State Meeting

The State TDC meeting hosted by the Denver Chapter will be at 11 a.m. on June 9th at the Table Mountain Inn, 1310 Washington Ave, Golden, CO. The program will be on 19th Century Golden. Further Information is in the State Newsletter.

A map can be found on the website.

The State Board meeting will be on June 8th at 7 pm. The meeting will be at The Armory, 1301 Arapahoe St, Suite 105, Golden, CO.

Lectures and Events

Amache: Open House

July 7, 8 a.m.—5 p.m.

The University of Denver Amache project is focused on researching, interpreting, and preserving the tangible history of Amache, one of ten WWII-era Japanese American Internment Camps. This summer, the University will be leading a month of filed research at Amache and Amache Museum in Granada.

8a-1p: Watch Archaeologists as they uncover the history of Amache. Take a tour and learn about the site survey.

1-5p: Visit the Amache Museum

Location: Amache is located in southeastern Colorado about a mile and a half west of the town of Granada.

Info and map at: http://portfolio.du.edu/amache

More Events and Lectures can be found on the website.

June Birthdays

June 7—Betty Stephens
June 7—Joyce Schwirz
June 10—Marie Romero

July Meeting

The July meeting will be July 21st. We will start with the program at 11:00 a.m. The program will be held at the Manitou Heritage Center. The program is on Ute Prayer Trees presented by John Anderson. Lprogram is sponsored by Manitou Heritage Center and Pikes Peak Library District.

Lunch and the business meeting will follow the program. The
**Chapter Elections**—Chapter elections were conducted at the May meeting. The officers for the next two years will be: President—Tamara Estes, Vice-President—Margaret Storm, Secretary—Tonya Sharp, and Treasurer—Peggy Martin. Tamara Estes, JoAnn Templeton and Denise Gimlin will continue as the chapter representatives to the State Board. Peggy Martin noted that this will be her last term as treasurer, so we request members to start thinking about taking on this role in two years. Peggy will be happy to show someone the ropes and get them ready to take over this position.

**New Member**—**Carla F. Stroh**, who lives in Idaho, was voted into membership. Her ancestors are the Erwins and include members of the Georgia Colony who arrived in 1871.

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**Southern Colorado History—Fun Fact**

Colorado Rose Onyx also known as Beulah Red Marble, was used on the interior of the Colorado Capitol Building. The stone was acquired from a quarry in Beulah, Colorado. The world’s entire supply of this unusual stone was used in the capitol building.

For more on the capitol building see:
https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/capitol/inside-capitol

![The Third Floor of the Colorado State Capitol in Denver, CO, showing the beautiful Beulah Red Marble. Photo from the collections of the Colorado Archives.](image)
Don Felipe (de Jesus) Baca was born around 1828 in New Mexico. He was a successful rancher/farmer in New Mexico before moving to the Purgatoire River Valley near Trinidad, Colorado in 1862. Baca and William Hoehne opened a successful store in Trinidad. Baca donated land for the development of the town of Trinidad and helped establish schools there. He served in the Colorado Territorial Legislature for two years starting in 1870. He was against statehood, as he thought the Hispano southern counties would be harmed by Anglo controlled Denver. Baca and his wife, Maria Dolores Gonzales Baca, acquired the home that would become known as Baca House the year before he died in 1874. Baca traded, John Hough 22,000 pounds of sheep wool for the house. His family members would continue to live in the house after his death. Baca County is named after this Colorado Pioneer. The Baca House is now a museum.

To read more on Baca see: https://coloradoencyclopedia.org/article/don-felipe-baca

Baca County, Colorado, was established on April 16, 1889. It was split off from Las Animas County. The area was originally part of the Colorado Territorial Huerfano County. The county seat is Springfield. The county was named in honor of territorial legislator and early Southern Colorado Pioneer Don Felipe Baca. The county saw little activity up until the 1880’s other than the Cutoff Branch of the Santa Fe Trail through the southeast part of the county. Agriculture began to grow in the area and the arrival of the Santa Fe Railroad brought an increase in the population. The Dust Bowl of the mid-1930’s devastated the county. The U.S. Government bought cultivated land in southeast Colorado and returned it to native grassland to help prevent future Dust Bowls. This land was designated Comanche National Grassland in 1960. The county’s population was at its height in the 1930’s with over 10,000 residents. Today the county’s population is just over 3,500.
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Meeting and Event details available on the website, or by contacting The Southern Chapter at territorialdaughters@gmail.com