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Famous Boyd Horseshoe Collection on Display in Breckenridge

The Breckenridge Heritage Alliance and the Summit Historical Society are proud to announce that the William W. Boyd Horseshoe Collection is now on display at the Edwin Carter Museum in Breckenridge.

The collection, noted by historians as one of the finest horseshoe displays in the world, consists of 101 horseshoes, an ox shoe and a miner's candleholder. The horseshoes display a wide array of sizes, shapes and function, from tiny colt shoes to huge draft horseshoes, corrective shoes and specialty shoes for ice and mud. "To have as intricate a collection as the Boyd Horseshoes is an invaluable historic asset for Breckenridge," said Linda Kay Peterson, acting Executive Director. "It's one of few of its kind that exists."

Boyd was a blacksmith and farrier in Breckenridge between 1886 and 1904. His shop was located at the corner of North Main Street and Wellington Avenue. A blacksmith of extraordinary skill, he also speculated in mining, served as the Chief of Breckenridge's Fire Department in 1899 and was elected Mayor in 1902.

The W.W. Boyd Horseshoe Collection was donated to the Summit Historical Society in 2000 by the Estate of Laretta Boyd, William Boyd's daughter. The Edwin Carter Museum is located at 111 N. Ridge St. and is open daily from 11 a.m.- 4 p.m. In addition, the Museum will be open this Saturday, December 1st, from 4-6 p.m. as part of a Victorian Holiday Open House.

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