



Denver Postcard Club



Next Meeting
Sunday,
January 12, 2025
1:00pm

HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE PRESIDENT

January
2025

Welcome Denver Postcard Club members and friends!

I'm Liz Franco and I am delighted to serve as DPCC's president for the 2025 - 2027 term. Jennifer S. set a wonderful example for me and my goal is to continue growing our club and to provide enriching experiences for all members.

I joined DPCC in 2022 after I met Dede H. at the Postcard and Paper Show at the Holiday Inn. I'm so thankful to have made friends who share a love for all things ephemera.

Thank you all for welcoming me into this community.

We're excited to re-introduce our monthly newsletters after a brief hiatus. I want to recognize Beth T. for her work on these newsletters and membership organization.

Cheers to a new year full of new members, friends, talented speakers, and of course, postcards!

See you at the meeting,

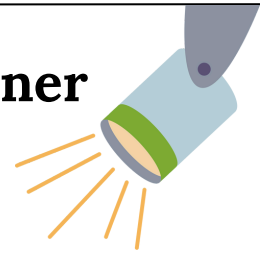


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January Speaker Spotlight: John Meissner

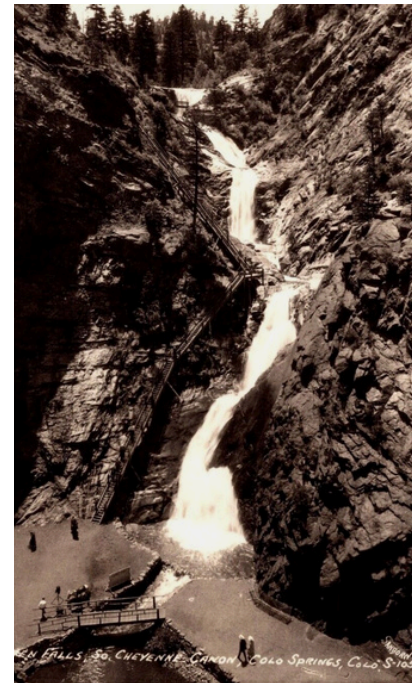
Topic: Sanborn Real Photo Postcards



Newsstand owner Harold Sanborn of Denver started dabbling in local scenic postcards around 1922, and less than a decade later, had become the largest commercial postcard distributor in Colorado, maintaining 15 different series of real photo views covering a dozen different geographic locations throughout Colorado and Wyoming.

By the time of Mr. Sanborn's retirement in 1961, he was responsible for producing somewhere north of 20,000 different black and white views.

Whether or not you covet select Sanborn RPPC images for historic reasons, embark on what seems like a fool's errand to acquire one of each from a particular series, or have zero interest in them, they are admittedly hard to ignore - on any given day, an eBay search for Sanborn in the postcard category returns over 3,000 hits.



Estes Park resident John Meissner has been collecting Sanborn postcards since 2008, and spent over 200 cumulative hours at Sanborn headquarters in Commerce City in 2011 and 2012 recording production information from the Harold Sanborn era that had been haphazardly saved and organized.

If you are a postcard collector who dislikes Sanborn, we still encourage you to come learn the key diagnostic features of a Sanborn RPPC, so you know how to spot them. If you are new to the game, or somewhat "Sanborn curious," before plunking down good money on your first Sanborn RPPC, you should learn the bottlenecks and pitfalls to building a Sanborn set.



Lastly, if you are an established Colorado real photo postcard (RPPC) dealer or collector, you will benefit from definitive information on production dates and rarity for the popular and occasionally quite rare Sanborn views shared in this presentation.



Denver Postcard & Paper Show

January 17 - 18, 2025

Lakewood Holiday Inn
7390 W Hampden Ave
Lakewood, CO 80227

Hours:

Friday: 11:00am - 6:00pm
Early bird Friday: 10:00am (\$20)
Saturday: 9:30am - 4:00pm

Venue packed with dealers bringing their postcards, posters, maps, prints, art, travel ephemera, and more!

- Free parking
- Hourly door prizes
- \$5.00 admission - \$1.00 off with card



Show and Tell Topics

Bring a postcard from your collection or find one in the club's boxes that includes the designated monthly topic.

This is optional; we allow a few minutes for sharing themed cards at the meetings.

January: Parades

February: Rodents

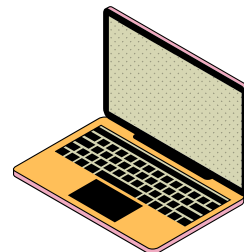


Website Updates

Our [DPCC website](#) is now published with a new look, including a new menu, photos, and overall organization.

Please share feedback in the meeting when the new website is presented, or email us at

denverpostcardclub@gmail.com.



December 2024 Holiday Party Recap

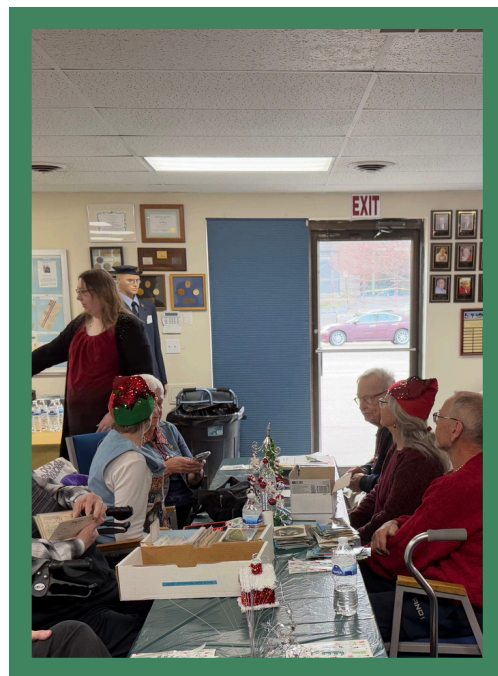


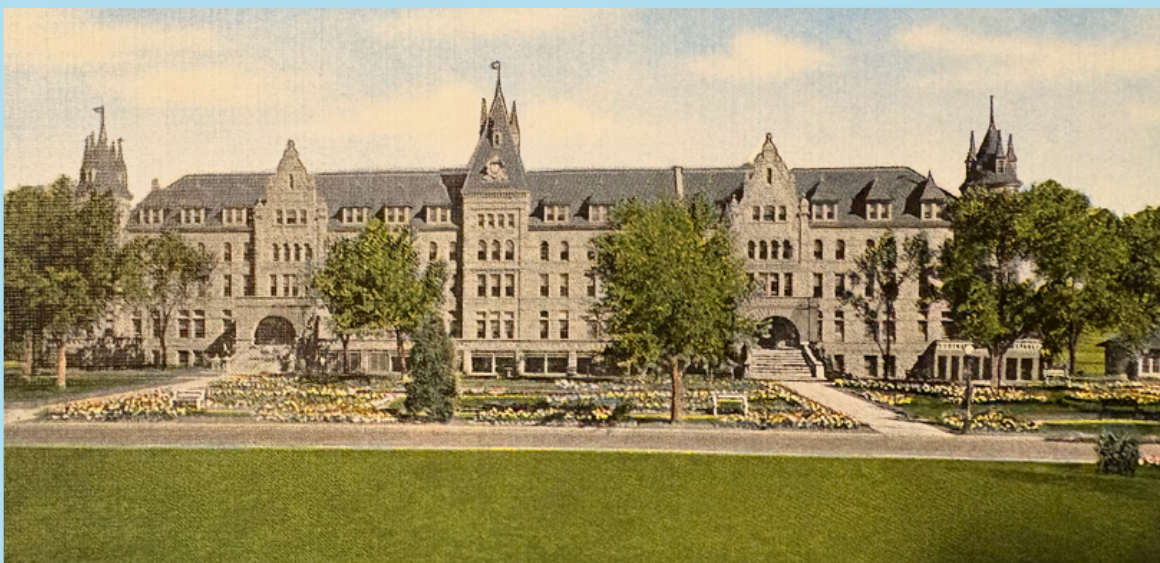
Thank you to everyone who attended our annual holiday party on December 8, 2024. In total we had 32 people in attendance, including a few new members.

We had a great time connecting with each other over a gourmet buffet lunch, organized by Jennifer S. and Deb S.

Jennifer and Deb graciously donated their time and gift bags for our white elephant raffle. Each gift bag included themed postcards in a curated binder and various home goods related to the chosen topic.

Thank you for making our party and gift exchange so special!





Where Am I in Colorado? - January 2025

Do you know where this building is in Colorado? Share your answers with us in our next club meeting!

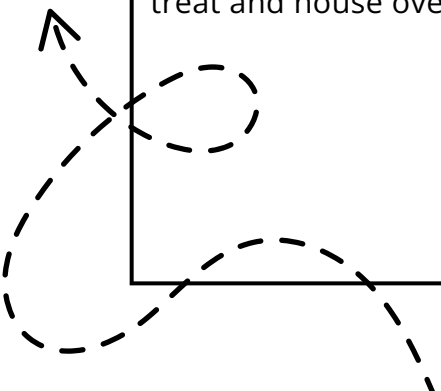
This building was established in 1892 to house only 30 residents who were suffering from tuberculosis and other ailments. It was meant to serve as a convalescent home, to provide a place of rest and healing for members of the International Typographical Union (ITU).

It eventually grew to house 500 members at one time and was a monument to health and wellness. Through its history, it helped treat and house over 400,000 people.

Some buildings on this 26-acre campus were shut down in the mid-1970s. In 2014, this property was sold to a nursing home management company, and was officially shut down in 2020.

However, new life (and funding!) is being pumped into this historic campus as of 2022; plans include residential and retail lots to preserve this lovely "castle on the hill." Construction is supposed to be completed sometime in 2026 to re-open to the public.

Bonus points: The same architecture firm who designed Boulder's Pearl Street Mall and University of Colorado is leading this property's redesign. What is the name of the firm?



Club Contact Information



**2025
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