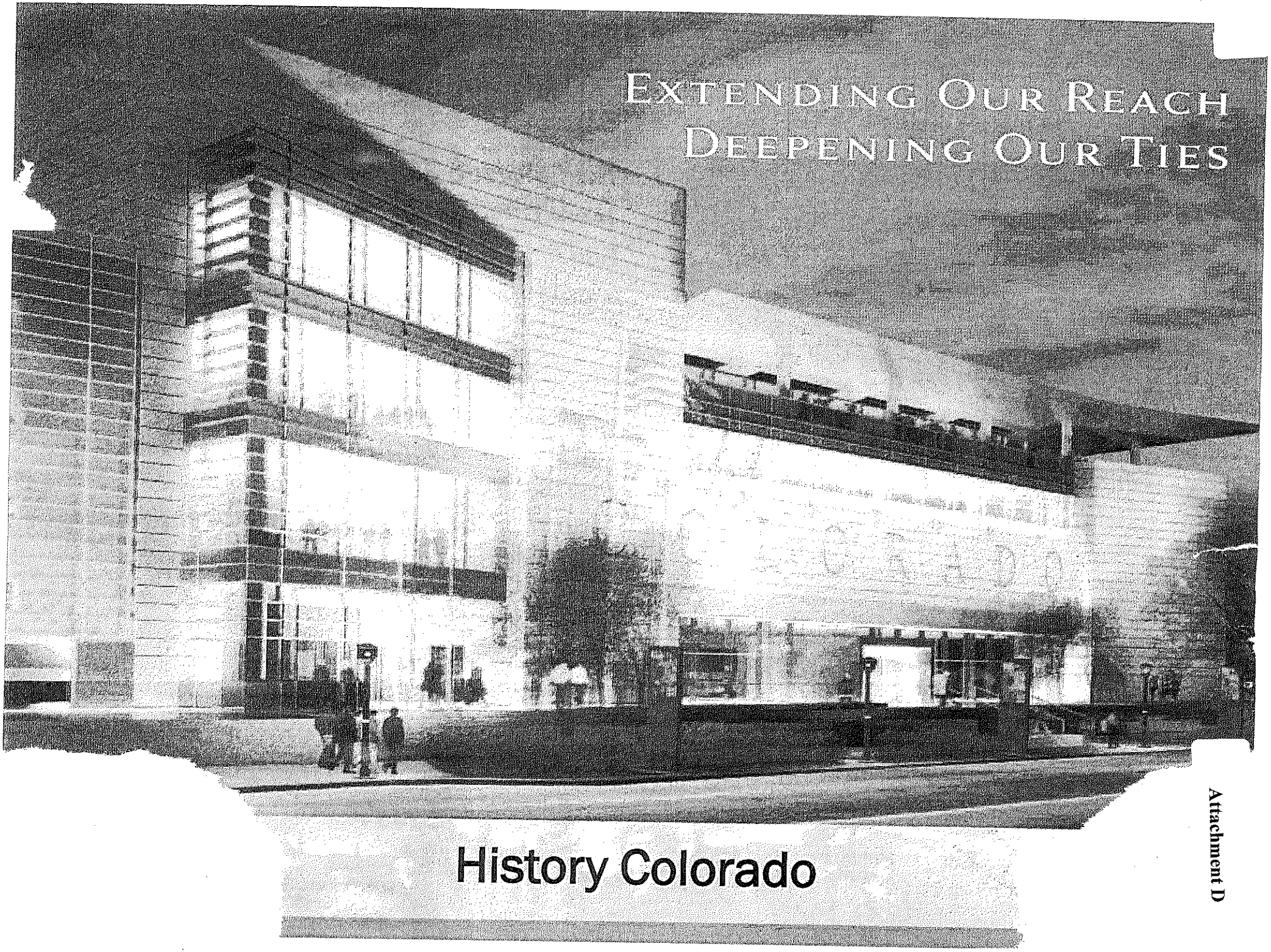
Extending Our Reach
Deepening Our Ties



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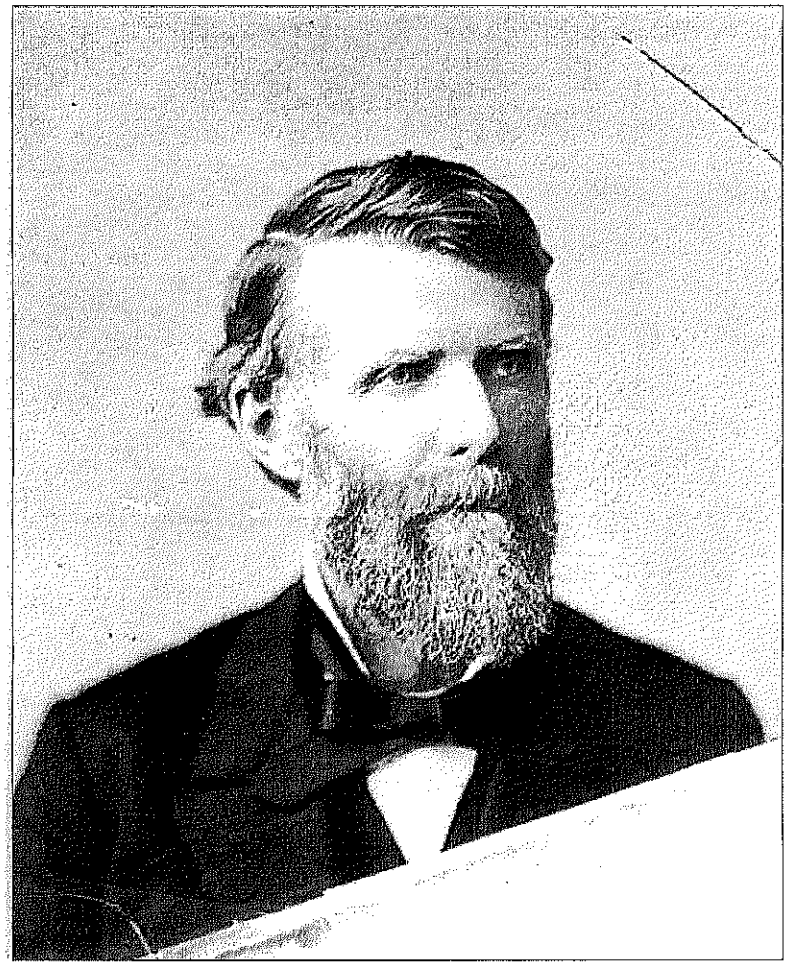
Our History



The Colorado Historical Society, established 1879:

Gov. Frederick W. Pitkin established a state historical and natural history society. In part, the bill said:

"The history of Colorado, being yet unwritten ... is fast passing away, so that a few years hence, both the men and the actors and the materials for collections, will be far beyond our reach."

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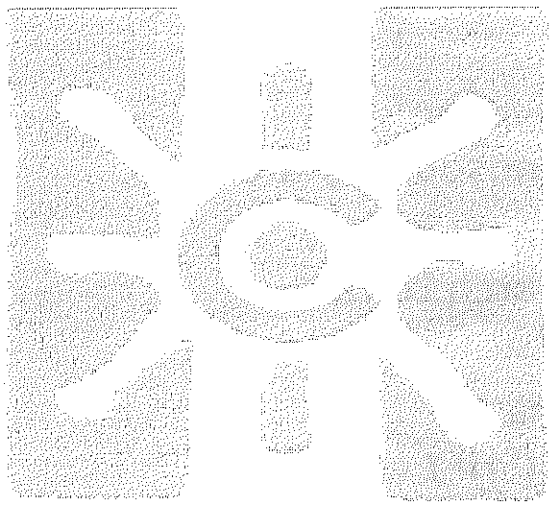


Mission: As the designated steward of Colorado history, we aspire to engage people in our state's heritage through collecting, preserving and discovering the past in order to inspire, educate and provide perspectives for the future.

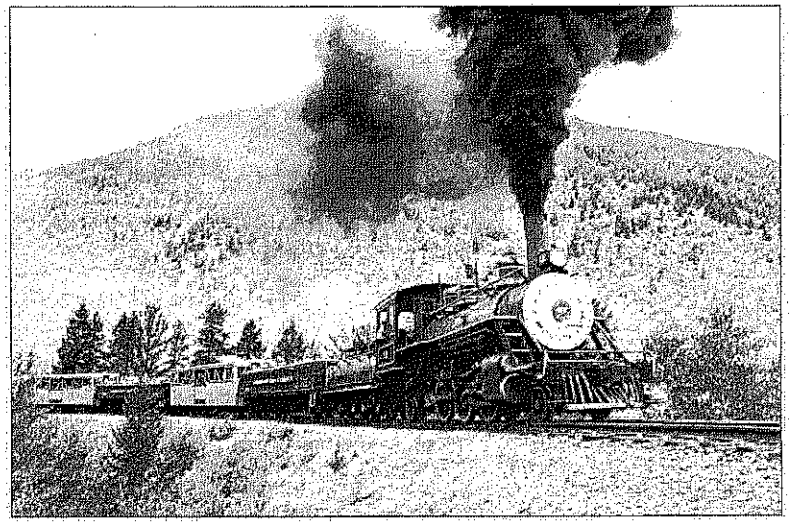
Regulatory & Legal Authority:

- **Per the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966**
- Houses the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO)

- **Per State laws**

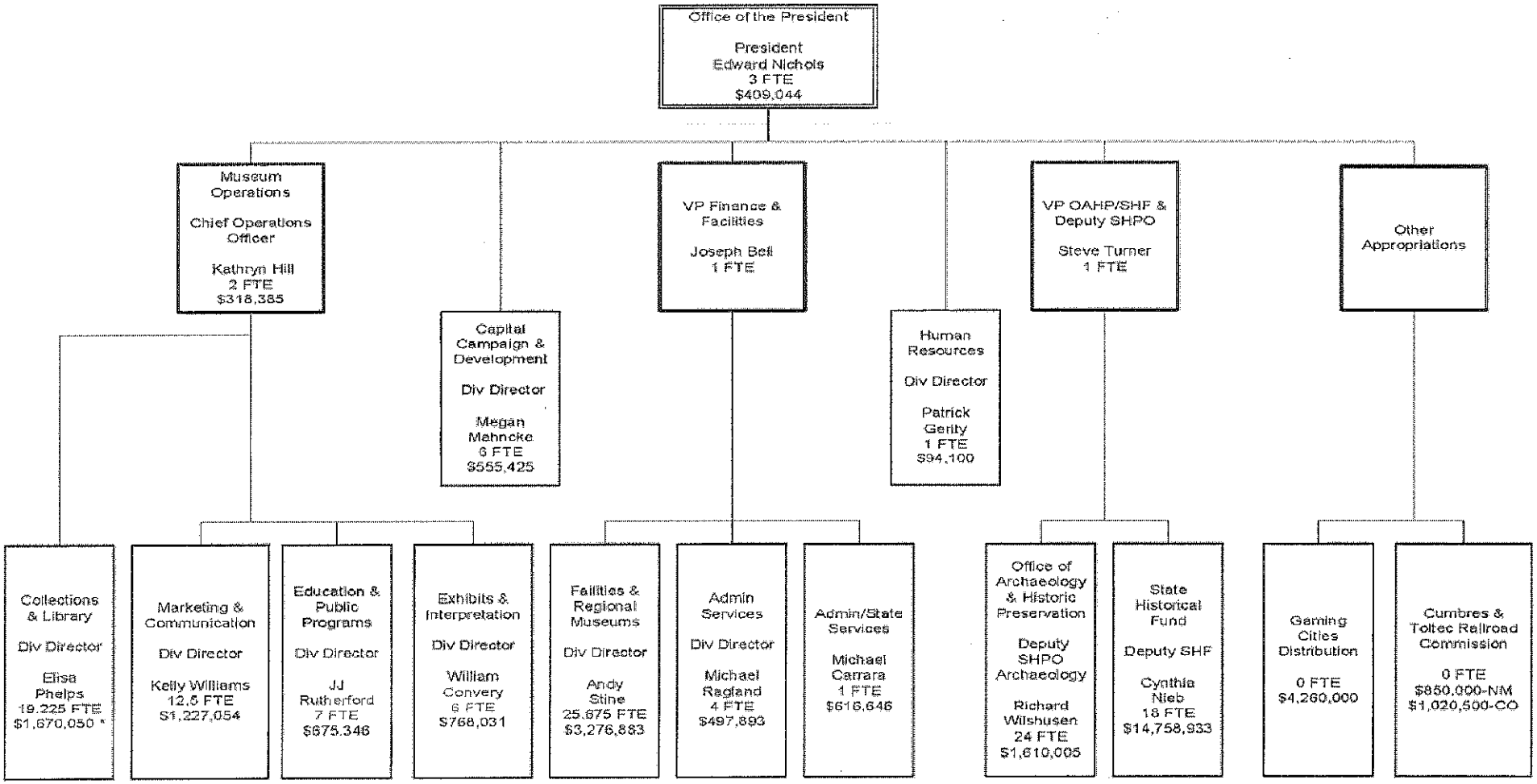
- State historical society was created as an educational institution of the state (CRS 24-80-201);
- CRS (24-80-211) defines the agency as a division of the department of higher education;
- Regional museums defined as State Historic Monuments (CRS 24-80-501)

What We're Made Of



- 8,600 member families, 600 volunteers, 125.9 employees
- 12 historic sites and museums statewide
- Stephen H. Hart Research Library
- Preservation Programs
  State Historical Fund (SHF)
  Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (OAHP)
- Renowned historical collections
  - 15 million documents
  - 750,000 historic photographs
  - 200,000 artifacts
- Smithsonian Affiliate

Organizational Chart
History Colorado
The Colorado Historical Society



* Include sponsored programs

131.4 FTE $30,383,545 incl POTS $1,370,750; $1,020,500 GF; $28,435,949 CF; $927,096 FF

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Budget Funding Sources

- Limited gaming
- Earned revenue
- Federal grants (Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation)
- Gifts, grants and donations

- **State Historical Fund (SHF)**

- Funded by a percentage of the tax revenues (cash funds) generated from gaming in Black Hawk, Cripple Creek and Central City, in accordance with the state constitution.

  - 20% is returned to the gaming towns for historic preservation
  - 80% is directed to the statewide grants and ongoing History Colorado operations

- **General Funds**

-Manage and oversee Colorado's annual General Fund appropriation to the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad Commission.

- **FY-14 decision item: $274,500 increase (from $1,870,050 to $2,144,550)** to address operational/equipment needs and ability to roll forward unused funds.

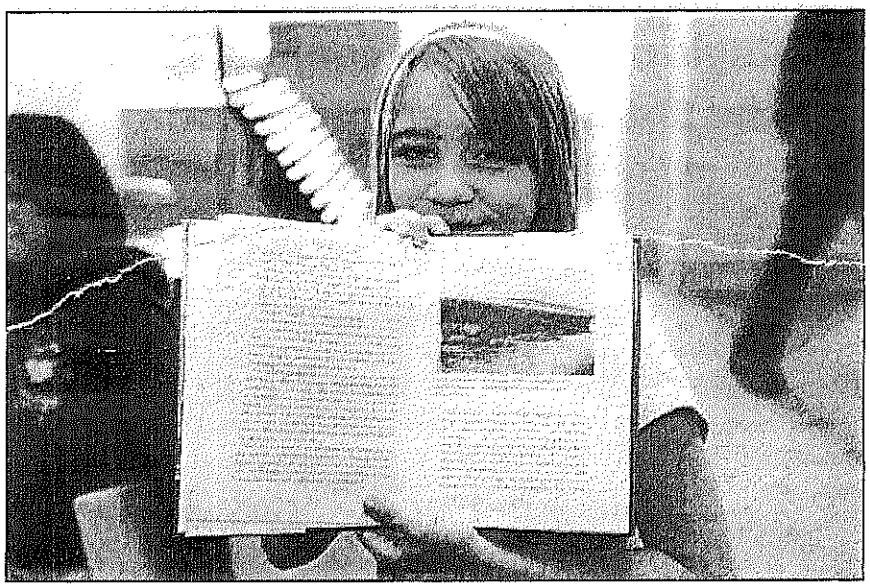
Strategic Plan Goals

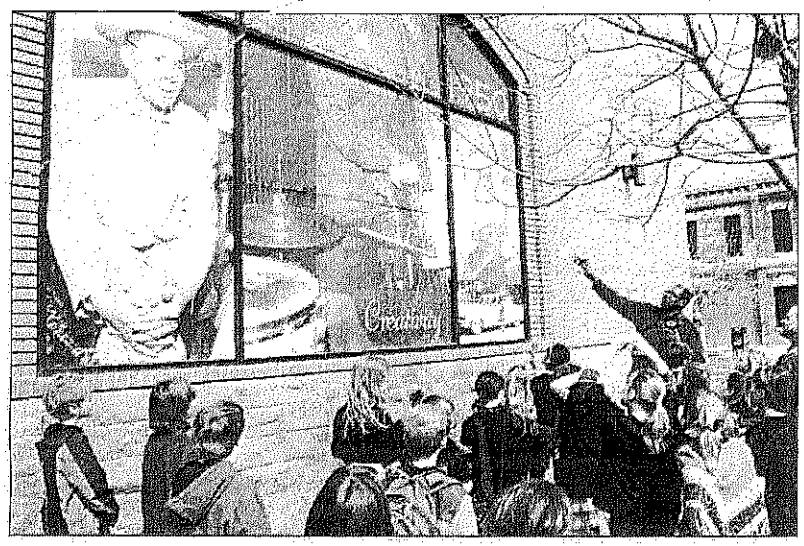
Strategic plan goals in conjunction with the SMART Government Act:

- Engage audiences in Colorado history through compelling learning experiences for audiences of all ages.
- Build a better Colorado through economic development, community enrichment and civic engagement.
- Build a sustainable organization.

Our Mission is Education

- **Audience-centered**
- **Grounded in scholarship**
- **Informed by advisors**
- **Collections form a basis for learning:**
  - Documents, photographs, objects
  - Historic preservation projects
  - Archaeological discoveries



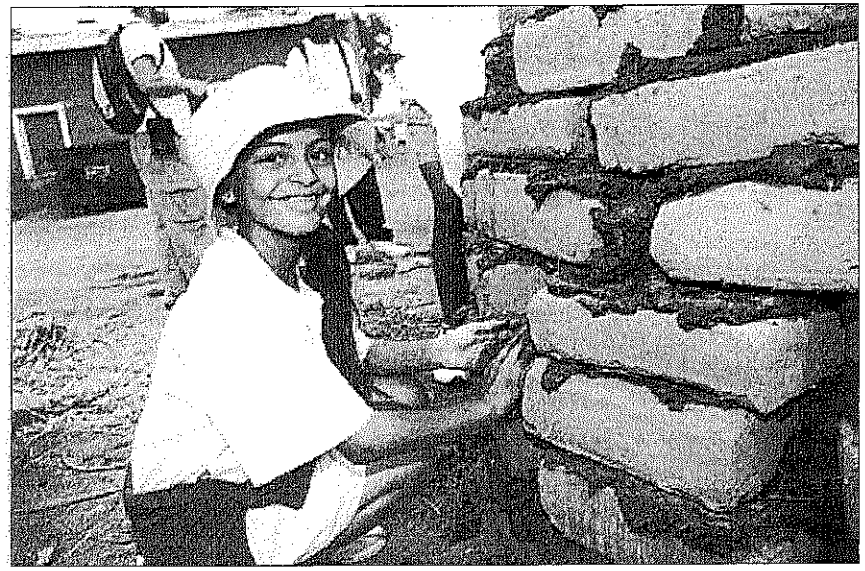


Developed in partnership with:

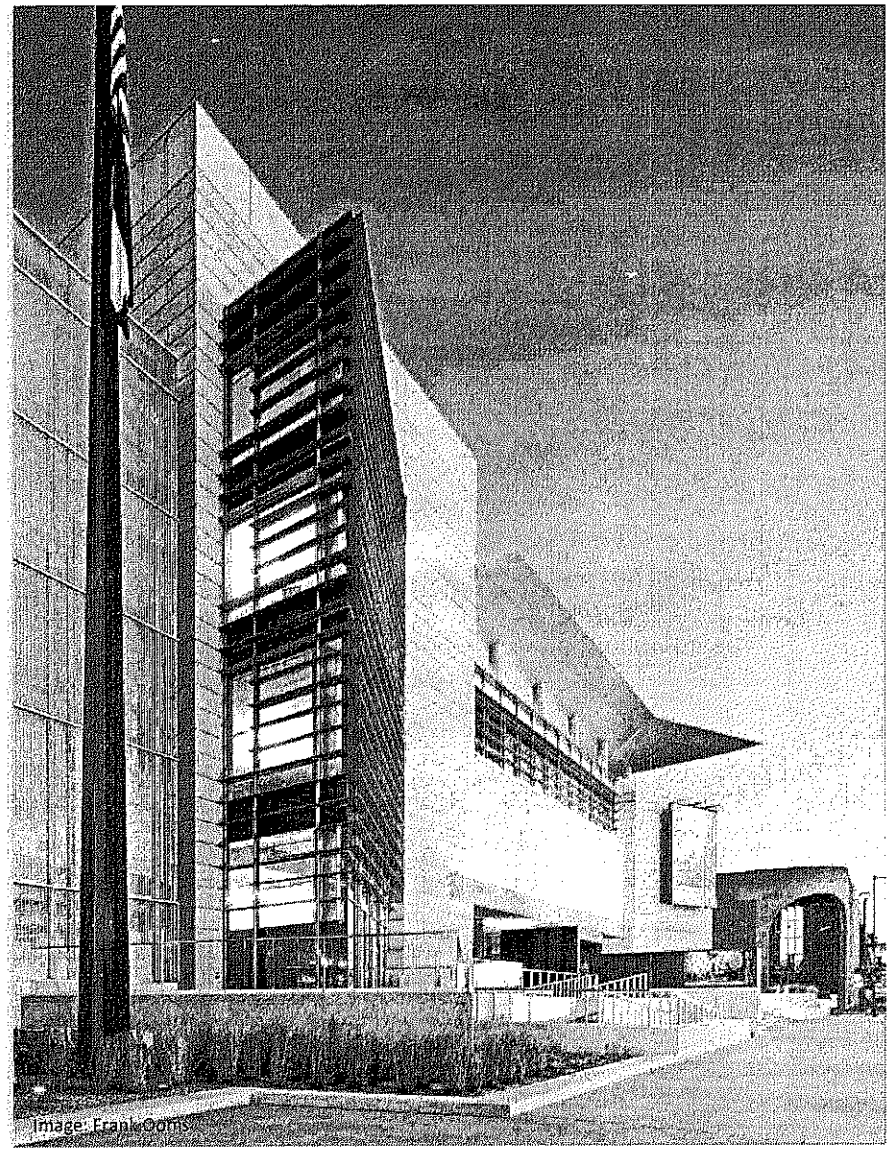
- higher education
- content partners
- subject matter experts
- historic preservation and archaeological community
- business/industry

Expanding Colorado history education:

- On-site field trips
- Real-time and digital outreach
- Classroom and camp-based programs for at-risk kids
- Distance learning programs that enrich every Colorado classroom
- Professional development for educators statewide



In Denver - The History Colorado Center



- A world-class destination for Colorado families and tourists located in the heart of the city's cultural district. Over 105,000 visitors since opening in April 2012.
- Nearly 40,000 square feet of exhibit space, opening in phases between Spring 2012 and Spring 2015.
- Climate-controlled, well-equipped and efficient collections storage space.
- Small, medium and large spaces for programs, lectures, community gatherings and rental events.
- The Stephen H. Hart Library and Research Center, linking people to collections.

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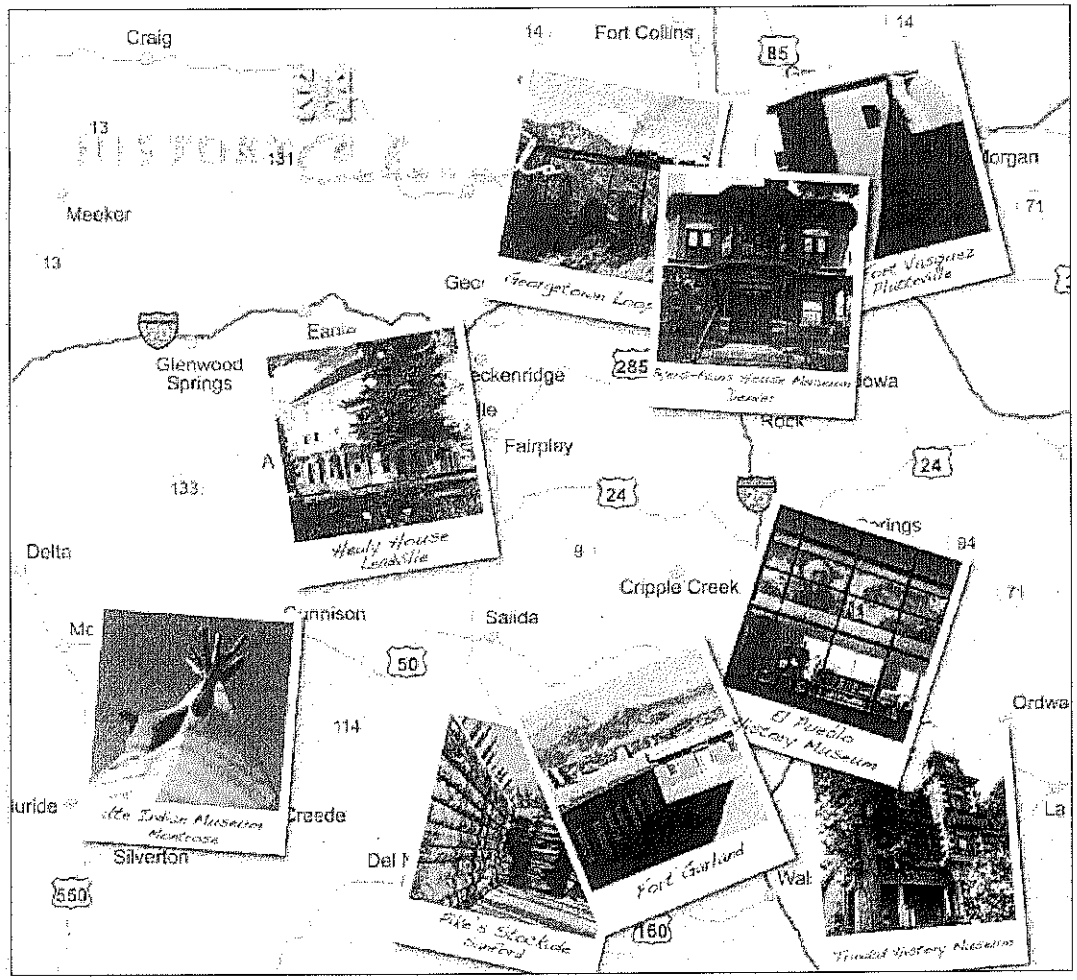
Throughout the State



As designated "State Historic Monuments" (CRS 24-80-501), History Colorado statewide museums are integral to their local economies.

DENVER
- History Colorado Center - headquarters
- Byers-Evans House Museum
- Grant Humphreys Mansion Event Center

FORT GARLAND
- Fort Garland Museum

GEORGETOWN/SILVER PLUME
- Georgetown Loop Historic Railroad and Mining Park®

LEADVILLE
- Healy House/Dexter Cabin House Museum

MONTROSE
- Ute Indian Museum

PLATTEVILLE
- Fort Vasquez Museum

PUEBLO
- El Pueblo History Museum

SANFORD
- Pike Stockade

TRINIDAD
- Trinidad History Museum; Baca and Bloom House Museum and Santa Fe Trail Museum

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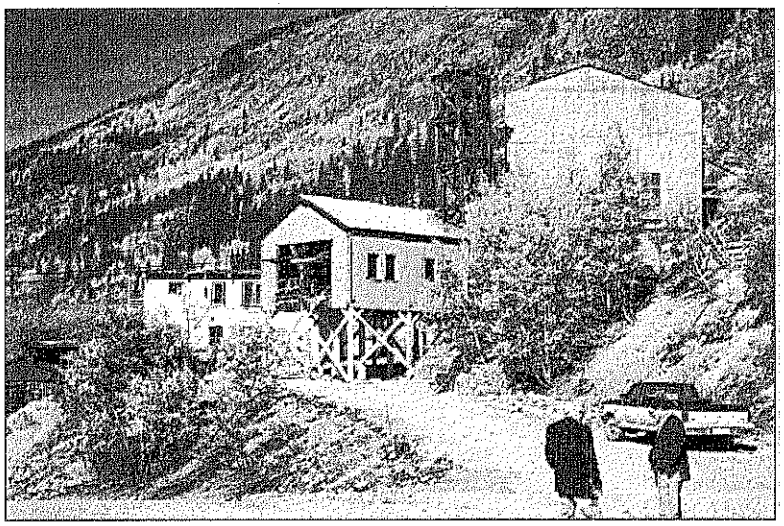
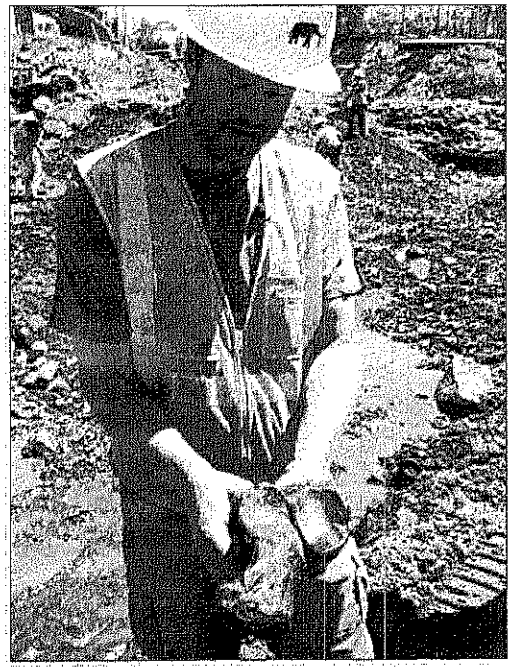
Preservation Programs

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Office of the State Archaeologist
- State Historical Fund
- National and State Register
- Section 106
- Certified Local Government program
- NAGPRA





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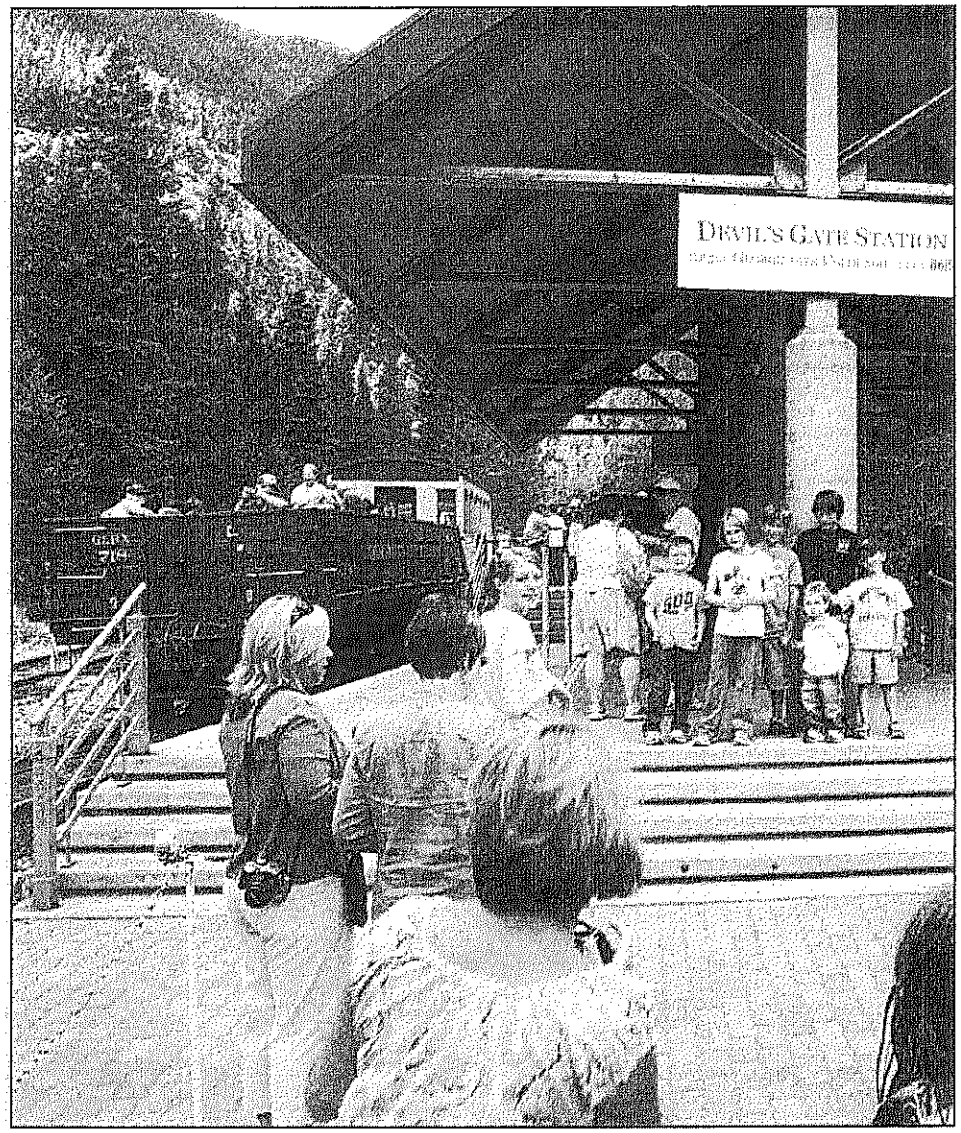

- **Jobs**
  - History Colorado Center construction created 701 jobs (direct/indirect/induced)
- **Economic Impact**
  - $175 million (direct/indirect/induced)
- **10 regional museums**
  - Over $10 million invested in capital projects over the past 10 years and support local economies through Heritage Tourism
- **Heritage tourism programs and promotion**
  - State Historical Fund grants to support Colorado heritage tourism

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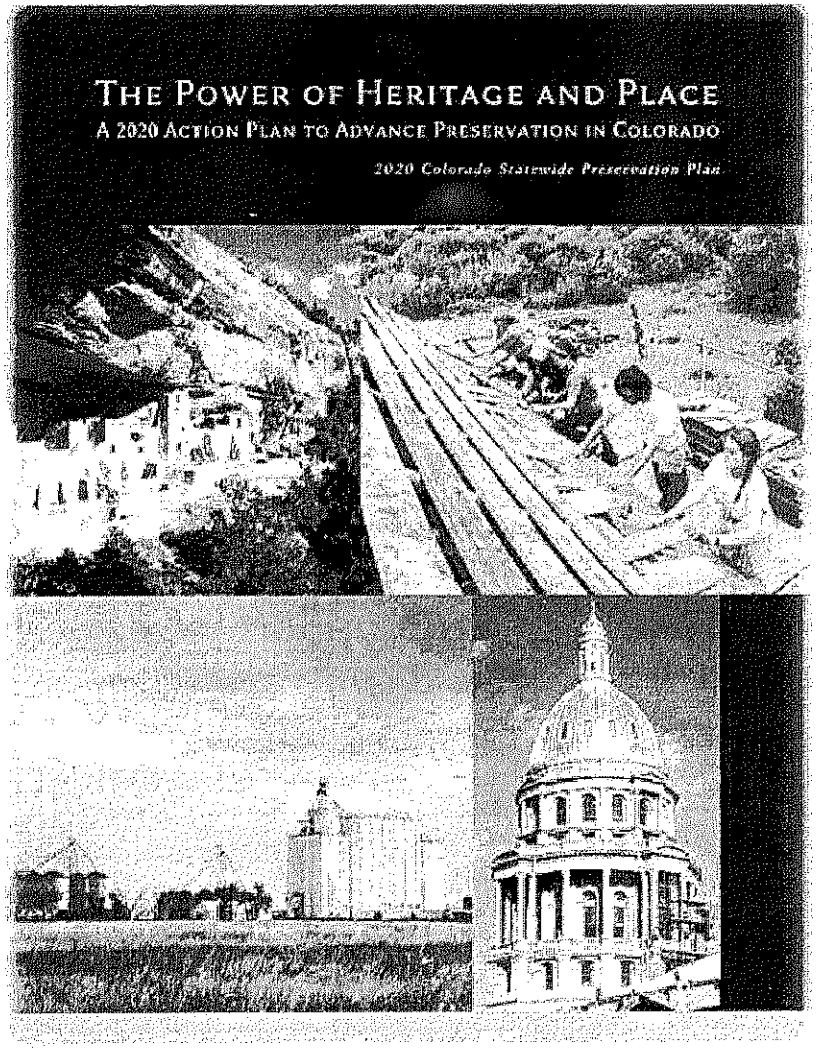

State Historical Fund

- State Historical Fund a national model
- SHF-funded projects since 1992
  - 3,853 in all 64 Colorado counties
- Value of all SHF grants since inception
  - $250,236,906

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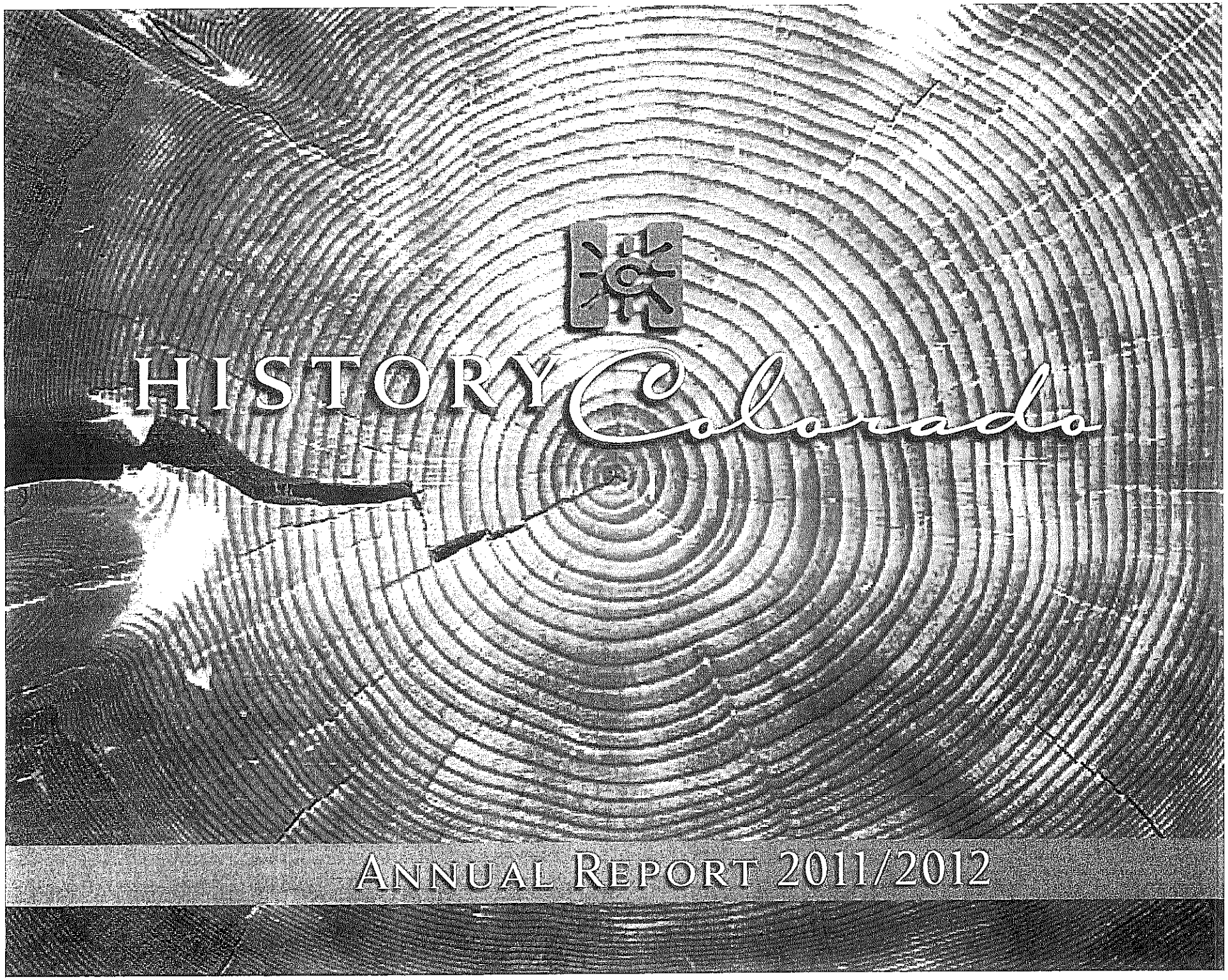
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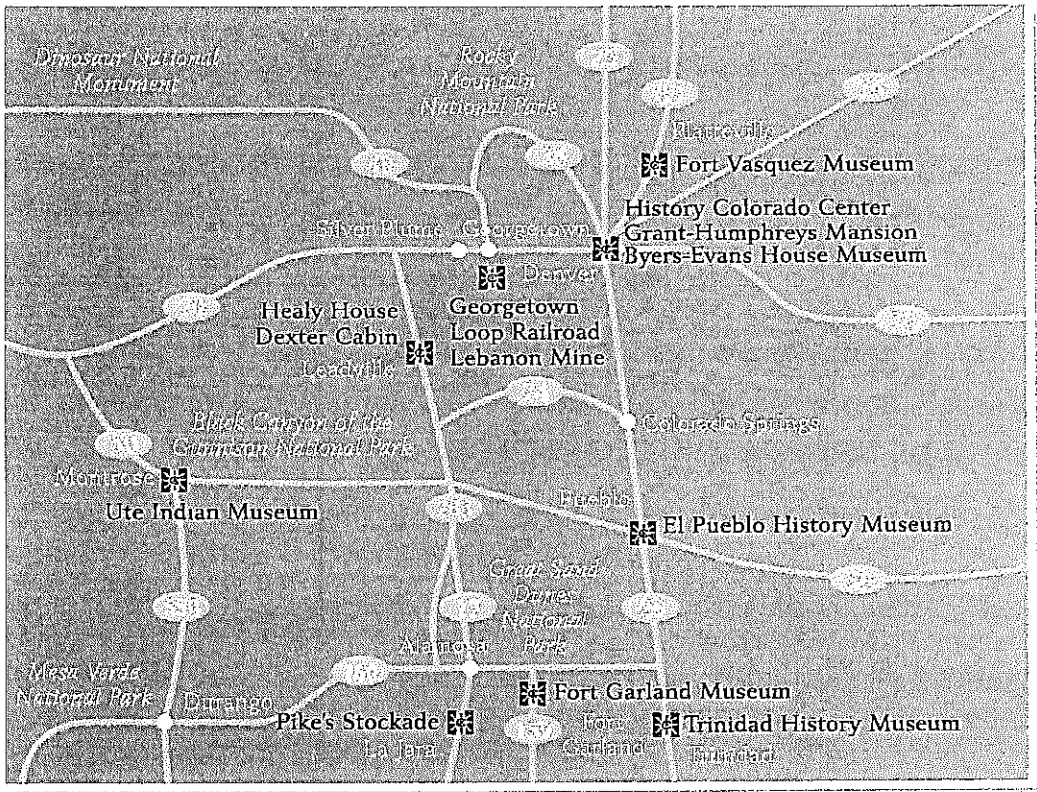

On the cover:
Shown throughout this publication is repurposed Colorado beetle-kill pine. History Colorado utilized this wood from benches to ceilings in the new History Colorado Center—along with materials like locally finished limestone and recycled glass in terrazzo floors. The materials are not only sustainable but educational: an informative "Green Trail" highlights these features to visitors as they explore the center.

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2011–2012 Attendance

History Colorado owns and operates historic sites and museums in communities throughout the state.

History Colorado Center*	40,736
Byers-Evans House	19,121
El Pueblo History Museum	20,171
Executive Residence	7,389
Fort Garland Museum	13,762
Fort Vasquez Museum	11,104
Georgetown Loop Railroad**	103,249
Lebanon Mine**	20,863
Grant-Humphreys Mansion	19,514
Healy House/Dexter Cabin	6,475
Trinidad History Museum	11,289
Ute Indian Museum	8,333
TOTAL	261,143

History Colorado experienced a 71-percent increase in member households, from 4,731 in July 2011 to 8,194 in July 2012.

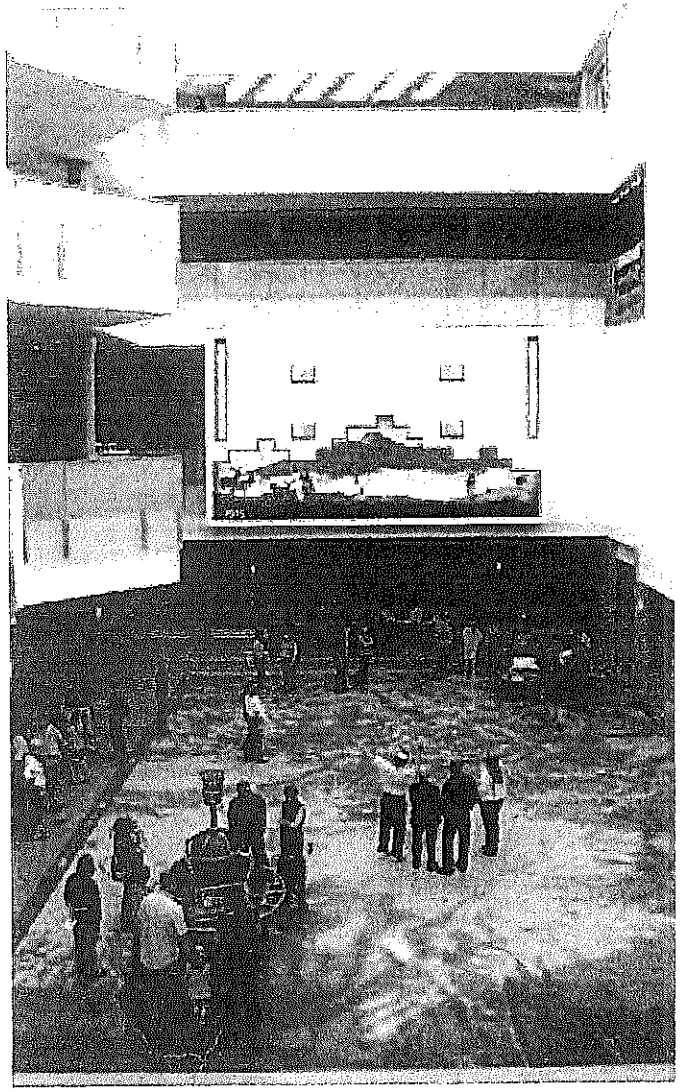
** The History Colorado Center was under construction during the first ten months of the fiscal year and opened to the public on April 28, 2012. This figure reflects two months of attendance.*

*** Lebanon Silver Mine numbers are included in the Georgetown Loop figure. They have not been included in the History Colorado Total to avoid double counting.*

As the designated steward of Colorado history, we aspire to engage people in our state's heritage through collecting, preserving, and discovering the past in order to educate and provide perspectives for the future.

Established in 1879, History Colorado (formerly the Colorado Historical Society) preserves Colorado's rich heritage through the State Historical Fund, the Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation, collections stewardship, statewide museums and programs for students, educators and visitors of all ages.

History Colorado is headquartered in the History Colorado Center, 1200 Broadway, Denver, CO 80203 in Denver's Golden Triangle Museum District. Find History Colorado at Facebook.com/HistoryColorado and on Twitter at @HistoryColorado. For more information, visit HistoryColorado.org or call (303) HISTORY.



Letter from the President and CEO and State Historic Preservation Officer

At no other time in our institution's 133-year history has our vision—to create a better Colorado through an understanding of the past—so defined and united us. The opening of the History Colorado Center in April 2012 punctuated this understanding of who we are and how we will move forward. This new center allows us to reach all areas of the state in ways we never have before.

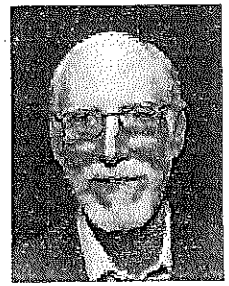
In addition to developing new exhibits, we designed gathering spaces for civic engagement, crafted a long-term sustainability plan based on forging public-private partnerships, launched our first major capital campaign, and raised nearly $20 million. We designed a beautiful and accessible library and research center and state-of-the-art collections spaces, and we are leading the country in innovation around the history museum experience. We developed digital content for students and educators, and we expanded our programs for adult learners and families.

We have re-envisioned what we do, how we do it, and for whom. As shown by the number of new members and visitors—and attention in such outlets as *Forbes*, *The New York Times*, and *Indian Country Today*—the response has been tremendous. Now, our exhibit halls are filled with families, intergenerational groups, and a true diversity of visitors.

As we head full throttle into a new era for History Colorado, I thank you. With your support and belief in us, you help us to continually raise the bar and reach higher.

Edward C. Nichols
President and CEO, History Colorado
State Historic Preservation Officer

Letter from the Chairman of the Board of Directors



The transformation of History Colorado over the last five years is truly remarkable—we've changed so much in such a short time. From our leaky headquarter digs at 1300 Broadway, the Colorado Historical Society has renamed itself, moved itself, repurposed itself. In virtually every way, we've enacted the changes that make our institution more relevant to our clientele.

Some changes are obvious; many are not. Certainly our new History Colorado Center is the most visible, but it is only one tool with which we will fulfill our mission.

The new History Colorado is dedicated to the ideal that we serve the public as stewards of a unique and wonderful resource: the history and heritage of our state. We believe that through open civic dialogue, we may come to know ourselves as Coloradans and clear our path to the future.

You'll see us reach out throughout the state, forging new relationships and strengthening old ones. Through our regional museums and properties, our educational programming, the State Historical Fund, and the Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation, we will serve all of Colorado, its students, and its visitors.

Although we may not realize the full effect of our efforts for many years, we thank you for the trust you've placed in us, as well as for the help you've given and continue to give us throughout these times of change.

W. Bart Berger
Chairman of the Board, History Colorado

No other institution is as uniquely positioned as we to determine and depict who we are as Coloradans. Finding that, communicating that, celebrating that is the role of History Colorado.

Accomplishments

- On April 25, more than 900 guests attended the Grand Opening Celebration of Denver's History Colorado Center. In total, more than 6,000 guests visited the new center through Opening Week.

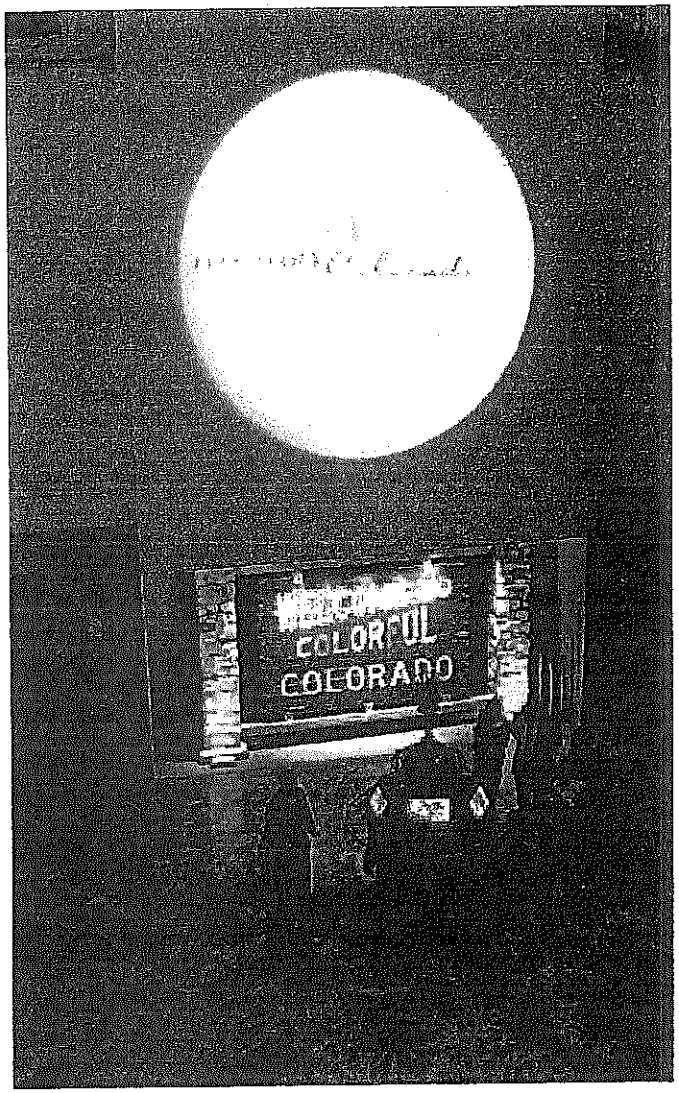
- On April 16, before our public opening, the History Colorado Center hosted NBC News' "Education Nation On-The-Road" tour, which brought Colorado educators, business leaders, elected officials, parents, and students together to discuss education issues.

- Downtown Denver Partnership honored History Colorado with a 2012 Annual Award for being one of the "businesses, projects, and initiatives that have had the most significant impact on the center city."

- With the capacity to host up to 1,200 people, the History Colorado Center quickly became a coveted destination for private events, exceeding revenue goals by 174 percent.

- In its first two months, the Stephen H. Hart Library and Research Center served 1,100-plus researchers and visitors and responded to more than 600 remote reference and photo-research requests.

- The Collections Management and curatorial staff successfully moved History Colorado's vast collections into the History Colorado Center, including more than 8,000 linear feet of manuscripts, 80,000 artifacts, and 23,000 books.

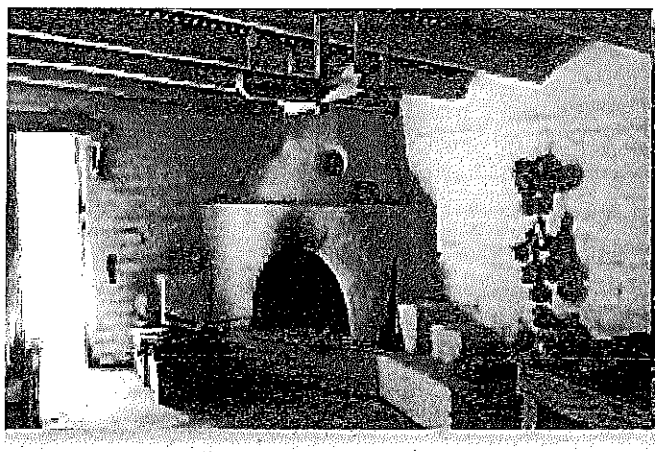


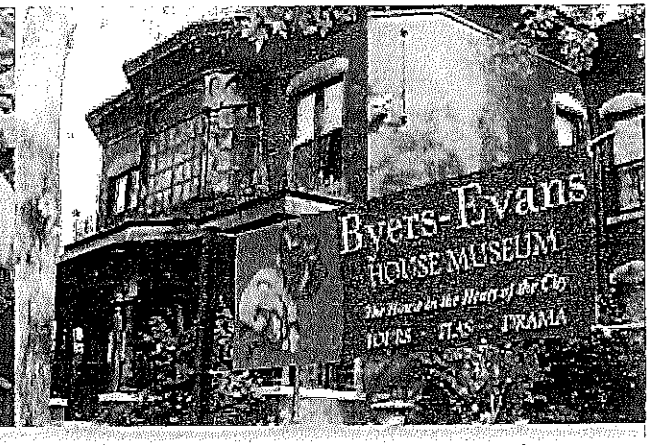
- Over the past year, History Colorado identified and solved more than 20,000 cataloging problems such as incorrect or missing data, and processed and cataloged archives from the recently donated Keota Collection.

- History Colorado's **State Historical Fund**, which has awarded more than $250 million in preservation grants since the program' inception, continues to help organizations and cities throughout the state preserve their heritage. The Fund is one of the most significant forces behind the preservation of Colorado history and a catalyst for strengthening communities statewide.

- Through our **Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation**, we are expanding Cultural Heritage nominations to the National and State Registers with a renewed focus on threatened and underrepresented resources. We have assisted with more than 1,300 state and federal tax credits for preservation projects, including more than 1,000 low-income housing units.

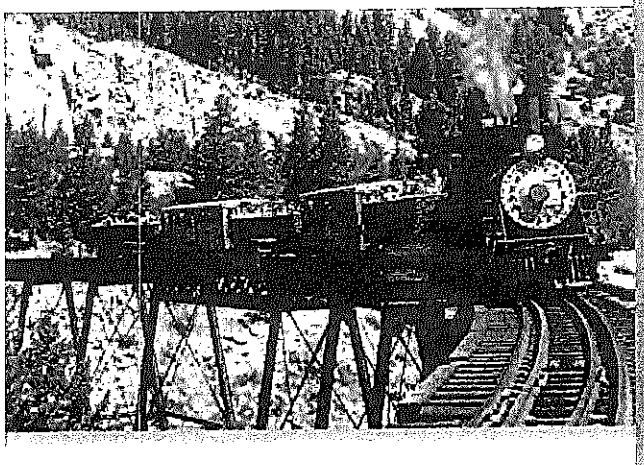
- This year, ten Colorado farms joined 414 others in the **Colorado Centennial Farms Program**, an honor given to farms and ranches that have been owned and operated continuously by the same family for 100 years or more.





- **El Pueblo History Museum** worked with the Frontier Pathways Scenic & Historic Byway on Southern Colorado Heritage Tours, taking adults and disadvantaged youth into the Wet Mountains for interactive programs.

- History Colorado continued to support regional tourism through its network of museums. Miller Farms and the **Fort Vasquez Museum** gave away hundreds of pumpkins during the Harvest Festival. Denver's **Byers-Evans House** partnered with Colorado arts organizations for musical and theatrical performances at the landmark home. History Colorado also brought Denver's popular Horseshoe Craft and Flea Market to Leadville's **Healy House Museum** and the **Georgetown Loop Historic Mining & Railroad Park®**.



This year, more than 24,000 school children took part in History Colorado's education programs across the state. Another 32,500 Coloradans enjoyed family programs, and more than 4,400 attended lectures, tours and treks.

History Colorado Financial Summary 2011–2012

Support & Revenue Source	History Colorado	Archaeology & Historic Preservation	FY 2011–12 Total
Limited Gaming Revenue	$5,467,126	$14,214,386	$19,681,512
Federal Grants	$262,097	$732,134	$994,231
Museum Admission and Rental Fees	$981,841	—	$981,841
Sales of Goods and Services	$1,035,490	$37,786	$1,073,276
Donations	$1,830,547	—	$1,830,547
Interest Income	$226,720	$390,884	$617,604
	$9,803,821	$15,375,153	$25,179,011
Expenditure by Program			
State Historical Fund Preservation Grant Program	—	$12,181,484	$12,181,484
Regional Museum and Sites	$1,935,238	—	$1,935,238
Museum Operations	$2,746,199	—	$2,746,199
Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation	—	$1,610,005	$1,610,005
State Historical Fund	—	$1,583,701	$1,583,701
Administrative and Support Services	$2,411,488	—	$2,411,488
Restricted Gift/Grant Projects	$1,830,547	—	$1,830,547
Membership	$263,349	—	$263,349
Development	$474,325	—	$474,325
Museum Stores	$142,675	—	$142,675
	$9,803,821	$15,375,190	$25,179,011

High Level Summary

Support & Revenue Source	
Limited Gaming Revenue	$19,681,512
Federal Grants	$994,231
Earned Income	$4,503,268
Total Revenue	$25,179,011

Expenditures	Grants	Operations	Total
State Historical Fund Preservation Grant Program	$12,181,484	—	$12,181,484
History Colorado Operations	—	$9,803,821	$9,803,821
Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation	—	$1,610,005	$1,610,005
State Historical Fund	—	$1,583,701	$1,583,701
	$12,181,484	$12,997,527	$25,179,011

Make History Colorado! Capital Campaign

Transformational Gifts to History Colorado Through the *Make History Colorado!* Campaign Made the Opening of the History Colorado Center a Success!

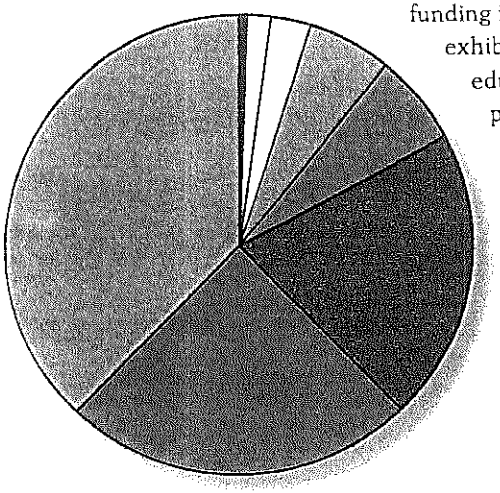
Since September 2009, donors to History Colorado's *Make History Colorado!* capital campaign have committed more than $19.8 million to help transform History Colorado. This transformation has included the creation of innovative new exhibits at the History Colorado Center, developing new education and outreach programs, and implementing our plan for capacity-building infrastructure.

Transformational gifts to History Colorado early in the campaign enabled us to open the History Colorado Center with new exhibits and experiences that have helped define us as the first 21st-century history museum. Between our grand opening on April 28 and the fiscal year's end on June 30, 2012, more than 40,000 visitors—including over 6,000 during opening week alone—have experienced the new History Colorado Center.

Make History Colorado! capital campaign goal $27,000,000

Commitments from September 2009 to October 2012 $19,800,000

As we look to complete the *Make History Colorado!* campaign by the end of 2014, additional funding is needed to realize our vision. New funding will support the next two core exhibits and a traveling exhibit series at the History Colorado Center, as well as educational outreach, collections stewardship, and development of our regional properties across the state.



Funding Source	% Total Committed
Organizations	.34%
Federal Grants	1.06%
Corporate	2.08%
Estates	4.06%
Corporate Foundations	4.6%
Individuals	14.67%
Family Foundations	17.47%
Foundations	27.02%

History Colorado's Community Partners Helped Us Make History in 2012

Community support is essential to everything we do at History Colorado. Our corporate partners helped us shine as we put the finishing touches on the History Colorado Center and prepared for our grand opening.

Partners such as AngloGold Ashanti North America and Bill Barrett Corporation provided support early on for our *Make History Colorado!* campaign and our educational outreach efforts to bridge the gap while our Denver museum was under construction.

The week of our grand opening, History Colorado hosted 6,000-plus guests from across Colorado at the new History Colorado Center in Denver. Partnerships with organizations deeply rooted in the Denver community helped us connect with the city's past as we introduced a museum for the future. These opening partners included Exempla Saint Joseph Hospital, Johnson Storage & Moving, *The Denver Post*, and The Buckhorn Exchange.

History Colorado's first gala event, the Grand Opening Celebration, hosted more than 900 ticketed guests and featured dining and entertainment on every floor. Our Grand Opening Celebration partners—Continental "Divine" Catering, Butler Rents, and Johnson & Wales University—offered their professional expertise and financial support for a memorable evening to kick off the opening of our newest museum.

History Colorado partners Trammell Crow Co., Tryba Architects, and Hensel Phelps Construction helped build the History Colorado Center on time and within budget.

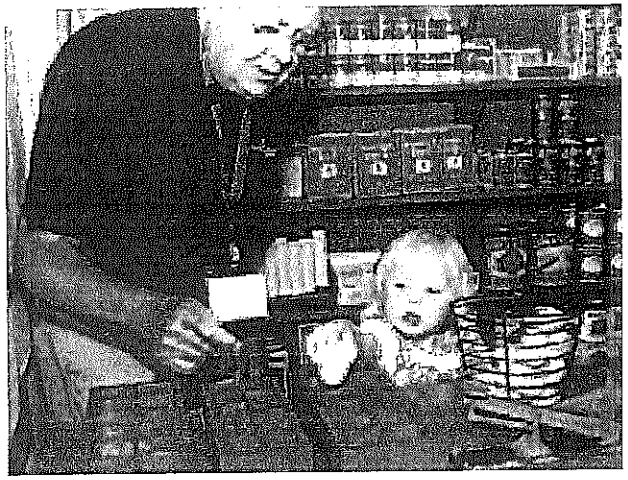
Our partners from Exempla Saint Joseph Hospital, including former First Lady Frances Owens, joined us to celebrate our grand opening.

The Volunteers of History Colorado

A dedicated corps of volunteers worked alongside staff to support History Colorado in this time of transformation. The volunteers also serve on the Educational Advisory Board and the Governor's Residence Preservation Fund Board. The Volunteer Board was reorganized to better represent the focus of History Colorado in all areas where volunteers serve. The board added three new chair positions: Exhibits, Regionals, and Marketing.

In 2011–12, 617 volunteers generously contributed 31,000 hours of service, which had a monetary value of $662,160. The volunteers awarded twelve grants for History Colorado programs in Denver and at regional museums across the state, with a total value of $10,792. Volunteers awarded a special grant totaling $16,332 to the Capital Campaign to sponsor the *Destination Colorado* exhibit at the History Colorado Center.

Volunteer merchandise is sold in the gift shops of the History Colorado Center and Byers-Evans House Museum, and at the Governor's Residence. Items include a collectible ornament of the History Colorado Center, banner bags, cookbooks, *Queen of the Hill* books, and key chains. Volunteers held sales at gift and craft shows at the Grant-Humphreys Mansion, Denver Center for the Performing Arts, and Leadville's Healy House.



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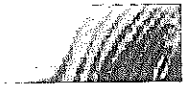

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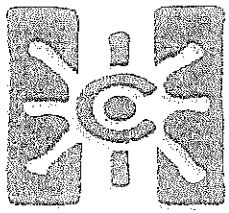

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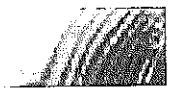

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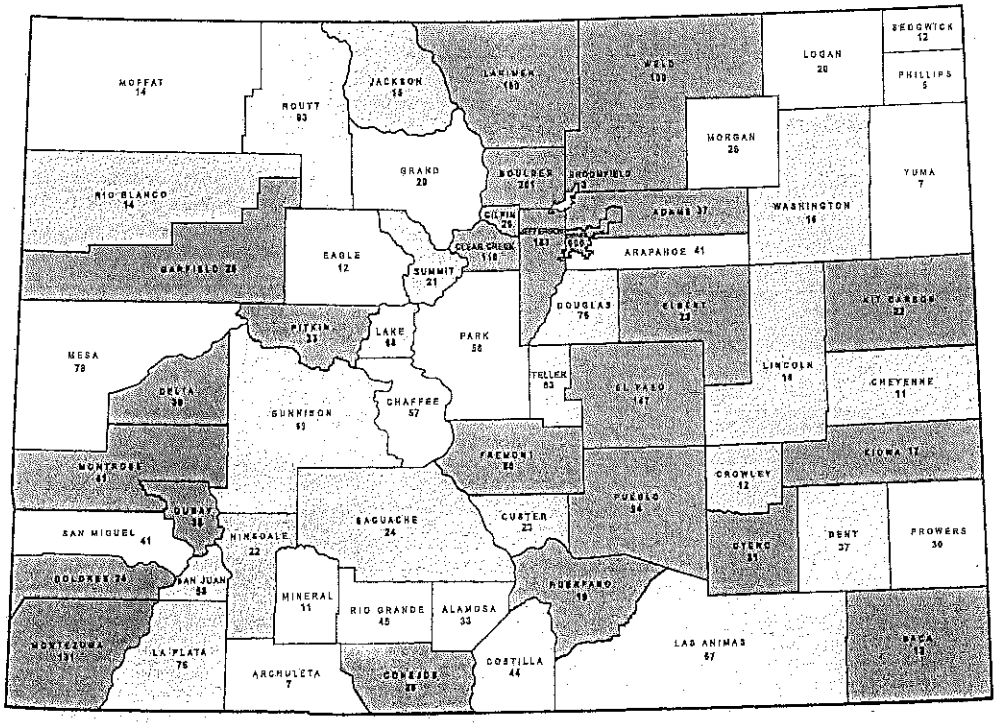

Number of grants awarded indicated by numbers

Fiscal Year 2012

Grants awarded	97
Total value of those grants	$7,224,111
Grants awarded since program's inception	3,853
Total value of those grants	$250,236,906

Projects affecting multiple counties are not represented.
Due to a new formula for tallying the total number of successful grants from SHF's inception, some numbers may vary from those reported last year.

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- $250,000 to $500,000
- $500,000 to $1,000,000
- $1,000,000 to $2,000,000
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- $3,000,000 to $5,000,000
- Over $5 million

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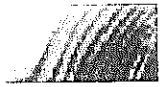

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"Opening the History Colorado Center in April 2012 was an incredible experience and required a tremendous effort by our staff, our volunteers, and the community. In the coming year we look to use our new resources to position History Colorado to complete the final phases of our Make History Colorado! *capital campaign and increase participation in our membership and giving programs. All of this enables us to continue to serve the community by presenting new exhibits and education programs that actively engage people across the state in our Colorado heritage."*

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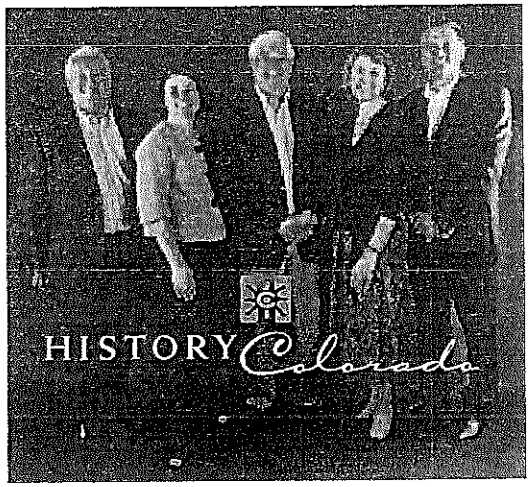

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—Kathryn Hill
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"History Colorado's ongoing economic support of communities statewide helps promote identity and pride by highlighting their heritage, culture, and uniqueness. History Colorado's investment in communities strengthens their sense of place through our regional museums and grant programs, making them increasingly more competitive as quality destinations and places to live, work, and play."

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—Megan Mahncke
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"2013 marks the twentieth anniversary of the first State Historical Fund grant, and we're proud of what we've been able to accomplish in preserving Colorado's heritage. At History Colorado we're working to help people understand that preservation is really about environmental sustainability, job creation, and strengthening communities while celebrating our collective history."

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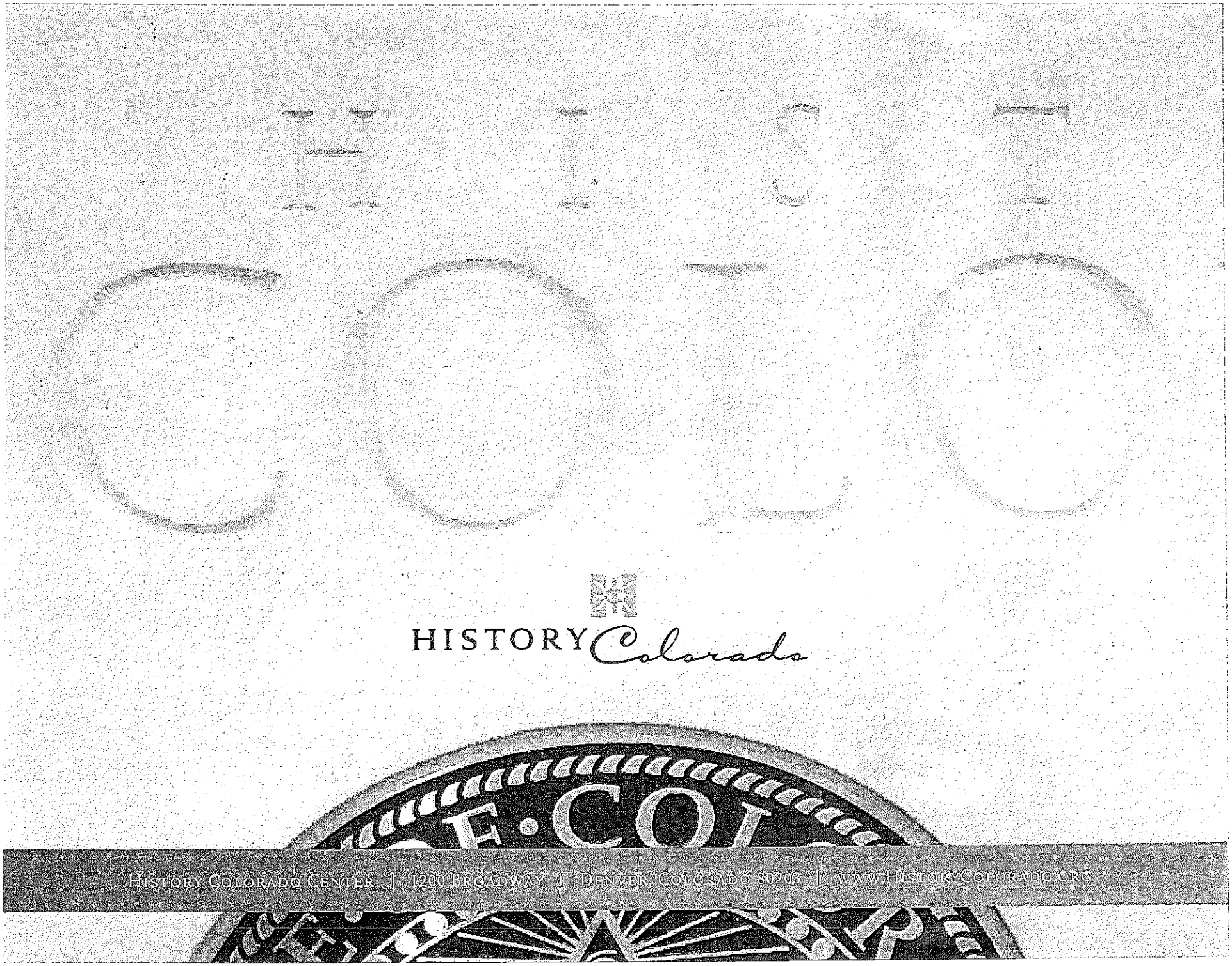
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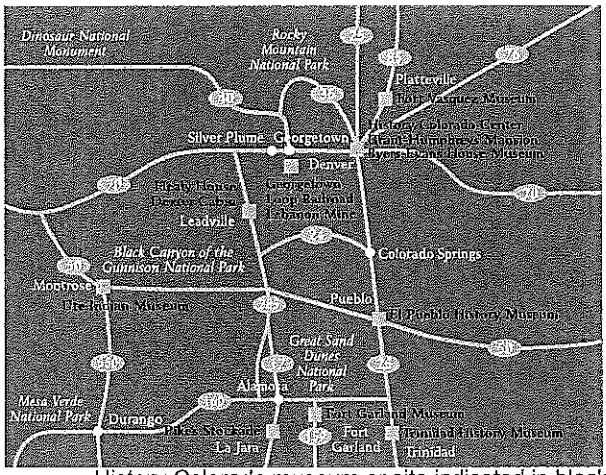

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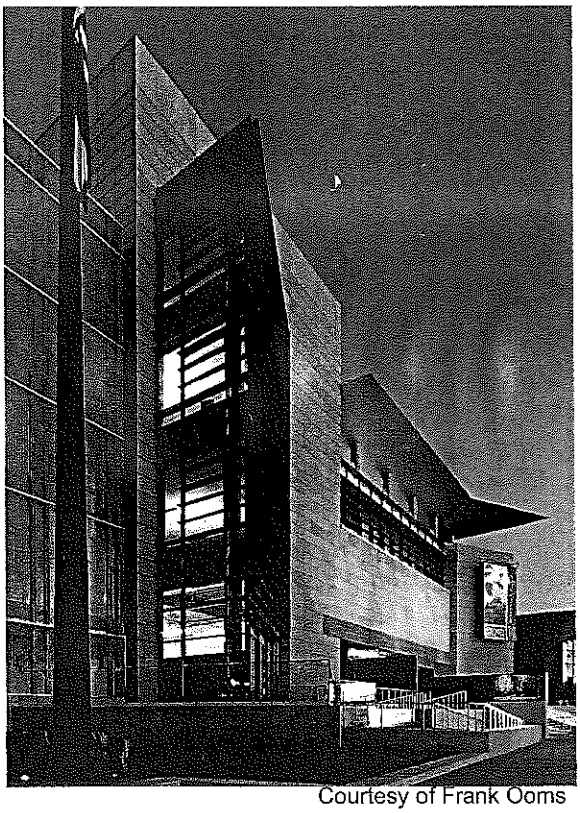
An educational institution of the State of Colorado, History Colorado — formerly the Colorado Historical Society — engages people in our state's heritage through collecting, preserving, and discovering the past in order to educate and provide perspectives for the future. It is entrusted to care for the state's historical items and places for the benefit of our citizens (CRS 24-80-401 et seq.).

History Colorado ensures historic preservation and archaeological compliance, provides grant programs, offers public programs and educational outreach, and operates eleven museums and historic sites throughout the state. Since 1879, History Colorado has been assembling a superb collection of artifacts, photographs, manuscripts, and research records, which are used to educate Colorado citizens and visitors about Colorado's history and to spark public interest. History Colorado is also a 501(c) (3) non-profit institution. A capital campaign and an annual fund continue to raise money to support and expand the programs offered to Colorado citizens and visitors, including new exhibits and education programs at the History Colorado Center.

World-renowned collections, talented and creative staff, and a dynamic volunteer corps are matched with a vast array of stories about the people, places, and events that reflect generations of challenges and rewards — all to keep Colorado's rich history alive and accessible to residents, tourists, students, and researchers.

The History Colorado Center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With its public opening in April 2012, Governor John Hickenlooper cut the ribbon on the new History Colorado Center, which now serves as the agency's flagship facility and offers a major cultural destination for Colorado families, tourists, and schoolchildren. Visitors are invited to explore the rich stories of Colorado's past through interactive, immersive exhibits that blend technology, media, objects, and text to create memorable experiences. Audiences of all ages enjoy programs that foster civic engagement and thoughtful discussion about today's issues in the context of the past.

On June 4, 2008, Gov. Bill Ritter signed Senate Bill 206 (Shaffer & Penry/T. Carroll & Marostica) authorizing the financing to construct the Ralph L. Carr Judicial Center and the History Colorado Center in Denver. The center is on track as a LEED Gold building and is a state-of-the-art facility with efficient, environmentally controlled collections storage, ensuring and enhancing the agency's ability to provide excellent stewardship of this incomparable and irreplaceable state resource.

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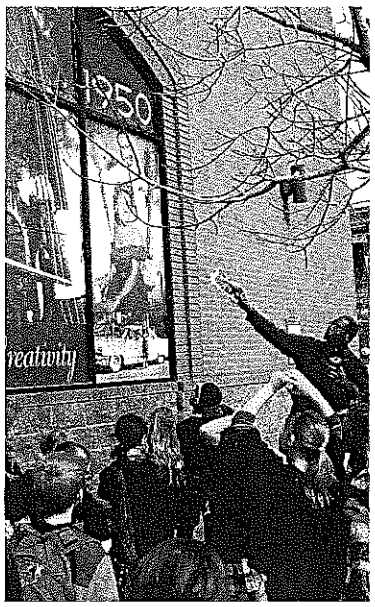
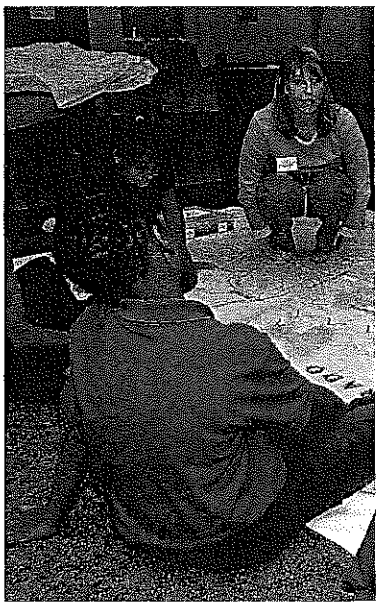
Statewide Museums and Access to Education



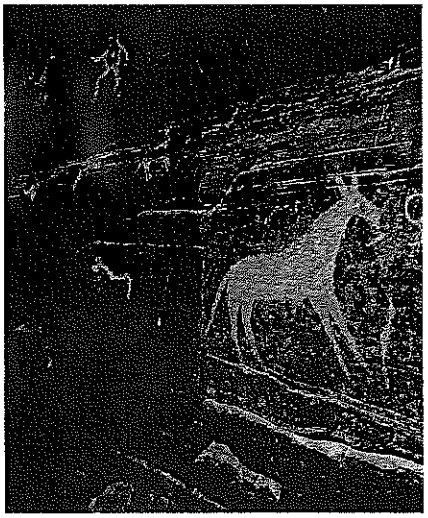
History Colorado reaches broad and diverse audiences with educational exhibits and programs at its statewide museums and historic sites, ranging from train rides through the mountains on the Georgetown Loop Railroad® and house tours at Trinidad's grand Bloom Mansion to elementary school programs and academic symposiums. History Colorado also offers award-winning publications and access to historic collections through the Stephen H. Hart Research Library, which serves as an invaluable research facility for historians and researchers throughout the country. Civic engagement is at the heart of History Colorado's statewide mission, and is accomplished through a variety of public programs and partnerships. Educational outreach through on-site field trips, direct in-school programming, and online resources help to enrich Colorado classrooms.



Preservation Programs

The Preservation Programs of History Colorado assist with a wide variety of statewide projects through the Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (OAHP) and the State Historical Fund (SHF).

The Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation fulfills statutory responsibilities assigned to the State Archaeologist and the State Historic Preservation Officer. It safeguards extensive archaeological records and assists stewardship of Colorado's historical past while providing access to these resources for researchers, archaeologists, and preservationists. This program works to creatively engage Coloradans to discover, preserve, and take pride in the state's architectural and archaeological treasures through statewide community-centered educational programs. For example, OAHP organizes Archaeology and Historic Preservation Month, and provides statewide leadership and partnership support in archaeology and historic preservation efforts.



The State Historical Fund was created by the 1990 constitutional amendment allowing limited gaming in the towns of Cripple Creek, Central City, and Black Hawk. History Colorado is statutorily designated by the General Assembly to administer the State Historical Fund (Limited Gaming Act of 1991 as amended, CRS 12-47.1-1201 and 1202). Through SHF, History Colorado oversees a robust competitive grants program, awarding millions of dollars in grants each year to deserving projects and historic properties throughout Colorado. Since 1993, over 3,800 projects received more than $250 million to support preservation in Colorado. Historic preservation and restoration of historic resources are proven to stimulate economic activity and retain economic vitality in small and large communities. Every Colorado county has received at least one grant.

For more information, contact History Colorado President and CEO Ed Nichols 303-866-3355.