

2018

Tours and Treks

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Tour Signup

Call 303/866-2394 or email reservations@state.co.us to register for a tour or learn more. Lodging prices based on double occupancy. Dates, times and prices subject to change.

Registration Fee: You'll be charged a one-time, nonrefundable annual registration fee of \$10 when you sign up for your first tour or trek in 2018. The fee covers processing and handling of all History Colorado reservations in the Tours and Treks program.

Deposit and Cancellation Policy: Overnight tours require a 50% nonrefundable deposit due 30 to 45 days prior to tour date. Final payment for all tours is due approximately 7 days prior to tour date. Cancellations with less than one week's notice are nonrefundable. See HistoryColorado.org for more about our policy.

Travel Rewards Program

You'll automatically be entered to receive prizes based on the number of days you participate in Tours and Treks. The prizes begin with your tours in 2018. Each day on a tour or trek counts as a day of participation.

5 days—Personalized nametag or History Colorado water bottle

10 days—History Colorado luggage tags

15 days—History Colorado fleece hooded sweatshirt

20 days—History Colorado travel bag

What's a TOUR?

"Tours" are two- to six-hour jaunts in the Denver area and include walking, bus and bicycle tours.

What's a TREK?

"Trek" are usually overnight trips, or they visit areas more than 50 miles from Denver.



Welcome History Colorado Travelers!

Our 2018 tours reflect the growing interest and excitement in the History Colorado Tours and Treks program. With such increased demand, you'll find more of what you love in this year's offerings as we not only boost the number of tours and treks available but also repeat some of our most popular outings! We encourage you to sign up early, but should you find yourself on a wait list please keep in mind that these lists often move quickly—especially just prior to the tour. Also, bigger wait lists sometimes enable us to offer a second bus or tour date to accommodate the larger interest. Your History Colorado membership and support have enabled us to grow and diversify this long-running museum program, and for that we thank you!

This year we'll offer new treks to our neighboring states of Wyoming and Utah. Join us also for deeper explorations of Denver's various neighborhoods both by bus and on foot. Our very popular rail trips also return in 2018.

History Colorado's Tours and Treks program is made stronger by your suggestions on places to visit and on ways to improve our itineraries and increase efficiency overall. Thank you for your support and for bringing history alive. We look forward to another year of exploring the geography, archaeology and history of our beautiful state together!



10 FEBRUARY Sat / 10 am–3 pm

Denver's Firsts and Denver's Oldest

BUS TOUR = Moderate

Getting older comes with costs, but if you stick around long enough you have the distinction of being the oldest. So let's go find those fine firsts of Denver—or, if they aren't around, how about the oldest? Want to see the city's first park? Done! Oldest school? We'll spell it out for you! We've got your restaurant, your skyscraper, your theater. We'll even throw in a ditch! It's time for the good side of getting older as we explore Denver's firsts and oldest together.

\$54. Members \$42

Includes bus transportation and a break for lunch on your own dime.



15 FEBRUARY Thu / 10 am–3 pm Sweet Spots of Denver

BUS TOUR = Moderate

History Colorado offers feasts for the mind, but in honor of all the sweethearts among us, let's explore our city's sweet side! Join us for a relaxed amble about Denver to sample some of its elegant examples of epicurean ecstasies.

Cupcakes and chocolates, cookies and candy, and more! In the middle we'll have lunch so you don't set yourself over the edge, and along the way there'll be fanciful stories of the city's sugary history, some of which even reached the White House. Part history, part gastronomy, all fun!

\$54. Members \$42

Includes bus transportation and a break for lunch on your own dime.



24 FEBRUARY Sat / 10 am–3 pm

Forgotten Suburbia: Northwest Suburbia by Bus

BUS TOUR = Easy

Born of agricultural zeal, a drive for sobriety, the relentless progress of trains, a hunger for profit, and much more, the suburbs surrounding the metropolitan core have stories as diverse as downtown. Denver's northwest suburbs once gave us carnations and mushrooms. The area's first gold strike and the invention of your car's turn signal happened here too. There are so many places to see and tales to tell, so we could never do it all—but we'll pack the day full. There's more between Denver and Boulder than Highway 36; isn't it time you learned about it?

\$54. Members \$42

Includes bus transportation and a break for lunch on your own dime.





28 FEBRUARY Wed / 8 am–4 pm **Museum Sampler: Southwestern Weld County**

DAY TREK by BUS = Moderate

Weld County is big and still growing, with loads of history to share, so we've chosen some museums to give you a taste of the southwestern part of the county's rich stories. Pioneer Harvey Parish built ditches to nourish his fields, working tenaciously until one day his prosperity led to his being the first mayor of Johnstown. Frederick's original town hall now serves as a museum of the city's history, built as much below the surface as above it. These stories and more will round out your understanding of this popular destination for new arrivals to Colorado: Weld County.

\$90. Members \$75

Includes bus transportation, guides, admission fees and a break for lunch on your own dime.



Courtesy Ray Vincent

6 MARCH Tue / 9 am–6 pm **History by the Pint: Northern Colorado Breweries**

DAY TREK by BUS = Moderate

It's time for a sip or two of one of Colorado's most popular industries—beer! Join us as we stop at some of the breweries that are creating the best-known and tastiest beers in the state. We'll learn how beer is made and why Colorado is one of the top-producing states for craft beer. Brewery tours and tastings at New Belgium and Odell in Fort Collins and a visit to one of Colorado's only hop farms at High Hops Brewery in Windsor will round out our day. It's a great way to have your history and drink it too!

\$120. Members \$100

Includes bus transportation, brewery tours, guides and a break for lunch on your own dime.



Courtesy Rick Ciminelli

9-11 MARCH Fri / noon – Sun / 6 pm Monte Vista Crane Festival

OVERNIGHT TREK by BUS = Ambitious

We've seen the lark bunting in summer and the prairie chicken in winter, so join us to see the sandhill crane in early spring. The cranes will be making their annual northward trek, spending time at the Monte Vista National Wildlife Refuge in the San Luis Valley in March. The 20,000-strong flock arrives to refuel on grain and begin their courtship rituals. Along with birding, enjoy local food, history, workshops and lectures. It's a unique Colorado event not to be missed even if you're prone to shivering on a cold morning! Warm up with us on this action-packed tour.

\$500. Members \$425 (single supplement \$100)
RSVP by February 9

Includes bus transportation, two nights' lodging in Alamosa, all event costs and gratuities, guides and three meals, including a welcome dinner.



11 MARCH Sun / noon–5 pm

Ireland Forever!

An Irish Tour of Denver

BUS TOUR = Moderate

Join Tom “Dr. Colorado” Noel and former Denver City Auditor Dennis Gallagher for an annual tour tradition! We’ll start with libations and a Celtic meal and enjoy a slideshow on Colorado’s Irish landmark people and buildings. Afterward, board our deluxe coach for a grand driving tour by such places as the Mullen family residences and associated landmarks, Mary Coyle Chase house, Campion mansion site, St. Patrick’s Church for a visit with the Sisters and their holy cookies, the beautiful Holy Ghost Church and much more! Denver Go Bragh!

\$80. Members \$64

Includes one drink ticket, a light lunch, all guides and bus transportation.



24 MARCH Sat / 10:30 am–2:30 pm **The Heart of Louisville: A Walking Tour**

WALKING TOUR = Moderate

Join us for a walk along the storied streets of Louisville. The original miners who gave the city its start tried some unique ways to make a community, and they might never have imagined the fields around their homes filling up with such a modern, energetic city. We'll explore the heart of original Louisville on foot, hearing the tales from a local historian. After lunch, we'll see the Louisville Museum, with its artifacts and photographs of the city's history. Louisville is more than just a suburb; it's got a long and rich history. Let's walk the tales together.

\$35. Members \$24

*Provide your own transportation to starting location.
Includes a break for lunch on your own dime.*



31 MARCH Sat / 10 am–3 pm

Dynamic Denver Streets: Exploring Colorado Boulevard

BUS TOUR = Easy

We've seen Colfax and Broadway. Now we continue our survey of the city's main byways with the street that CDOT calls the state's busiest. As you sit in traffic, you might not consider Colorado Boulevard's history or the more compelling places along the roadway, but they're numerous and worth a look. Famous doctors, mayoral masterpieces, animal carnage and more have marked its length. From humble farmland beginnings in Weld County through the leviathan we all know (and sometimes love to hate) to the suburban palette at its southern end in Douglas County, we'll find the many faces of Colorado Boulevard.

\$54. **Members \$42**

Includes bus transportation and a break for lunch on your own dime.



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7 APRIL Sat / 10 am–4 pm **Eye on Boulder: An Architecture Tour by Bus**

BUS TOUR = Moderate

Mother Nature created the inspiring backdrop for Boulder, the monuments of stone mimicked on a smaller scale by the buildings erected by humble humans. We'll explore the main streets and side streets, looking for wonders in brick and stone, glass and wood and steel—like the buildings at Chautauqua Park, the Art Deco City Hall, gingerbread houses immortalized in fiction and other modern wonders. With the city's height limit long in place, you won't have to look to the sky for proof that an artistic eye can create something memorable. Join us for a relaxed look at Boulder's built environment.

\$59. Members \$47

Includes bus transportation and a break for lunch on your own dime.



10 APRIL Tue / 10 am–noon

Baronial Beginnings: Park Hill Walking Tour

WALKING TOUR = Moderate

Like the Montclair neighborhood, Park Hill got its start through the efforts of a German baron. A Prussian immigrant, Baron Allois Gillaume Eugene von Winkler built a racetrack to attract investors. By the early 1900s Park Hill was emerging as one of the city's most fashionable places to live. The inspiring architecture of the houses crosses many styles—some in large mansions, some in houses more restrained—with tree-lined streets and grand boulevards in abundance. Our time in the southern sections of Park Hill will show you houses that would make the good baron proud. *Ja!*

\$30. Members \$19

Provide your own transportation to starting location.



Courtesy Lynda Heckendorn

14 APRIL Sat / 10 am–3 pm

Forgotten Denver: Southwest Denver by Bus

BUS TOUR = Easy

Go west, young man! Better yet, go southwest! There's more to Denver than Washington Park and Cherry Creek. Join us as we turn our eyes south-westward, to take in the neighborhoods that were once *the* place to be, and all the stories that go along with them—including Bear Valley, Harvey Park, College View and Fort Logan, among others. Guaranteed to be a day of surprises and endless “Oh, I had no idea this was even here!” Author Shawn Snow will be your guide, so this is one not to miss! Grab your compass and let's go!

\$54. Members \$42

Includes bus transportation and a break for lunch on your own dime.





17 APRIL Tue / 10 am–noon

A Land in Flux: Globeville Walking Tour

WALKING TOUR = Moderate

More than just a city-turned-neighborhood, where smelters belched and immigrants made their mark, Globeville is a fine example of how modern mindsets can have profound effects on daily lives. Industry brought the area together, interstates divided it, and now convenient proximity to an urban core makes Globeville, once again, a place in flux. With changes coming to both I-70 and the nearby National Western Complex, now's the time to revisit Globeville. Will it become a place of division or a beacon of unity reborn? We'll do the groundwork on Globeville together and let you decide.

\$30. Members \$19

Provide your own transportation to starting location.



Courtesy Bailey Saddle Museum

26–27 APRIL Thu / 8 am – Fri / 6 pm Museum Sampler: Eastern Colorado Classics

OVERNIGHT TREK by BUS = Ambitious

Early pioneers headed west, and now we're going east to find some of the history they left behind. Cities like Hugo, Flagler, Limon and Deer Trail all have museums to share their stories. Turning the land to a profit through agriculture was the pioneers' main purpose, and the arrival of the railroads helped their goods reach the wider world. Innovations in the stuff of daily life—from saddles to stoves—weren't just passing novelties; they often spelled the difference between success and failure, life and death. Find plentiful history on the east-central plains!

\$375. Members \$300 (single supplement \$75)
RSVP by **March 23**

Includes bus transportation, one night's lodging in Limon, guides, entrance fees and two meals, including a welcome dinner.



2 MAY Wed / 10:30 am–3:30 pm

The Best of the Bluffs: Exploring UCCS and Austin Bluffs

TOUR = Ambitious

Once a commuter campus, the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs has grown into an appealing alternative for many students. What began as the Cragmor Sanatorium for sufferers of consumption now serves as Main Hall on this rapidly changing campus, built on land donated by General Palmer, founder of Colorado Springs. Wrapped around the campus and marching southward are the iconic Austin Bluffs. We'll hike a trail or two for some fine views of Pikes Peak and more. An investment in your education and enjoyment—no student loans necessary—we'll see UCCS and the parkland that is Austin Bluffs!

\$45. Members \$34

*Provide your own transportation to starting location.
Includes all interpretation, guides and lunch.*



8-12 **MAY** Tue / 7 am – Sat / 6 pm **Roamin' Wyoming: A Wealth of Wonders**

OVERNIGHT TREK by BUS = Ambitious

Continuing our march around the states bordering Colorado, it's time to explore the incredible number of historic, geologic and scenic offerings of eastern Wyoming. Where mighty dinosaurs once thundered, where Native Americans found prosperity and tragedy, where settlers left their marks in soil and stone, we'll pack the days full with sights. And while we're so close, we'll bound across the border into Montana to spend a day at the Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument. Many of the tales have direct connections to Colorado and its history, so don't miss out on the wealth of wonder in store in Wyoming!

\$925. Members \$850 (single supplement \$325)
RSVP by April 13

Includes four nights' lodging, bus transportation, guides, interpretation, admissions and seven meals, including a welcome dinner.



17 **MAY** Thu / 1–4 pm

Historical Treasures of Elizabeth

WALKING TOUR = Moderate

Begun as a sawmill camp, Elizabeth prospered on the shoulders of logging, farming and ranching. The city declined with the departure of the railroad, but today it's growing again. This has led to some anxiety over the city's rural vs. suburban future. Join us for a tour of original Elizabeth to learn more of the city's history and see where History Colorado's preservation program dollars have made an impact on keeping Elizabeth's historic main street shining for another century. We'll also visit the hidden gem of the Rambler Ranch Museum, with cars and memorabilia making a car-lover's dream.

\$45. **Members \$34**

*Provide your own transportation to starting location.
Includes guides and entrance fees.*



25 **MAY** Fri / 10 am–noon **Seventh Avenue Historic District Walking Tour**

WALKING TOUR = Moderate

The sidelines of cemeteries might not seem the ideal location for a neighborhood of refinement and domestic felicity, but the Seventh Avenue Historic District puts any doubt to rest. Like Ninth Avenue just to the north, Seventh rose to beauty through the efforts of gifted visionaries. Along this much-beloved parkway, fine houses rest in cozy tranquility. We'll seek out their architectural nuances as well as the fascinating lives of the people who've called Seventh Avenue home. Put on your walking shoes and pull out your parasol for another of Denver's noteworthy neighborhoods, beneath its canopy of green.

\$30. Members \$19

Provide your own transportation to starting location.



Courtesy Steve Grinstead

31 **MAY** Thu / 10 am–1 pm **Dig It! Hike with the State Archaeologist**

TOUR= Ambitious

Join experts from History Colorado's Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation for a guided hike near important archaeological sites in Boulder County's Rabbit Mountain Open Space. The Front Range provides archaeologists many opportunities to learn about prehistoric lifeways in Colorado. This hike will visit some of these sites to explore the rich cultural history of early inhabitants before American settlement. You'll see how different types of artifacts help inform us about our shared past. The beautiful Boulder front range has many surprises in store, so grab your hiking boots and let's explore!

\$35. Members \$24

Space is limited. Provide your own transportation to starting location and pack a picnic lunch.



7-10 JUNE Thu / 7 am – Sun / 6 pm

Rails and Hot Springs of Southwestern Colorado

OVERNIGHT TREK by BUS = Ambitious

Join Tom “Dr. Colorado” Noel on our traditional jaunt for choo-choosey Coloradans. This four-day grand tour includes a chance to stay at the Historic Strater Hotel in Durango. Take the waters during an overnight in Pagosa Springs and a stop in Ouray, and journey from Durango to Silverton upon the eponymous train. We’ll also have stops in historic Creede and drive through Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park. Tom always has an eye for the most fascinating stories along the way, so with these stops and more, four days will pass in a flash. Don’t miss it!

\$875. Members \$800 (single supplement \$300)

RSVP by May 4

Includes bus transportation, three nights’ lodging, guides, admissions and four meals, including a welcome dinner.



14 JUNE Thu / 10 am–3 pm

Forgotten Denver: Northeast Denver by Bus

BUS TOUR = Easy

When William Larimer platted the city of Denver in 1858, his eyes were turned to the northeast. He felt the growth of the city would naturally lead in that direction. It's time to turn our eyes northeastward; there's a plethora of fascinating history to learn. From the gates of City Park and the traces of rails and runways to the sites you'll see using your ABCs (Armor, Bison, Carillon), you'll end up surprised at what you learn! Marching proudly toward the prairie and the sunrise, northeast Denver's shining prosperity has proven that Larimer's vision was very well founded.

\$54. Members \$42

Includes bus transportation and a break for lunch on your own dime.





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19 JUNE Tue / 4:30–9 pm

All Aboard!

Riding the Rails with RTD

TOUR = Moderate

The metropolitan area's FasTracks network keeps growing. New lines are opening over the next few years, but we won't let our annual Summer Solstice ride be interrupted while we're waiting to find out which ones will finally pull into the station. Join Tom "Dr. Colorado" Noel and master guide Ryan Mulligan for one of our most popular yearly programs as we ride the rails, with drinks and a celebration of high summer along the tracks. We don't know *which* line we'll ride for the evening, but no matter; it'll be a festive evening full of anecdotes you'll want to tell your friends.

\$80. Members \$64

Includes train transportation, one drink ticket, light dinner and interpretation.



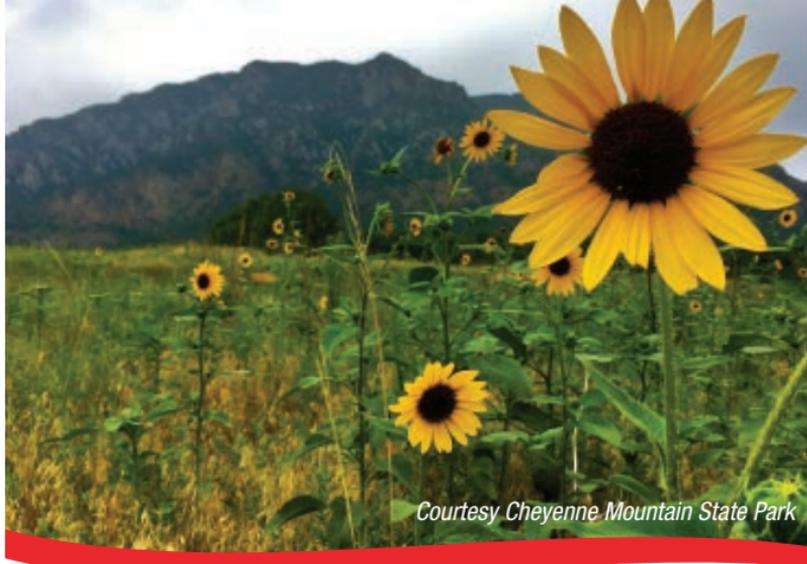
21-24 **JUNE** Thu / 7 am – Sun / 5 pm **Lessons of the Past: Amache and Southeastern Colorado**

OVERNIGHT TREK by BUS = Ambitious

During the tumultuous days of World War II, Colorado joined in on the drama of displacement as Americans of Japanese descent were moved to internment camps. The Granada Relocation Center, better known today as Camp Amache, housed more than 7,000 people at its peak, two thirds of them American citizens. Join us for an exploration of the camp as part of the University of Denver's research on site. While in southeastern Colorado, we'll also seek out some of the other historical and natural offerings, such as the Crowley County Heritage Center and Comanche National Grassland.

\$800. Members \$725 (single supplement \$225)
RSVP by May 18

Includes bus transportation, three nights' lodging, guides, entrance fees and five meals, including a welcome dinner.



Courtesy Cheyenne Mountain State Park

27 JUNE Wed / 9:30 am–1 pm **Cheyenne Mountain State Park Hike**

TOUR = Challenging

Nestled between its NORAD installation–holding neighbor and a bustling, burgeoning city, Cheyenne Mountain State Park offers the chance to see something quiet and green, a step away into silence and pine scents. On our hike of the park, we'll see views of both the eponymous Cheyenne Mountain and the city of Colorado Springs. The intersection of several ecological zones, the park is rich in diversity equal to its views. Not all history was written by people, so let's explore the history of the natural world a little together, with a picnic in the park to make the day a winner.

\$35. Members \$24

Provide your own transportation to starting location and pack a picnic lunch.



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1 JULY Sun / noon–5 pm Downtown Denver Scavenger Hunt

TOUR = Ambitious

A series of cryptic clues and shifty characters lines up before you as you unravel the mysteries of the Denver Code for our first annual Scavenger Hunt! **No running involved**, just a chance to use your skills of observation and investigation as you walk the streets of downtown or take the Mall Shuttle. Where are those floating doors? Did George Washington *really* leave his initials in downtown Denver? Those sleuths who navigate successfully will find a celebratory meal at the end and the chance to claim the title of Breaker of the Denver Code! Even DaVinci would give it a try.

\$46. **Members \$34**

*Provide your own transportation to starting location.
Includes guide, interpretation and snack.*



19–22 JULY Thu / 8:30 am – Sun / 6 pm

Rails in Paradise: The Pikes Peak Region

OVERNIGHT TREK by BUS = Ambitious

Join Tom “Dr. Colorado” Noel for History Colorado’s grand tour of the many railroads on and around America’s most famous mountain. The trek includes a trip to the 14,115-foot summit on the Pikes Peak Cog Railway, a ride on the historic Cripple Creek & Victor Narrow Gauge Railroad and a journey on the scenic Royal Gorge Route Railroad. We’ll visit Manitou Springs, Cripple Creek, Victor and Cañon City with stops at the massive Cresson Mine and the Winery at Holy Cross Abbey. Gold, trains and historic heights—we’ll experience Colorado’s railroad paradise on this splendid adventure!

\$850. Members \$775 (single supplement \$225)
RSVP by June 15

Includes bus transportation, three nights’ lodging, guides, interpretation, all admissions and four meals, including a welcome dinner.



28-29 **JULY** Sat / 8 am – Sun / 6 pm **The Burroful Bonanza of 285: South Park and Fairplay**

OVERNIGHT TREK by BUS = Ambitious

Connecting the metro area with the breathtaking scenery and rich history of Fairplay is Highway 285. It's a corridor of change as the region draws more people. The highlight of our exploration will be the annual Burro Days, celebrating its 70th year. They race most everything they can think of—from burros and llamas to outhouses—while serving up food, crafts and fun. Between Fairplay and the Front Range, we'll hunt up the history of the past and the developing stories of today, including stops in Conifer, Alma and Como. Don't be stubborn; let's honor them together!

\$425. Members \$350 (single supplement \$100)
RSVP by June 29

Includes bus transportation, one night's lodging in Fairplay, guides, entrance fees and two meals, including a welcome dinner.



Courtesy Centennial Canoe Outfitters

3-6 **AUGUST** Fri–Mon Paddle into the Wild: Gunnison River Canoe Trek

OVERNIGHT TREK = Challenging

History Colorado teams up again with Centennial Canoe Outfitters for this exciting trip through a wild, remote area. Along the journey, historian Dr. Andrew Gulliford of Fort Lewis College will share stories of the colorful characters who helped shape the landscape. No shortage of campfire stories on this trip! There'll be time for day hikes to see Ute rock art and majestic walls of red sandstone. The river is gentle with occasional small rapids to add spice to the ride. Camping along the river's banks and a rare opportunity to explore the Dominguez Canyon Wilderness are sure to leave you in awe.

\$484. **Members \$424.** Children 6–12 \$354

RSVP by July 20

*Space is limited. Information and reservations:
Centennial Canoe Outfitters 720/283-0553.*



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3-5 **AUGUST** Fri / 8 am – Sun / 7 pm **On Michener's Trail: Exploring Northeastern Colorado**

OVERNIGHT TREK by BUS = Ambitious

Join us for a unique celebration of author James Michener's time in Colorado. In honor of the 40th anniversary of the TV miniseries *Centennial*, we'll retrace Michener's footsteps through Weld and Morgan Counties, visiting the places that inspired him to write the novel of the same name. An instructor at the forerunner of today's University of Northern Colorado in the 1930s, Michener was compelled to return to Colorado in 1970 to write his seminal work on the history of our state. Join expert guides including Dr. Michael Welsh of UNC as we visit Keota, the Pawnee Buttes, Dearfield, Greeley and Fort Morgan.

\$550. Members \$475 (single supplement \$150)

RSVP by July 6

Includes bus transportation, two nights' lodging, guides, interpretation and three meals, including a welcome dinner.



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9 **AUGUST** Thu / 8 am–5 pm **Hidden Histories of Monument and Sedalia**

DAY TREK by BUS = Moderate

Between the vertical wall of the Front Range south of Denver and the busy artery of the interstate are historical spots, quietly telling their tales. In Monument is Maguireville—two barns filled with memorabilia in a collection that's still growing. These items, seldom available to the public, are diverse and fascinating. Farther north, we'll visit the Crull Cabin, which illustrates the life of hardy folks in the 1800s, before we end in historic Sedalia. It's not the rapid pace of the interstate, but sometimes history is best shared slowly, in quieter places. Let's get off the highway together.

\$100. Members \$89

Includes bus transportation, guides, admission fees and a box lunch.



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16-20 **AUGUST** Thu / 8 am – Mon / 6 pm **Travel Through Time: Sights of Northwestern Colorado**

OVERNIGHT TREK by BUS = Ambitious

Time to leave the tumult behind for the tranquility of northwestern Colorado. Join historian Dr. Andrew Gulliford to trace the footsteps of ancient giants at Dinosaur National Monument, learn of the tragedies and triumphs of the Utes in Meeker, tread where the pioneers did in Steamboat Springs and much more. Hayden, Craig, Rangely and other towns will fill out our roll call, and above it all, the transcendental tapestry of the mountains. Free time in Steamboat and two nights at the iconic Rabbit Ears Motel will provide respite along the way. Breathtaking *and* historic in northwestern Colorado!

\$875. Members \$800 (single supplement \$350)
RSVP by July 13

Includes bus transportation, four nights' lodging, guides, interpretation, admissions and six meals, including a welcome dinner.



23-25 **AUGUST** Thu / 8 am – Sat / 6 pm **Southern Colorado's Scenic Byways: The Highway of Legends and Gold Belt**

OVERNIGHT TREK by BUS = Ambitious

We continue our journey along scenic and historic byways with two offerings: the Highway of Legends and the Gold Belt Scenic Byway. Around the Spanish Peaks, we'll learn how Mother Nature's violent past has created a memorable landscape. Near Cañon City, we'll explore how gold transformed this quiet enclave. With visits to Walsenburg, Florence and Trinidad, ancient forest remnants in Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument and views to enrapture the eye, it's a tour not to miss. Only 23 more byways to go!

\$575. Members \$500 (single supplement \$125)
RSVP by July 20

Includes bus transportation, two nights' lodging, guides, entrance fees, and three meals, including a welcome dinner.



29 **AUGUST** Wed / 10 am–3 pm **Denver's Crime and Punishment**

BUS TOUR = Moderate

With the discovery of gold, early Denver rose quickly out of the prairie to become a wild and wicked western town. With a massive migration of adventurous pioneers, all of the crime and vice that accompanies such a phenomenon came along for the ride. The city has dealt with its share of crime ever since. Join us for a unique exploration of Denver's history of crime and punishment, learning about notorious offenders and prominent protectors of the law. Our hosts with the Denver Police Department have a lot of history to share, including a visit to the nascent Denver Police Museum.

\$54. Members \$42

Includes bus transportation and a break for lunch on your own dime.

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6 SEPTEMBER Thu / 10 am–3 pm **City Farm to Table: A Denver Food Journey**

BUS TOUR = Moderate

Join us for an examination of the history behind the locally grown food that's reached our tables, both past and present. With us will be Blake Angelo, the City and County of Denver's Manager of Food System Development. We'll tour a modern city farm and have a presentation on how Denver is managing our food future. Before seeing some of the historic sites that fed us in the past, there'll be lunch at one of the city's dynamic new interpretations of "eating together." It's a day for the practicalities and joys of food. Bon appétit!

\$54. Members \$42

Includes bus transportation and a break for lunch on your own dime.



11-16 SEPTEMBER Tue / 7 am – Sun / 8 pm

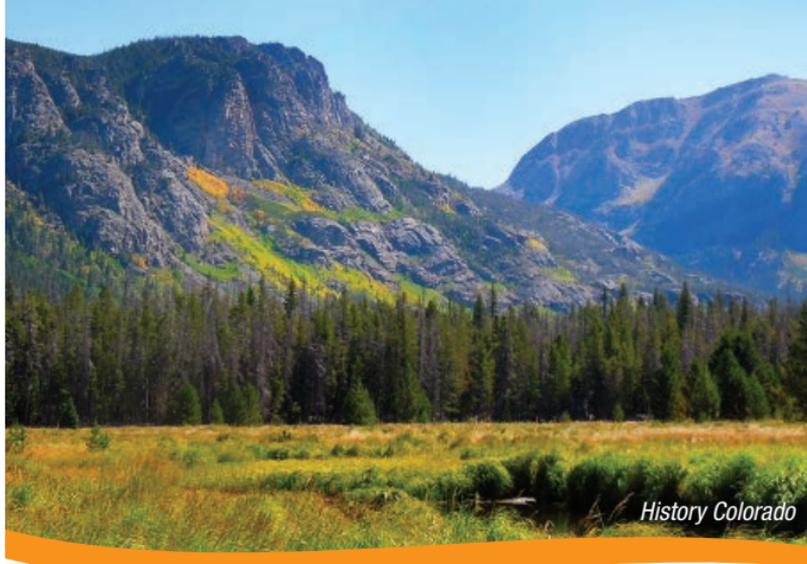
Our Sister State: Trekking the Wonders of Utah

OVERNIGHT TREK by BUS = Ambitious

We continue our journey to our neighboring states, now taking time to explore the one most topographically like our own. That's right, we're off to Utah! From the history and splendor of Salt Lake City to the parklands preserving the glorious scenery around Moab, we'll fit as much as possible into our time, knowing we couldn't possibly see it all. People moving across the state for thousands of years have left marks as monumental as the landscape. Join us for a chance to trace some of those footsteps; you won't even need to bring a golden spike.

\$1,200. **Members \$1,125 (single supplement \$425)**
RSVP by August 10

Includes bus transportation, five nights' lodging, guides, all entrance fees and six meals, including a welcome dinner.



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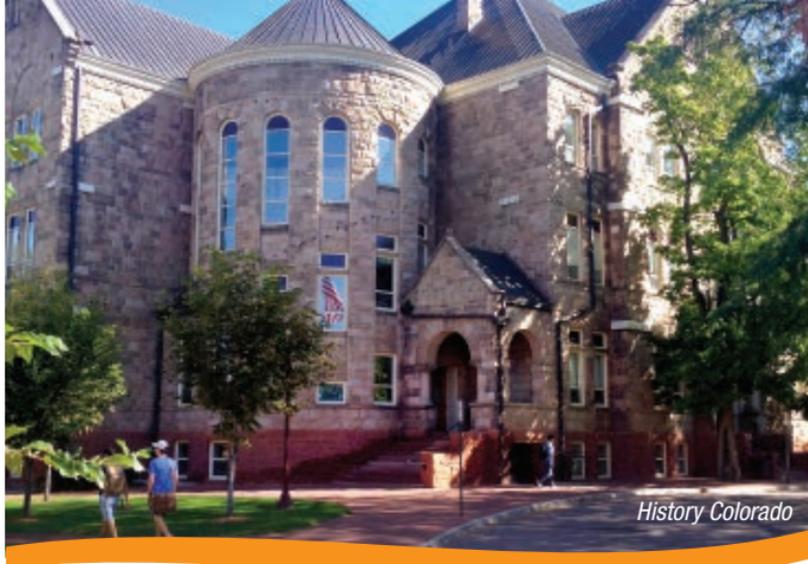
18-21 SEPTEMBER Tue / 8 am – Fri / 6 pm Rocky's Fall Colors Trek

OVERNIGHT TREK by BUS = Ambitious

Rocky Mountain National Park's popularity over the past century has drawn innumerable tourists, making it one of the top ten most-visited parks. Explore Rocky's history amidst a myriad of autumn colors on this exclusive trek with historian Dave Lively. We'll see both "sides" of RMNP, including a visit to State Forest State Park and Walden, overnights on the west side in Grand Lake, and time in popular Estes Park. From Native American battle sites to homesteads, beautiful vistas and striking scenery, to everything in between, we'll enrich ourselves with one of Colorado's best treasures.

\$875. Members \$800 (single supplement \$350)
RSVP by August 17

Includes bus transportation, three nights' lodging, guides, interpretation, entrance fees and four meals, including a welcome dinner.



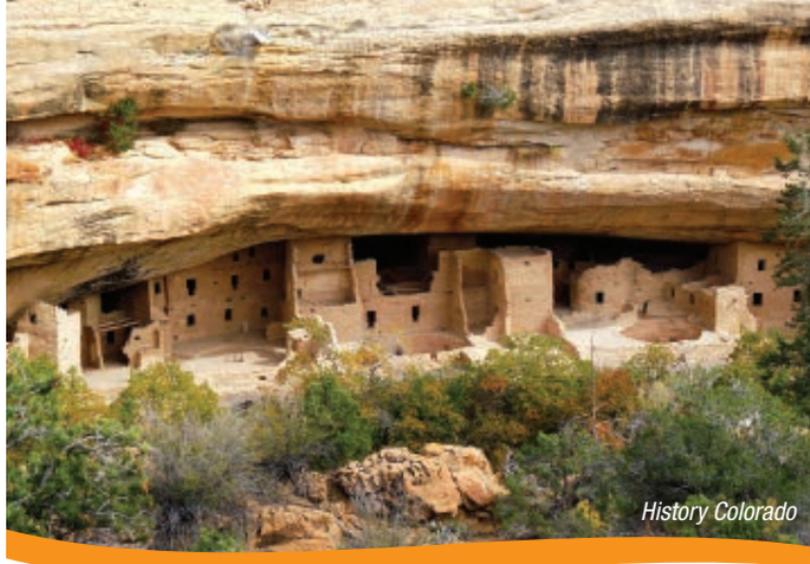
28 SEPTEMBER Fri / 10 am–noon **Get Schooled: University of Denver Architecture Tour**

WALKING TOUR = Moderate

From its simple beginnings in downtown Denver through the work of one of the most influential families in the state's history, the University of Denver has prospered—becoming an oasis of education within the neighborhoods and busy streets of south Denver. The architecture of the campus befits the institution's lengthy lifespan, with edifices of yesteryear now surrounded by fine new buildings in stone filled with students from around the world. Join our guide—university architect Mark Rodgers—as we learn about the ongoing evolution of this beautiful campus. It's a lesson you'll enjoy, and there won't be a test!

\$30. Members \$19

Provide your own transportation to starting location.



5–8 OCTOBER Fri / 5:30 pm – Mon / noon Mesa Verde: Colorado's World Heritage Site

OVERNIGHT TREK = Challenging

See Mesa Verde National Park—Colorado's only UNESCO World Heritage site—through the eyes of historian Dr. Andrew Gulliford. Mesa Verde has more than 4,000 archaeological sites, and we'll visit both mesa-top perches and cliff dwellings. We'll delve into the history behind Mesa Verde's "rediscovery" and hear how it captivated people around the world. A stop at the new visitor's center will allow us to see long-stored artifacts and experience the Ancestral Puebloan culture. Enjoy the adventure of this special trip with the camaraderie of a smaller-sized group during the cooler days of fall.

\$600. Members \$525 (single supplement \$175)

RSVP by September 7

Space is limited. Includes three nights' lodging at the Far View Lodge, guiding services, entrance fees and a welcome dinner.

No bus transportation is provided. *This trek requires you to drive to the starting point and from site to site.*



12 **OCTOBER** Fri / 1–4 pm **History Colorado's Ninth Annual Organ Crawl**

TOUR = Moderate

Join us in exploring three historic Fort Collins organs! Whether making monumental sounds on a Sunday morning or standing silent and austere, organs bring to life the spirit of the divine and the music of the past's greatest composers. Our crawl will take us to the Colorado State University Organ Recital Hall, where CSU's internationally renowned Casavant Frères Organ resides. We'll also visit the reverberant hall of First United Methodist Church and stop at St. Luke's Episcopal Church. Be ready for uplifting music and intriguing history!

\$45. Members \$34

Provide your own transportation to starting point.



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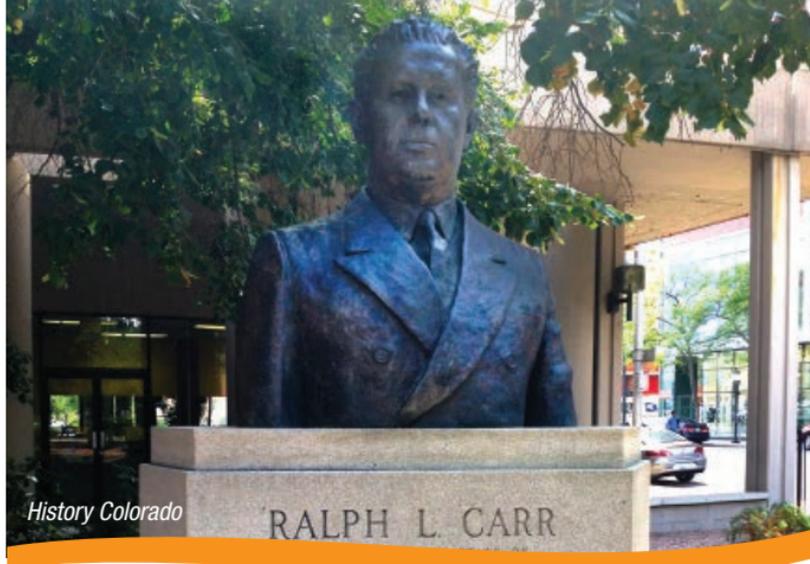
18 **OCTOBER** Thu / 6–8 pm **Denver's First Cemetery: Cheesman Park**

WALKING TOUR = Moderate

Time to tempt the zombies! Knowing that Cheesman Park once held Denver's first cemetery will encourage you to tread lightly on our walking tour, lest you disturb what lies beneath. We'll share the gruesome and the grandiose history surrounding the park. Guaranteed to get you into the spirit (so to speak), it's not one to be missed. Don't be afraid; your tour guide will be one of flesh and blood and interested in enriching your brains, not eating them.

\$30. Members \$19

Provide your own transportation to starting location.



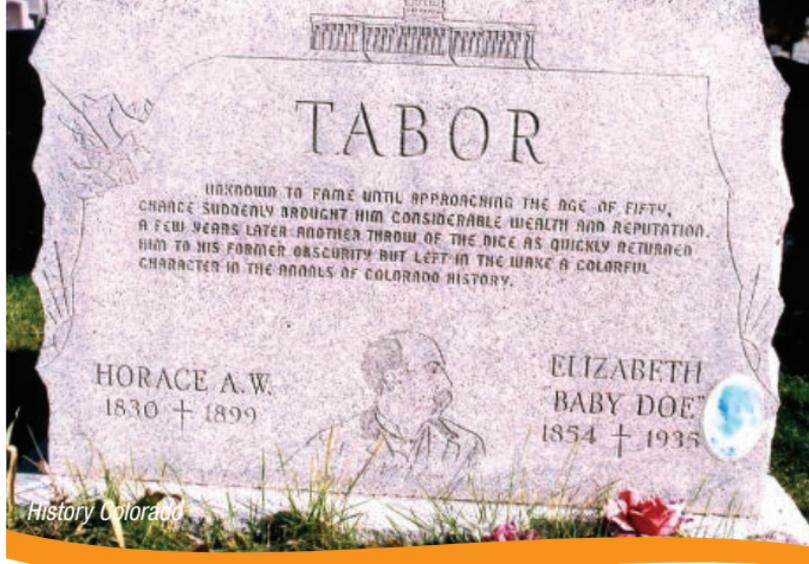
21 **OCTOBER** Sun / 10 am–3 pm **Denver's East Asian Heritage**

BUS TOUR = Moderate

Join Tom “Dr. Colorado” Noel as he continues our journey through the rich tapestry of the city's immigrant past by looking at those who joined us from the other side of the Pacific. We'll explore our Asian heritage, from the lost Chinatown—known in the day as Hop Alley—to the numerous Vietnamese restaurants along South Federal Boulevard. Important individuals such as Minoru Yasui and Ralph Carr, whose statues decorate Sakura Square, have shown us better ways when racial hysteria blinded us to our failings. Let's unravel the storied skein of the people of East Asia in Denver.

\$80. Members \$64

Includes bus transportation, a light lunch, guides and interpretation.



27 OCTOBER Sat / 1–4:30 pm **History Colorado's 30th Annual Cemetery Crawl**

TOUR = Moderate

Join Tom “Dr. Colorado” Noel and a host of ghosts as they guide us through Colorado’s second-largest and most history-haunted necropolis, Mount Olivet Cemetery. Meet underground celebrities exhumed for this creepy occasion, as a star-studded cast portrays some of Colorado’s most historic characters, such as Horace and Elizabeth “Baby Doe” Tabor and Governor William Gilpin. We’ll also inspect the most elaborate private mausoleum in the Rockies. So grab your imagination and let’s dig into history.

\$50. Members \$34

*Provide your own transportation to starting point.
Tombside taxi service provided by the Model A Ford Club
of Colorado, weather permitting.*



29 **OCTOBER** Mon / 10 am–3 pm **Wonderful RiNo: Denver's River North by Bus**

BUS TOUR = Moderate

It's natural for neighborhoods to change over time. Once-prosperous areas fall on hard times, perhaps to be discovered and reimagined anew. Few of Denver's neighborhoods epitomize this phenomenon as well as River North, known today as "RiNo." Once residential, then industrial, then peopled by artists and empty spaces, today this trendy spot close to downtown has energy bursting from its seams, with epic changes still in store. Join us as we explore RiNo by foot and by bus, learning what was, what's been lost, and what's coming up for the rhinoceros next door.

\$54. Members \$42

Includes bus transportation and a break for lunch on your own dime.

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1 **NOVEMBER** Thu / 9 am–5 pm **Roam the River: The South Platte River Story**

DAY TREK by BUS = Moderate

Except when it floods, as it did most memorably in 1965, most people don't give the South Platte River much thought. It's the river that gave us our start and sustains much of the metropolitan area's population. Long neglected, the South Platte has come back to the forefront as a desirable amenity for nature-starved urban dwellers. Though we won't see its beginnings in the Rockies or its end at the Missouri River, we'll trace the river's path through the metro area as we paddle our way through its stories and sites.

\$90. Members \$74

Includes bus transportation and a break for lunch on your own dime.



Courtesy Darren Eirich

9 **NOVEMBER** Fri / 9 am–noon **Behind the Scenes at the Capitol**

WALKING TOUR = Challenging

There's more to our iconic state capitol building than its golden dome and the fact that it lent its name to the neighborhood of Capitol Hill. The Colorado State Capitol has much to share. As the heart of the state, it's intimately linked to the evolution of our politics. Given its art, rare stone and even poetry about the importance of water, you'll want to include this one in your calendar, because we'll also see some hidden spots. There'll be many steps and stairs, so plan accordingly. Join us behind the scenes in that coruscating beacon of granite and gold!

\$35. Members \$24

Space is limited. Provide your own transportation to starting point.



14 NOVEMBER Wed / 1–3 pm

Cocoa on Historic Market Street

TOUR = Moderate

You may have crossed it, perhaps even driven along it, but now it's time to hear the stories of one of our original downtown streets: Market. Join historian Kevin Pharris and Tom "Dr. Colorado" Noel for a special program to discover the evolution of this street's name and learn about the brides of the masses, stagecoaches and buildings rising on the ashes of the old. We'll focus on what makes this street stand out from the rest. Market's shimmer might have dimmed with the fortunes of downtown, but it's brilliant again. Join us for the wonders of Market Street!

\$75. Members \$59

Space is limited. Provide your own transportation to starting point. Includes walking tour, sit-down lecture, cocoa and desserts.



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17 **NOVEMBER** Sat / 1–3 pm
Look Up!

The Ghost Signs of LoDo

WALKING TOUR = Moderate

The streets around Union Station were once home to the heavy and unromantic equipment that sustained a thriving boom town. Hardware, plumbing supplies, tractors and more kept the city running. Though the warehouses have become offices and living spaces, the spirits of Denver's early industrialists haven't *entirely* left downtown—their *ghosts* remain. All you have to do is look up! Join us for a tour of Denver's hidden ghost signs, with history, architecture and more to entice you. Along the way, we'll share some of the salacious stories of the people who skulked in scandal and shadow among the warehouses.

\$30. Members \$19

Provide your own transportation to starting point.



29 NOVEMBER Thu / 10 am–3 pm

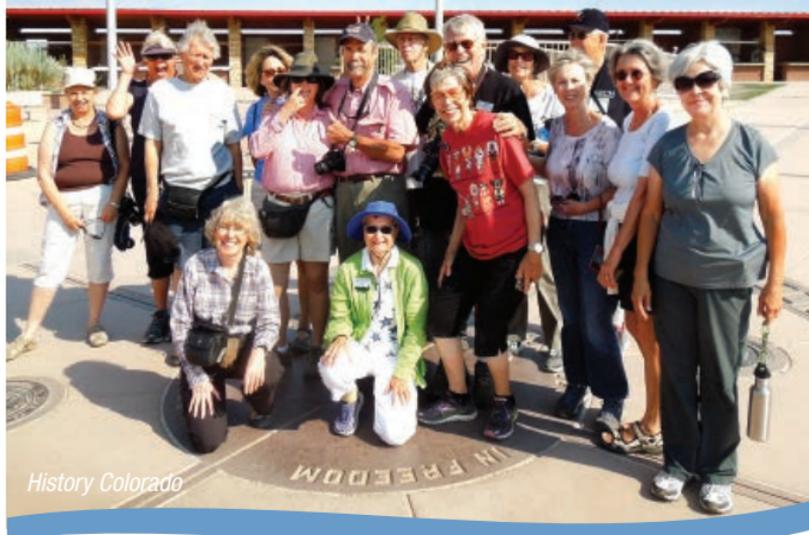
The Know-It-All Tour: Denver Trivia by Bus

BUS TOUR = Easy

By popular demand, we once again ask: “Think you know Denver?” We drove around town last year to see who knew what, and we crowned a winner. Now, it’s *your* chance to be the Denver “Know-It-All” as we reveal a new slate of trivia. We’ll ask questions like, “What used to be on this site?” and “What occupations do those statues honor?” After lunch, we’ll let you show your stuff. It’s not a test, just a great way to learn and to exercise your gray cells along the way—in other words, the pursuit of trivia, Denver style.

\$54. Members \$42

Includes bus transportation and a break for lunch on your own dime.



5 DECEMBER Wed / 6–8 pm 2019 Tours and Treks Summit

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Light refreshments provided.

RSVP: goo.gl/forms/r1ObSEMVuznOWNfq1

or call 303/866-2394.



7 **DECEMBER** Fri / 4:30–9:30 pm **Christmas Lights of Denver**

BUS TOUR = Easy

Come enjoy the history and beauty of Denver's holiday lights with History Colorado! The festive evening begins with an informal program exploring our state's historic holiday traditions. Then it's all aboard a comfortable, heated bus as we drive through some of the Denver area's most beautiful neighborhoods. Your host will delight and entertain you with stories of Denver's holiday lore. We design a new route for this annual event every time, so join us for some unexpected lighting surprises! This is sure to get even a Scrooge into the holiday spirit.

\$54. Members \$42

*Includes cookies, hot chocolate and bus transportation.
Dinner not provided.*



12 DECEMBER Wed / 5:30–9 pm

Jazz Up the Holidays at the Grant-Humphreys Mansion

TOUR = Moderate

We've explored the Grant-Humphreys Mansion's spooky side many times, but this year we're starting a new tradition. Join us to celebrate the delights of the season. We'll lift our glasses to the diverse traditions December brings, enjoying stories of Colorado holidays past with Tom "Dr. Colorado" Noel and historian Mary O'Neil and their band of merry elves. Some of them even know how to sing, and they'll entertain us with many a familiar tune. So let's hang the stockings on the chimney with care, in hopes that *you* soon will be there!

\$85. Members \$69

*Provide your own transportation to starting point.
Includes interpretation, holiday dessert buffet and snacks.*

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TOUR DIFFICULTY = Easy

Activities include boarding a bus, short periods of standing or walking, and limited stairs. Examples are a five-hour bus ride, a tea in a historic setting or a house tour.

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TOUR DIFFICULTY = Moderate

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TOUR DIFFICULTY = Ambitious

May involve several nights away from home and activity-filled days. Be prepared to walk up to two miles a day on easy to moderate terrain, drive (possibly on rough roads) or spend long periods outside.

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TOUR DIFFICULTY = Challenging

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contact Tour Director Shawn Snow at
shawn.snow@state.co.us
or 303/866-3683.

Cover photo:

*Tour Director Shawn Snow and tour leader Kevin Pharris
enter Colorado after exploring the wilds of the Oklahoma Panhandle.
Start thinking about our next adventure to Oklahoma in 2019!*



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Wednesday, December 5, 6 to 8 p.m.

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Colorado's Front Range: A Closer Look

Join History Colorado as we look into the history of our Front Range communities including Trinidad, Fort Collins, Pueblo and Colorado Springs! This four-part series is just \$4 each for History Colorado members. Info and reservations: 303/866-2394.

24 SEPTEMBER Mon / 1–2 pm

Trinidad, Colorado: A Legacy of Resilience and Recreation

22 OCTOBER Mon / 1–2 pm

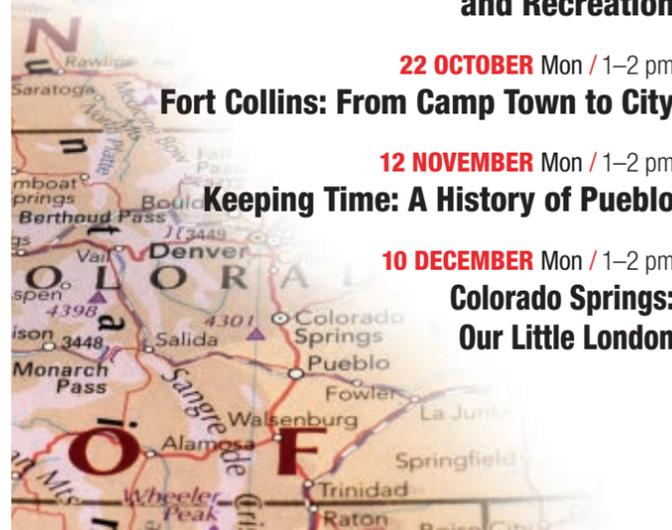
Fort Collins: From Camp Town to City

12 NOVEMBER Mon / 1–2 pm

Keeping Time: A History of Pueblo

10 DECEMBER Mon / 1–2 pm

**Colorado Springs:
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Join us as we dive into Dynamic Colorado! We'll gain insight into wolf reintroduction in the Rocky Mountain region, and we'll explore the paintings of Stephen Batura, whose art is inspired by the photography of Charles Lillybridge. We'll delve into the 100-year history of Denver Water and learn from Dr. Temple Grandin about the different types of minds and how they all contribute to society. We'll hear about Zebulon Pike's adventure in the Rockies, followed by a look into Colorado's radio history. The season continues with looks at the murder of Don Antonio Juarez Chavez and the ancient astronomers of the Southwest, and you can join us for a special lecture by Colorado's new State Historian. There's a lot to explore, so we look forward to seeing you soon!

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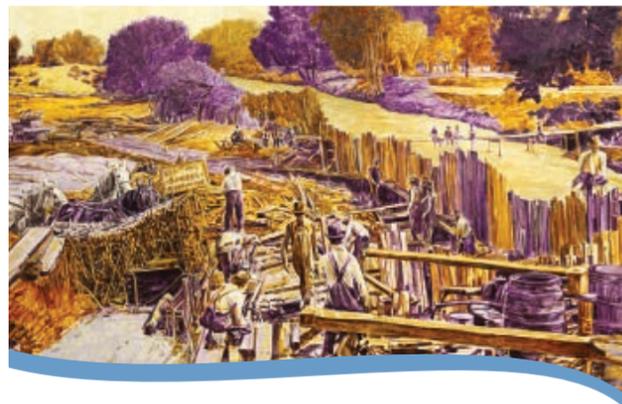


17 SEPTEMBER Mon / 1 & 7 pm A Call to Restore the Gray Wolf to Colorado

Tom Wolf & Diana Tomback, Rocky Mountain Wolf Project

Historically, gray wolves contributed to the beauty and biological diversity of Colorado's wild lands. But for nearly a century the voice of the gray wolf has been missing from the state despite a massive treasure of public land and abundant prey. A successful wolf restoration project would help restore an important part of Colorado's natural balance and serve as the arch stone for reconnecting the species from the High Arctic to the Mexican border. There's no other place in the world where a much-maligned and misunderstood species can be restored to its rightful place across a continental landscape.

Courtesy Rocky Mountain Wolf Project



15 OCTOBER Mon / 1 & 7 pm Borrowed Time

Stephen Batura, Artist

Stephen Batura will discuss the photography of Charles S. Lillybridge (1849–1935) and his own paintings and drawings—which derive exclusively from Lillybridge's images. Batura isn't concerned about the differences between life in Denver a hundred years ago and Denver today, he's interested in the similarities. To the artist, the concerns of each generation are largely the same, and they form familiar patterns. Rather than sentimentalizing another era, Batura believes we should examine what's still alive from the past and how it echoes in our contemporary world.

Courtesy Stephen Batura



19 NOVEMBER Mon / 1 & 7 pm Denver Water 100 Years: Past, Present and Future—Water Connects Us All

Holly Geist & Matt Bond, Denver Water

Native Americans camped where the Cherry Creek and South Platte River met; Denver evolved from towns surrounding that confluence. City Ditch supported gold rush settlers. Lack of hydrants left downtown ablaze, then a deadly flash flood decimated West Denver. After decades of private water companies—shady deals, court cases, financial ruin—Denver created a public utility in 1918. Denver Water now serves over 1.4 million customers. That expansion involved land acquisition, contentious decisions, engineering marvels and collegial interactions. Learn about the history and future of water in Denver.

Courtesy Denver Water

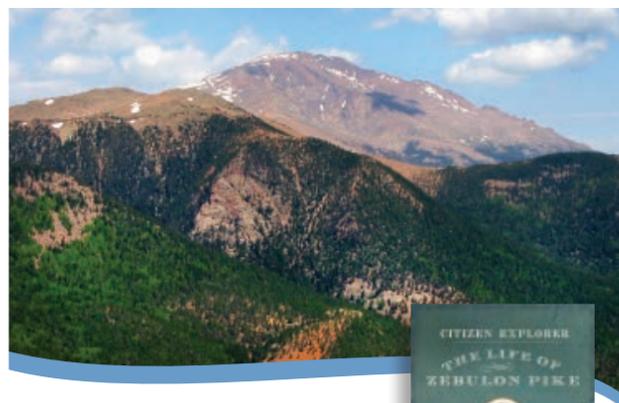


21 JANUARY Mon / 1 & 7 pm Different Kinds of Minds Contribute to Society

Dr. Temple Grandin, Colorado State University

People who were different have contributed greatly to society. Many innovators, such as Thomas Edison and Jane Goodall, had an unconventional path to a successful career. What would happen to them today? Edison was described as an addled hyperactive high school dropout. As a child, Dr. Temple Grandin had autism and no speech. Being a visual thinker helped her to be more observant, in turn helping her in a career in animal behavior. She'll discuss different kinds of minds: photo realistic, visual thinking, pattern mathematical thinking and verbal thinking.

Courtesy Rosalie Winard



18 FEBRUARY Mon / 1 & 7 pm Spare No Pains: Zebulon Pike's Adventures in the Rocky Mountains

Dr. Jared Orsi, Colorado State University

Jared Orsi, professor of history and director of Colorado State University's Public Lands History Center, will present from his book *Citizen Explorer: The Life of Zebulon Pike*. The explorer's baffling activities in the mountains of Colorado between November 1806 and February 1807 have sometimes provoked charges of conspiracy, espionage or incompetence. Asking new questions of old sources, Orsi takes us back in time to see why Pike's choices made perfect sense to him in his historical moment.

Courtesy Jared Orsi

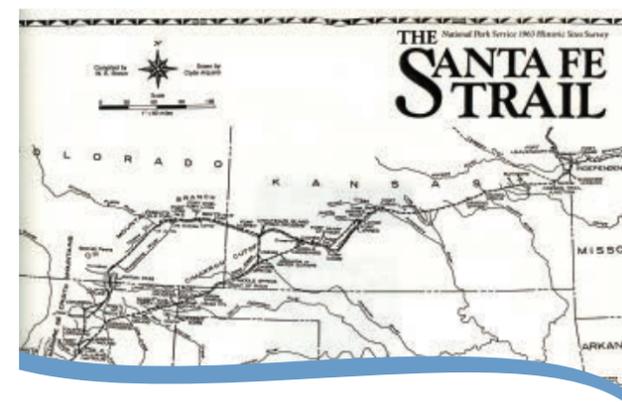


18 MARCH Mon / 1 & 7 pm On the Air: Colorado's Radio History

Steven Conklin, Broadcast Pioneers of Colorado

The rich history of radio in Colorado is shared through the stories of many of the broadcast pioneers, including the dentist who put the state's first commercial station on the air in his living room, the station owner who saved a landmark and the DJ who had a movie based on her story. Hear stories and sounds from nearly ninety years of radio, including news clips, jingles and the voices of DJs. Presenter Steve Conklin is president of the Broadcast Pioneers of Colorado, working to preserve the history of radio and TV.

Courtesy Steve Conklin

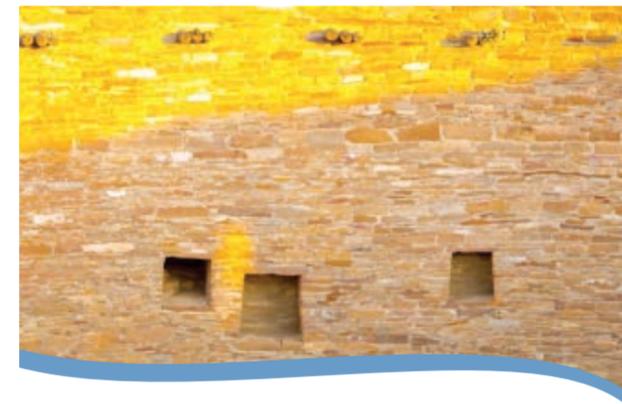


15 APRIL Mon / 1 & 7 pm The Murder of Don Antonio Juarez Chavez

Tony Juarez

On the Santa Fe Trail near Lyons, Kansas, in 1843, the Republic of Texas militia murdered Don Antonio Jose Chavez, a prominent Republic of Mexico citizen, in cold blood. An international incident on US territory, the murder threatened the emerging commerce between the United States and Mexico. Quick action and swift justice for the murderers helped resolve the situation. Ultimately, President Sam Houston signed a Proclamation of Armistice between Texas and the Republic of Mexico. The border reopened, and merchant traffic on the Santa Fe Trail resumed—with military escorts. Tony Juarez is the fourth great-grandson of Don Antonio Juarez Chavez.

Courtesy Tony Juarez



20 MAY Mon / 1 & 7 pm Ancient Light

Dr. Erica Ellingson, University of Colorado

A thousand years ago, the Ancestral Puebloans built a great civilization in a landscape where even now the sky is a powerful presence. In this presentation, we'll explore the deep understanding of the sky that's expressed in Ancestral Puebloan art and architecture. We'll examine the dance of light and shadow that trace the year at Mesa Verde and Chaco Canyon, and the subtle lunar cycles that were celebrated at Chimney Rock. Today, we see the same stars, sun and moon. By understanding them, we reach across the centuries to these ancient astronomers through our shared heritage of the sky.

Courtesy Erica Ellingson



NEW! The State Historian's Address

17 JUNE Mon / 1 & 7 pm

Rethinking Colorado's Native American Heritage

Dr. Tom Noel

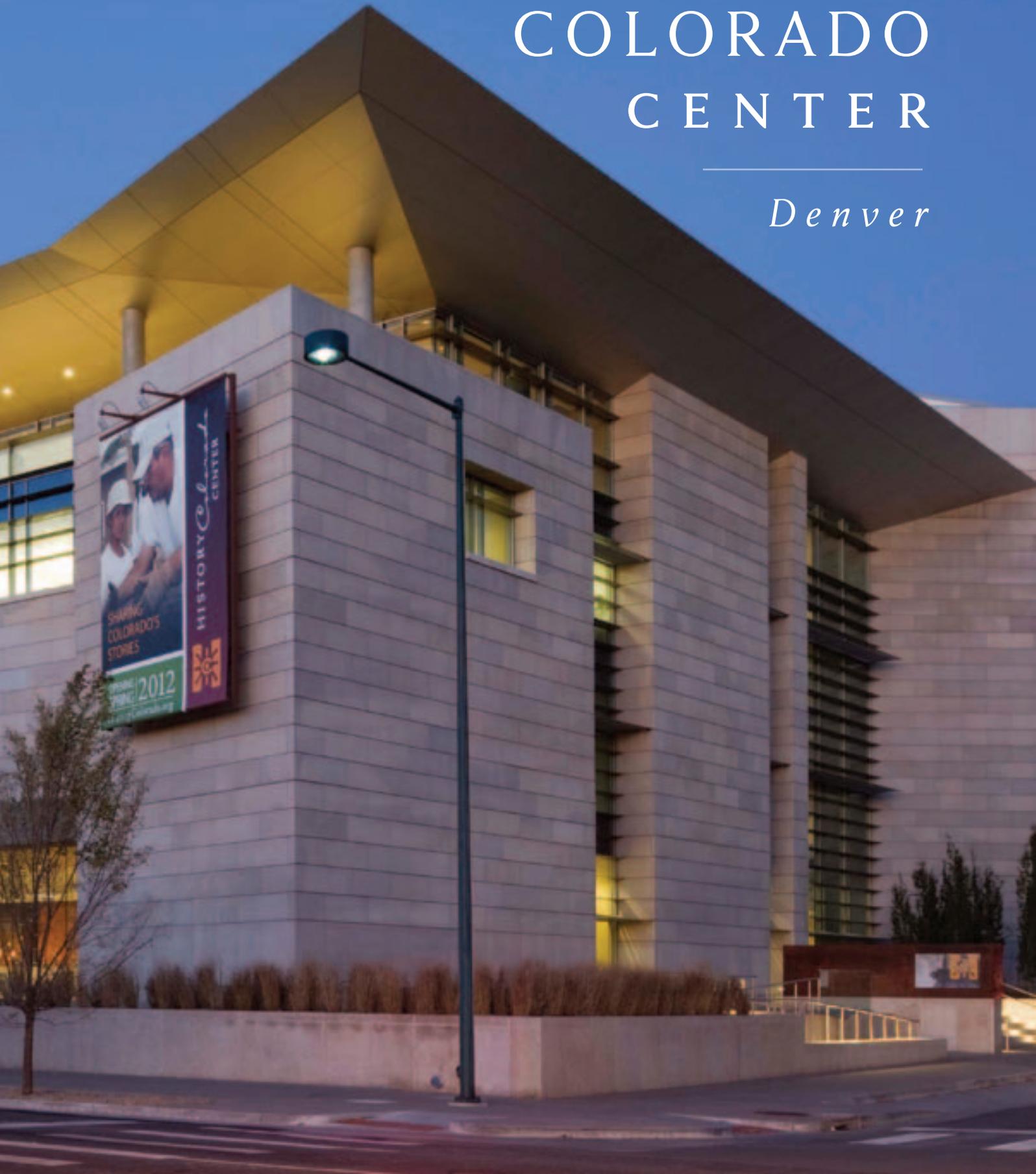
Join our new State Historian, prolific author Tom "Dr. Colorado" Noel, as he reflects on five decades of studying Colorado history and how he's seen the field rethink the state's heritage. In this address he'll look head-on at historians' portrayals of American Indian history and at the ways Native Americans have chosen to portray their own past. See the stories of the first Coloradans in a whole new light.

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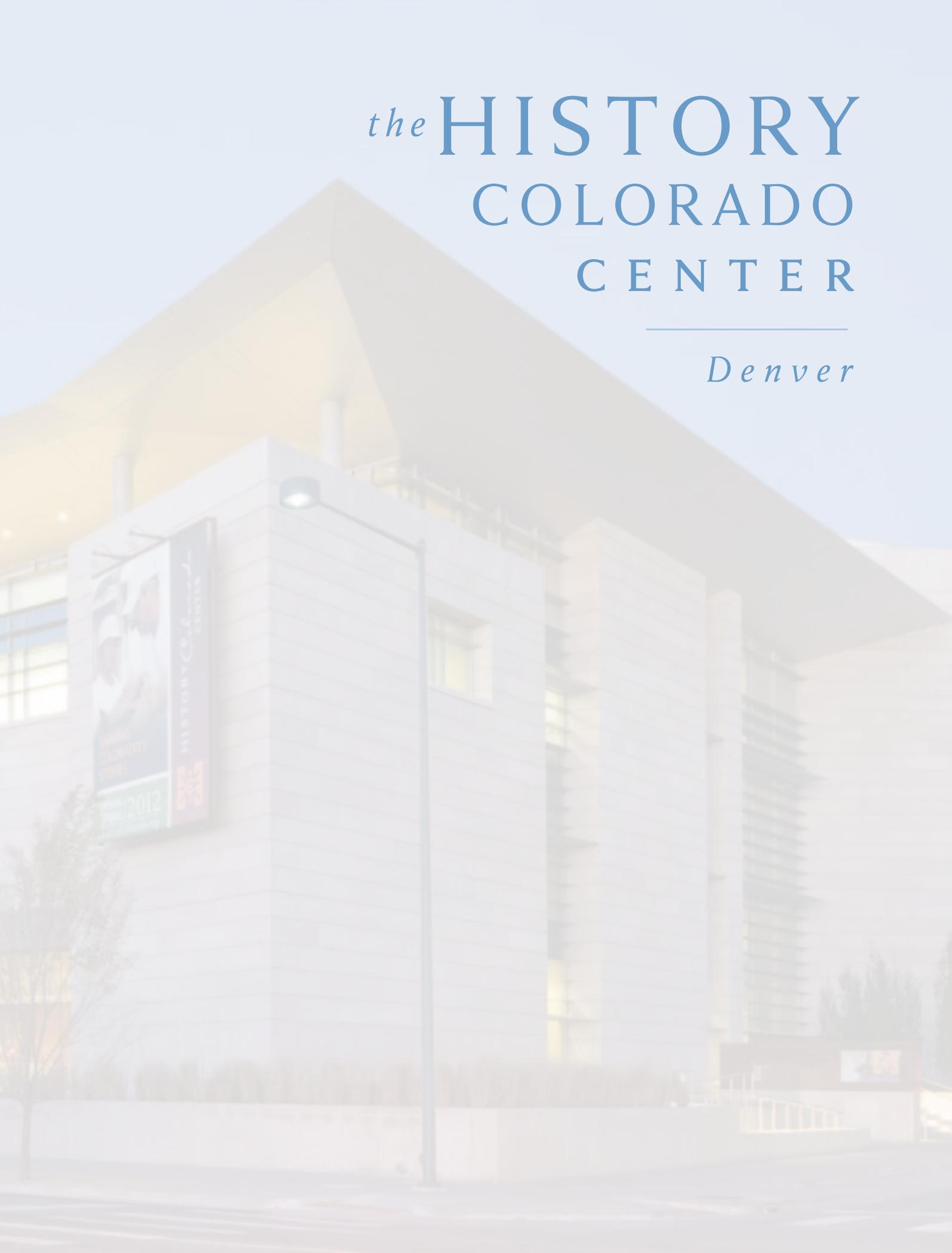
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WHY A HISTORY COLORADO CENTER?

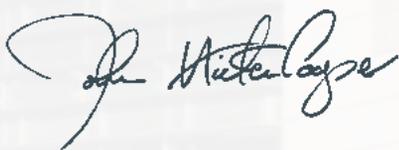
As Colorado grows and changes, we face new and complex social and environmental challenges every day—challenges that will one day confront the children who are now in Colorado’s schools. To meet those needs, we must help them understand what—and who—came before them. We must help today’s students understand our state’s history and who we are as Coloradans.

Schools certainly have a primary role in teaching history, but research shows that informal learning environments like museums have the power to transform our lives—to inspire, to touch, to connect—in ways that are hands-on and memorable.

The History Colorado Center exists to foster civic engagement and an understanding of why Colorado history matters—not just for our schoolchildren but for all Coloradans and all who visit this great state. The History Colorado Center invites diverse audiences to connect with the stories of Colorado and to explore not only where we’ve been, but where we’re headed. This new museum is a place to discuss today’s ideas in the context of the past, to help us make informed decisions for the future.

Renowned Colorado architect David Tryba designed this building to reflect the spirit of Colorado: the state’s stunning geography and the character of its people. He did so beautifully, and every Coloradan can be proud of this center. The fact that this center is going to last for generations reflects our commitment to a sustainable future.

The center allows us to honor our past. That is important for all of us. Every state needs its citizens to be both engaged and informed, and that is why we need a History Colorado Center.



Governor John Hickenlooper



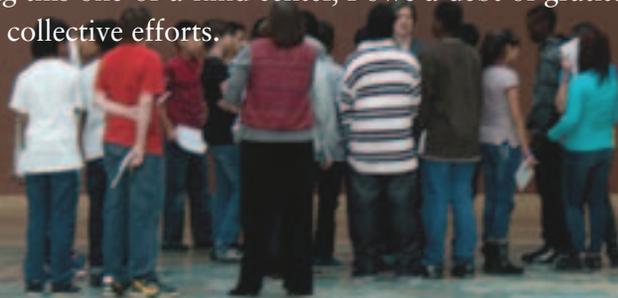
Lieutenant Governor Joe Garcia

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The creation of the History Colorado Center's Phase I Exhibit Opening was a herculean effort involving so many members of the History Colorado staff that it would be impossible to list them all. But key among them were Kathryn Hill, History Colorado's Chief Operating Officer; State Historian William J. Convery, Director of Exhibits and lead developer for *Colorado Stories*; and JJ Rutherford, Director of Education and lead developer for *Destination Colorado*. To them and to everyone else who had a role in building this one-of-a-kind center, I owe a debt of gratitude, and I dedicate this publication to all of their collective efforts.

Edward C. Nichols,
President and CEO



The History Colorado Center features a great hall, 30,000 square feet of exhibit space, a library and research center, and a fourth-floor event space and terrace overlooking the Front Range. The interior uses green building materials including repurposed beetle-kill pine and Forest Stewardship Council certified wood.

Building the History Colorado Center

In four short years, the History Colorado Center has gone from concept to completion. And although the process has been on a fast track, we did not take shortcuts. We wanted a building worthy of the state of Colorado—one that would last for 100 years, and one that would welcome everyone who enters.

We wanted a building that evoked the feeling of Colorado. The History Colorado Center, designed by Colorado's own David Tryba, is an experience in and of itself, and it works beautifully with the exhibits. Colorado colors and materials are everywhere, from the sandstone walls up the monumental stair to the Douglas fir doors.

We began the process of creating the History Colorado Center by asking ourselves: What is the compelling social need History Colorado fills that no other organization can? This is a profoundly important question. We determined that no other organization can help Colorado understand the present in the context of the past, in order to make informed decisions about the future, the way we can. No other organization can serve as a forum for civic, civil discussion about today's issues in a historical context the way we can.

And, no other organization has the obligation to preserve the places, stories, and material culture of Colorado that we have.

The idea that history matters has guided us throughout this process, and it will continue to guide us. It matters that you know how you got to where you are and where the people around

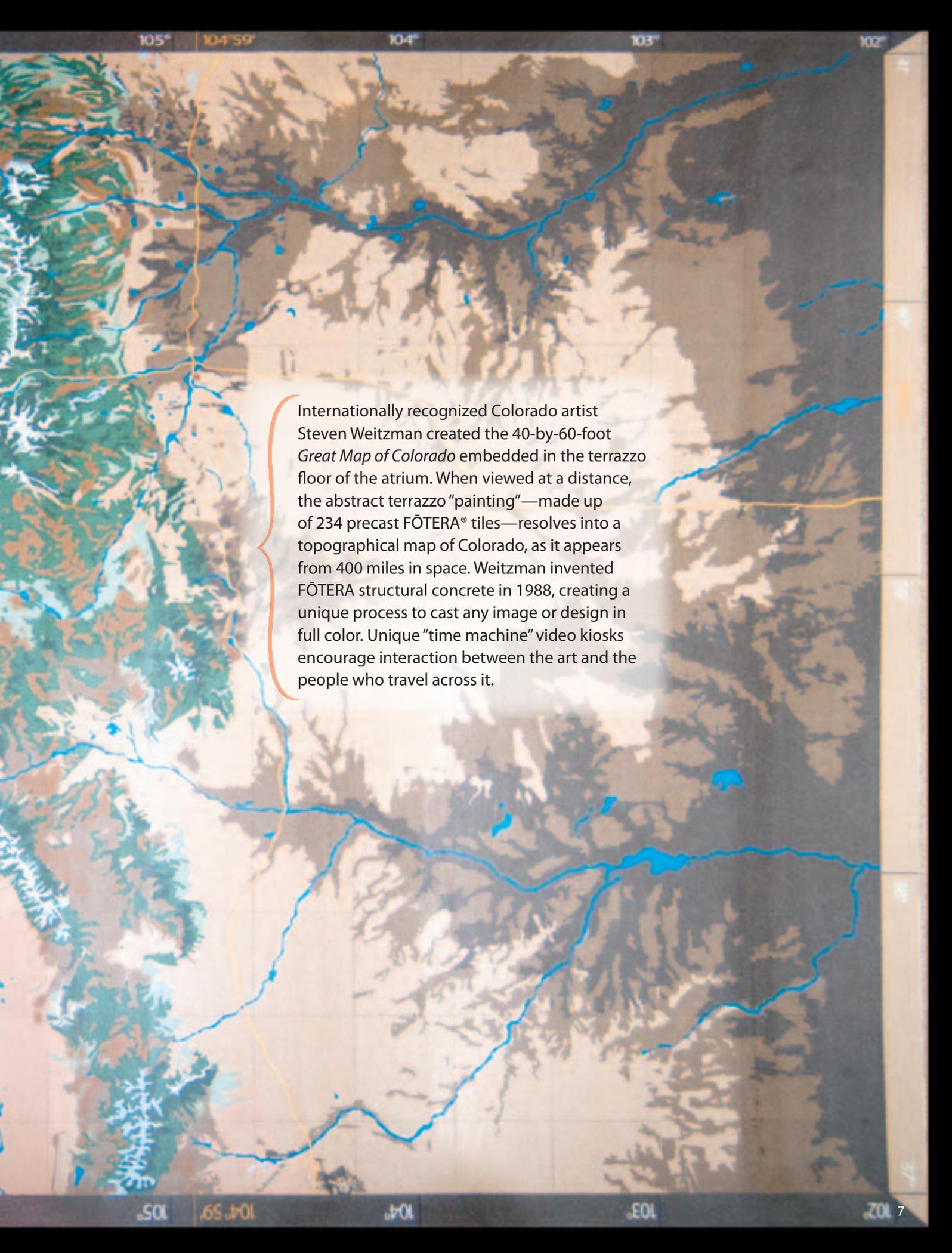
you have come from. We cannot hope to fulfill our responsibilities as citizens or plan for our collective future without an understanding and appreciation of our heritage. The new History Colorado Center also highlights the idea that Colorado is a unique place, by virtue of its extraordinary landscape and by virtue of the courage, tenacity, and creativity of the people who built and shaped this land.

While developing the new exhibits program, we engaged in the important process of surveying audiences. The exhibits team conducted focus groups, informal conversations, formal face-to-face interviews, and phone and online surveys. We talked to more than 3,500 prospective audience members from across demographic lines. Then we worked, reworked—and reworked—our program until we felt comfortable that we could tell Colorado's stories in ways that will reach broad, diverse audiences.

The new History Colorado Center will cultivate a well-informed, engaged citizenry who work together to build a better Colorado. This center is as much about today and tomorrow as it is about the past. What's happening at the History Colorado Center is the transformation of a 133-year-old history museum into a new, audience-responsive center for civic engagement, learning, and fun.



Edward C. Nichols, President and CEO



Internationally recognized Colorado artist Steven Weitzman created the 40-by-60-foot *Great Map of Colorado* embedded in the terrazzo floor of the atrium. When viewed at a distance, the abstract terrazzo “painting”—made up of 234 precast FÔTERA® tiles—resolves into a topographical map of Colorado, as it appears from 400 miles in space. Weitzman invented FÔTERA structural concrete in 1988, creating a unique process to cast any image or design in full color. Unique “time machine” video kiosks encourage interaction between the art and the people who travel across it.

Anschutz Hamilton Hall

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COLORADO! THE PEOPLE, THE PLACE, THE PROMISE

In the History Colorado Center's Anschutz Hamilton Hall, a two-story media presentation by Richard Lewis Media Group celebrates the people, the places, and the promise of Colorado. A six-minute video features vignettes on Colorado's mountains, environment, first peoples, historic places, grassroots traditions, and visions of the future.

Right: Jack Dempsey, the "Manassa Mauler," poses in a boxing ring in New Jersey, about 1921. Born in Manassa, Colorado, in 1895, William "Jack" Dempsey started his boxing career in Colorado saloons. He went on to hold the world heavyweight title from 1919 to 1926. Courtesy Library of Congress, Prints & Photographs Division. LC-USZ62-88716

*"Most look up and admire the stars.
A champion climbs a mountain and
grabs one."*

—Prizefighter Jack Dempsey, the "Manassa Mauler"



The Richard Lewis Media Group

Richard Lewis Media Group is a leader in the design and production of media installations for museums and visitor centers. Lewis and his staff have developed more than 1,000 exhibits for 140 institutions worldwide, including recent projects for the Smithsonian Institution's National Museums of Natural History and American History, the Old Faithful Visitor and Education Center, and the new American Wing of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston.



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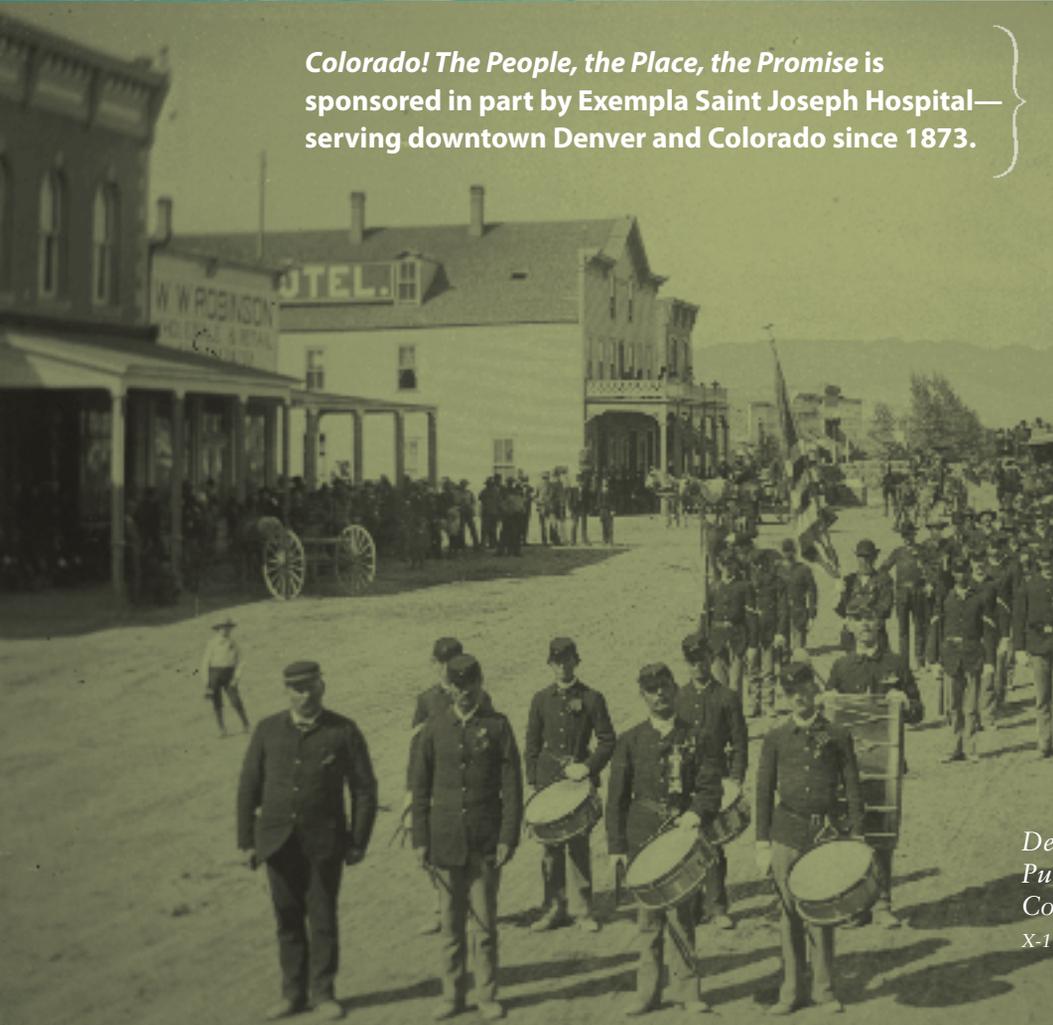
The History Colorado Digital Timeline features 117 events in Colorado history, large and small, from prehistory to the present.



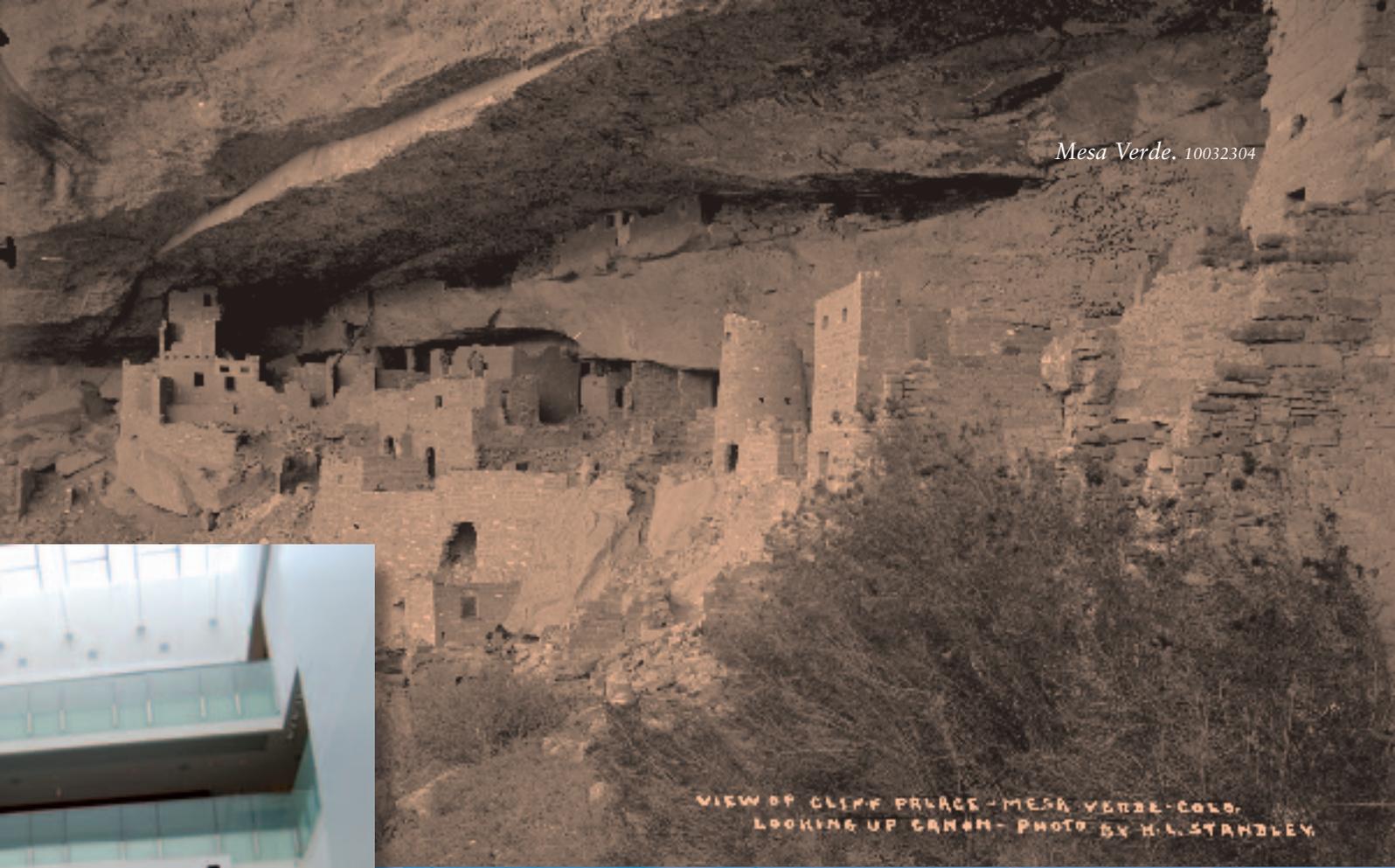
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Decoration Day, 1888. Denver Public Library, Western History Collection, by Charles Goodman. X-11505



VIEW OF CLIFF PALACE - MESA VERDE - COLO.
LOOKING UP CANYON - PHOTO BY H. L. STANLEY



THE HISTORY COLORADO TIME MACHINES

Interactive time machines lead visitors through the state's past. The seven-foot-tall "steam punk"–style machines animate the terrazzo map in the atrium floor as they're pushed from one "hot spot" to another. When a machine hits a hot spot, visitors view a film about one of two dozen historic and contemporary stories connected to every region within the state.



Andrew Merriell & Associates

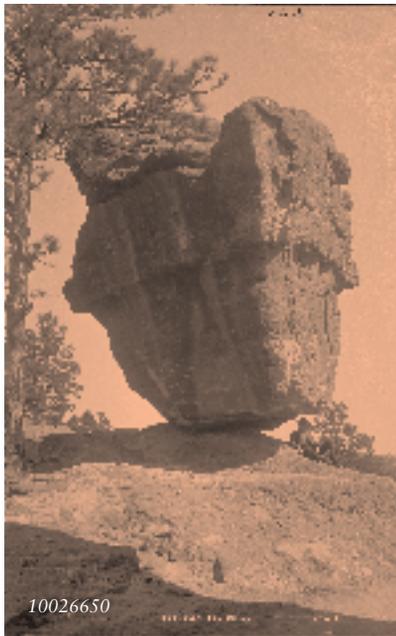
Designer of the time machines, Santa Fe–based Andrew Merriell & Associates worked with History Colorado on the inaugural exhibits for the History Colorado Center. The firm, which designs spaces for museums, visitor centers, zoos, historic sites, and public gardens, creates experiences that invite audiences to actively participate in exhibits that are relevant to their lives.



The Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs was founded in 1955 with a mission "to develop and inspire air and space leaders with vision for tomorrow." 10039717



A model of the time machine design



Janet Kamien

Janet Kamien—one of History Colorado's exhibit development consultants—has served museums nationwide, helping create engaging exhibits that reach diverse audiences, including the National Constitution Center and the Boston Children's Museum.

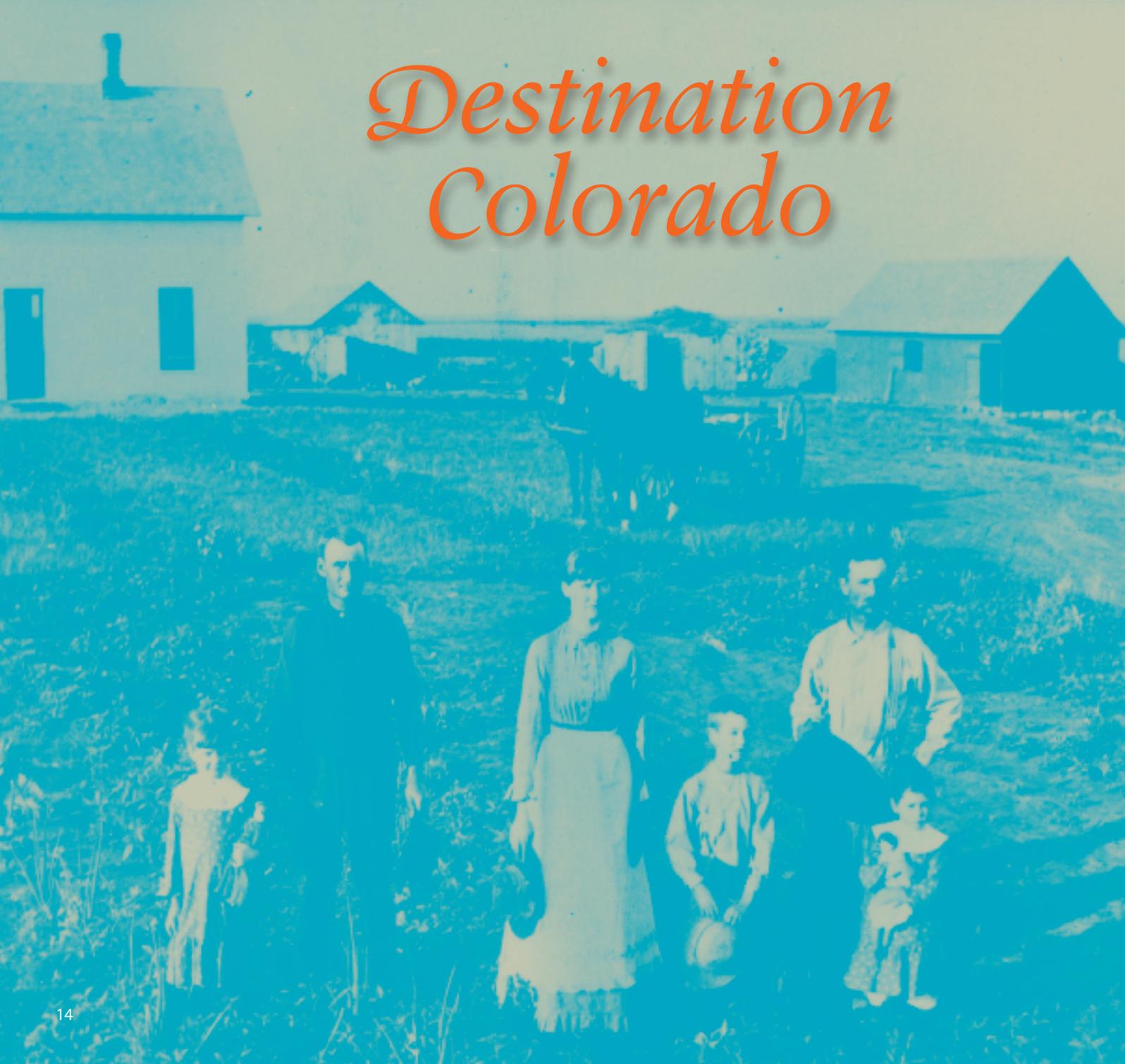
Below: Shep the Turnpike Dog was beloved by countless drivers and workers on the Denver-Boulder Turnpike starting in 1951, when tollbooth workers found him roaming the area. They adopted him and he lived at the booth until his death in 1964. Courtesy Colorado Department of Transportation.



In response to the Sand Creek Massacre of 1864, warrior bands led by the Cheyenne Dog Soldiers burned ranches and stage stations, recording their heroics in ledgerbook art. 10036238



Destination Colorado





Destination Colorado takes visitors to Colorado's eastern plains, circa 1920. In this 5,000-square-foot exhibit, audiences meet the people who homesteaded and settled the town of Keota along the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy rail line—the “Prairie Dog Special.” The town flourished until the '20s, as residents farmed, built a school, and cheered their sports teams with passion. But prairie life was never easy. Ways of farming that worked in other places didn't work here on the dry plains, and little by little the town dwindled. People moved to cities and less arid locales, but they never forgot Keota. In this land of little rain and weather extremes, residents forged a thriving community that outlived the town itself.



Clockwise from left: A family stands in front of their homestead. Congress passed the Homestead Act in 1862 to encourage Americans to move west and farm. For a small fee, any head of household could apply for 160 acres. To keep it, homesteaders had to stay on for five years and improve their claim by building structures and raising crops or animals. PH.PROP.1979

Panoramic view of Keota, between 1914 and 1916. Courtesy Denver Public Library, Western History Collection, Clyde L. Stanley. X-9631, X-9632, X-9633, X-9738

Fae Stanley Oram (right) with her horse Dolly and a friend, about 1915. Proposed Acquisition, Courtesy Auriel Oram Sandstead Family. R.70.2010.52.26/Keota 0148

Keota Basketball Team with Estell “Ole” Olsen in the back row, far right. Courtesy Jeananne Olsen Wright. Keota 0171

Weld County Debate Club, 1922. Courtesy Denver Public Library, Western History Collection, Clyde L. Stanley. St627.



MILK A COW, DRIVE A MODEL T, AND EXPLORE A GENERAL STORE ... AT A MUSEUM?

Destination Colorado brings 1920s Keota to life—truly to life—as visitors touch, smell, hear, and otherwise immerse themselves in the town’s story. Audio-visual guides based on real-life Keotans of the past help audiences navigate the town depot, school, general store, a house, an outhouse, and a homestead barn. Guests enroll in high school and take their own yearbook photos, and browse the general store for old-fashioned goods. After a virtual joy ride in a Model T, they can imagine life without indoor plumbing while sitting in an outhouse. Families enjoy the aromas wafting from an authentic stove, collect eggs in the barn, climb into the hayloft and slide down again. *Destination Colorado* is where family members “milk” a cow or shop from a Montgomery Ward catalog for the first time ever—or for the first time in fifty years.



Stanley took this typewriter with him when he traveled the Plains, gathering stories for The Keota News. Gift Auriel Oram Sandstead. 2010.79.9.A, B

Colorado first issued state license plates in 1913. Before that, cities issued numbers and owners made their own plates.
H.7105.8, H.7105.12



Stanley on his Indian motorcycle, about 1915. Gift Auriel Oram Sandstead. 2010.78.42



Clyde Stanley

Clyde Stanley’s family homesteaded near Keota in 1911. Just 24 at the time, Stanley took up a neighboring homestead. He started publishing *The Keota News* and in 1923 took over the general store, which was also the post office, land office, and lending library—the center of town. Stanley lived in Keota for 64 years, watching the population dwindle to five. James Michener immortalized him as a character in *Centennial* and dedicated the novel to Stanley and two other Colorado newspapermen.





Escape artist Harry Houdini published Houdini's Book of Magic and Party Pastimes in 1927. 91.217.4

"Healthful cleanliness" was important to every home after the 1918 Spanish Flu epidemic and with the rise of mass-produced cleansers. PM.80.45.489.A, .B

The powdered soft drink Poly Pop was a hit in the 1920s and '30s before Kool-Aid's ascendancy by 1940. 2010.79.10.1

Used for cooking and preserving, lard also gave soap a creamy lather. 84.98.58

Suitcase-style picnic baskets kept lunch and dishes safe on a bumpy Model T ride. 79.107.5.A-.CC

In 1904, George A. Bayle, Jr., took his ground peanut paste to the St. Louis World's Fair. Soon, bulk peanut butter was in stores across America. 2010.78.19

Destination Colorado incorporates more than 400 authentic artifacts, many from the original town of Keota and most donated by former residents and their descendants. Fabricators made more than 700 touchable props for the general store by scanning and reproducing 1920s labels and pasting them on cans, bottles, and boxes.



Destination Colorado is made possible in part through gifts from the Monfort Family Foundation and the Volunteers of History Colorado.



Left: Rose Ball in 1935, age 9 or 10. Courtesy Rose Ball. Keota 0347

Above: The real-life Rose Ball poses with actress Portia Tieze, who plays nine-year-old Rose in a video for the Destination Colorado exhibit.

Audio-visual exhibit “guides” based on six real Keotans were filmed on location in Keota and nearby towns. The guides offer a first-person perspective on life in Keota: A girl who lives in town tells how her life differs from those of her classmates in the surrounding farms. A high-school senior drops out to help his family on the farm, only to be talked into returning to school because the basketball team needs a fifth player.

Estell “Ole” Olsen’s family moved to Keota to homestead in 1910, when he was just two years old. They came by train with all their possessions. Ole took jobs around Colorado to make ends meet, running a Conoco station in Gearhart and working in a Breckenridge mine.

Eleanor Rose Vawter Ball was born in 1925 near Keota. Both of her grandparents homesteaded nearby. Her family lived across the street from Keota’s general store. Ball stayed in Weld County, became a great-grandmother, and wrote a book, *The First Rose of Summer*, documenting her life in northeastern Colorado.



*Actor Simon Kurzban
portrays Ole Olsen.*



*Lynne Popkowski portrays real-life
Keotan Elizabeth Rohn.*



*Ole Olsen near Keota, 1930s.
Courtesy Portia and Gerald Kummer
and Bernice Winsett. Keota 0414*



Gerald Kummer in his barn, 2011

Farming and ranching on Colorado's eastern plains are tougher than ever, but Gerald Kummer—whose grandparents homesteaded near Keota around 1904—says it's worth the freedom, fresh air, and peaceful way of life.

The women and men who homesteaded the plains have always faced great challenges to pursue their dreams. Today's challenges are no less formidable. While Colorado cities and suburbs have grown dramatically since 1950, rural areas in eastern Colorado and across the Great Plains have seen a population decline. With their great need for water, cities threaten the Plains environment. Many farmers and ranchers find that their most valuable commodity isn't their land, livestock, or crops, but their water and mineral rights.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

Collaborating with Keota residents since 2000, History Colorado reached out to past and present Keotans like Gerald Kummer for information and input, from beginning to end, in developing *Destination Colorado*.

The exhibit never could have happened without Auriel Oram Sandstead. Her grandparents homesteaded in Keota, where she was born in 1923. Her uncle, Clyde Stanley, and her mother, Fae Oram, were two of the town's best-known residents. Auriel was the keeper of the Keota archives and was instrumental in preserving the town's past. After Auriel's death in 2007, her family donated hundreds of her artifacts of life in Keota.



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Picnickers enjoy the Pawnee Buttes in August 1924. Proposed Acquisition, Courtesy Auriel Oram Sandstead Family. R.70.2010.52/Keota 0428



Homesteaders stand in their wheat field. Proposed Acquisition, Courtesy Auriel Oram Sandstead Family. R.70.2010.1.27.D



The Pawnee Buttes, 2011

Where others saw a barren prairie, the people who came to Keota and stayed saw the Arcadia of the West. That legacy remains, even though the town has all but vanished. An annual picnic brings together descendants of former residents and those few who still live there today.

Towns come and go, but the spirit that animated them lives on. That same spirit has shaped Colorado's whole history—and still guides its present and future.

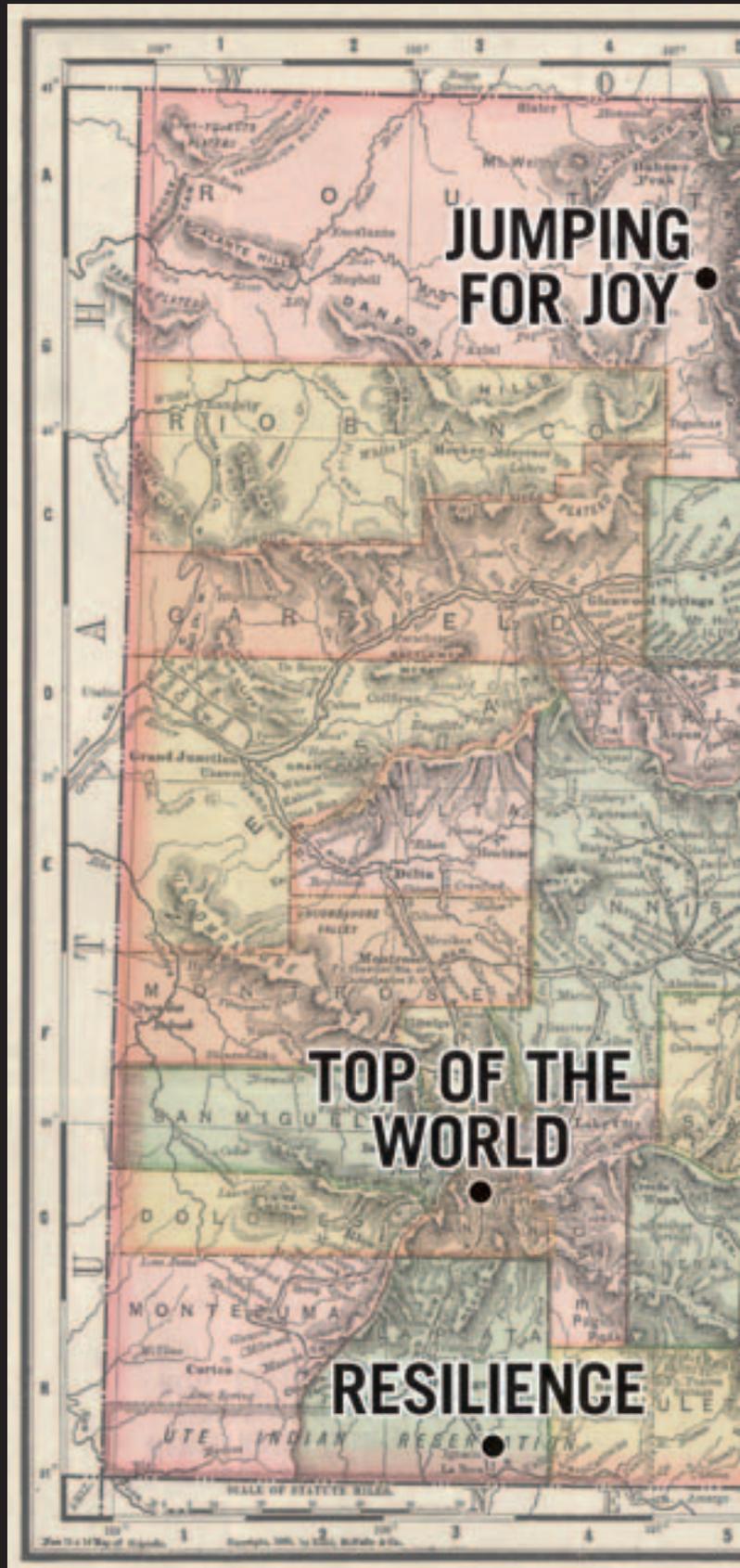


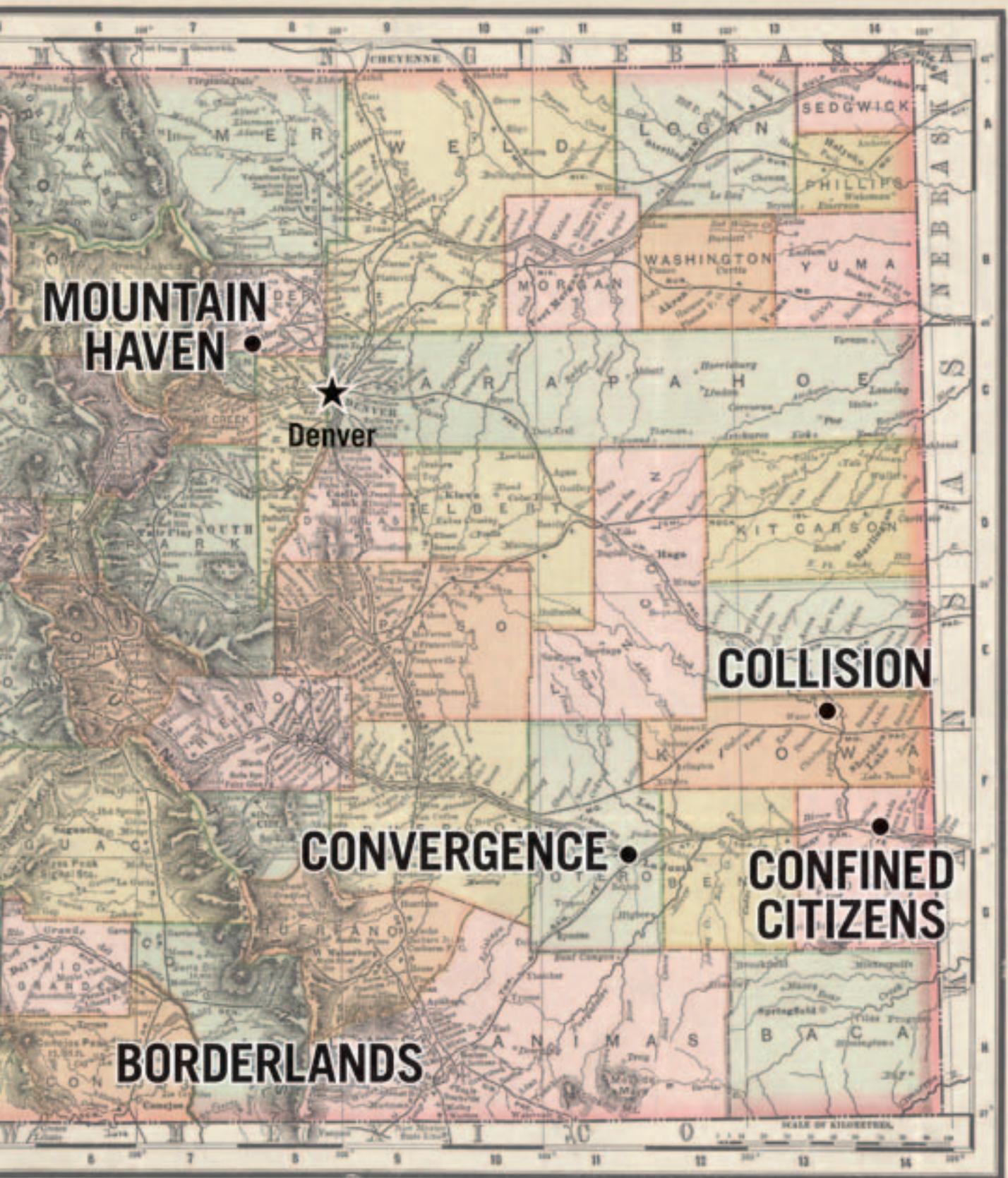
Today, Keota and the nearby Pawnee Buttes are within the protected Pawnee National Grassland. Courtesy Steve Grinstead.

Colorado Stories

Like the state's soaring mountains and sweeping plains, like its rugged canyons and plateaus, the stories of Colorado's people cover a range of experiences. Coloradans are explorers and innovators, dreamers and survivors. We've triumphed, and at times we've failed. We've overcome adversity and built lasting communities in every part of the state.

The *Colorado Stories* exhibit highlights the experiences of eight Colorado communities, covering a spectrum of time, place, activities, and perspectives. Visitors learn mining skills from a veteran silver miner, trade buffalo robes at an 1840s trading post, negotiate with Comanche leaders, and test their mettle on a pioneer ski jump. *Colorado Stories* demonstrates the diversity of Coloradans' experiences in time and space. Taken together, these stories show the courage, skill, persistence, and interdependence that all Coloradans share.





MOUNTAIN HAVEN

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COLLISION

CONVERGENCE

CONFINED CITIZENS

BORDERLANDS

Courtesy Lexie Foster



Lt. James Abert sketched Bent's Fort in 1845.

CONVERGENCE | *Bent's Fort*

Long before Colorado statehood, people converged from around the world, speaking dozens of languages, to peacefully trade goods from Asia, Africa, Europe, and the Americas at Bent's Fort. Weary Santa Fe Trail travelers cheered when they saw the adobe "Castle on the Plains"—a marketplace like no other. Perched on the U.S.–Mexico border and within the homelands of eight American Indian tribes, the trading post was the busiest place between Missouri and New Mexico. People came to sell furs, buy supplies, get directions, or simply break the monotony of prairie travel.

At Bent's Fort, boxes of European goods lay side by side with Mexican silver, Brazilian coffee, hides from the Cheyennes, Asian spices, New England textiles, and southern tobacco. Furs, blankets, jewelry, and other western treasures ended up in St. Louis, New York, Mexico City, Paris, and points beyond. The post stood hundreds of miles from the nearest town—but in its day, it was the center of everything.

Dragoon uniform button, circa 1848. Dragoons were mounted infantry soldiers, later known as cavalry. At the outset of the Mexican-American War in 1846, General Stephen H. Kearny was given command of the Army of the West and sent to chart a route from Fort Leavenworth to California. Kearny and his men stopped at Bent's Fort, so the button may date from that time. Courtesy Bent's Old Fort National Historic Site. 12974



In the 1960s, archaeologists uncovered thousands of artifacts from the trading post's heyday.



Staffordshire cup, Cunard Line Gentlemen's Cabin pattern. 3409

Blue glass seed beads from Venice, circa 1845. 10878

Writing-slate fragment with drawing of leg and fringed buckskin pant, circa 1840

Wine bottle from Médoc region of Bordeaux, France, circa 1840. 2306

All artifacts courtesy Bent's Old Fort National Historic Site.

In an interactive computer game, visitors become an American military explorer, a mountain man, or a Latina employee at the fort. They explore the trading post and interact with a cast of historical figures like Kit Carson, Owl Woman, and John C. Frémont, exchanging goods and learning the fort's role in the transformation of the American West.



Illustrator Jeremy Mohler created the role-playing guides who lead visitors through the bustling rooms and corridors of Bent's Fort. Mohler started his career in the fantasy and science fiction genres, later focusing on history and folklore. He uses light, perspective, and detail to create complex narratives, blending realism and fantasy to present extraordinary characters and situations in a realistic way.

Below, from left: Trapper and guide Kit Carson; Bent's Fort co-founder Ceran St. Vrain; government expedition leader John C. Frémont; enslaved fort cook and kitchen supervisor Charlotte Green; William Bent and Owl Woman's son, George Bent; ill-fated New Mexican trader Antonio José Chávez; William Bent's Cheyenne wife, Owl Woman; and Southern Cheyenne chief Yellow Wolf.





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“I didn’t cross the border, the border crossed me.”

BORDERLANDS | *Southern Colorado*

Living between rival empires, Coloradans understood shifting borders. Colorado has long been the scene of shifting empires, where settlers could literally wake up under new leadership from day to day. Ute, Spanish, Comanche, French, Apache, Mexican, and American leaders redrew borders and redefined empires—leaving people a bewildering variety of languages, laws, and beliefs.

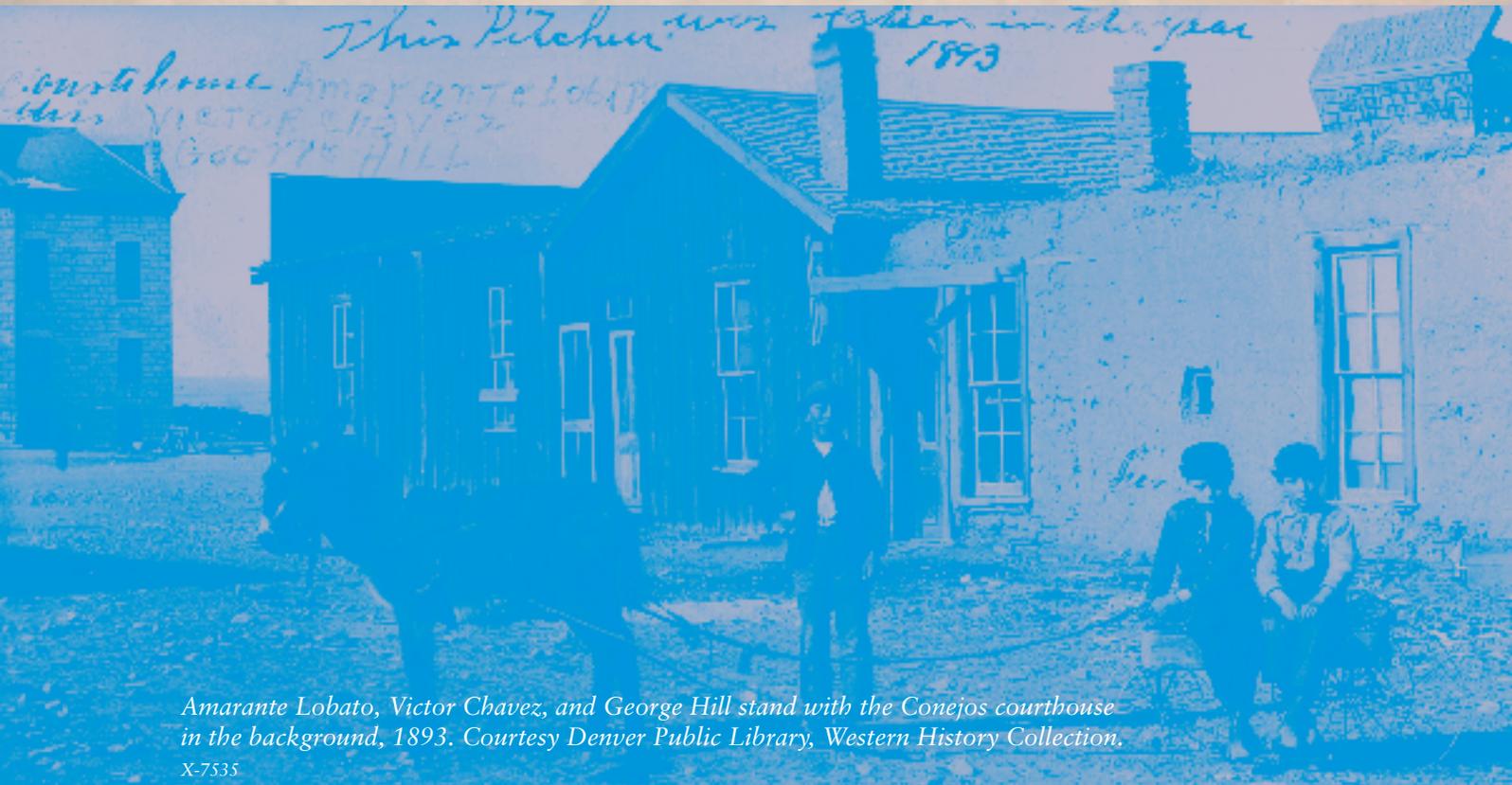


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The interactive Borderlands gallery introduces visitors to the kinds of decisions Spanish-speaking settlers in southern Colorado had to make in order to negotiate constantly shifting leaders, rules, and neighbors. In a game show-like setting, visitors encounter a progression of leaders—a Spanish governor, a Comanche chief, a Mexican governor, a Colorado governor, and a state judge. Each defines new laws and offers visitors choices about how they should live.



This 1845 map by Lieutenant J. W. Abert of Captain John C. Frémont's expedition into New Mexico and the southern Rocky Mountains shows much of the region as American Indian territory. Denver Public Library, Western History Collection.



Amarante Lobato, Victor Chavez, and George Hill stand with the Conejos courthouse in the background, 1893. Courtesy Denver Public Library, Western History Collection. X-7535

CONTENDERS AND DEFENDERS

Many people have found southern Colorado worth fighting for.

JICARILLA APACHES

The Jicarilla were one of the Apache bands who fanned out across present-day Colorado, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Kansas. They lived in a region hotly contested by the Comanches and Utes and needed allies such as the Spanish to maintain a stake here.



NEW SPAIN

The Spanish hoped to find gold and silver, as well as souls for religious conversion. But they never gained control over the region—the Native Americans were too strong. The Spanish feared the Indians would make friends with the French, who wanted to expand their Mississippi Valley empire. But that concern proved irrelevant—by 1750 the mighty Comanches had driven both France and Spain from Colorado.

THE COMANCHE NATION

The Comanches migrated to southern Colorado in the early 1700s and gained power through skillful trading, raiding, and diplomacy. These superior horsepeople controlled access to huge bison herds and were unstoppable warriors. They drove the Apaches away and humiliated Spain's colonial forces. Not until they fought the United States in the 1870s would they meet their military equal.





THE REPUBLIC OF MEXICO

Colorado's first permanent settlers came from Mexico, which separated from Spain in 1821. The young republic tried to defend its vulnerable northern frontier (including Colorado) by making huge land grants to wealthy citizens, who were urged to build settlements. But when the pioneers started arriving in the 1840s, they found themselves living in U.S. territory—the United States conquered northern Mexico in 1846. Migration continued anyway, establishing a lasting Hispano influence throughout southern Colorado.

COLORADO

More than a million Mexican immigrants came to the United States between 1910 and 1930. Nearly 60,000 came to Colorado, finding work in mines and beet fields. They also found prejudice and discrimination, which plagued U.S.-born Hispanos as well as immigrants. During the Great Depression, Colorado governor Edwin Johnson proposed to deport all Mexican immigrants from the state, even sending the National Guard to the southern border to turn away new arrivals.



TAYLOR RANCH

Mexican settlers built communities on the Sangre de Cristo land grant, including San Luis (1851), Colorado's oldest continuously inhabited town. In 1863 the communities gained water, timber, and grazing rights in the nearby mountains. In 1960, new landowner Jack Taylor closed the tract to traditional (mostly Hispano) users, sparking a new territorial dispute—the latest in the centuries-long struggle over southern Colorado.



MOUNTAIN HAVEN | *Lincoln Hills*

Coloradans love the outdoors. But African Americans were once barred from leisure opportunities most whites took for granted. Lincoln Hills was a Rocky Mountain haven where African Americans could hike, fish, and camp—and leave discrimination behind.

Opened in 1922 by black entrepreneurs from Denver's Five Points neighborhood, Lincoln Hills was an oasis in a segregated society—the biggest resort west of the Mississippi built by and for African Americans. People from across the country came to Lincoln Hills to camp, stay in Wink's Lodge, or buy a lot and build a cabin. Here amid the splendor of the Rockies, African Americans enjoyed the openness and freedom denied them almost everywhere else.



*Wink Hamlet and his brother, Clarence, pose with Wink's truck.
Photos courtesy Gary Jackson, Scott family photographs.*

Americans took to the road in the 1920s and '30s—but black travelers had trouble finding hotels and restaurants that would serve them. In 1936 the first *Negro Motorist Green Book* appeared, listing places that welcomed African American tourists. Lincoln Hills and its hotel, Wink's Lodge, ranked among the most popular black-friendly destinations in the country. Billed as “a national gathering place for the colored race during the summer months,” the resort played host to writer Langston Hughes, bandleader Count Basie, and other prominent African Americans.

Background photo courtesy Denver Public Library, Western History Collection



*Wink's sister
Alberta Hamlet
and a friend at
Lincoln Hills.*

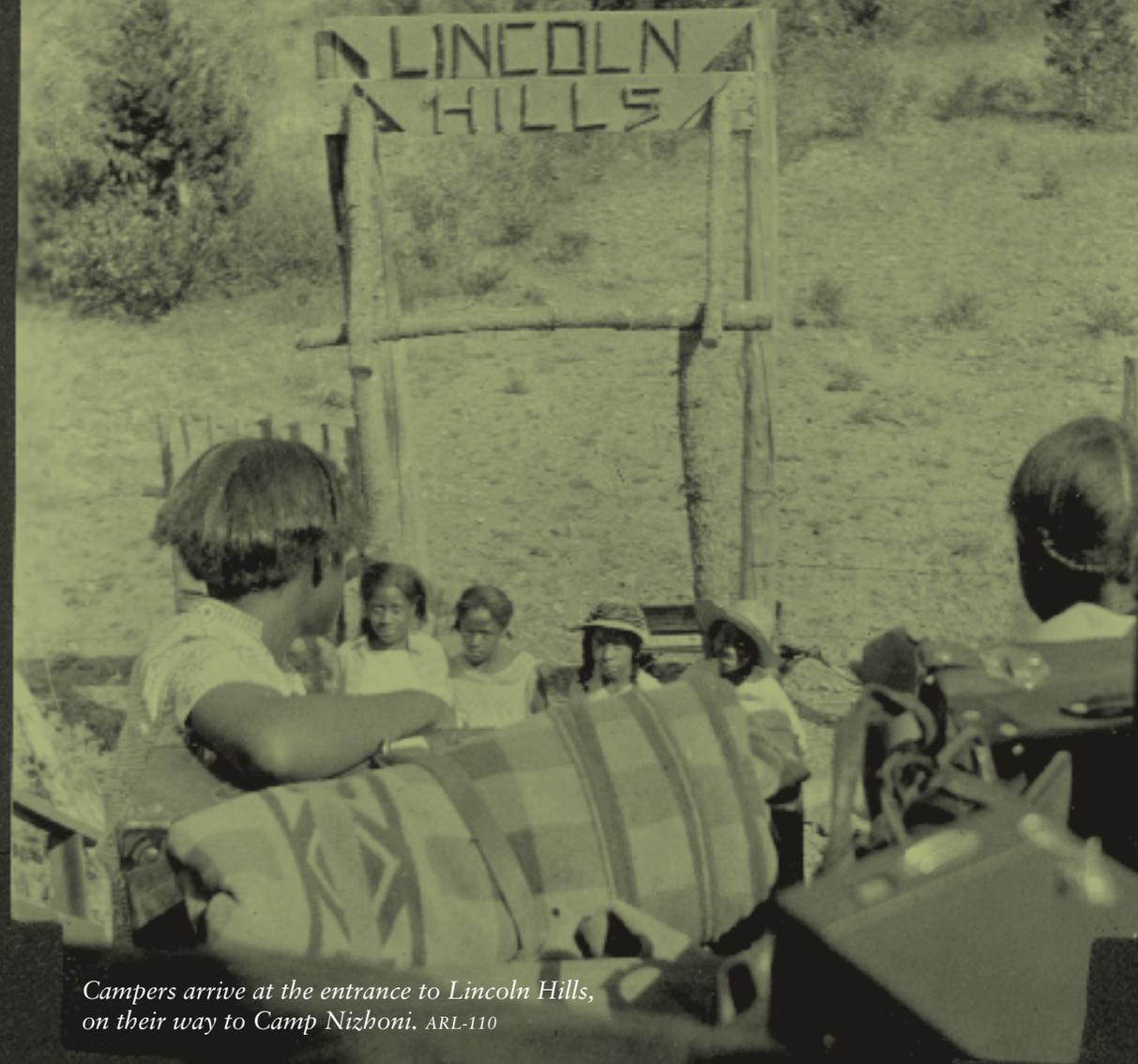
*“From the point of view of my grandparents and own parents,
this was a place of refuge, a shelter from harsh times. This
was a place they could freely go and enjoy mountain life
with family and friends.”*

—Gary M. Jackson, whose family has owned property at Lincoln Hills for three generations



Wendall “Wink” Hamlet built Wink’s Panorama.

Camp Nizhoni counselors Eleanor Smith, Mary E. Wood, and Eleanor Hawkins stand in South Boulder Creek, 1932. Photos courtesy Denver Public Library, Blair-Caldwell African American Research Library, Marie L. Greenwood. ARL-96



Campers arrive at the entrance to Lincoln Hills, on their way to Camp Nizhoni. ARL-110



Marie Greenwood (in cap and tie) and her friends from camp wait for the train, 1928. ARL-8

Marie Greenwood, the first tenured African American teacher in the Denver Public Schools, spent almost every summer between ages fourteen and thirty at Camp Nizhoni—a Lincoln Hills camp exclusively for African American girls—first as a camper and then as a nature counselor. “It was a place where we could hike, play games, swim, and learn about nature in an all-girl setting,” says Greenwood. “I loved every minute of Camp Nizhoni. I lived and breathed being outside.”



Campers wait by the camp truck, 1937. ARL-169



TOP OF THE WORLD | *Silverton*

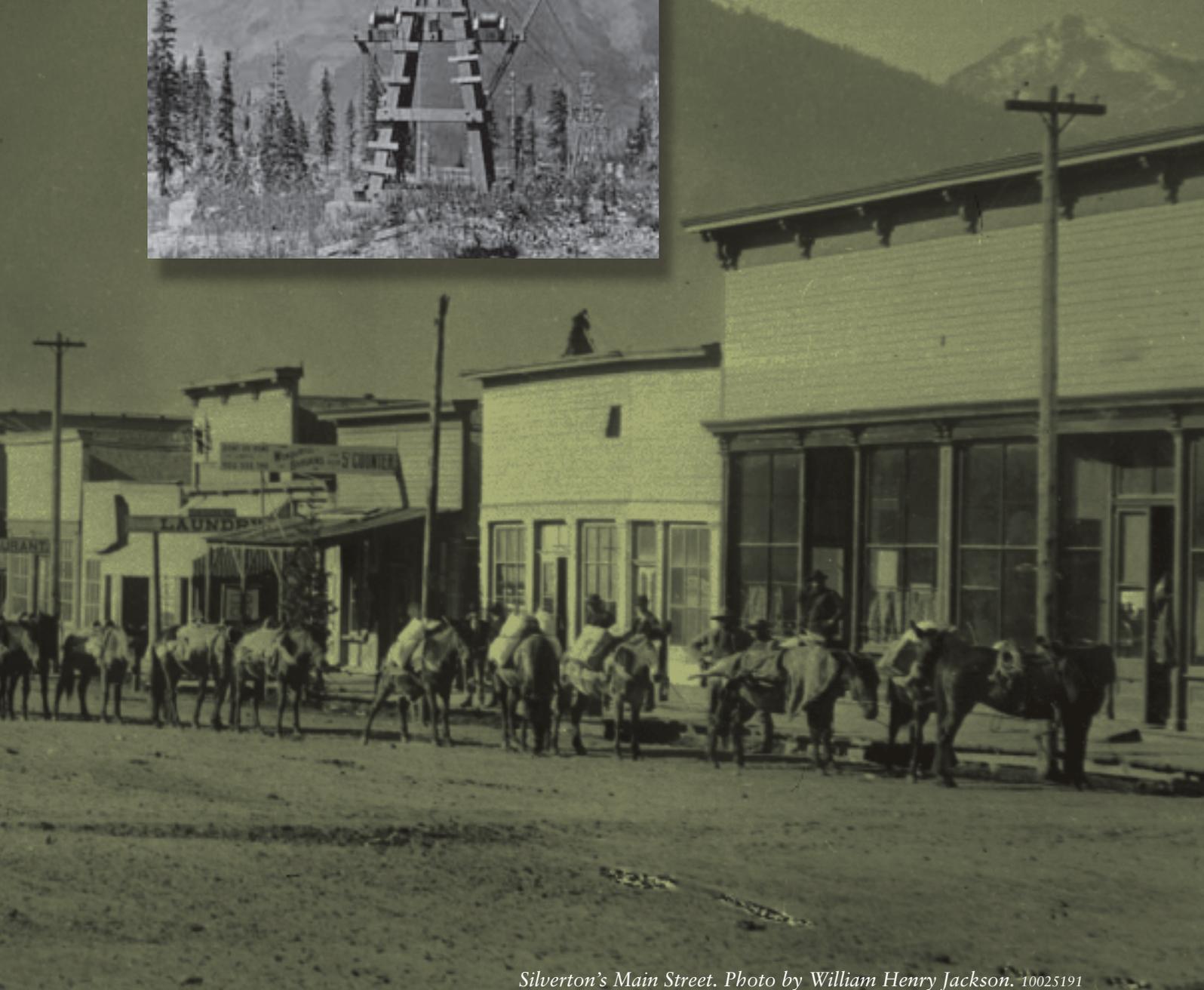
Silverton miners worked two miles above sea level and half a mile underground. The first miners used nothing but hand tools and muscle to wrestle ore out of the ground. Innovations like power drills, cable tramways, and electric lights gradually made the job easier—but never easy. Miners needed strength and endurance, but more than that they needed skill, judgment, specialized knowledge, and a knack for teamwork. This was dangerous, potentially deadly work.

A mine usually employed experts in engineering, geology, mechanics, and explosives, but the rank-and-file miner needed a general understanding of *all* those subjects. When a drill broke down, a cable snapped, a vein petered out, or anything else went wrong 3,000 feet underground, miners had to figure out how to keep the operation running—and do it safely.

Silverton's miners hailed from the eastern United States as well as Germany, Italy, Britain, Ireland, Greece, Mexico, Japan, and the Austro-Hungarian Empire.



Trams gave miners a one-way ride up the mountain. Rocked by winds, the free-swinging buckets soared hundreds of feet above forests and boulder fields. "If those buckets had another bottom," recalled one veteran, "I would've crawled right under."
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Silverton's Main Street. Photo by William Henry Jackson. 10025191



Miner Tom May and January stand in a mine tunnel in Silver Plume, between 1875 and 1890. Courtesy Denver Public Library, Western History Collection. X-17659

My sweetheart's a mule in the mine.

I drive her all day without lines.

On the car front I sit

And tobacco I spit

All over my sweetheart's behind.

—Traditional drinking song

Being a miner in the 1880s was hard. Being a mine *mule* was harder. Mules spent their entire lives hauling ore, sometimes never seeing the light of day. They were stubborn—miners steered clear of an angry one's back feet—but they were *smart*; they warned the men if something wasn't right. Miners loved their best mules. And never stopped cussing the other ones.

TOMMYKNOCKERS!

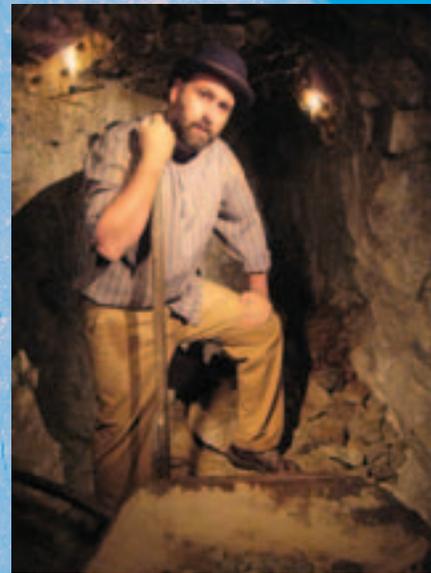
Hearing the odd “tinking” sound, some miners claimed it was a “Tommyknocker”—the spirit of a miner who'd died in an accident. Tommyknockers came to America with Cornish miners, they said.

Though they played harmless pranks—stealing lunches, hiding tools—mostly the Tommyknockers warned the men of impending danger.

No tool helped miners as much as dynamite—and none was as deadly. Invented by Alfred Nobel in 1868 and introduced to mines soon after, dynamite was a big improvement over earlier blasting methods. It packed more force than blasting powder and was more stable than nitroglycerine. Miners could shape it, vigorously tamp it, even expose it to flame without fear of accident—or so the ads claimed. But accidents did happen, especially among experienced miners with their casual attitude toward danger. They'd thaw frozen sticks of dynamite by putting them over candles, in an oven, or near an open fire. If a miner got careless, the results could be unpleasant.

A gold rush prospector, 1859.

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Actor Warren Sherrill portrays a miner who leads visitors through the Silverton exhibit via video loop. Of course, what appears to be a miner could in fact be a Tommyknocker...



Miners relied on tools like these to do their jobs. At the end of their shift, they packed explosives into newly drilled holes and blasted out the ore. Hendrie & Boltoff of Denver sold a dynamite powder thawer, which kept the nitroglycerin in dynamite above its freezing point of 55° F—at which point it becomes unstable. From left:

dynamite thawer, candle crate, blasting machine.

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COLLISION | *Sand Creek Massacre*

On November 29, 1864, Cheyennes and Arapahos camped in southeastern Colorado Territory awoke to the sound of pounding hoofs. Some thought it was a bison herd before noticing the horses and blue cavalry uniforms. Screams and gunfire woke the rest of the village to a nightmare.

The attack caught Black Kettle, White Antelope, and other chiefs by surprise. Tribal leaders had met with Governor John Evans and Colonel John M. Chivington near Denver. In general, the tribes had tolerated gold seekers, traders, and settlers. But the construction of roads, forts, and towns disrupted their way of life. Many chiefs tried to avert war through councils with territorial officials and the U.S. military. After asking Evans for peace, they were told to report to Fort Lyon, an army post. Confident that they were under government protection, they camped on Sand Creek within a reservation assigned to them by the Treaty of Fort Wise.

Ignoring the peace negotiations, U.S. cavalry volunteers commanded by Chivington rode into the encampment, killing more than 150 women, children, and men. Black Kettle could not stop the carnage or the mutilation that followed.



For Colorado's plains tribes, the path of peace ended at Sand Creek. Cheyenne Dog Soldiers, a warrior society, led retaliations across a hundred-mile front along the South Platte River, cutting travel and trade for weeks. The war ended with the Dog Soldiers' defeat at Summit Springs in 1869.



Robert Lindneux painted this interpretation of the massacre in 1936. Chief Black Kettle flew an American flag as a peace symbol, with a white flag representing surrender underneath. Lindneux makes the flags a centerpiece of his painting. 10025804

“We have come with our eyes shut, like coming through the fire. All we ask is that we may have peace with the whites. We want to hold you by the hand.”

—Black Kettle



“I saw women and children screaming at sight of the troops. I saw that Black Kettle had a large American flag tied to the end of a long lodgepole. He was standing in front of his lodge, holding the pole, with the flag fluttering ... Then the troops opened fire.”

—George Bent

A photographer made this portrait of the Camp Weld Council near Denver, just two months before the massacre. Standing (from left): 1. unidentified, 2. unidentified, 3. John S. Smith, interpreter, 4. White Wolf (?), 5. Bosse (Cheyenne), 6. Dexter D. Colley, 7. unidentified. Seated (from left): 1. Neva (Arapaho), 2. Bull Bear (Cheyenne), 3. Black Kettle (Cheyenne), 4. One Eye (Cheyenne), 5. unidentified. Kneeling (from left): 1. Major Edward W. Wynkoop, 2. Captain Silas Soule. Courtesy Denver Public Library, Western History Collection. X-32079

“They then declared their intention to massacre the friendly Indians camped on Sand Creek ... I told them that I would not take part.”

—Captain Silas Soule



Captain Silas Soule refused to participate in the Sand Creek Massacre. He testified against Chivington and was killed soon after, probably by Chivington supporters.

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“My great-grandmother [White Buffalo Woman] always slept with her moccasins on because there could be another massacre and she’d have to run.”

—Henrietta Mann



Participants at the Annual Sand Creek Spiritual Healing Run

In November 1999, members of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe, the Northern Arapaho Tribe, and the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma honored victims and survivors by running from the massacre site to Denver, a distance of 180 miles. Today, the Sand Creek Massacre Spiritual Healing Run is an annual event open to all. The run brings tribal members and present-day Coloradans together to understand the tragedy and reclaim the past.



RESILIENCE | *The Utes*

Ute men, date unknown. 10039963

“We don’t have a migration myth because we have always been here.”

—Attributed to Alden B. Naranjo, Southern Ute elder

The Utes have lived in Colorado longer than anyone else. They were here before Spanish explorers arrived in about 1600, and by 1850 the Utes’ homeland stretched from Utah to the plains. Seven Ute bands shared this domain, each with its own territory and leaders.

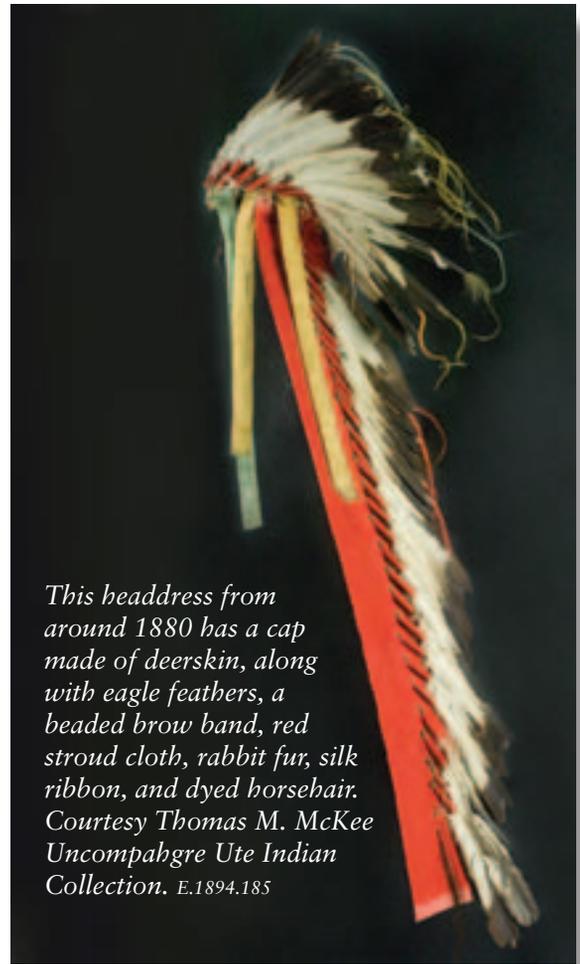
Two federally recognized Ute tribes live in Colorado today, with a third in Utah. The tribes’ leaders make some decisions collaboratively through the Tri-Ute Council, whose motto is: “Seven bands, three tribes, one people.”

“As I weave I remember: Each strand and color contributes to make the whole pattern, the whole pouch. Each unique person contributes to make the whole community, the whole family.”

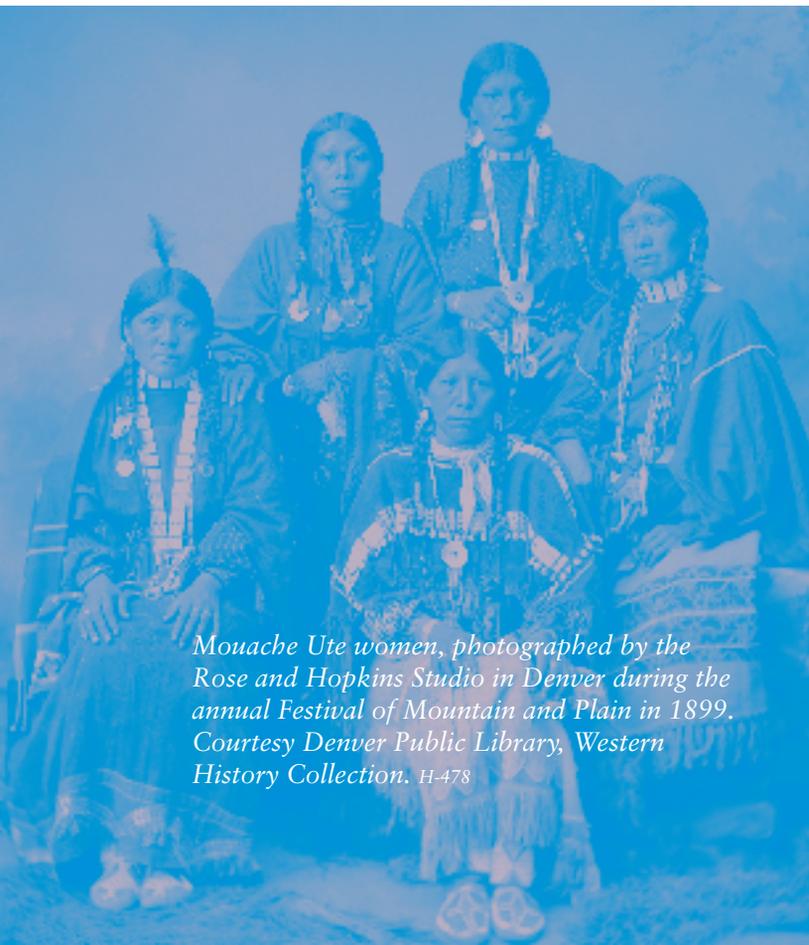
—Suzan Craig, Anasazi Heritage Center, 2002



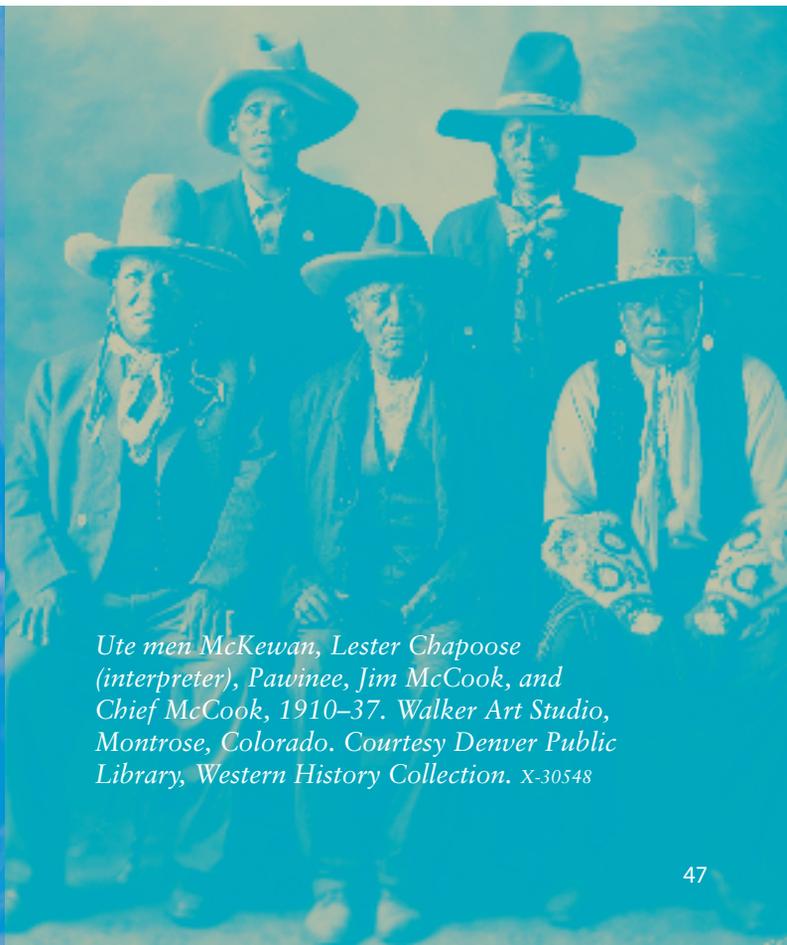
These Ute moccasins from around 1900 are made of hide, glass beads, calico, tin, and dyed feathers. Courtesy Charles Stewart Stobie. E.1449.1



This headdress from around 1880 has a cap made of deerskin, along with eagle feathers, a beaded brow band, red stroud cloth, rabbit fur, silk ribbon, and dyed horsehair. Courtesy Thomas M. McKee Uncompahgre Ute Indian Collection. E.1894.185



Mouache Ute women, photographed by the Rose and Hopkins Studio in Denver during the annual Festival of Mountain and Plain in 1899. Courtesy Denver Public Library, Western History Collection. H-478



Ute men McKewan, Lester Chapoose (interpreter), Pawinee, Jim McCook, and Chief McCook, 1910–37. Walker Art Studio, Montrose, Colorado. Courtesy Denver Public Library, Western History Collection. X-30548

Since time immemorial, Ute people have faced challenges and made the decisions that keep themselves true to their identity. Ute tribes are the original Coloradans, maintaining strong values of family, leadership, culture, and sustainability.

The Bear Dance is a central Ute tradition. The Utes have held the annual Bear Dance for at least five centuries, maybe longer. Traditionally, the bear's awakening from hibernation signaled the end of winter and the start of a new season of growth. Likewise, the Bear Dance brings friends and family together to celebrate the arrival of spring.

“Native Americans do not forget where they came from. What direction they’re going, and who they’re going to answer to.”

—Clifford Duncan (Uintah–Ouray Ute), 2009



Women choose their Bear Dance partner, as in this 2011 Southern Ute dance in Ignacio, Colorado. Credit Jeremy Wade Shockley/The Southern Ute Drum.



A young dancer performs at the Ute Indian Museum in Montrose, Colorado.

MAKING IT LAST

Ute people have always used resources sustainably.

The Utes have an intimate relationship with the land. Over many generations they gained a deep knowledge of Colorado's plants and animals—where to find them, how to use them, and how to sustain them for future generations.

The Utes moved constantly, allowing the land to replenish itself. Their footpaths extended all over Colorado; some are now part of our highway system.

While today's reservations cover a mere fraction of the Utes' homeland, tribal members are still blazing new trails in education, law, economic and energy development, and cultural heritage.



The Solix BioSystems Coyote Gulch algae cultivation demonstration plant on the Southern Ute Reservation in southwestern Colorado is developing sustainable, algae-based biofuel. Courtesy Solix BioSystems.



CONFINED CITIZENS | *The Amache-Granada Relocation Center*

At its peak, the Granada Relocation Center (known as Amache) housed 7,318 people of Japanese ancestry—two-thirds of them American citizens. They were among over 110,000 Japanese Americans displaced from the West Coast and confined to ten internment camps nationwide, as a “security measure” in the wake of Pearl Harbor.

Despite the prisonlike conditions at Amache, most of these Americans stayed true to the spirit of “life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.” They elected a town council, set up schools and churches, and opened grocery stores, barber shops, a hospital, and other businesses—trying, even here, to build better futures for themselves and their children.

Before being shipped to Amache, Japanese Americans had to sell homes, farms, and businesses they’d owned their whole lives. One businessman, forced to sell in haste, got just \$5,000 for a company worth more than \$100,000. That was a typical case.

They arrived at Amache with their lives crammed into two suitcases. Most bulged with photos, keepsakes, and clothing. Some residents brought sewing kits or cookware; others packed typewriters or musical instruments. But no amount of material comfort could outweigh the shame, anger, and fear that Amache’s residents carried.



This photo of Amache’s barracks was probably taken from the water tower.



Color photos courtesy Amache Preservation Society

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Hundreds of men from Amache joined the U.S. military, serving with distinction in World War II.

Can we the graduating class of Amache Senior High School, still believe that America means freedom, equality, security, and justice? Do I believe this? Do my classmates believe this? Yes, with all our hearts, because in that faith, in that hope, is my future, our future, and the world's future.

—Marion Konishi, Amache Senior High valedictorian, June 1943



Amache residents gather their belongings, probably preparing to leave the camp.



Amache internees worked for farmers in the neighboring town of Granada.

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“In spite of the strong camaraderie we came to know over the long and trying years, and the many fond memories we hold so dear, it shall be ever so difficult to revisit these grounds.”

—Written on a memorial left by internees after Amache closed on October 15, 1945



CREATING BEAUTY, AFFIRMING LIFE

Despite the loss of property and independence, Amache residents kept their humanity—and expressed it courageously in the art of *gaman*. Created largely by untrained artists using makeshift tools and whatever materials they could find, this artwork takes its name from a Japanese word that means, roughly, “to bear the unbearable with patience and dignity.”

The art of *gaman* helped residents make sense of their experience—and affirmed their hope that better days lay ahead.



A family at Amache. 10038890

Color photos courtesy Amache Preservation Society



Cottonwood carving by an Amache internee.



Workers in Amache's silkscreen shop produced posters for the U.S. Navy, as well as artistic prints for their own pleasure.

JUMPING FOR JOY | *Steamboat Springs*



*“If at first you don’t succeed,
then ski jumping probably
isn’t for you.”*

—A Steamboat Springs motto

An early ski jumper at Steamboat. 87.42.896

Colorado’s first known ski race happened in February 1881, with prizes awarded to those who fell down the fewest times. Although the contests did relieve winter boredom, skiing wasn’t a sport in those days. It was a form of transportation—the best (sometimes *only*) way for mountain residents to get from place to place. Everyone from loggers and miners to mailmen and clergymen relied on these heavy wooden “snow shoes.” At eleven feet long, early skis were pretty clumsy. But high-country travelers were happy to have them.

Until Carl Howelsen came along, Coloradans never considered the mountains a winter playground. But the Norwegian ski-jumping champ who moved to Steamboat Springs in 1914 brought an infectious love of snow sports. He built a ski jump above town and began teaching locals to soar—and to do it with a joyful, daring spirit. Howelsen started a skiing craze in this modest ranching and mining town, sowing the seeds of one of Colorado’s biggest industries—and one of the world’s greatest ski cultures.



Carl Howelsen stands beside his first Winter Carnival ski jump on Woodchuck Hill, 1914. Courtesy Tread of Pioneers Museum, Steamboat Springs. 2245

“I would rather take poison!”

—Future U.S. ski champion Anders Haugen,
when he first saw Carl Howelsen’s ramp
above Steamboat Springs



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Left: Howelsen Hill’s first lift consisted of two ten-passenger sleds pulled by an electric winch. The boat tow served skiers from 1937 until 1970. Courtesy Tread of Pioneers Museum, Steamboat Springs. 2233

Right: No Winter Carnival attraction shines more brightly than Steamboat’s legendary Lighted Man. Claudius Banks launched the tradition in 1939, skiing down Howelsen Hill at night with almost a hundred pounds of Christmas tree lights, wiring, wet cell batteries, and helmet-mounted Roman candles strapped to his body. Banks’s son Jon carried the tradition into the twenty-first century, aglow with LED lights, fireworks, high-voltage batteries, and a fireproof ski suit (shown here).



STEAMBOAT'S OLYMPIC TRADITION

“In the past, we have taken pride in the crack shot, the champion rider, the roper, and the all-around horseman,” wrote one of Carl Howelsen’s early students. “But now we are developing another kind of athlete, the boy on skis.”

Kids flocked to Howelsen’s after-school classes, and the Steamboat Springs Winter Sports Club (founded in 1914) carried on his teaching tradition. The club has passed Howelsen’s technique and style down through the generations: Steamboat has produced more winter Olympic competitors than any other U.S. community.

If he were still alive in 2010, Carl Howelsen would have been very proud of Johnny Spillane. The Steamboat Springs native became America’s first Olympic medalist in Howelsen’s favorite event, Nordic Combined (which pairs cross-country racing with ski jumping). Spillane grew up just blocks from Howelsen Hill and learned to jump with Steamboat’s Winter Sports Club. Nearly a century after Howelsen started teaching Steamboat to ski, Johnny Spillane moved to the head of the class.



Steamboat's early legacy of fearless daredevils led to a now longstanding tradition of Olympic-caliber athletes.

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Johnny Spillane was the first American to win an Olympic medal in the Nordic Combined event at the 2010 Olympics in Vancouver. Courtesy AP/Allesandro Trovati.



Skier Todd Lodwick—a Steamboat native—celebrates twin Nordic Combined gold medals at the 2009 World Cup in Liberec, Czech Republic. Courtesy AFP/Getty Images.

Research and Programs at the History Colorado Center

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

History Colorado fosters civic engagement with educational and family programs, including history camps and field trips for young people. A popular lecture series offers stories about people and events presented by acclaimed historians and authors. Tours & Treks take participants on guided trips into the past with adventures across the state, from hour-long walks to overnight expeditions. History Colorado also partners with universities, libraries, and other leading educational institutions to provide professional development opportunities for history and social studies educators.

STEPHEN H. HART LIBRARY AND RESEARCH CENTER

The Stephen H. Hart Library brings the rich documentary legacy of Colorado's past to researchers here and around the world. Our vast holdings include the largest newspaper collection in the state; 30,000 books, many held only by History Colorado; manuscript and document collections; thousands of maps; more than 750,000 photographs and 250,000 negatives; magazines and journals; and our own publications—*The Colorado Magazine* (1923–80), *Colorado Heritage* (1981–today), and book titles dating back to 1923.





“Volunteering for History Colorado’s library, I had daily contact with the books and manuscripts that led a direct path to the story of Colorado. When plans for this new center were formed, it was so important to me to know that those materials would be housed in a state-of-the-art storage facility, and that’s exactly what’s happening.”

—Janis Falkenberg, contributor to the *Make History Colorado!* campaign

OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND STATE HISTORICAL FUND

The History Colorado Center is home to preservation services that enrich every Colorado county.

The Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation creatively engages Coloradans and their guests in partnerships to discover, preserve, and take pride in our architectural, archaeological, and other historic places by providing statewide leadership and support to partners in archaeology and historic preservation. OAHP facilitates such programs as the National and State Registers of Historic Places, the Office of the State Archaeologist, and the Program for Avocational Archaeological Certification.

The State Historical Fund—one of the nation’s largest state historic preservation grant programs—supports projects in all corners of Colorado. Every year, the program receives a portion of state tax revenues generated by limited-stakes gaming in the towns of Black Hawk, Central City, and Cripple Creek. SHF redistributes these funds to public and nonprofit organizations for the preservation and interpretation of Colorado’s architectural and archaeological treasures. To date, SHF has given 3,756 grants totaling more than \$243 million.



“Richard and I have been members for over twenty years, and we’re excited about the new History Colorado Center. This is more than a new building—it’s a way to create new learning opportunities to share across the state. As newspaper people, our business is as much about education as journalism. We’re pleased to have our names associated with a classroom.”

—Mary Lyn and Richard G. Ballantine, contributors to the *Make History Colorado!* campaign and classroom sponsors

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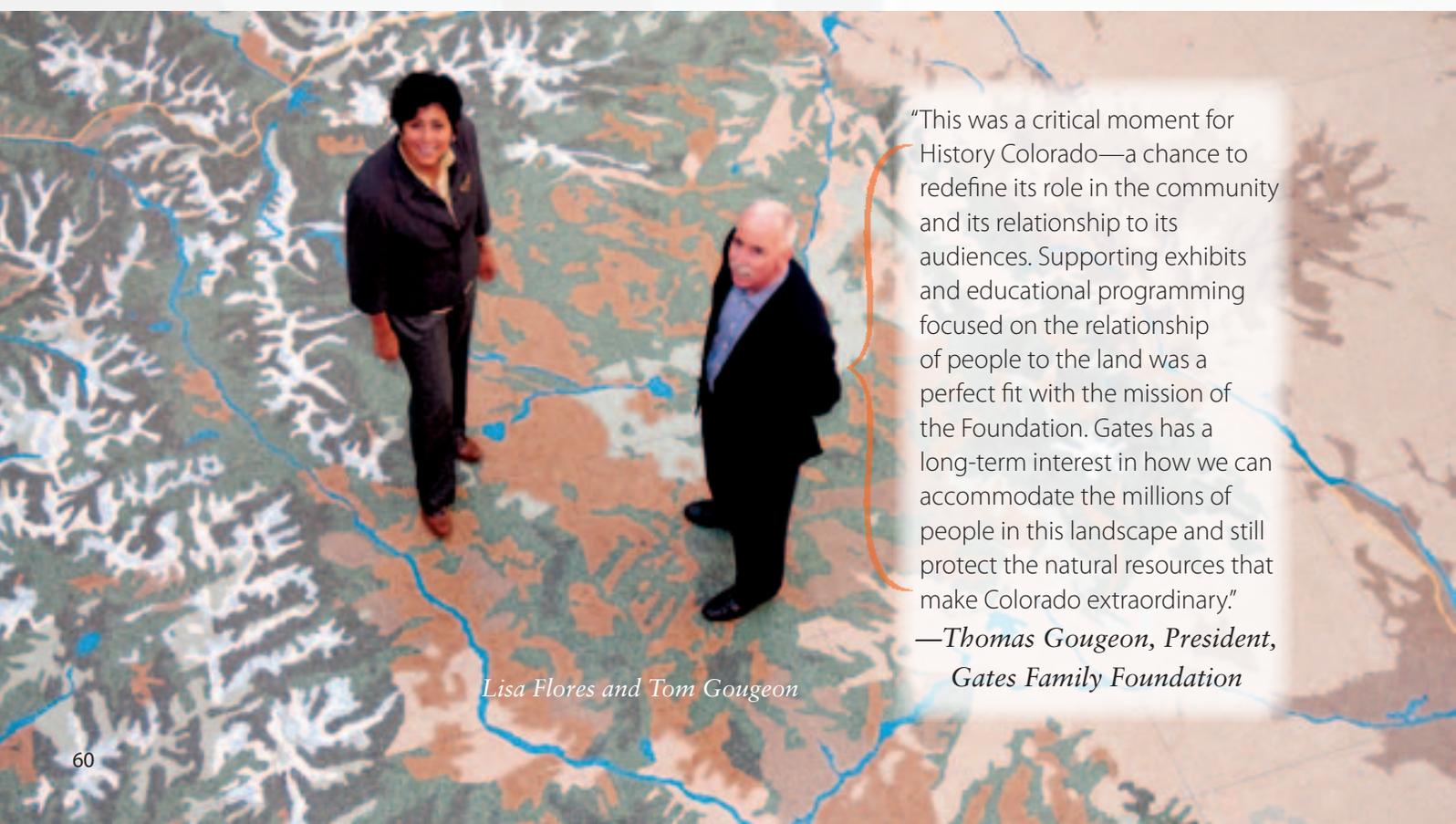
Realizing a vision for the History Colorado Center involved many partners, none more essential than the foundations, corporations, and private citizens who donated so generously.

“Early in the project, **The Anschutz Foundation** endorsed our plan and recognized the effect a gift given at that time would have on our fundraising campaign,” says Edward C. Nichols, History Colorado President and CEO. “Their early and significant support enabled us to move ahead immediately with the design of exhibits and to approach with credibility other organizations who know the entrepreneurial and authentic effort needed to earn their support.”

As we prepared to open our doors, we asked other visionary donors to share their thoughts about the project. To them, and to all those who helped shape the vision of History Colorado, we offer our deepest thanks.

“The Boettcher Foundation is very excited about the vision for the future that the History Colorado Center represents. As a major addition to the cultural landscape, the History Colorado Center will make Colorado’s history more accessible and relevant to our young people. So many of our youth believe history has nothing to offer them, but this center will convince them that these are *their* stories, that they are a part of the continuum of Colorado’s narrative.”

—*Timothy W. Schultz, President and Executive Director, Boettcher Foundation*



“This was a critical moment for History Colorado—a chance to redefine its role in the community and its relationship to its audiences. Supporting exhibits and educational programming focused on the relationship of people to the land was a perfect fit with the mission of the Foundation. Gates has a long-term interest in how we can accommodate the millions of people in this landscape and still protect the natural resources that make Colorado extraordinary.”

—*Thomas Gougeon, President, Gates Family Foundation*

Lisa Flores and Tom Gougeon

"History Colorado aspired to become so much more than the former museum could house. We love the use of technology, the interactivity, and the sheer beauty of the building. We're more pleased than ever with our decision to sponsor the Grand Stairway. We look forward to seeing the building full of visitors and introducing a new generation of learners to Colorado's past!"

—*Doug Morton and Marilyn Brown*



"With such a long, varied, and colorful history, Colorado deserves a center capable of representing that past. The partnerships that formed around this new vision are a tribute to the state's entrepreneurial spirit. And this modern facility is a beautiful addition to Denver's cultural district. It will provide the foundation for History Colorado to build its statewide reach and be a resource for all the people of Colorado."

— *Jane and Fred Hamilton*

"When History Colorado asked us to be a part of this project, Dick and I didn't hesitate. Our family has a long history in this state, and we want to leave a legacy that encourages everyone to recognize and celebrate not just their own history, but our collective history. We love the idea of sponsoring the lobby Gathering Space. This building will be more than a museum—it's a community space, a place to celebrate major events, to bring your family together, and to learn! We love the way it looks and feels like Colorado. The colors, the materials, and the use of natural light speak volumes about this state."

—*Eddie Robinson*

"I remember the old State Museum on Fourteenth Avenue. Back then, it was our only opportunity to interact with the past. But how things have changed! This facility is really first class."

—*Dick Robinson*



“Colorado is where we raised our family, it’s where we built our businesses, and it’s the place we call home. That’s why we’re excited to be a part of the History Colorado Center; it’s an opportunity to share and celebrate everything that makes Colorado special. We look forward to experiencing the new museum, and to enjoying the opportunities it creates for History Colorado to bring the state’s stories to people everywhere.”

—*Lanny and Sharon Martin*



“Mr. Buell made Colorado his home for nearly 75 years and would have been honored to help create such a tribute to the history of Colorado—a history he had a hand in shaping, as evidenced by nearly 300 building projects across the state that bear his name as architect. It’s fitting that Buell’s name will be over the entrance, as if he is personally welcoming all who enter.

This opportunity to contribute to the History Colorado Center also reflects the current work of the foundation that Mr. Buell created 50 years ago. This project is helping to create opportunities to educate today’s children. Even the youngest are invited to engage and learn so that they are better able to succeed in school and in life, ultimately becoming tomorrow’s history makers. Igniting the potential in every child—that is the mission of our foundation—and we are proud to partner with History Colorado to do just that”

—*Susan J. Steele, Executive Director,
Temple Hoyne Buell Foundation*

“It’s such a rewarding process helping History Colorado determine what this facility needs to be and do. The management team toured other museums and did extensive research into what themes the people of Colorado find most relevant. This facility is such a great addition to the cultural landscape, and the new exhibits will take our ability to tell Colorado’s stories to a new level. I hope the entire state embraces the center and takes pride in it!”

—*Evan Anderman*



Make History Colorado! is the \$33 million campaign to fund exhibits, education programs, and capacity building infrastructure for the History Colorado Center and statewide education initiatives.

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