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FROM OUR INCOMING PRESIDENT



Greetings to all our FF Wanderers,

Thanksgiving and Christmas have come and gone. Wow, what a year! I hope everyone had an opportunity to renew kinship with friends and family in a safe environment. I want to thank LaDonna for all that she has contributed to our club: energy, ideas, and planning of excursions. Thanks also to all the members who have stepped up and helped with planning and ideas for this upcoming year.

This has definitely been a unique year, one we hope to never have to experience again. Unfortunately, I'm not sure we are completely through it yet. Hopefully with the vaccines and boosters, we will be able to get together with some semblance of normalcy.

The Board met and thought it would be a nice idea if we could have a member retreat early January to gather ideas. We were hoping to create some short day and possibly some over-night excursions to supplement the themes we will be learning about. This would also give members time together during the month. It may be one way we could introduce guest/potential members to our organization, also.

Since the last newsletter, quite a few things have occurred. Ken Weaver went into warp speed making plans for upcoming events /meetings and activities. FFNoCo is starting off by announcing three monthly programs supporting Global NOCO, our 2022 theme. This theme will showcase the global dimensions of our local area and the contributions from Northern Colorado out to the world. Ken has secured speakers for these first three monthly meetings.

At an in-person meeting, January 20, Leisa Taylor of the Global Museum of Arts and Cultures in Fort Collins will describe the collection origin, including the Losel doll story and what is currently on exhibit. For 20 years Jeanne Nash collected the Losel dolls made by Lamaist monks at the Norbulingka Institute in exile in India. A brief introduction will also mention how the concept of the Peace Corps was born here in Northern Colorado. We will meet at the Global Museum for this gathering after lunch at Tam Kha restaurant nearby.

Friday evening, February 11, 2022, Colorado history professor Mary Borg will outline in brief the waves of immigration, from prehistory to present, that have transformed agriculture, commerce, and cultures in Northern Colorado. Adaptation to changing environments will be a sub-theme. This will be by zoom.

Friday evening, March 11, 2022, paleoanthropologist Bob Brunswig will describe how indigenous culture has evolved here in Northern Colorado as climate has changed over centuries. The local sites that have informed archaeological understanding of Native American tribal interactions will be a focus. This will be by zoom.

In Friendship, Susan

**11:45 am
January 20,
Lunch at Tam
Kai Restaurant
followed by
Tour of Global
Village Museum
at 1:30pm
200 West
Mountain Ave.**



PASSING THE GAVEL FROM LADONNA PALM



Notes as I leave the office of President:

Before we turn the calendar to 2022, let's take a few minutes to look back at 2021. In January, we were optimistic. Our scheduled journeys were cancelled, but the much-awaited vaccine was coming, and we looked forward to an end to the pandemic. By June, things were looking good. We met in person for the first time in over a year. Restaurants were open for indoor dining and we resumed meeting for CLEO; Many of us traveled for the first time, and some of us planned a trip to San Francisco on the California Zephyr, followed by a cruise to the Mexico Riviera. And we hosted a very successful inbound journey from Southern New Jersey. But then Delta arrived, followed closely by Omicron, and we must wonder what is ahead for us.

2021 wasn't a total loss, but it was an interesting year to be president of a club such as Friendship Force. Our main goal was to try to keep everyone involved and informed. We mastered ZOOM and some of its capabilities, and we will probably continue to make some use of it post-pandemic. But probably the most important development of the year was that of our Program Committee made up of Ken Weaver, Cinda Clark, and Sue Cummins. Their plan for 2022 is to study the various cultures that have contributed to life as we know it in Northern Colorado, utilizing both speakers and field trips to historical sites. We are guardedly optimistic about a very exciting year.

I have enjoyed being your president, and it has been a great learning experience. Many thanks to former officers, Board members, and everybody who was willing to help me out. Now I want to wish your Happy New Year – and Happy Journeys! —La Donna

MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 2022

The FFNC Board met on November 5 and voted to keep the annual dues for 2022 at the former rate of \$35. This decision was made in spite of the increase of National dues going up to \$25 per member. You may send your dues directly to treasurer, Ann Lohmeyer. In addition, the board agreed that the additional \$45 petition from National should be the decision of each member. Christiane Beaupré, Treasurer, FFI International Board of Directors expressed the following: *An ongoing concern, however, is that gap between operating funds running dry and Journeys picking up again in earnest. Thanks to the incredible generosity of clubs and members, we are making great progress in closing that gap with the \$45 for 45 years request that coincided with next year's FFI Membership Dues renewal. It's certainly unexpected for us to celebrate our 45 years as an organization by having to ask for continued support, but the support is immensely appreciated and we will make up for it at our first post-pandemic in-person world conference, hopefully in 2023. If you wish to donate a \$45 BIRTHDAY GIFT to FFI you can do so on the Friendship Force page. [HERE IS THE LINK.](#)*

KAY THOMAS HEADS SOUTH

Kay sold her house in Loveland and has officially moved into her new home in Goodyear, AZ. Her phone and email remain the same. Kay is a mere golf cart ride from her son and daughter-in-law and is enjoying the lovely weather. AZ mountains are only a ten minute ride away so she has the best of both states. She plans to visit us (and the twins) in the Spring. We will miss you, Kay!



FFNC PROGRAM NOVEMBER 12, 2021

FFNC Nov 12, 2021 Program Report
Marcia Ross, reporter

Our enthusiastic speaker, Noah Bagley, is the coordinator for Refugee & Asylee Programs for the Lutheran Family Services of Northern Colorado. He gave us a fact-studded overview of the multi-tiered steps most refugees and asylees must undergo to be finally re-homed in a new city/ country after first being vetted in a refugee camp. He reviewed the differences between refugees, asylum seekers and migrants.

REFUGEES: Those forced to flee their country of origin because of a well-founded fear of persecution due to race, ethnicity, religion, gang violence, government genocide, nationality, or social group membership. Those factors are compounded because of ethnic cleansing, slavery/ trafficking, persecution, war, food insecurity, drug cartels, wanting a better life for their children or even climate change which can cause uninhabitable living conditions.

ASYLUM SEEKERS: They've gone into their host country on their own, seeking safety from many of the above-mentioned conditions.

MIGRANTS: Someone who chooses to relocate to another country, often for work, economic, educational, or family reasons.

Astoundingly, Noah reported that for a variety of the above reasons, 82.4 million people were forcibly displaced in 2020 worldwide. Before they are vetted and placed in a new home country, they are "hosted" in refugee camps. 86% of those camps are in developing countries. The top 10 are Turkey, Columbia, Pakistan, Uganda, Germany, Sudan, Iran, Lebanon, Bangladesh, and Ethiopia. The camps are built as temporary, short-term facilities to provide immediate assistance and

protection, however in most cases the stay can become protracted, usually 10-26 years and may even last for decades. Sadly, most of the refugee children do not get much formal education. Only 63% get primary instruction, only 24% get secondary educational instruction and only 3% go on to higher education.

During their time in the refugee camps the residents are processed through intense interviews to determine if they meet the criteria to qualify as a refugee, thorough medical examinations, and extensive background checks. Refugees can't pick their country of resettlement. Only the most vulnerable can be resettled in the USA., and again there are multiple years and layers of security screening before approval.

Refugees provide a variety of cultural, social, and economic and work-related benefits to their new communities. Noah reported that the goal for those placed in Northern Colorado is that with community resources and support they will become self-sufficient within 6 months. Many community resources are available for up to 5 years.

In 1980 over 200,000 refugees were resettled in the USA. In 2020 there were about 11,000. Because about 60,000 Afghans were placed here in 2021 (they had worked with the US government), there's been a pause in other resettlements. One stipulation for resettlement to a city is that other family members must already be established there, so there are no Afghan refugees in Northern Colorado. The greater Denver/Broomfield region has many more newly placed Afghan refugees, and our club members were encouraged to contact Lutheran Family Services if they are interested in providing financial support or household furnishings for those families.



PROGRAMS FOR 1ST QUARTER 2022

On January 20th we will meet in person at the Global Village Museum of Arts and Cultures. The Museum is at 200 West Mountain in Fort Collins. Our entry is at 1:30 PM for a meeting with Leisa Taylor, Outreach Coordinator, at 2 PM. A native of Texas, Leisa has degrees in Journalism and Jurisprudence. She's been a newspaper reporter, newspaper editor, photographer, and TV videographer. Leisa moved to Colorado in 2013 and lives in the mountains with her two cats.

Leisa will describe the origin of the collection, including the Losal doll story. For 20 years Jeanne Nash, an early member of Friendship Force of Northern Colorado, collected the Losel dolls made by Lamaist monks living at the Norbulingka Institute in exile in India.

After Q&A, members will be able to explore the current exhibits, *Nativities and International Festivals of Light and Color and Pattern: The Spirit of West Africa*, a curated companion show to *Wandering Spirit: African Wax Prints* on view at the Avenir Museum of Fashion and Merchandising. Both exhibits explore the colonial ties within West African wax prints and beads. *Color and Pattern* was curated by two former CSU students, Fiona McAliney and Sam Sedoryk.

For more information, the web address is globalvillagemuseum.org. Friendship Force of Northern Colorado will cover the \$3 per person fee. Please RSVP to Ken Weaver, interweaver@gmail.com, so we can let the Museum staff know the number likely to attend.

On February 11th, 2022, University of Northern Colorado history professor Mary Borg will summarize the waves of immigration, from prehistory to today, that have transformed agriculture and commerce in Northern Colorado. The influence of weather and humans having to adapt to changing environments will be a subtheme.

For over two decades Mary has led a weekly workshop at Greeley's Active Adult Center based on her book *Writing Your Life* and is reprising *Stories from Colorado History* again this month. Scroll down the page at <https://www.unco.edu/unc-magazine/fall2013/campus.html> for fun facts about our 38th state in the union, for instance, that Colorado has more ghost towns on the Eastern Plains than it has mining ghost towns in the Rocky Mountains. The meeting via Zoom will begin with greetings and announcements at 6:30 PM and the presentation at 7 PM.

Friday evening, March 11, 2022, paleoanthropologist Bob Brunswig will describe how indigenous culture evolved here in Northern Colorado as our climate has changed over millennia. Clovis and Folsom cultures used local sites to camp, as corral, and to "ambush kill" bison. Local projectile points have informed archaeological understanding of Native American tribal interactions through several ice ages. Bob will compare our Rockies to the French Pyrénées. Who knew there were once reindeer in southern France?

Bob teaches anthropology at UNC. He's an archaeologist with regional specialization and field experience in North America, South Asia, the Near East, Arabia, and Europe. He's been a Fulbright Fellow in Poland. Bob serves on Greeley's Historic Preservation Commission and with Ken and Paulette Weaver on the Board of Historic Greeley, Inc.

The meeting via Zoom will begin with greetings and announcements at 6:30 PM and the presentation at 7pm.



IN MEMORIAM, BEV GOERING

Beverly Ann Goering passed away on November 25, 2021, at the age of 76. Bev was born October 23, 1945, in Goodland Kansas to John William and Hazel Violet (Hansen) Tracy. Bev was married on August 23, 1964. She had two children, Christopher Scott and Robyn Elizabeth with her former husband Richard (Scott) Goering.

Bev earned her Bachelor's degree in Management Science and her Master's degree in Business Administration from Regis University. Bev was a lifetime learner and was always taking classes in various topics and earned countless



certificates along the way.

Bev worked in the Utilities Department for the City of Fort Collins for 29

years. After retirement, she began her next adventure in designing and creating beautiful jewelry. This was one of her greatest joys. She was quite accomplished with beads, stones, gems, and metal. She could often be found at one of her workbenches sketching a new design, performing intricate work with a magnifying glass, or pounding out copper on an old railroad tie in her garage.

Bev was a longtime member of the Colorado Archaeological Society and the Fort Collins Rockhound Club. Bev had a love of travel and new experiences. She was a member of the Friendship Force and had traveled to 38 different countries. Bev had a passion for genealogy. She was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She loved to share stories about her family's heritage.

Bev was preceded in death by her parents John and Hazel Tracy. Bev is survived by her partner Dean Grogan of Fort Collins, son Chris Goering of Windsor, daughter Robyn (Scottie) Moore of Fort Collins, granddaughters Mary Goering, Emily Goering, Evelyn Moore, and Madelyn Moore, sister Jolene (Rich) Miller of Goodland, KS, and many nieces and nephews. As many of you know, Bev loved to share stories. These stories were sometimes historical or sometimes educational. She could keep you captivated as you learned something new. We hope you would continue sharing stories to keep her spirit alive.

CLEO



November 18th at Oregon's 4235 S College Ave in Fort Collins 11:30 a.m.



December 7th at The Tavern in Greeley. hosted by the Weavers Attending were Anne Brown, BJ, Carol Heitman, Kay Thomas, Kay Sheahan, Jan Rozman, LaDonna, Larry and Cinda, Ken and Paulette, Rick and Ann, Marcia, Susan Mathre, and Cathie.



V VIRTUAL JOURNEYS ONLINE

Even though 2022 and 2023 hold possibilities of great Journeys for us to participate in, if you'd like to get a taste of the joys of visiting other clubs NOW you CAN through the FFI website. Cathy McCallum has spent hours making our club "famous". Here's what Cathy shares:

The Faces & Places program about FF Northern Colorado I did virtually live on Thursday November 11, is now available in recorded form. On the internet go to friendshipforce.org. At the very top of the page that opens, in the red banner, click on the green box that says VIRTUAL EXPERIENCES. It opens to both upcoming experiences that will be live soon but are not yet available in recorded format, and to all the recordings of previous experiences.

Scroll down until you see the purple heading Friendship Force Virtual Experiences Recorded. Mine about FFNC is the one in the middle.

To the right of that is one titled "Japanese Culture Chat: Rakugo (In English)." Kante is a member of FF in Japan and I attended his session at the 2019 World Conference in Boulder. The recording at this site starts with many pictures from the conference, and at 26:00 on the timer across the bottom of the recording, he starts the presentation about Japanese Art of Comedy Storytelling. If you were at that conference you could see yourself! I recognized the back of my head in the front row of Kante's session!

V PAY WHAT YOU CAN AT LINCOLN CENTER

There is an Open Stage PWYC performance of *Sense and Sensibility* in the Magnolia Theatre of the Lincoln Center in Fort Collins at 7:30 PM, Thursday, January 20, 2022. Tickets for that performance are reserved directly from Open Stage and handed out that night. There is no preset ticket cost, just Pay What You Can. I will make the reservation for tickets for the group but I **need to know by January 4 who wants to attend so I can reserve the necessary tickets**. Some people do not reserve tickets, they just arrive that evening, and any tickets not already reserved are first come first

The PWYC at the Lincoln Center is Thursday, January 20, the same day set for the Global Museum afternoon program. —Cathie McCallum

Vaccination and Mask Policy

OpenStage Theatre & Company requires that all patrons 12 and older are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 before attending indoor seated performances in the Magnolia Theatre at the Lincoln Center. To qualify as "fully vaccinated," an individual must have completed their full course of COVID-19 shot(s) 14 days prior to an event.

Individuals must present proof of vaccination when entering the theatre. Acceptable proof of vaccination may include one of the following that matches a government issued photo I.D. or school I.D. for youth:

1. A physical copy of a WHO (World Health Organization) or FDA-approved COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card
2. A high resolution photograph of the front and back of your WHO/FDA issued COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card on smart phone
3. Proof of your vaccination card on the accepted mobile device app [@learn more and@download@here](#)

No facial covering, no entry applies to all



In Northern Colorado

Outbound

JOURNEYS & EVENTS

2022 OFFICERS & COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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11:45 LUNCH AT TAM KHA restaurant 144 N. Mason BEFORE GLOBAL VILLAGE TOUR 1:30PM JANUARY 20, 2022

ZOOM meeting February 11, 2022 NCU history professor Mary Borg Immigration's Effect on Colorado's Agriculture and Commerce

ZOOM meeting March 11, 2022 Paleoanthropologist Bob Brunswig Indigenous Cultures in N. Colo.

April 19-24 Outbound Journey to Winston-Salem, NC April 25-30 Raleigh, North Carolina **Ambassador Coordinator needed** Contact Marcia Ross for an application or click on this link http://ffncoloro.com/Forms/Ambassador_Application

Mid-August Inbound Journey From Albuquerque, New Mexico Host Coordinator needed

September 28-Oct. 4 Outbound Journey to Hartford, Connecticut Ambassador Coordinator: Debby Jones

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Meeting Music: Rosemary Donovan
FFNC Store: Debby Jones

If you are willing to help with any of the committees or would like to fill one of the open slots, please contact Susan Mathre, president.

KEN WEAVER HAS SENT YOU A SURVEY TO HELP US PLAN FOR THE NEXT YEAR'S PROGRAMMING. PLEASE FILL OUT AND RETURN BY JANUARY 4TH