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Cheyenne's history permeates mansion

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Aug. 30 1998 - Built in 1888 for successful merchant, Erasmus Nagel, the opulent Nagle Warren Mansion, Cheyenne, Wyo., became the home of U.S. Sen. Francis E. Warren in 1910.

Guests stepping into the palatial showplace today will be immediately carried back to the late 1880s. In the elegant parlor, a gleaming chandelier extends from the ceiling, oil paintings original to the house grace the walls and a splendid bronze fireplace, crowned by a mirror ornately framed to match, stands against one wall. On either side of the fireplace hang gaslight fixtures, also original.

The music room features an 1879 Weber grand piano and a second bronze fireplace. The formal dining room boasts a parquet floor, pocket doors and an oval table that seats 14 guests. The library, with its stained-glass window and tile-faced fireplace, reveals an antique "hooded" chair with sides and an overhang that muffle sound. This unusual piece is rumored to have served as a sanctuary for husbands whose wives were a bit too chatty. Or the other way around, perhaps?

The inn's ornate, grand staircase leads to six beautifully decorated guest rooms. Six more rooms are in the carriage house. The chamber named for Barbara Sullivan, one of the previous owners who began the structure's restoration, boasts an iron four-poster draped with a cream lace canopy, a marble-topped dresser and washstand, a mirrored armoire and a circa-1884 fainting couch upholstered in pink roses. All rooms have lovely antiques, luxurious window dressings, fine bed linens, period wallpapers, air conditioning and private baths.

Guests can work out in the exercise room, soak in the outdoor hot tub, and relax in the therapeutic massage room. Business travelers will appreciate the two phone lines, dataport, desk or writing table, and useful office items in their rooms. The inn also has three conference rooms that accommodate 20-25 persons each.

Eggs Benedict and Swedish waffles are among the entrees presented in the formal dining room each morning. Accompaniments include fresh fruit, homemade breads and muffins, juice, yogurt and hot beverages.

The Nagel Warren Mansion High Tea, served Friday and Saturday afternoons, includes watercress and cucumber sandwiches, scones, cakes and tartlets. Cost is \$7.95 per person; reservations are recommended.

Nagel Warren Mansion, 222 E. 17th St., Cheyenne, Wyo. 82001, 800-811-2610. Rates are \$135-\$185 single or double, including full breakfast and afternoon refreshments. One room is specifically designed for exceptionally challenged individuals. Web site: <http://naglewarrenmansion.com>

The Inn For The Night column spotlights bed-and-breakfast and historic lodgings in the Rocky Mountain region. Each one described has been visited by the columnist and is mentioned on merit. Comments may be sent to Inn For The Night, Travel Section, The Denver Post, 1560 Broadway, Denver 80202.

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