



Flowerbed at the Dillon Schoolhouse Historical Museum

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Summit Historical Society member David Garner attended the 2003 conference as a part of the Emerging Preservation Leaders Program awarded through Colorado Preservation Inc.

Emerging Preservation Leaders

Sessions at the 2003 National Trust for Historic Preservation Conference

By David Garner

The opening session for Emerging Preservation Leaders (EPL) featured the Honorable O. Roland McCook, Sr., who is a member of the Uncompahgre Band of the Ute Indian Tribe of Uintah and Ouray Reservation, Utah. He has many years of formal higher-education training, worked for the Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Indian Affairs, serves as a board member for the Ute Indian Museum in Montrose, Colorado, served as a board member of the University of Utah Museum of Natural History, and is currently a member of The Smithsonian Institution's Native American Repatriation Review Committee. This committee was established by Congress to monitor and review the repatriation (returning of items to the country of birth/

citizenship) process at the Smithsonian. In carrying out its duties, the committee is required to ensure fair and objective consideration of all relevant evidence upon request of any affected party, review any findings of cultural affiliation, and facilitate the resolution of any dispute between tribes concerning the repatriation of remains and objects.

The Closing Session for Emerging Preservation Leaders featured four speakers who presented glimpses into their fields of expertise. Jeffrey Harris was the last of the four closing speakers.

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New Fundraising Program

After being dormant for the past several months, the Society has brought the Fundraising Committee back to the front burner in an effort to capitalize upon (and support) the expanding programs outlined in the Letter from the President. This Committee was formed by Past President Barbara Yost and Treasurer Doug Yost in 2003 and was very successful in raising funds to support the Society's various programs.

Current President Rick Hague be-

gan the reorganization effort in January 2004 after a busy period of building and expanding Society programs. Current members are Louise and Jim Henderson, Ed Wahtera, Tom Wheeler, and Rick Hague, but this roster is likely to be expanded in the near future. Louise Henderson will chair the committee, while Jim Henderson will assume secretarial duties.

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Letter from the President

by Rick Hague, President

Come and visit us.
Participate.
Get on the bandwagon!

In the last issue of *Voices*, I outlined a vision designed to expand the Society's programs in scope and variety and to reach all parts of the Summit County community. This expansion effort involved developing a new monthly meeting program, expanding into new social groups within the county, building upon our museum program, and enhancing our program of lectures and other public outreach projects.

I am very pleased to report that these efforts have been very successful thus far and have completely met our expectations. Additionally, we have initiated several new ventures that were not contemplated at my last writing.

Both the Breckenridge Main Street Museum and Silverthorne Historical Museum are operating very successfully. In Silverthorn, we had over 800 visitors in 12 days in December and over 1500 in January, and over 2400 in February. The coffee shop in the museum was taken over by new operators who are now offering service from 6:30 AM to 6 PM including live acoustic guitar entertainment. Our artist coop partners are experiencing success in both art sales and

in offering a variety of art classes to the public.

The Breckenridge museum has won rave reviews for the quality of its exhibit and has hosted a large number of visitors (no count available at this writing). We are also in serious discussions with a group in Keystone about building a museum there and have been contacted (again) by Copper Mountain interests for a museum in that area. So lots of things are happening on the museum front.

We have now had monthly membership meetings in Breckenridge, Frisco, and Dillon with very interesting and relevant presentations about each town's local history by well-known and well-received personalities. We have gained a number of new members as a result of these programs and received excellent local media coverage. As is always true, we could wish for larger audiences but realize that this is a new program and will take some time and effort to "grow".

In the next several months, we will have meetings in Copper Mountain (Wheeler Junction), Keystone (our Montezuma/Keystone meeting had to be cancelled at the last minute in November), and in Silverthorne. These meetings occur in the last week of each month on different nights (to enable those with commitments on a specific night to attend at least some of our meetings).

We have also had our first two meetings of the new Summit County Community/Senior Center chapter. While small at this stage, the group has been very enthusiastic and is planning a "book club" format meeting for March with members reading and reporting upon a Summit County history book of their choice. The first two meetings covered organizational matters and scheduling as well as a talk by yours truly entitled *Getting Blasted by Candlelight – Or How the Early Miners Mined in Summit County*. The meetings will be held on the third Wednesday of each month at a variety of locations. Those interested in attending should contact Aleene Nyquist at 970-668-8585.

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Deadlines:

- Winter issue, December 1 Spring issue, March 1
- Summer issue, June 1 Autumn issue, September 1

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Letter from the President Continued

We have recently signed multi-year Letters of Agreement with the Town of Breckenridge that will govern our tour programs in the Town. We are offering a new tour this coming summer at the Town's Rotary Snowplow site; the site will have a "new" very old locomotive and tender in late spring 2004 that will be part of the tour. Long-time member Dr. Sandra Mather is developing the tour script as I write. We will also offer our "standard" tours in Breckenridge this summer and will receive sponsorship fees for some of these tours and will sell tickets for others.

In Dillon, we will offer not only our "standard" Schoolhouse tour but also two new tours – one in the Dillon Cemetery (we did a trial run last summer) and a new tour entitled *Dillon, Denver, and the Dam – the Story of the Dillon Dam*. Sandie Mather is also developing this script. We are considering the development of a Silverthorne tour as well – along the Town's new Blue River walking path.

A recent – and very unexpected – opportunity has resulted in our imminent (as of press time) entry into a partnership with the Saddle Rock Society (a Theobald family foundation that owns a number of historic properties in Breckenridge) and the Town of Breckenridge to assist them in planning, designing, developing, and operating the Barney Ford House Museum on Main Street. This site is arguably the most historic structure in Breckenridge. Saddle Rock will pay the Society for all of its services.

Perhaps the most gratifying feature of our efforts to date has been the very positive feedback we have gotten from all quarters. The Society is seen as being "on the move", active, expanding, becoming truly the "Summit" Historical Society. We have excellent relations (and frequent contact) with the Town Councils and Managers in Silverthorne, Dillon, Breckenridge, and Frisco. We are getting constant, positive feedback from the general public and frequent mention in the media.

In other words, folks, we're alive and on the move in Summit County. To this end, your Board of Directors has just

given approval for us to hire a part time Program Coordinator to be based in Dillon. This new position will mirror a similar program we have had in Breckenridge for a number of years and will be designed to recruit and train volunteers, develop programs, and expand our presence in the northern part of the county.

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New Fundraising Program

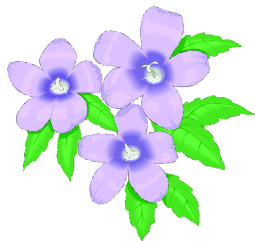
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The Committee has set a goal of raising \$50,000 in 2004. About \$40,000 of this goal will go to support a new Executive Director (ED) beginning in 2005, while the remaining \$10,000 will be set aside as a reserve for "lean times" and/or unexpected expenses. The Board intends to be extremely conservative in its approach to hiring a new ED, namely having a year's salary "in the bank" prior to each new year of the ED's tenure. Therefore, the ED salary will be a required and continuing goal each year for the Fundraising Committee.

Considering the recent expansion of the Society's programs and efforts, it has become increasingly apparent that an ED is essential for the Society. We hope that you can sense the life, the growth, and the forward momentum that your Society currently has. Please support us!

The Board and our Fundraising Committee appeal to you, our membership, for your continuing, renewed, or expanded support of the Society. If you donated \$100 last year, why not go for \$250 or \$500 this year and join our Patron or Historian classes of membership? Our honored "1859 Club" accepts a member starting at \$1,000. Why not become a Prospector, Silver Miner, or Gold Miner member of this group?

And you don't have to wait for your renewal date. Just send a check! It will be very gratefully accepted at any time of the year.



Calendar of Events

Exhibits



Main Street Museum


“A Child’s Life, Turn of the Century”
 10:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. every day
 111 South Main Street, Breckenridge
 Free Admission

Silverthorne Historical Museum

“Booze, Brothels and Baptism: Life and Leisure at 8,750 feet”
 Green Village, Factory Outlet Stores, Silverthorne.
 Free Admission

April

Thu 15 Board of Directors Meeting
 5:30 p.m. Dillon Schoolhouse,
 403 LaBonte Street.

Tue 20 Book and Adventure Club
 *Nineteenth Century Western Industrialists*
 7:00 p.m. Carter Museum,
 111 North Ridge Street, Breckenridge
 Facilitator: Jim McNaul
 Free to members and their guests


Wed 21 Frisco Senior Chapter Meeting
 3:00 p.m. , Free Admission
 For more information contact
 Arlene Nyquist at (970) 668-8585

Mon 26 Member Meeting
History of Keystone and Montezuma
 7:00 p.m.
 Members Free, Non-members \$5.00
 Call (970) 453-9022 for location

Tue 27 Volunteer Recruitment
 Carter Museum,
 111 North Ridge Street, Breckenridge
 Call (970) 453-9022 for time.



May

Tue 18 Book and Adventure Club
Frontier Medicine
 7:00 p.m. Carter Museum,
 111 North Ridge Street, Breckenridge
 Facilitator: Susan Donaldson
 Free to members and their guests

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 111 Main Street, Breckenridge

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History of Keystone
 7:00 p.m., Silverthorne Pavilion
 Members Free, Non-members \$5.00

Thu 27 Volunteer Recruitment
 Dillon Schoolhouse,
 403 LaBonte Street, Dillon
 Call (970) 453-9022 for time

Fri 29 Haunted Histories Program
 Milne Park, Harris Street,
 Breckenridge
 For more information
 call (970) 453-9022
 Reservations required

June

Wed 2 Volunteer Recruitment
 Carter Museum
 111 North Ridge Street, Breckenridge
 Call (970) 453-9022 for time

Sat 5 Edwin Carter Birthday Party
 A celebration of the famous naturalist
 with children’s activities and refresh-
 ments
 Carter Museum, 111 North
 Ridge Street, Breckenridge
 Free and open to the public.



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Wed 16 Frisco Senior Chapter Meeting

3:00 p.m. Free Admission
For more information contact
Arleene Nyquist at (970) 668-8585

Ed Wahtera, Rich Scovlin, Ann Rutledge, Patti Wahtera and Carleton Rutledge at last year's Boardinghouse Bash

Thu 17 Board of Directors Meeting

5:30 p.m. Silverthorne Museum in the
Factory Outlet Stores Green Village

Annual Boardinghouse Bash

At press time the date isn't finalized so watch your mail box for more information!

Dinner 6:30 p.m.
Historic Gold Pan Saloon
103 North Main Street, Breckenridge
Enjoy Cornish Pasties & frivolity
Admission price includes one alcoholic drink



Fri 18 Summer Tour Schedule begins

Summer Tour Guide Training

We want to help our volunteers give the best tours in Summit County. If you're leading tours this summer, don't miss this excellent opportunity to refresh your knowledge of Summit County history and polish your tour guide skills!

Rotary Snowplow Park Tour refresher	Rotary Snowplow Park, Breckenridge	June 8
Carter Museum & Breckenridge Walking Tour refresher	Carter Museum, Breckenridge	
Washington Mine Tour refresher	Washington Mine, Breckenridge	June 10
Lomax Gulch Placer Mine Tour refresher	Lomax Gulch site, Breckenridge	June 9
Dillon Schoolhouse Tour refresher	Dillon Schoolhouse	June 3
Dillon Cemetery Tour refresher	Dillon Cemetery	
Dillon, Denver and the Dam <i>new this year</i>	Town of Dillon picnic ground overlooking the lake	

Call (970) 453-9022 for details and directions to any of these sites.

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- Experience
- expand
- Help
- Contribute

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- Share
- Teach
- Smile

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Save your place in history.

Become a volunteer tour guide for the Summit Historical Society.

We can help you find the place where your skills and your interest in history will leave you with a sense of fulfillment few jobs can match!

VOLUNTEER!

Be a summer tour guide.

Call Karen Fischer
970-453-9022

The 2004 Summer Tour
Schedule begins June 18th.

Author David Garner has recently been appointed a commissioner of the Summit Historical Society. His work contributed to the success of the restoration of the Rice Barn in Summit Cove

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Jeffrey Harris is the coordinator of the African American Historic Places Initiative. His on-going task is to originate, categorize, maintain, and distribute to scholars a database of African American sites. He asked that we provide him with information on such sites within our area. Please forward information directly to him at: phone: 202.588.6027, fax: 202.588.6232, or email: free_harris@nthp.org.

Plenary Sessions

The Opening Plenary Session was held in the Paramount Theatre (designed by Temple Hoyne Buell, University of Illinois, my alma mater). It featured two inspiring speakers, Richard Florida and Dayton Duncan. Mr. Florida presented his theory on how preservation contributes to the revitalization of cities and leads to the rise of a thinking, mobile class. These theories can be found in his book *The Rise of the Creative Class*.

Dayton Duncan is the writer and producer of *Lewis & Clark: The Journey of the Corps of Discovery*. I found his thoughts and observations on the importance of the Louisiana Purchase and the Lewis & Clark expedition on their bicentennial humorous and enlightening.

The Closing Plenary Session was held at Red Rocks Amphitheater, possibly one of Denver's most unique attractions. The three featured speakers were: Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell, W. Richard West and Gale Norton.

Senator Ben Nighthorse Campbell has sponsored legislation aimed at addressing Indian health, education, and economics. W. Richard West, director of the National Museum of the American Indian, inspired us to think about the Native American past in new ways.

Gale Norton, director of the Department of the Interior shared her thoughts on how preservation and conservation can be successful when government involves the people who live and work on the land. Following her presentation, she

and Richard Moe, the president of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, signed a Memorandum of Understanding for the funding of the Western Center for Preservation Training and Technology.

The last National Trust for Historic Preservation conference I attended was in 1995 and although my career in historic preservation has taken a back seat to my recent endeavors in the high-country, I still find historic preservation drawing me back into the fold. Certainly, attending this conference has kindled my spirit for getting back into the sphere of historic preservation. I am excited about becoming more involved in historic preservation activities in the high-country of Colorado through a partnership with the Summit Historical Society.



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Volunteer Appreciation

By Rick Hague

As always, the life of our organization depends entirely upon the efforts of our great volunteer community. This past quarter was no exception. Although our programs generally slow down a bit in the winter, nevertheless we have had a wonderful outpouring of effort from a group of people who really care about the Society.

Many thanks go to **Linda Kay Peterson** who, in December, volunteered to take over many of the administrative duties in our Breckenridge office while Program Coordinator Karen Fischer was on maternity leave. Linda Kay was in the office at least three days per week sorting mail, handling telephone and email communications, and, in general, keeping us in operation. Many thanks, Linda Kay!

Louise and Jim Henderson continue their long-time support of the Society, most recently volunteering to continue on the Fundraising Committee (Louise is the Chair while Jim is the Secretary). Both are also very active in making the summer Summit Historicals vintage auto celebration happen and in looking after the Main Street Museum in Breckenridge. Louise manages the docent program, while Jim does much of the museum maintenance.

Mike Millisor and his **Grand Timber Lodge** organization have also been a godsend to the Society for the past two years. February marks our second anniversary with the Main Street Museum in Breckenridge. Grand Timber has donated the space rent- and utility-free to the Society and has won the gratitude of the local population and the Town of Breckenridge as the museum has enriched the lives and culture of residents and visitors alike.

Lee Harrison has joined Silverthorne Historical Museum creator **Nancy Fulton** in the docent program and in handling many of the tasks required to operate the museum 70 hours per week. Congratulations and thanks go out to both Lee and Nancy!



Last summer volunteer Directors and Commissioners met at Briggie House, then moved the planning meeting outdoors in Milne Park.

Regrettably, one of our long-time docents in the Carter and Main Street museums – **Dr. John Smith** – has left Summit County to begin a new life in the Grand Junction area. Dr. Smith – a historic figure and event all by himself – came to Breckenridge in the early 1960s and worked for years as a trusted, knowledgeable, reliable, and entertaining volunteer in many of our events and programs. Our sincere thanks and best wishes. You will be missed, Dr. John.

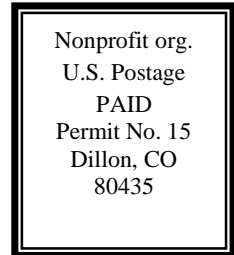
She isn't a volunteer but we would be dead in the water without her. **Karen Fischer** has been the spark plug that has made it all happen in Breckenridge. Karen and husband Jeremy have recently added our youngest member – baby Caroline on December 29. Karen will be back with us on March 1. Congratulations and many thanks for everything, Karen!

No Thank-You list would be complete without mentioning – again and for the umpteenth time – *Voices* editor and Immediate Past President **Barbara Yost**. Barbara's contributions cover the whole spectrum of our operation and program. Suffice it to say that we would all be a lot poorer without her presence.

Thank you all for everything you do that makes our organization a success!

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