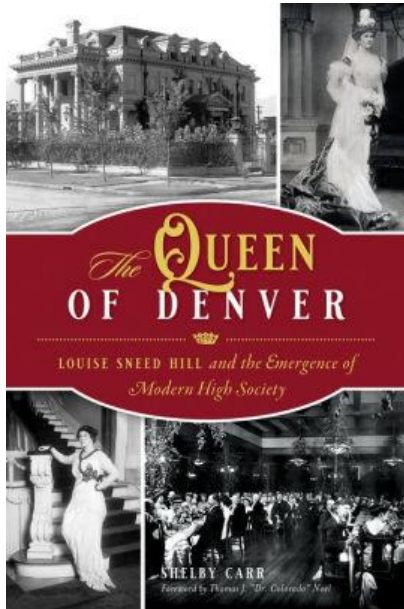


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Shelby Carr is the featured speaker for the 2020 Fall Benefit for the Mount Vernon Hotel Museum & Garden. She will be discussing the Gilded Age high society of Denver, which developed during the same period that The Colonial Dames of America was founded.



*About **The Queen of Denver: Louise Sneed Hill and the Emergence of Modern High Society***

For more than four decades at the turn of the century, Louise Sneed Hill ruled over Denver's high society with her southern charm, societal tact and passion for success. Hill created a society group dubbed the "Sacred Thirty-Six" and held parties that encouraged animal dances, roller skating and alcohol consumption. She fashioned herself to the public as a hardworking, self-made woman. She used the press to sell her image, emphasize amusement and aid in her mission to transform society from Victorian morality to unabashed fun. She pushed boundaries at a time when American society was unsure of its social direction. Historian Shelby Carr delves into the complex story of the highly mythicized, misrepresented and misunderstood Mrs. Crawford Hill.

The book [can be ordered here.](#)

About Shelby Carr

Shelby holds her Master of Arts in American history with a minor in public history and a certificate in historic preservation with high distinction from the University of Colorado. Shelby's experience includes work for History Colorado, National History Day in Colorado, and the Byers-Evans House Museum. Shelby has also been an AmeriCorps Vista summer associate at the Center for Colorado Women's History at the Byers-Evans House Museum.

Currently, she consults on a collaborative effort between the Molly Brown House Museum and the Center for Colorado Women's History on a programming series that delves into the myths of women in the West while also working for Discover Denver as a building research intern researching historic homes throughout the Mile High City. Shelby has presented her research on the restoration and preservation of the Colorado State Capitol at Colorado Preservation Inc.'s 2018 Saving Places Conference and on the Crawford Hill Mansion at the 2019 conference. Shelby also has her genealogical research certificate from Boston University and a certificate in antiques, collectibles, and appraising from Ashford Institute of Antiques.



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