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Homestead Antique Mall is 10 Years Old and Still Going Strong!

It is very hard to believe that 10 years has gone by, it seems to have happened so very quickly and we are going strong!

Andy and Leanne, the owners of Homestead, had a vision to create a great store and an even better shopping experience. For us, It all started way back when we would go and spend the day going to The Old Bonanza Flea Market and of course garage sales back in the '70's where we would buy things and since Andy is a woodworker, he would repair or refinish or repurpose the things we would find. And from there it blossomed.

"Leanne and I would spend the year finding all sorts of antiques and furniture and a wide assortment of things. We would clean them up, fix and or repair them, and get them ready to resell. After buying our first house we would keep what we loved

and then started having big garage sales once a year. People looked forward to them year after year. We had an opportunity at the time to move in to Stage Stop Antique Mall. We were there until they closed their doors.

After they closed down, Leanne and I still wanted to stay in the business. It took us a couple of years to find the right space and to get everything lined up to open up Homestead Antique Mall. We hand picked all of the best antique dealers that we had known throughout the years and asked them to come along and help up build up Homestead to be the best antique mall in Arvada. We wanted to create a warm and inviting atmosphere, staffed with friendly and knowledgeable employees and we have had amazing success ever since we opened the store.

We attribute our success to all the great dealers and their hard work that they put into making Homestead what it is. The dealers keep their booths stocked with a wide variety of antiques and collectibles. We strive to have a clean and welcoming environment for everyone. On top that we have the best employees you could ever ask for. All the employees at Homestead have been in the business for years and are eager to answer any questions that the customers may have. We couldn't ask for better, and it shows. We are always getting feedback from our customers about how nice the store is, how well stocked it is and most importantly how friendly the staff is.

In a nutshell, we are very grateful to all the staff, dealers and customers that have made Homestead Antique Mall the best antique store in Arvada and the surrounding area. We have had a great 10 years and are hoping for another great 10 years!"



Valentine's Day Has Mysterious, Romantic Origins

On February 14, lovers, friends and family members exchange Valentine cards or gifts as tokens of caring and love. Valentine's Day is one of the most romantic days of the year.

Its history, however, is shrouded in mystery. One legend contends that Valentine was a priest who served during the third century in Rome. When Emperor Claudius II decided that single men made the best soldiers, he outlawed marriage for young men. Valentine defied Claudius and performed marriages for young lovers in secret. When it was discovered, Claudius ordered that he be put to death.

According to another legend, Valentine sent the first valentine greeting himself. While in prison, he fell in love with a young girl who often visited him. Before his death, he wrote her a letter, which he signed "From your Valentine."

Others claim that the Christian church celebrated Valentine's feast day in February to compete with celebrations of the pagan Lupercalia festival, which began on February 15. It was a fertility festival dedicated to Faunus, the Roman god of agriculture.

In Great Britain, Valentine was one of the most popular saints. Valentine's Day began to be celebrated in the seventeenth century. By the 18th century, it was common for friends and lovers to exchange tokens of affection or handwritten notes. Some years later, printed cards began to replace written letters. They were an easy way to express emotions in a time when direct expression of one's feelings was discouraged.

In the 1840s, Esther A. Howland began to sell the first mass-produced valentines in America. According to the Greeting Card Association, over a billion valentine cards are sent each year, making Valentine's Day the second largest card-sending holiday of the year right after Christmas.

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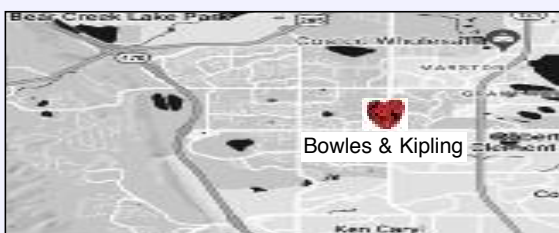
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FEB. 8-10: **2023 SAVING PLACES CONFERENCE**, in person and online, Embassy Suites by Hilton, Boulder, CO, Colorado Preservation, Inc.

FEB. 11: **LITTLETON CAR SHOW** 12 to 3 p.m., weather permitting, at Old Crows Antique Mall, 10081 West Bowles Avenue, Littleton. Featuring vintage and collectible vehicles. An event that is fun for the whole family. 303-973-8648 for info.

FEB. 9: **GALENTINE'S LADIES NIGHT EVENT** at the **Sugar Mill Antiques**, 5 to 8 p.m., 13788 Pacific Circle, Mead, Colorado (Located right off Hwy 25 on Hwy 66). Also, enjoy the Thai Cuisine food truck every Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. (weather permitting) On March 17, 18 and 19, check out the COShopHop event. Call 720-899-5570 for more information.

APR. 8: **TIMBER DAN SPRING TOY SHOW** Antiques and Collectibles,

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AUG. 25 & 26: **ON THE ROAD IN LA JUNTA, 2023 SAVING PLACES CONFERENCE**, Colorado Preservation, Inc.

The Rose, the Flower of Love

One of the first recorded instances of roses representing love comes from ancient Greek Mythology. Aphrodite, the Goddess of Love, walked through a rose garden that had been shot with an arrow by Cupid. The roses had grown thorns thanks to Cupid's arrow.

The rose continued its rise to stardom in Roman mythology. This time it was Venus (also a goddess of love and desire) who was enamoured with the bloom. Apparently, wealthy Romans would fill their bedrooms and layer their beds with rose petals to make a romantic haven for their amorous activities.

Here is more information about the rose, the flower of love:

rose, (genus *Rosa*), genus of some 100 species of perennial shrubs in the rose family (*Rosaceae*). Roses are native primarily to the temperate regions of the Northern Hemisphere. Many roses are cultivated for their beautiful flowers, which range in color from white through various tones of yellow and pink to dark crimson and maroon, and most have a delightful fragrance, which varies according to the variety and to climatic conditions.

Most rose species are native to Asia, with smaller numbers being native to North America and a few to Europe and northwest Africa. Roses from differ-

ent regions of the world hybridize readily, giving rise to types that overlap the parental forms, and making it difficult to determine basic species. Fewer than 10 species, mostly native to Asia, were involved in the crossbreeding that ultimately produced today's many types of garden roses.

Roses are erect, climbing, or trailing shrubs, the stems of which are usually copiously armed with prickles of various shapes and sizes, commonly called thorns. The leaves are alternate and pinnately compound (i.e., feather-formed), usually with oval leaflets that are sharply toothed. The flowers of wild roses usually have five petals, whereas the flowers of cultivated roses are often double (i.e., with multiple sets of petals). Rose flowers' size ranges from tiny miniatures 1.25 cm (0.5 inch) in diameter to hybrid flowers measuring more than 17.5 cm (7 inches) across. The rose plant's fleshy, sometimes edible, berrylike "fruit" (actually the floral cup) is known as a hip and usually ranges from red to orange in colour.

Roses can become infected by a number of diseases, most of them caused by fungi. Powdery mildew appears as a grayish white moldlike growth on the surface of young leaves and stems. Black spot fungus appears as conspicuous black spots on leaves and causes them to fall off. Rust is also a common disease of roses. Aphids are a common insect pest on the leaves and young stems.

Major species and hybrids

The flowers of the damask rose (*Rosa* × *damascena*) and several other species are the source of attar of roses used in perfumes. Many species, particularly the rugosa rose (*R. rugosa*), produce edible rose hips, which are a rich source of vitamin C and are sometimes used in preserves.

There are several major classes of garden roses. The best-known and most-popular class of rose is that of



the hybrid tea roses, which accounts for the majority of roses grown in greenhouses and gardens and sold in florist shops. Hybridteas come in the complete range of rose colours and have large symmetrical blossoms. Hybrid teas resulted from the crossbreeding of frequently blooming but fragile tea roses with vigorous hybrid perpetual roses. The hybrid perpetuals achieved great popularity until they were supplanted by the hybrid teas in the early 20th century.

Polyantha roses are a class of very hardy roses that produce dense bunches of tiny blossoms. Floribunda roses are hardy hybrids that resulted from crossing hybrid teas with polyanthas. Grandiflora roses are relatively new hybrids resulting from the crossbreeding of hybrid teas and floribunda roses. Grandifloras produce full-blossomed flowers growing on tall hardy bushes. Among the other classes of modern roses are climbing roses, whose slender stems can be trained to ascend trellises; shrub roses, which develop into large bushes; and miniature roses, which are pygmy-sized plants bearing tiny blossoms. Altogether there are thousands of identifiable varieties of roses in those and other classes.



The Virginia Rose



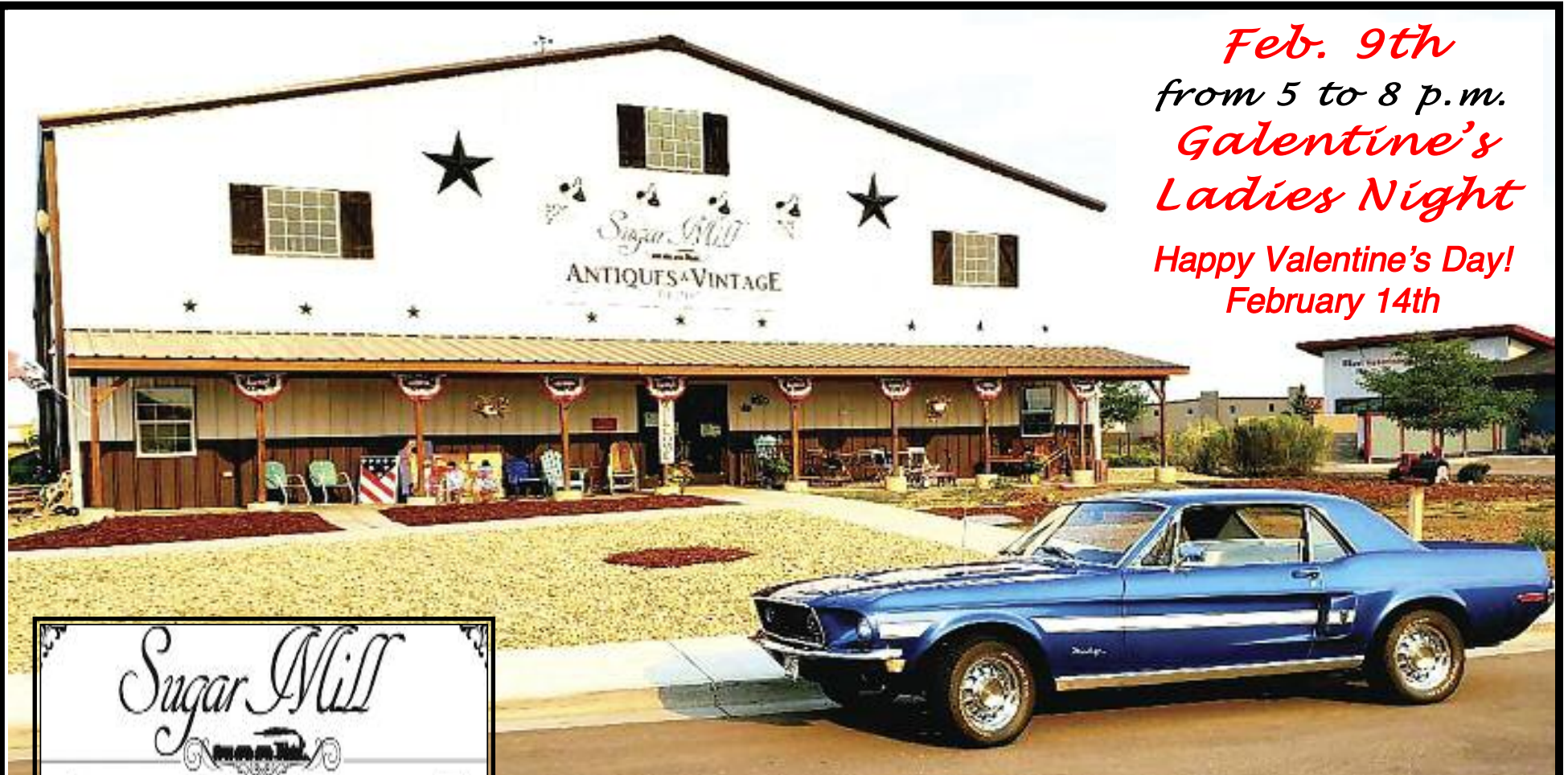
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Sugar Mill Antiques and Vintage Depot — *‘A Unicorn of a Store’*

Sugar Mill Antiques and Vintage Depot has been called “A Unicorn of a store” and for good reason! A family owned and operated gem located north of Denver right off I-25 and Hwy 66 is a must visit for antique and vintage lovers. The store opened in January 2020 and just celebrated its 3rd year in business. The owners had no idea when they opened Sugar Mill that just weeks after opening, the world would change in unprecedented ways due to COVID-19.

Opening a small business is a daunting enough task when the world isn’t spinning out of control due to a pandemic, so the 3rd anniversary of Sugar Mill is indeed something to be celebrated. If you ask Co-Owner Sarah Morgan she will tell you that “Sugar Mill isn’t your Grandma’s antique store” and she is absolutely correct! Sugar Mill Antiques and Vintage Depot is truly a curated collective of many individual boutiques in one location. Shopping at Sugar Mill is more than just shopping, it’s an experience to be enjoyed and gives new meaning to the phrase retail therapy.

From the moment you walk in, the store just feels different from any you’ve experienced before. It’s a far cry from the typical overcrowded antique malls or flea markets and that is completely by design. Customers are treated like friends and greeted with a smile from one of the family members that own and operate the store. You will not find any peg board or junk spaces in this store; they simply don’t exist. The merchants that have booths or as they like to call them, boutiques, clearly take great pride in what they do. The amount of love and time that goes into each unique space is evident from the thoughtful décor, layout and quality of merchandise they

offer. Another interesting aspect at this store is that merchandise does not stick around. The merchants are constantly bringing in new treasures, some as many as three times a week. The phrase, “you better buy it when you see it” has never been more true than at this store.

The building resembles a large barn in a spacious setting with a bright and thoughtful layout. Not to mention the most amazing variety of items available in one store. Parking, yep, there’s plenty of free parking! Over 8,000 square feet of treasures await you on one level that is easily accessible to all abilities. Oh and did we mention, it smells amazing - no old, musty antique store smell here! As you stroll the isles admiring treasures, you hear customers singing along to the music and can’t help smiling. It only takes a minute upon entering Sugar Mill to realize you’ve stumbled upon something truly special.

Sugar Mill offers an impressive selection of antique items including many civil war era artifacts, primitive furniture, coins and curious smalls. Vintage goods abound throughout the store including gorgeous Mid-Century Modern furniture and unique home décor that will transport you back in time. If glassware is what you fancy, then you’re in luck! From Uranium, Fenton, Carnival to Milk glass, Sugar Mill has it all! If antiques and vintage items are not your cup of tea, no worries as Sugar Mill offers a little something for everyone. Find a special one-of-a-kind gift item with many made right here in Colorado! For example, check out the beautiful handmade junk journals. Each one is unique, using vintage ephemera to create a keepsake to be treasured. An equally impressive selection of Mantiques to fill any mancave or check out the abundant selection of vinyl, retro toys and games. If farmhouse style and home décor is more your speed,



you can find that here as well.

Enjoy a fresh cup of locally brewed coffee while you peruse the vast selection of retro candy that will take you back to your childhood. Grab an Abba Zaba Bar or a pack of Candy Cigarettes from the Volkswagen Bus that doubles as a candy counter. It’s just another one of the sweet treats that awaits you at Sugar Mill. Still looking for more? If the weather is nice, play a round on the mini golf course or try your hand at cornhole located outside the front entrance of the store.

Sugar Mill goes well beyond shopping with a dedication to being a positive force in the community making an incredible impact over the last three years. Each month Sugar Mill features a different local non-profit organization in the Be the Change program they created. They raise money and awareness for various organizations making an impact in the community. During the holidays, they sponsor the local Giving Tree to help families in need and host a variety of events benefiting nonprofits throughout the year.

Each month you can find a variety of unique events happening at Sugar Mill. For example, during the month of February they will host a Thai Cuisine food truck every Friday and Saturday from 11-5. On February 9th, don’t miss the special Galantine’s Day Ladies Night event. To stay up on all of the events and new items coming in, be sure to follow Sugar Mill Antiques and Vintage Depot on social media @Sugarmillmead on Facebook and Instagram. The website is www.sugarmillmead.com and the store is open 7 days a week for an in person visit!



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Bruhns Auction has been commissioned to sell the estate of Gerry and Esther Priddy's antique and art collection March 25 & 26.

The Priddys are the former owners of the Richthofen Castle which was built in 1885 by Baron Walter von Richthofen.

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For President's Day: Presidential Collectibles

By Robert Reed

Starting with George Washington and later with Abraham Lincoln, the memorabilia of presidents has provided a significant source of collecting. It doesn't hurt either that President's Day honoring them all is an annual holiday.

For the traditionalists it should be noted that the federal Office of Personnel Management still calls the third Monday in February simply Washington's Birthday. However in recent decades it has generally become known as President's Day and even has that official status in many states.

Ultimately the holiday salutes all presidents, and hence calls attention to mementos that have memorialized them in the past.

"For every American president there's a trail of mementos," observed author Stan Gores some years ago. "At times, the path may be narrow and almost impossible to find. But the clues of history are there, linked by a huge array of artifacts that mirror the interesting lives of our chief executives."

Collecting presidential memorabilia "allows a smooth blending of the old and the comparatively inexpensive new, as presidents come and go in the

White House," Gores noted in the volume, Presidential and Campaign Memorabilia.

Presidential collectibles are generally distinguished from campaign items in that they deal with memorabilia produced while the chief executive was in office, or at some point after leaving office.

Historians suggest that George Washington's birthday was first celebrated nationally in 1796, the last full year of his presidency. Interestingly under the 'modern' calendar Washington was born on February 22. However under an earlier calendar in effect in England and the American Colonies at the time of his birth, the date was February 11. Therefore, according to published accounts, some citizens celebrated on one date in 1796 and other citizens celebrated on another date.

Washington's birthday was a notable national event by the early 19th century. The celebrations included something called Birthnight Balls in many parts of the country. There were also gatherings for speech giving and elaborate receptions.

For Abraham Lincoln the celebration of his birthday generally followed the year after his 1865 assassination when Congress gathered for Memorial Address in February of 1866. "Lincoln's death had a profound impact on the public," according to Stuart Schneider author of the book Collecting Lincoln. "Lincoln was the first president to be assassinated in office. He had just presided over the country's blood-



iest war and saw it to its conclusion. He was re-elected by a landslide and he was just about to guide America into a post war peace."

Thus Lincoln keepsakes were sought almost immediately after his death even though his birthday did not become a holiday until many years later.

The nation's Centennial celebration of 1876 saw a great deal of Washington related material and a much lesser amount of Lincoln items. Washington was depicted on china mugs, glass bread plates, and cups and saucers. Some of the pieces were plainly marked Centennial 1776-1876, but other pieces were not marked or otherwise identified.

During the 1880s there was an appreciation of occupants of the White House which included images of them on distinguished plates with gold trim. Both President Grover Cleveland and President Benjamin Harrison were so honored. Inaugural events

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What's Up 'Boomer?'

Recently, I was accused of being a Boomer due to my lack of knowledge about a current internet app. Of course, I had to correct my accusers and tell them that actually I am of the Silent Generation. Ugh! I'd rather be considered a 'Boomer.' Off by only one year to put me into this (in my mind dynamic generation) I had to educate my critics. I thought our readers would enjoy checking out the different generations.

This information comes from the PEW Research Center. Thank you for all your hard work, PEW!

Generation Names and Dates

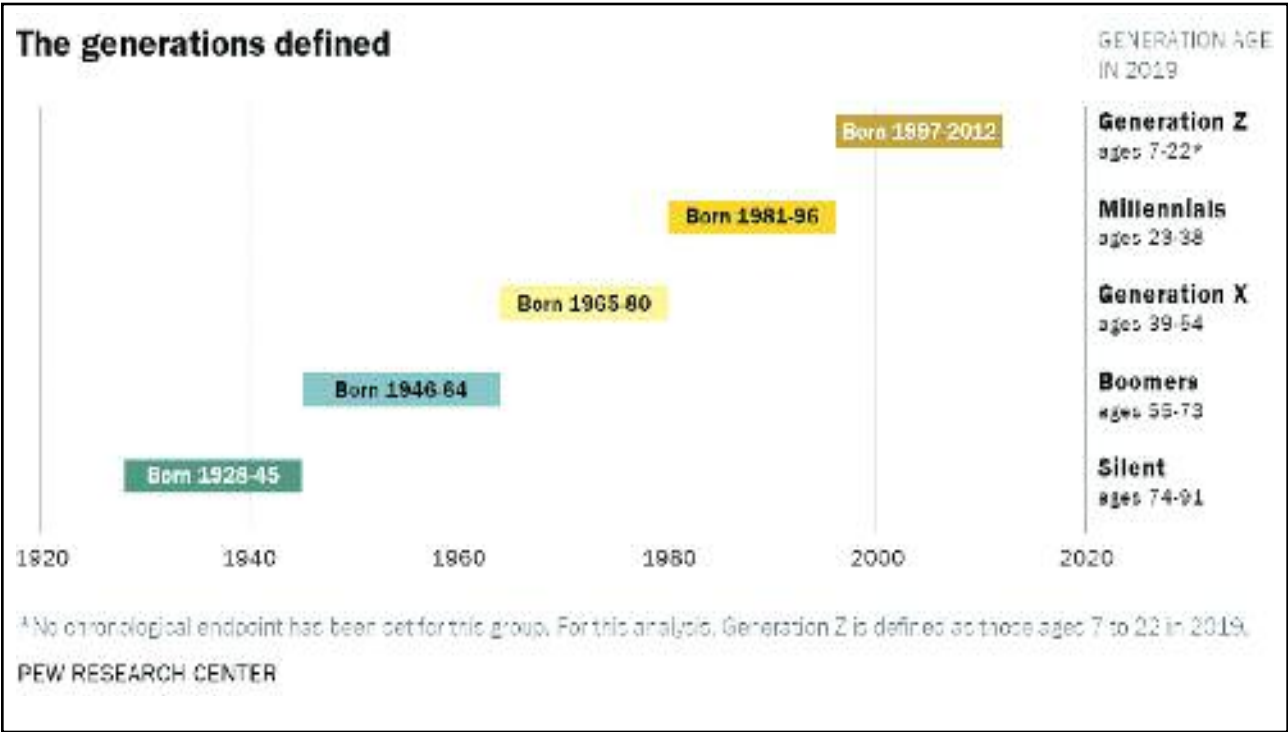
- **The Greatest Generation (GI Generation):** Born 1901–1924.
 - **The Silent Generation:** Born 1928–1945.
 - **Baby Boom Generation:** Born 1946–1964.
 - **Generation X:** Born 1965–1980.
 - **Millennial Generation or Generation Y:** Born 1981–1996.
 - **Generation Z or iGen:** Born 1997–2010.
- What years are Gen Alpha?**

Gen Alpha is the generation following Gen Z and currently includes all children born in or after 2010—the same year the iPad was born.

"Silent Generation"; Sometimes called Traditionalists
1946 and earlier;
Patient, slower paced talking generation;
Nuclear Family;
Loyalty!!;
Financially Safe;
Match their tone and pace of voice;
be consistent, nothing flashy and new

Baby Boomers (live to work)
1946-1964;
Defines you by your profession;
Competitive;
Relationships and recommendations
"No excuses" generation;
Optimistic, hopeful;
Wealthiest of any previous generation;
Center of attention, get to know them on a personal level;
Don't come to them with excuses, only results;
Solve their problems for them, dont create more

Generation X (work to live)
Mid 60s - early 80s;
Value work/life balance, saw their workaholic parents lose jobs;
"Prove it" generation;
Divorce rate rising, Women took on head of household;
Self-reliant, trusts themselves more than others, Tracking number example;
Skeptica, impatient;
latchkey children, empty homes;
Always be able to provide evidence to back your claim;
Embrace hands-off management;
Disdain for structured work hours;
Technology adept;
Enjoy humor, fun in the workplace



Generation Y; Also called Millennials (equality generation)
1980s-mid 1990s;
Helicopter parents, doctors office paperwork;
Need to feel protected, provided for;
Everyone gets a trophy;
Self-confident, wants things to be fast paced and fun;
Care more about work environment then they do about \$\$\$;
Allow them to use technology as much as possible;
Prefer to work in teams and make team decissions;
Give them frequent, immediate feedback;
Expected to retire later inlife, because they entered workforce during hard times;
Nothing wrong with someone answering the phone while serving them

Generation Z (equality gneration)
Mid 90s-mid 00s;
More in common with baby boomers;
Seeking longebity in the workplace;
Innovative, grew up with the newest technology;
No trophy for just showing up;
Seeks recognition for accomplishments;
Turns passion into \$\$\$, think Ninja, backpack kid, makeup tutorials;
25% of the US population, 3 trillion is spending power by 2020;
Spend between 6 and 9 hours absorbing media;
1 in 6 marriages are interracial marriages;
Hands off Parenting;
View religious leaders as better role models than celebrities, athletes, political leaders;
Expect everything to be online

Lost Generation sandwiched in the Greatest Generation and the Silent Generation
Lost Generation, a group of American writers who came of age during World War I and established

their literary reputations in the 1920s. The term is also used more generally to refer to the post-World War I generation.

The generation was “lost” in the sense that its inherited values were no longer relevant in the post-war world and because of its spiritual alienation from a United States that, basking under Pres. Warren G. Harding’s “back to normalcy” policy, seemed to its members to be hopelessly provincial, materialistic, and emotionally barren. The term embraces Ernest Hemingway, F. Scott Fitzgerald, John Dos Passos, E.E. Cummings, Archibald MacLeish, Hart Crane, and many other writers who made Paris the centre of their literary activities in the 1920s. They were never a literary school.

Gertrude Stein is credited for the term Lost Generation, though Hemingway made it widely known. According to Hemingway’s A Moveable Feast (1964), she had heard it used by a garage owner in France, who dismissively referred to the younger generation as a “génération perdue.” In conversation with Hemingway, she turned that label on him and declared, “You are all a lost generation.” He used her remark as an epigraph to The Sun Also Rises (1926), a novel that captures the attitudes of a hard-drinking, fast-living set of disillusioned young expatriates in postwar Paris.

In the 1930s, as these writers turned in different directions, their works lost the distinctive stamp of the postwar period. The last representative works of the era were Fitzgerald’s Tender Is the Night (1934) and Dos Passos’s The Big Money (1936).

Baby boomers: Dedicated workers who value visibility
Baby boomers were born between 1946 and 1964. The end of World War II and the economic prosperity that followed led to a boom in births; hence the name “baby boomers.”

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The Irony of Cracker Jars

By Robert Reed

One of the major ironies of the 19th century is how the lowly soda cracker came to be housed in the lovely and varied cracker jar.

Eventually cracker jars appeared in pottery, porcelain, wood, metal and the finest of art glass. Many bore elaborately decorated handles and bails, sometimes engraved and silver plated.

Distinguished cracker jars, of course, came in an amazing array of shapes and sizes. They could be round, square, or oval and often ranged in height from four inches to as much as 12 inches.

Throughout the 1700s sailors snacked on a special bread which would not spoil on long voyages. Made of wheat, cold water, and salt but without yeast they were shaped into hard flat forms for baking.

In 1792 a baker living near Boston, Massachusetts decided to commercially produce crackers which until then had been a home-made product. Theodore Pearson's Ship Bread or Pilot Crackers became very popular in the seaports.

Another commercial baker, Josiah Bent adopted a similar process in 1801. Bent's Hard Water Crackers were delivered to stores in the Boston area where sales were brisk from the beginning.

"All through the clipper ship era, sea biscuit or cracker bakers flourished," according to Laurence Johnson author of the fine book *Over The Counter and On The Shelf*. "And when gold was discovered in California in 1849, crackers proved as satisfactory a staple for adventurers on land as for sailors on sea."

During the Civil War, according to Johnson, a product similar to Pearson's Ship Bread and Bent's Hard Water Crackers became a standard army ration known as hardtack.

Crackers tended to be part of nearly every meal following the war era, and soon there was a demand for cracker jars in elegant Victorian fashion for dining guests.

Similar containers were produced by the British in the form of Jasperware china from William Adams and Sons of Staffordshire, Bristol glass, and Royal Worcester porcelain. Some of the Royal Worcester issues were hand-painted with fancy nickel-plated mountings and footed bases.

Today fine examples are commonly known as biscuit jars. However the American cracker was not fully introduced in Europe until the latter half of the 19th century where it was re-named the biscuit.

By the latter 1860s biscuit or cracker jars made of cranberry glass were available for dining tables. The yellow-red glass containers often included gold leaf and flower decorations.



During the 1880s the choices of cracker jars were even more extensive and included two-toned red to amber Amberina glassware primarily from the New England Glass Company, and lovely Vasa Murrhina glassware from the art glass company of the same name in Sandwich, Massachusetts.

The Mount Washington Glass Company was in full production of cracker jars by the 1890s including various shades of Burmese glass, and the stunningly beautiful Crown Milano art glass with heavy enamel lines and silver-plated covers provided by the Pairpoint Manufacturing Company.

Additionally, Pairpoint offered a highly stylish white glassware Wave Crest cracker jar. These artful pieces came painted in pastel colors and typically were decorated with flowers.

For more silver plate, the Manhattan Silver Plate Company produced hand-engraved cracker jars in the 1890s with silver lids and

bales. Each bore the work 'crackers' etched across their glass base.

In 1895 Montgomery Ward catalog advertised a "fine cracker jar" made at the Royal Bon factory in Germany. The ad proclaimed:

"The shape is exceedingly pretty, while the decoration is one of the neatest we have ever seen. It consists of clusters of small blue and red flowers put on under the glaze, so that it is impossible to wash or wear off."

The cracker jar from the national catalog stood six and a half inches tall and sold for \$1. Such jars were also available by the end of the 19th century from RS. Prussia in Europe and of Nippon porcelain in Japan, among other sources. Such production continued well into the 20th century.

Ultimately cracker jars became "almost as common as the caster set" on the Victorian table according to Carol Wallace author of *Victorian Treasures* (Abrams).

"Even after the gradual rise of national food brands in the latter 19th century, no food would have been served directly from the package," adds Wallace. "In genteel circles it would have been considered extremely gauche to put a biscuit tin on the table."

Decorated satin glass cracker jars, in both plain and diamond-quilted pattern continued to be plentiful in the early 1900s, as did those of enameled ruby glass.

Leading glass and pottery manufacturers both in the United States and in other parts of the world continued to supply a very robust market at the dawn of the 20th century.

In 1904, The Youth's Companion offered a cracker jar of German porcelain as a premium for one new subscription and 30 cents for packaging and handling.

The following year, the Benjamin Allen Company of Chicago advertised a fluted glass cracker jar with glass lid and decorative top for \$2.45. A decorated opal glass version with silver-plated lid and bail listed at \$3.45.

John Mebane noted in the 1969 edition of *Poor man's Guide to Antique Collecting*, that some potters turned out cracker containers in porcelain and pottery during the early 1900s for decoration by purchasers in their homes.

"Some of these obviously decorated by amateurs are quite respectable in appearance," observes Mebane, "but others indicate that their owners were practicing on them."

The Sears and Roebuck catalog of 1908 proudly displayed a silver-plated cracker jar on Britannia metal. It bore fluted edge, and the satin finish glass base was engraved with the word 'crackers' similar to one produced earlier by Manhattan Silver Plate Company.

Noted the catalog:

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While the popularity Victorian table settings in general and cracker jars in particular had declined before the onset of World War I, many American potteries and glass houses continued unflaggingly to offer at least some selections.

Fostoria Glass Company of Fostoria, Ohio, for example, continued to provide their various crystal pressed glass and gold decorated cracker jars through the 1920s.

Nearly 30 years ago author Melbane concluded that cracker jars will long be treasured, "as a prime example of a utilitarian object that can also be beautiful."

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Which Generation Are You In?

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Here are a few characteristics of baby boomers:

- They are competitive and driven. When boomers reached working age, they faced higher competition for jobs because of the rise in population. This led to a generation of determined workers who take pride in their career.
- They value visibility into their work. This can make remote work environments challenging for them. In a recent GetApp survey, 48% of small business employees over the age of 56 said that their job satisfaction was higher when they were working in the office or worksite.
- They have had to adapt to technology. Unlike the generations that came after them, boomers were not born into technology. By the time commercial Internet access was being sold to customers in 1995, boomers were well into adulthood, with the youngest of them 31 years old and the oldest, 49.
- They are retiring later than previous generations. Improved life expectancy combined with baby boomers' strong work ethic has led to a majority of them retiring later than previous generations. According to Gartner, 36% of the current workforce in the United States is made up of employees above 65 years of age, and this percentage is expected to increase to 45% by 2028. Japan, Germany and Italy are also facing a "silver tsunami," with more than 20% of their populations above the age of 65.

Generation X: Independent and well-educated individuals

Generation X includes individuals born from 1965 to 1980. Though there are theories about the origins of the moniker "X," many believe that the "X" refers to an unknown variable or to a desire not to be defined. Here are a few characteristics of Gen X'ers:

- They value autonomy. Often the children of two working parents, Gen Xers became independent and learned to solve problems on their own early on in life.
- They are well educated. The decline of manufacturing jobs at the time Gen Xers were leaving for college led to a generation that used education as a means for professional advancement. In a Gartner survey, 43% of Gen X respondents stated that they had graduated college (full content available to clients).
- They are comfortable with technology. Gen Xers grew up on MTV, video games, and cable news. Because of that, Gen Xers are very comfortable with technology like computers and smartphones, along with learning new software or programs.
- They prefer to create a clear separation between

their work and personal lives. More so than their predecessors, Gen Xers value work-life balance. According to Business Wire, 41% of Gen Xers ranked time off as the number one perk.

Millennials: A collaborative and impact-oriented generation

Millennials (also known as Generation Y) were born between 1981 and 1996. This group got the name "millennials" because the oldest of them were entering adulthood at the turn of a new millennium (2000).

Also known as digital natives, millennials are those born between 1982 and 1994 and technology is part of their everyday lives: all their activities are mediated by a screen.

Here are a few characteristics of millennials:

- They prefer to collaborate. According to research from Workfront, 61% of international millennial workers say collaborating across many teams is critical to them staying at a job. As a generation, millennials would rather approach their work with consideration for different points of view than take direction from the top-down.
- They are motivated by meaningful work. Millennials prefer work that uses their creativity, leverages their talent, and makes an impact on others. We asked small business employees what they consider to be the most important factors when considering a job after the

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The Times We Live in Help Create Our Generation

pandemic. Of those 26 to 35 years old, 39% say doing work they are passionate about is a top factor when considering job opportunities in the future.

- They are digital natives. Early versions of wi-fi were available starting in 1990, which means that millennials grew up with the internet and have watched technology like virtual reality and artificial intelligence grow from their early stages. This exposure has led to a generation with an intuitive knowledge of technology.

- They are amenable to feedback. The majority of millennials are currently in either an entry-level, intermediate, or mid-level position. As such, they are focused on their own professional development and place a lot of value on feedback and mentorship from their managers.

Generation Z: An optimistic yet risk-averse group
Generation Z, also known as Gen Z or “zoomers,” were born between 1997 and 2015. The term “zoomer”

is a portmanteau of “(Generation) Z” and “boomer.”

Here are a few characteristics of Gen Zers:

- They value social responsibility and diversity. According to Pew Research Center, 95% of 13 to 17 year olds have access to a smartphone. This has led to Gen Zers growing up with immediate access to the internet, news, and social media. In fact, social media has allowed them to express their thoughts on political and cultural issues before they were old enough to vote.
- They expect to work with modern technology. Gen Zers were born into a digital world, so it makes sense that they expect technology to be interwoven into their jobs. Our survey from this January backs up this idea; we asked small business employees aged 18 to 25 how many digital tools they use for different aspects of their work, and the majority claimed to use multiple tools for everything from personal organization, to storing files, and learning and development.
- They’re breaking away from institutional struc-

tures. More than previous generations, Gen Zers are inclined to take a non-traditional approach to their education, finances, and work. For example, Gen Zers are investing their money in cryptocurrency while boomers are more likely to choose traditional investments like bonds. From an educational perspective, Gen Zers are still going to college, but they are also using tutorial videos, online classes, and real-world experience to tailor their learning towards their unique, personal goals.

- They want stability AND flexibility. Events like the Great Recession and the student loan crisis have caused Gen Zers to focus on generating security through their choices. As much as they want a stable income and benefits, they also want work environments that offer flexibility in place and time. Our earlier mentioned survey found that pay and benefits and the option to work remotely are two of the most important factors for those 18 to 25 years old when considering a job post-pandemic.

For President's Day: Presidential Collectibles

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were generating presidential souvenirs in the 1890s. Among them a Benjamin Harrison ribbon with the image and message "Our President" below a symbolic eagle and American flag. In 1893 the inauguration of Grover Cleveland and A. E. Stevenson provided a number of items. One of the most rare was a Public Comfort badge and ribbon made by Whitehead and Hoag. Accounts later said less than 150 ribbons for those particular volunteers were issues, and very few of them included the accompanying silvered medal.

Chicago's Columbian Exposition of 1893 saw a wave of more Washington related items ranging from ceramic pitchers to silk bookmarks. There were also Exposition ribbons paying tribute to President Cleveland and other past presidents.

In 1903 striking Wedgwood plates pay tribute to President Theodore Roosevelt. One particular blue and white issue with a leaf-design border included quotes from a speech delivered that year in Syracuse, New York. Similar plates and other ceramics would become a standard for all presidents, particularly as inaugural items, in the decades that followed.

Lincoln memorabilia witnessed a major resurgence early in the 20th century with the official observance of the Lincoln Centennial in 1909. The fallen president was depicted on the penny coin for the first time that year. Moreover he was also depicted on pin back buttons, plates, plaques, and prints. In sheet music The Lincoln Centennial Grand March was published by E. T. Paull, and there were also books and badges.

The wide popularity of the Lincoln Centennial was probably demonstrated by the vast number of postcards featuring the president according to Schneider. There hundreds of them created by an as-

sortment of publishers from the Centennial itself into the early 1920s. In 1923 President Warren Harding's Pacific Coast Tour warranted the issuance for color red, white and blue pin back buttons. Each button bore Harding's image surrounded by American flags.

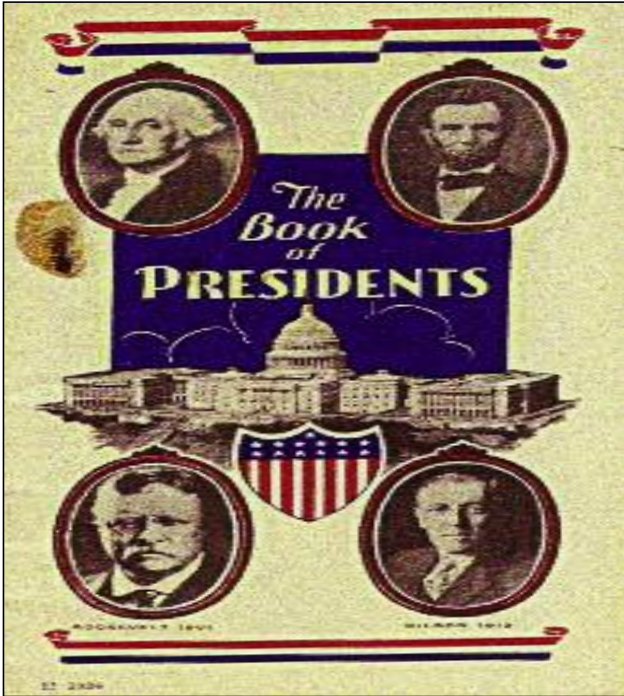
By 1930s the nation saw its first, but short lived, President's Day. The event organized in part by the Hearst newspaper chain honored the birthday of President Franklin Roosevelt on April 30, 1933. There were first day covers on envelopes and postcards. In the state of Minnesota postcards were issued, "in appreciation of our leader's achievements in the hope of his continued health and success." The cards also noted that the state had three towns with the names Franklin, Delano, and Roosevelt. FDR's birthday continued to be celebrated by various groups during the 1930s but it was not given any official status.

During the decades that followed much of the 'in office' material relating to presidents revolved around the periodical inaugurals. Typically these included buttons, printed invitations, and various badges.

Congress enacted legislation in 1968 which related several federal holidays. It declared that Washington's birthday would be observed on the third Monday in February of each year whether it fell on the 22nd or not. The effect of the act was to provide the public with a three-day weekend instead of just an idle day in the middle of a winter month.

A few years later in 1971, President Richard Nixon signed a presidential proclamation declaring the original Washington holiday to be President's Day. Nixon declared it was "the first such three-day holiday set aside to honor all presidents, even myself."

Soon a problem arose when legal experts point-



ed out that apparently presidential proclamations do not supersede the rule of law, and therefore the legal holiday at the federal level remains Washington's Birthday. Nationally however President's Day has become a widely accepted term and many states now use that particular designation in their holiday statutes.

Unchanged by all this is the growing collector interest in presidential memorabilia.

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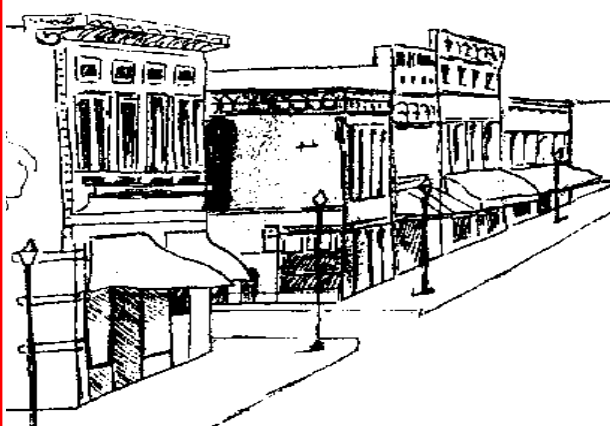
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from Sandy Dale



I am known for being a bit verbose and for gushing on and on about particular subjects. One of my favorites is Florence. I have now lived here for twenty years. For a gypsy sort of person, that's pretty amazing. When I moved here I thought I was just passing through this cute little Victorian town. I figured I'd get bored and travel on...six months at the most, I thought. Right. I will now begin to gush.

Dear Florence, you changed my life. I am an artist who always wanted to be painting in Florence. I didn't know it would be Florence, Colorado. I am, indeed, painting in Florence. Encouraged by the many artists who live here and by the Bell Tower Cultural Center with its many juried exhibits and great classes. I am working on new painting projects all the time. The old Victorian buildings and the wondrous landscape are truly inspirational.

Your quaint downtown is filled with amazing antique shops and an antique mall or two. The intriguing history of southeast Colorado is reflected in every shop and booth. One can take a little of this history home. History buffs or aspiring writers (as I am) shouldn't miss the Archives in the City Hall Building or the Pioneer Museum at Front Street and Pikes Peak. Both are overflowing with the exciting history of the area... mining stuff, railroad stuff, and the stories of clever, courageous, and entrepreneurial pioneers.

My other favorite thing to do besides painting, studying history, and shopping would be eating. Florence, you have not failed me here. For such a tiny town, there is no shortage of cuisine. The variety is astounding...okay, too gushy? Then appealing and even affordable for me. There are the usual Subway, Domino's Pizza, and Carl's Jr., but also a specialty hamburger restaurant, a Chinese restaurant, a Mexican restaurant, a Japanese restaurant (yes, with sushi), a yummy bakery, a quintessential coffee house, two good ole American diners, and a great steak house. All of these are on Main Street within a six block area. I guess I forgot the Florence Brewery, and three bars.

I should tell you, Florence, how much I love your special events. I hope I don't leave out any. My favorite is the Merchants' Car Show (the 21st annual this year with 6 or more blocks of vintage cars), a Wet/Dry 4th of July Parade, in September the annual Pioneer Day Parade and festivities in the park, and two Junktiques, two-day antique events on Main Street (Saturday and Sunday before the car show and the week after Pioneer Day). Did I mention monthly concerts and art exhibits at the Bell Tower and plays and concerts at the newly restored Rialto theatre?

I could go on, of course, but you know how much I love you. People just have to come see for themselves. I know I didn't mention the hiking and biking. We'll just have to save that for another day. I'm going out now to find an antique Valentine for my true love...I know I can find it in Florence.



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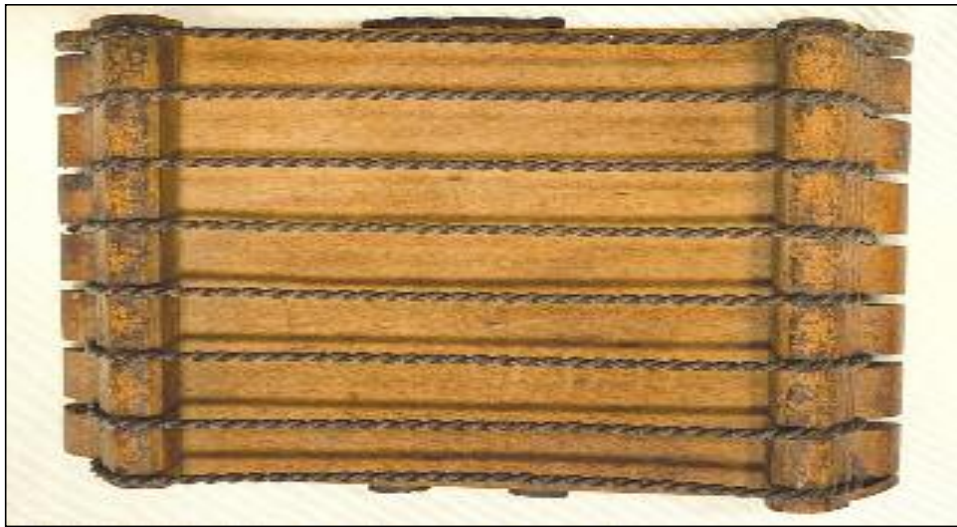
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