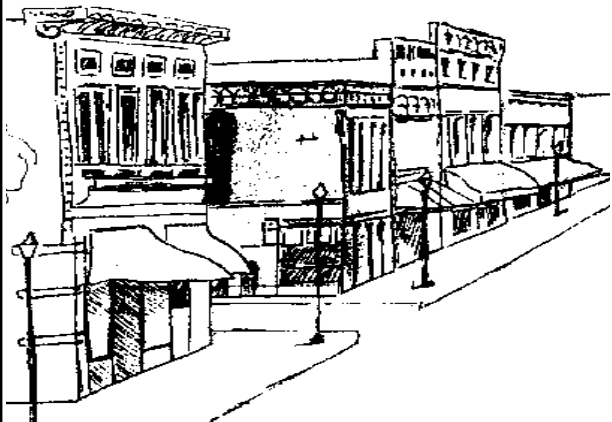
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Find Seasonal Fun in Florence

By Sandy Dale

Here it comes round again. My favorite season. The Season of the Witch. Last year was a bit of a bust where most holidays were concerned. This year there is the potential for a more "normal" holiday, though some precautions must still be taken. It might be the year for a more intimate and much scarier Halloween party. Small, but truly frightening. I have seen some awesomely awful masks available for purchase and some really grotesque makeup to create oozing wounds and festering scabs. All that is needed to complete the picture is a fetching outfit. Perhaps an aged bride, a horrid/crone witch, or a deceased cowboy gambler and his quite-dead saloon chorus girl "lady-friend." Once you have created your creepy persona(s), it would be time to set the stage for your party. Do I need to mention that, here in Florence, we undoubtedly have whatever you m suitable props? A little research and dead ancestor. If you can't frighten terrify your friends and relatives.

I will be breaking out my best hag's attire, my pointy hat, pointy shoes and my magical walking stick... I have been training my toad familiar to accompany me this year on my Halloween walkabouts. Perhaps I'll start a week or two early...watch for me.

Or, perhaps Steampunk is more up your alley. On October 9 and 10, Florence Escapes in Time to Steampunk and Wine... two days including a Blues Ball at the historic Rialto Theatre, vendors, musicians, wine tasting and much more. Don't know what Steampunk is? Think space age accessories with Victorian clothing. Or better yet, google "steampunk." There are fun web sites with art pieces, costumes, and the history of this 1930's fantasy/time travel art movement. For info contact Barb Brierley at 719-431-3592.

From ghoulies and ghosties and long leggety beasties and things that go bump in the night... Anon. Art by German artist Sulamith Wulfinck in *Witches, Goblins and the Other World*, 1980.



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Collecting Antique Perfume Bottles

Whether you are thinking of starting a collection of antique perfume bottles, are a newcomer to the hobby or have been collecting for many years, each time you find a special treasure to add to your collection you may find yourself wondering about its past. For many collectors, there is a sense of mystery surrounding perfume bottles from yesteryear. Some may wonder about the life of the vessel's owner. Others may imagine the boudoir where the beautiful bottle held its magical liquid as the lady of the house dabbed just a drop behind her ear and on her inner wrist.

Perfume Bottles from the 1800s and 1900s

Since ancient times perfume and essence jars and bottles, regardless of their size, shape, color or design, kept their fragrant treasures safely inside. Although it is highly unlikely that today's collectors are going to find an Etruscan Albaster perfume bottle dating from 500 B.C. to add



to their collection, there are many exquisite antique and vintage perfume bottles from the 1800 and 1900s available both on and off line.

While many collectors limit their collection of perfume bottles to pieces that fall into specific guidelines, there are many others that add to their collections simply because they like a piece.

The following organizations provide more information to anyone interested in antique or vintage perfume bottles:

- The Barcelona Perfume Museum provides links to 287 images and information on perfume bottles from ancient times to the mid 1900s.
- The International Perfume Bottle Association features a community, news, events, resources, and a quarterly publication for bottle enthusiasts.
- Collectors Weekly
- Vintage Mirror Perfume Tray from LoveToKnow

With thousands of different styles and designs of vintage and antique perfume bottles available, there is sure to be one, or a dozen, that would look lovely on your dresser tray.

CONTEST

September's What Is It?



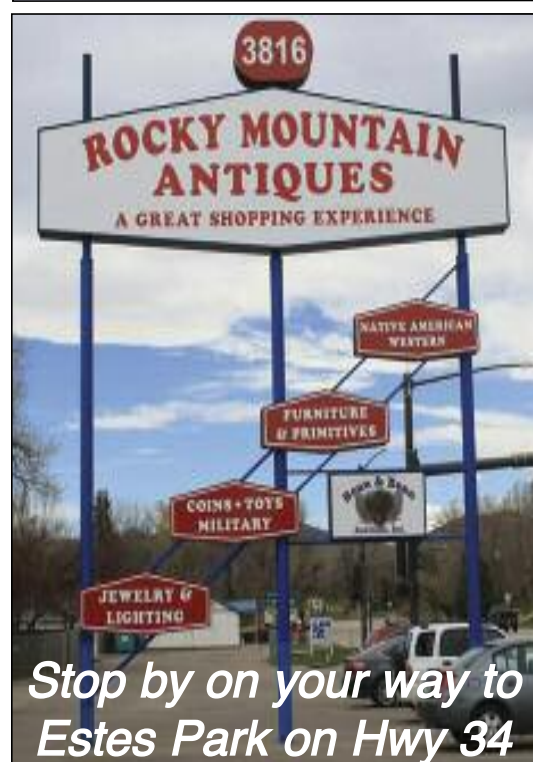
We had several guesses for our September's What Is it. Marjorie McLaren of Anchorage, Alaska, knew exactly what it is. She writes: "It is a molded glass perfume bottle, and related box, produced in 1927 by Les Parfums de Rosine in Paris, France. The perfume was named "Spirit of Saint Louis" in honor of the plane flown by Charles Lindbergh in his famous New York to Paris solo flight, completed on May 21, 1927. The designs on the bottle and box are of a stylized propeller-driven airplane. Stars and stripes alluding to the American Flag are also part of the airplane design." Terry Cook of Ft. Morgan, Colorado adds "Perfumes" by Randell Monson has this picture on the front of it. It is being sold on ebay for \$67.49." Jacque Rutledge of Northglenn, Colorado and Elsie Loyle of Wichita, Kansas also identified the object as a perfume bottle. Thank you for your guesses. You have all won a year's subscription to *the Mountain States Collector*.

October's What Is It?



Two shots of the same item just to show that the middle section moves back and forth. Rocky Mountain Antiques in Loveland provided it. No one including them knows what it is. Do you? 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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- Hand sanitizer is available at the front counter, employees are encouraged to disinfect after handling money.
- We have increased the spacing of public areas, including restrooms and food court.
- All tables, chairs, counters, doors and handles are cleaned and disinfected frequently.

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