

SALIDA MUSEUM ASSOCIATION

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Salida Museum

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Another Successful Year

2012 Museum Stats: The Salida Museum was able to open 5 days a week during the summer season because of a great crew of volunteers, and Bob Campbell opened the doors on Saturdays the rest of the year. We had 438 visitors for the 2012 calendar year ending October 1, including 99 people from Salida and 102 people from Chaffee County.

Thanks to the volunteers who enabled us to keep the Museum open during the summer season. Those volunteers include Judith Kinzie, Meriel Gooding, George DeRoos, Ron & Janet Regenold, John Skinner, and Bob Campbell.

The Salida Museum will remain open on Saturdays as long as Bob can find the time to man the desk. If we are able to open on any other days during the winter the schedule will be posted on our website, www.salidamuseum.org. We extend many thanks to Bob Campbell for his time and efforts.

From The President: "A Little Bit of History"

Jan. 2, 1914. Remodeling work on City Hall, 122 E Street, cost \$4000. Mayor Alexander, Marshal Ankle & Clerk Parker, to whom plans & specifications were entrusted, along with the balance of the council, approved them. Remodeling of City Hall is now complete, and all officials are occupying their new quarters. The council chamber, clerk's office & marshal's office are now on the ground floor, and for the first time in the history of the city, Salida has an acceptable city hall. The fire department also has ideal quarters. The new auto fire truck looks dignified in it's new room with cement floors, all as clean and orderly as new paint & paper can make it. Another improvement is the removal of the fire crew quarters to the second floor; lounge, bathroom & sleeping quarters give all the comforts of home.



The marshal's office in the rear of the council chamber connects directly with the jail. The clerk's office, being on the ground floor, is now easy access to the public, who will rejoice that they no longer need to climb stairs in order to pay water, rent, or conduct other business. The clerk's office is equipped with modern office fixtures. A modern filing cabinet adds to the convenience of the clerk. This is located in the vault, which has been finished with yellow pine and contains a number of pigeon holes & shelves for filing the valuable documents of the city. A bookkeepers desk, typewriters desk, roll top desk & stationary cabinet are all installed behind a panelled partition with windows through which the public can make known their wants. The marshal's office is also equipped with additional desk room. In case of any unusual disturbance in the city jail, by pressing a button, several men can be summoned from the fire department to help control the fractious prisoners.

The whole ground floor & firemen's quarters upstairs are provided with steam heat. This was not the original plan, but was a happy addition. In the jail this is especially true, where there may always be danger from fire. Hot & cold water are also provided for bath & wash basins. The actual cost of all these improvements has not yet been determined, but it is approximately \$4000; the new hall which some advocated, and such as the dignity of the city would require in a new structure, would cost something like \$25,000 & \$35,000. However, the present structure will no doubt answer the purpose of another ten years at least, when the city will probably be in a better condition to make the greater expenditure, and the present building can be utilized to good advantage for other purposes.

Judy Micklich, President

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Salida Museum Website News

The Salida Museum Website, www.salidamuseum.org, continues to expand it's selection of local lore and useful information, thanks to the efforts of Bob Campbell and Earle Kittleman. The History Tab gives you Wacky Colorado Laws. Under the Links Tab you will find links to other local museums, links to local adventure opportunities, and links to Things to Do in Salida. And of course there is all the usual information about schedules, activities, and ways to contact the Museum. Webmaster Gail Brooks continues to do a great job supporting the Museum website; and thanks also to the Salida Chamber of Commerce for assisting with our website and newsletter activities.

From the VP

Support the Salida Museum Association

- Donate to the Museum. Send a check to the address on the front page. Amount donated _____.
- Join the Salida Museum Association. Annual membership is \$10, lifetime membership is \$100.
- Volunteer for the Museum and help with ongoing projects. We will contact you.

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Hi friends of the Museum: It was a great summer for all of us at this 2012 season. Fun – Learning – Exploring. We had people from all over the world visit our little museum in the Upper Arkansas Valley. Just to mention a few, two young ladies came from England via Denver and Germany; one was visiting the other in the states and spent more than two hours in the museum. They listened to the stories and, looking at the artifacts, told us about their world and working in Germany. We also had a family from Texas that vacation here every year but had never stopped at the museum. They enjoyed a tour that lasted over 3 hours; boy was my voice tired. We also became a haven for many Colorado Springs families that were getting away from the smoke of the terrible fires in the Front Range. They all enjoyed their visits to the Museum. Many of the visitors this summer came to us through our website.

Colorado Philanthropy Days: In September I had the privilege to attend the Heart of Colorado Philanthropy Days at the SteamPlant here in Salida. This was the first year the museum has sent a representative in quite some time, and it was my first time doing such a thing. It was an overwhelming experience, but I learned a lot. I found out that we have several options as a museum association for obtaining grant funding, but we need the support of our town and the entire valley, and even friends at other museums that support efforts like ours.

We are proud of the museum and of all our members and volunteers; we appreciate their support and all they do for the museum

Thanks to all,
Bob Campbell

Food for Thought: “Real museums are places where Time is transformed into Space.” Orhan Parnuk. Treat yourself to a period of spatial timelessness by visiting the Salida Museum.