

SALIDA MUSEUM ASSOCIATION

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Salida Museum

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Salida Museum Visitors

2011 Museum Attendance: The 2011 Museum season was successful in terms of quality and quantity. The total number of visitors to the Museum was 461. Salida visitors numbered 61; Chaffee County visitors numbered 129; Colorado visitors numbered 213; and out-of-state visitors totaled 243.

This summer we were fortunate to experience our first bus tours stopping at the Museum. Two buses from Albuquerque, NM, brought about 100 people on two separate occasions. We had a great time giving them a "special tour" of the exhibits and talking about regional history.

The Salida Museum is able to open its doors only because of the wonderful volunteers who manage the desk each day. This year they were Judith Kinzie, Eiece Dunn, Merriel Gooding, Ricarda Wolke, Bob Campbell, Larry Kovacic, and Ron & Janet Regenold. Thanks for your valuable time and effort.

President's Corner

Greetings, dear friends,

It's so nice to be back at the Salida Museum after a health-related leave of absence. This year has been an exciting year for the Salida Museum in various facets of our operation. The museum has acquired from the community several new items for display. We have, among other things, a beautiful horse hair parlor set consisting of a settee and two lovely arm chairs.



Our cherished and valued volunteers have been busy painting the small train behind the museum, refurbishing the teacherage at the Maysville school, and helping to raise funds for the replacement of the Maysville school roof. Our volunteers have also worked on exhibits at the museum, helped with group tours, and staffed the museum during the summer season.

Again this year in October, the second grade visited several sights of local historical significance. The Salida Museum and its volunteers are proud to be a part of this annual endeavor.

In the near future, the Salida Museum will be working on additional projects. The roof at the museum is in need of major repair. The fascia and soffit are in need of painting. The museum computer system has finally been upgraded, and now the recent computerizing of artifact records can continue unabated.

The Museum and volunteers and officers welcome new members to the museum at any time.

Sincerely,

Judy Micklich, President

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Salida Museum Website Grows

The Salida Museum Website, www.salidamuseum.org, is expanding as we continue to add information about the Museum exhibits and articles pertaining to local history. Depot Sam has joined the website staff; he drops by once in a while to “tell us a little about Salida and the surrounding area.” You can leave a Reply for Depot Sam if you have a specific question or comment. The History tab now includes articles about Wilbur Foshay, Wacky Colorado Laws, The Maysville School, The Salida Smokestack, and Painting the Engine. Thanks to our Webmaster Gail Brooks for her generous support with the Museum website.

Thanks also to the Salida Chamber of Commerce for assisting with our website and newsletter activities.

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Museum News

Museum Engine & Caboose Exhibit: The Engine and Caboose in Centennial Park behind the Museum have been in need of sprucing up for several years. Last summer a Southwest Conservation Corps youth group helped us paint the Caboose a stunning red with yellow and black trim. This summer we were able to paint the Engine and restore it’s historically accurate appearance with a black & silver motif. Thanks to Steve Ramsey at Sherwin-Williams Paint for donating the paint and supplies.

Smokestack: This summer Rose Matthews completed fieldwork on the Smelter Smokestack and sent us a digital copy of the historic structure report she wrote in connection with academic coursework at Savannah College of Art and Design. We are hoping that Rose’s work will lead to the initiation of a structural assessment with the eventual goal of site renovation for possible functional usage.

Maysville School: The Maysville School, built in 1882, continued to receive attention this year with the addition of a new roof. The water-tight roof will now enable the historical recreation of the interior with the restoration of several vintage items already in the school along with the addition of some items currently housed in the Museum. Thanks to Robin Rockney for managing the roof project from start to finish.

Country Story Nut/Bolt/Screw Parts Cabinet Donation: Bill and Bob Cook have loaned the Museum two parts bins that were originally used in the Bateman Hardware Store in Salida, and were last used in their Gambles Store. These rotating bins are octagonal in shape, made of wood, and have a total of 80 small parts drawers. The drawers are engraved with stencils depicting part names and sizes found within. Dating from the early 1900s, the cabinets are in remarkably good shape.

Interior Improvements: The Museum now has a new water heater thanks to Tom Marcello of Black Lab Mechanical. Tom agreed to replace our 35-year-old unit for the cost of materials only. In addition, we are planning some changes to the interior of the Museum this winter, including a semi-permanent wall enclosing the kitchen area and the rearrangement of a few displays.