**Program**

8:30 a.m.  
Doors open at East Library

9 a.m.  
Welcome and opening remarks  
Cal Otto and Paula Miller  
- Michael Olsen – Introduction to Doctors, Disease and Dying in the Pikes Peak Region

9:15 - 10:45 a.m.  
Pioneers of Health Care  
- John M. Hutchins – From Pike to Fitzsimmons: U.S. Army Doctors in Colorado - 1806-1921  
- Don C. Headlee – “And The Patient Recovered”: Medical Practice on the Santa Fe Trail and Bent’s Fort  
- Joanne F. Ruth – Nurse…? Nurse…? Do I Have A Nurse?: The Evolution of the Colorado Conference Deaconess Hospital and Training School for Nurses  
- Michael Olsen, moderator – Questions and Discussion

10:45 - 11 a.m. – Break

11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
Doctors  
- Joyce B. Lohse – Justina Ford: Medical Pioneer  
- Bob Hoff – Trooper! Dr. Boswell P. Anderson, M.D.  
- Deborah Harrison – Taking the Manitou Cure with Dr. Basil Creighton  
- Ed and Nancy Bathke – Lester L. Williams, M.D.: Healer, Humanitarian, and Historian  
- Michael Olsen, moderator – Questions and Discussion

12:30 - 1:15 p.m.  
Complimentary light lunch  
- Cal Otto – “The Medicine Show: Nostrums and Quackery,” video

1:15 - 1:45 p.m  
John Stansfield as Dr. Charles Fox Gardiner - A Doctor at Timberline

1:45 - 2 p.m. – Break

2 - 3:40 p.m.  
Disease and Dying in the Pikes Peak Region  
- Martina Will de Chaparro – Death and Dying in the Colonial Southwest  
- Nita Peters – Spencer and Julie Penrose: Cancer Treatment in the Pikes Peak Area  
- Matt Mayberry – On A Cough and a Prayer: The Modern Woodmen of America Sanitarium  
- Leah Davis Witherow – Death is the Poor Man’s Doctor: Caring for the Destitute in Colorado Springs  
- Michael Olsen, moderator – Questions, Discussion and Closing summary

3:30 p.m.  
Reception and Authors’ book signing

**Related Events**

**Fade to Black - Victorian Funeral Customs and Rituals**  
June 8, 2008 - 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Visit the Palmer Memorial Chapel for a tour of Victorian Era funerary customs.  
Evergreen Cemetery  
1005 S. Hancock Ave.

**Exhibit: Descansos and Traditions in Remembering the Dead**  
Tue. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
El Pueblo History Museum  
301 North Union, Pueblo, CO  
Adults • $4; Children 5 and under free.  
Seniors, students and children 6-12 • $3.

**Exhibit: The Medicine Show: Nostrums & Quackery**  
Penrose Library, 20 N. Cascade Ave.  
Through July 31, 2008

**Save the Date**

Sat. June 6, 2009  
**Rush to the Rockies: The 1859 Pikes Peak or Bust Gold Rush**

FREE parking  
Painting by Jay Miller

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**June 7, 2008**

9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
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Registration is required. Seating is limited.  
Call (719) 531-6333, x2253 for more information or to register.
Speakers

Ed and Nancy Bathke have resided in Colorado for 47 years, as residents of Manitou Springs and presently in Douglas County. Ed is a mathematician and retired computer analyst. Nancy is a retired elementary school teacher. They are co-authors of The Wild West in Postage Stamps and have had articles published in the Rocky Mountain Baby magazine and the Manitou Springs News. Their efforts are to protect and preserve Colorado’s wild places and wildlife and people. Mr. Bathke is the author of Writers of the American West: Multicultural Learning Encounters which earned a Colorado Authors League Award and was a finalist for the Colorado Book Award. He is the author of Eros Mills, Rocky Mountain Naturalist. Mr. Bathke is interested in history and culture and enjoys reflecting on the history of Colorado Springs and the Pikes Peak region, focusing on collecting the stories and records surrounding the regional growth of health care before 1960 and 1980. She co-authored The History of Healthcare in the Pikes Peak Region, and is a community consultant specializing in health and business systems project management. Ms. Bathke holds a master’s degree in education from Colorado State University.

Lynn A. Gilliland-Morton has combined a background in biological sciences, health, and education at the Beth-El School College of Nursing and has served writing awards from the United States Army Historical Center and the Westerners International and has presented papers at numerous historic sites and conferences. He is a member of the Colorado State Historical Society and the Denver Pikes Peak Regional History Commission.

Joyce B. Lohse is a Denver-area journalist, genealogist, and author who writes biographies about characters from Colorado’s history for You Know These, a child-friendly series from Filter Press in Palmer Lake, Colorado. Ms. Lohse is administrator for Women Writing the West, a national writers’ group, and is the author of several award-winning biographies, including Unsinkable Mrs. J. B. Brown: The Molly Brown Story; Emily Griffith: Opportunity’s Teacher; Justina Ford: Medical Pioneer; First Governor; and Enos Mills: Rocky Mountain Naturalist, which earned a Colorado Authors League Award. He is the author of Eros Mills, Rocky Mountain Naturalist. Mr. Stansfield is interested in the history of the American West, the American Southwest, and the Santa Fe Trail. He has earned the Environmental Heroes Award from the Wilderness Society in 2004.

Leah Davis Witherow is the head of the Colorado Springs Pioneers Museum, Rock Ledge Ranch Historic Site, and the interpretive programs at Garden of the Gods. She curates the prize-winning exhibition Eros Mills: Rocky Mountain Naturalist, and has worked for the United States Army Corps of Engineers at John Martin Reservoir as a park ranger for the past nine years where one of his main duties is to present interpretive programs.

Bob Hoff is a graduate of the University of Dayton, Ohin. Mr. Hoff has enjoyed a professional career as a real-estate market in Cincinnati, Ohio, and in Colorado Springs for the last 27 years. He is an amateur historian whose research interests range from the medical history of the Colorado Springs region to the Civil War. Mr. Hoff is the curator of The History of Healthcare in the Pikes Peak Region, published in 2005, and is currently working on a book about the American Civil War.

John M. Hutchins, J.D., is an Assistant United States Attorney in Denver and a prize-winning amateur historian whose research interests range from the medical history of the Colorado Springs region to the Civil War. Mr. Hutchins is the curator of The History of Healthcare in the Pikes Peak Region, published in 2005, and is currently working on a book about the American Civil War.

John Stansfield is a storyteller and author who began exploring western North America as a boy. John is a past president of Windy City and Eliza Beach of Colorado, and is a community consultant from Colorado Springs nursing and healthcare history. She earned her B.S. in Nursing from the University of Kansas, and her M.S. in Nursing from the University of Colorado.

Don C. Headlee has been a historical interpreter for more than 20 years. For 20 of those years, he has interpreted the role of the Dr. Edward Hempstead, the first resident doctor in Colorado and the physician at Bent’s Old Fort. Throughout the past four years, he was involved in interpreting the biocultural commemorations of the Lewis and Clark and Zebulon M. Pike explorations of the Louisiana Purchase. Mr. Headlee is a retired teacher from Wheat Ridge High School in Jefferson County, Colorado, and is a member of the United States Army Corps of Engineers at John Martin Reservoir as a park ranger for the past nine years where one of his main duties is to present interpretive programs.

Michael Olsen, Ph.D., has taught history for more than 30 years and is a professor emeritus in New Mexico State University. His major research interests are in the history of the American West, the American Southwest, and the Santa Fe Trail. He has published widely, especially on the cultural and ethnic aspects of Southwestern and Santa Fe Trail History. He has also served as past president and board of directors member of the Santa Fe Trail Association and recently served as Sheriff of the Pikes Peak Posse of Westerners International in Colorado Springs.

Nita del Regato Peters is the second daughter of Dr. Nyota del Regato, a cancer specialist who was recruited from the University of California, San Diego, and her B.A. in History and German from the University of Virginia. She is the author of numerous articles and the recently published Death and Dying in New Mexico.