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## MEMBERSHIP WILL RECEIVE ROSTERS THIS YEAR

If you have not renewed your membership for 1976-1977, and would like to be included in the Roster, please send your dues by November 20 to Jane Gardner, 6802 Ralston Road, Arvada, Co. 80002. Dues are \$2.00 per person. If first names of both husband and wife should be listed, both must be members.

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS THROUGH JANUARY

Please mark the following dates on your calendar and attend these events at 7:30 p.m. at the Arvada Center, 6901 Wadsworth Blvd.

November 23....AHS Public Program. All interested persons are invited to a multimedia production given by Stewart Brown, who is in charge of Program Development in the Instruction Materials Division of R-1 Schools. The title of this exciting program is "Colorado: The Story of Three Cultures", and is one you won't want to miss. Arranged by Gay Ostrander, 422-3651.

November 30....AHS Business Meeting for Board Members, Committee Chairmen and other interested members. A Christmas Tree decorating Party will follow the meeting. Bring a long, thin needle and thimble for stringing pop-corn and cranberries. This will be a fun party for all, so bring the young members of your family.

January 27....AHS Business Meeting for Board Members, Committee Chairmen and interested members. News letter items due.

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## ARVADA GENEALOGY

By Robert Leishman, Genealogy Committee Chairman

A new Genealogy Committee was formed last year by the Arvada Historical Society. Genealogy is the science of investigating descent from an ancestor. This includes a history of family groups.

The Genealogy Committee is preparing family groups of early Arvada families, gleaned from the files of research acquired for "Waters of Gold" and "More Than Gold". We would like to encourage area residents with ancestors of early Arvada to help us in collecting this information. We are also seeking information on families who lived in Arvada in later years, and would be pleased to have family histories filed by their descendants.

We encourage all members to pursue their own family histories and genealogies. Please feel free to contact us for help in getting started in this worthwhile and interesting hobby.

If you would like to be a member of the Genealogy Committee, or have information for our committee, please contact Robert Leshman, 6560 Upham, Arvada, Co. 80003. Telephone: 421-1024.

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## MUSEUM OPENED THROUGH EFFORTS OF MANY

By Lois Lindstrom, Chairman, Museum Committee

"Our Museum is open". This is the most moving and significant Statement that has been made in the last 1490 days, (four years and one month to be exact). We are safe now to talk about "a dream coming true" because it has!

Our title, "In The Beginning", symbolizes the beginning of Arvada as well as the beginning of our museum. This museum is going to be the most colorful, fantastic impressionistic, factual, historical, mind-blowing extravaganza that ever kept you awake at night!

There are so many people who contributed in so many ways to make the opening of the Museum on September 28 a beautiful success. The Museum committee and the Arvada Historical Society are deeply and humbly thankful for the tremendous volunteer effort that made our opening possible. The invitations were elegant, the refreshments and reception table lovely and the Museum itself a triumph of dedication over such trifles as time and human frailty.

The Society and the citizens of Arvada extend great praise to our talented designer, H. Albert Phibbs. He has taken our suggestions and organized them so we would know what we were doing. He then taught, pushed, cajoled and jollied us into executing the plans.

We have listed each individual in our Gifts book. The danger, of course, is that someone has been over looked. Please check this book to make certain you have been listed properly as a contributor. You may contact Lois Lindstrom to make additions or corrections.

## DONORS OF HISTORICAL COLLECTION

Donors are listed in chronological order as to date of gift. Roy Larsen, Fern Stott, Leonard Smith, Ralph Coleman, Rose Russell (Dr. and Mrs. Richard Russell), Arvada Garden Club (Hackberry Tree Section), City of Arvada (old Urban Renewal photographs), Laura R. Cunniff, Willard R. Minges (George C. Swadley and Minges material), Katie S. Hooper, Fred Tiller, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Cone, Keith Boswell, Carl Noel, Mary Jump (William R. P. Jump material), Dinosaur fossils courtesy of Dr. Judith Van Couvering and staff of University of Colorado, Mrs. Elbert Allen, Albert Schneider, Inez Johnson (George Williams material), Arvada Citizen Sentinel (back issues of newspapers), Faith Rodgers, Mildred B. Donley, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert W. MacKinney, Muriel M. Scott, Delbert W. Collicott, Esther Lloyd, Mrs. Austin Echterling, Mr. and Mrs. Latham C. Morris, Mary B. Jump, Doris J. Holtman, Eaker's Department Store, Howell's Department Store, Ed and Mickey Maker, Al Portanova, Mr. and Mrs. Charles DiManna, Lucy T. Roth, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Barton (John Juchem material).

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#### SPEAKERS BUREAU ACQUIRES ADDITIONAL MATERIAL

By Marilyn Wimmer

The publication of "More Than Gold" has freed some photographs for use in our slide presentations. The script and visuals have been re-done. While most of the program is historical in content, one section shows the activities and accomplishments of our Society and will hopefully encourage interest. Several dates are open on the calendar and presentations may be arranged by calling Marilyn Wimmer at 421-2115.

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#### THE PERFECT CHRISTMAS GIFTS

For the person who has everything, for the out-of-towner whose roots were in Arvada, for the history buff or the curious, for the new-comers who would like to know more about the beginnings of their city, we suggest copies of "More Than Gold", 1870-1804 (\$10) and "Waters of Gold", 1870-1870 (\$4). Both editions can be purchased at Arvada Heritage Printers, 5603 Yukon Street, or at the Arvada Center Gift Shop at 6901 Wadsworth, which will open after Thanksgiving. Add these books to your gift list and do your shopping early.

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#### GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Museum Reception in the Arvada Center was an unique way to begin the year. On September 28, 1976, a milestone was reached with pride and satisfaction, which made all the past efforts of the Arvada Historical Society seem worth while. This was an evening of jubilation for guests and members alike and will long be remembered.

We are at the brink of another year and cannot approach it as an anti-climax, i. e., with the thinking that we have already reached our goal. Rather, we need to look at the future as an exciting and new beginning.

The Museum is now a part of a multipurpose facility, and the role of the Arvada Historical Society will have to change accordingly. With the combined energy of the Officers, Board Members, Committees and Members of the Arvada Historical Society during this year of "Beginnings", we can set the pattern and meet the challenges of the future.

Anyone having suggestions, questions, problems or new ideas, please feel free to contact me at 421-0842.

Marcetta Lutz, President

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## THIRD PUBLICATION UNDER WAY

Those wishing to work on the research for the next publication contact Billie Barton, Publication Chairman, at 233-6958. We are fortunate to have issues of the Arvada Enterprise beginning in 1911, and those interested are encourage to research a year of this paper

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## DEDICATION ADDRESS PLACED IN CONGRESSIONAL RECORD

The following was received by the Arvada Historical Society from Senator Gary Hart:

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Mr. Gary Hart.

"Mr. President, sometime ago I addressed to the attention of the Senate, a letter I had received from a Constituent describing his loss of confidence and respect for our system of Government. He said that the public's apathy was now turning to cynicism and despair, and the American society was rapidly falling victim to an ineffective and unresponsive Government. People were losing interest in each other and in the problems our Nation must face, primarily because they had lost their confidence in Government, and their belief in themselves as effective participants in the governing process.

"I drew my colleagues' attention to his letter because it reflected a very disturbing sentiment I had detected in my travels throughout my State. It points to a potential threat to our future and the American way of life more drastic than any other source of danger I can think of.

"However, last July 4, I attended a gathering of residents of Arvada, Colorado, which heartened me, and which renewed my hope for the future of our country. The gathering was a dedication ceremony for a new cultural center in Arvada which was the product of the work and dedication of the citizens of that city who still believe that they can make a difference. The event symbolized the proof that they were right. It is important that we recognize and encourage such dedication, and I offer my congratulations to the members of the Arvada Historical Society and others who on that day shared the well-deserved rewards of their work and enthusiasm.

"On that occasion, I heard an address which plainly but powerfully summarized the motivation of the citizens who developed the center, as well as stating the urgent need for citizen involvement in Government. It is as good a presentation of the argument as I have heard.

"I ask unanimous consent that this dedication address given by Mrs. Lois C. Lindstrom, Chairwoman of the Arvada Historical Society Museum Committee, in dedication of the new Arvada Cultural Center on July 4, 1976, be printed in the RECORD."

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## ARCHIVES AVAILABLE EARLY IN 1977

Progress is being made in indexing and filing the archives for the Arvada Historical Society. Fern Stott, Judy Hiet, Ann Wallen and Marcetta Lutz are using the clipping and photograph system implemented by the Western History Department of the Denver Public Library. After the first of the year when this phase is completed, the archives will be housed in the Library of the Arvada Center. Those who have indicated that they would like to work with the Archives will be contacted in January when we will start cataloging.

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## MUSEUM PREVIEW RECEPTION

Many things led to the success of our lovely Museum Reception. We want to thank Ann Storm, Gay Ostrander and Jane Gardner, hostesses, for the reception; all of those who made such delicious cookies; and Friends of the Arvada Center for serving at the reception.

The background music lent a very special touch at this eventful occasion. We are most grateful to Janice Lindsay for playing the marimba, and to the Les Trouveres for their recorded music.

And, last but not least, the highlight of this memorable evening seemed to be centered around the historic, 1876 Centennial Punch Bowl, which was so graciously loaned to us by Dorothy and Bill Harmsen.

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MUSEUM (Con't from page 2)  
DONORS OF TIME AND TALENT:

H. Albert Phibbs

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