

# SALIDA MUSEUM ASSOCIATION

## NEWSLETTER

Serving the Salida Historic Area for Over 60 Years

Spring 2016

### **Salida Museum**

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**Museum Open House**  
**Saturday May 14, 2016**  
**11:00AM – 5:00PM**

**Free Admission**

**Historical Quilt Interpretive Lectures by Candy Droz**

**Fun and Educational Kids Programs by Andrea Coen**

**Sponsored by Sunrise Rotary**

### President's Corner

**Hello, all, and happy Spring.** *Vandalism. It seems to be a common theme at remote historic sites these days, and we at the museum are no exception. Since last fall we have been fighting a losing battle with vandals at the Smokestack. The damage includes tagging and destruction at the smokestack building and also at the adjacent building. In March, someone succeeded in pulling down a long run of chain link fence. Unfortunately, this means we are faced with a large and unexpected expense to repair the damage, and we need your help. If you can help financially please head to our website, [salidamuseum.org](http://salidamuseum.org), and make a donation to help with fence repair. You can also send a check to the Salida Museum Association. We are working with the Sheriff's office and are looking at several ways to discourage trespassers, including security lights and cameras. We are also asking businesses and homeowners in the area to help keep an eye on the site.*

*On a more positive note, our **Summer Hours** start Memorial Day weekend and run through Labor Day. We plan to be open daily from 11:00AM to 5:00PM. We'd love to see you at the museum if you or your guests are looking for something fun to do.*



*Susan Jesuroga, President*

**Open House.** We are pleased to have Candy Droz, a nationally certified quilting judge, speaking about antique quilts, including several quilts from the museum's collection. We will also be showing one of our signature quilts not currently on display. She will bring additional resources to help answer questions you might have about your family heirlooms. Candy will be presenting at 11:00AM and 11:30AM. Hutchinson Homestead Ranch staff will be helping us with an activity table where children and adults can sew their own signatures on a quilt block, which will later be pieced into a full quilt to be displayed at the museum.

Come take part in making some history! Admission is free, and as the date gets closer, do check our website or call for more information. Thanks to Sunrise Rotary for their sponsorship.

*Left: Colorado and Ohio Smelting Co. Smokestack*

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## Did You Know.....

*Bicycling fever took off in the 1890s when manufacturers started producing “safety” bicycles to replace the hazardous high-wheelers. Not to be used for just transportation, the new bikes prompted Salida enthusiasts to organize several bicycle clubs and races. Everyone in town turned out for the local races; prizes included cash, gold watches and gold medals. One 12-mile race saw racers sprinting up to the Mesa, out to present-day Highway 285, and returning on a route that parallels Highway 50. Keep in mind that these were all probably dirt roads at the time.*

*Eventually, local women caused quite a stir by bicycling around town in their bloomers because long dresses and petticoats were just in the way. The Salida mayor and councilmen passed a city ordinance forbidding such risqué attire. Salida women, including the wives and daughters of the elected officials, showed up downtown on their bikes and wearing bloomers one Sunday afternoon. The poor downtown policeman was overwhelmed by the “shear” number of lawbreakers and decided to do nothing. The next day, the chastised council voted to rescind the ordinance.*



*Above right: an early photo of bicyclists posing in downtown Salida.*

### Support the Salida Museum Association

- Donate to the Museum. Send a check to the address below. 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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## Museum News

**George DeRoos:** We mourn the passing this year of one of our museum board members, George DeRoos. The museum board sends condolences to his family. We will miss his good nature and valuable contributions of time and knowledge to the museum.

**Salida Museum Website & Facebook Page:** Visit the Salida Museum Website, [www.salidamuseum.org](http://www.salidamuseum.org), for articles on local history, events, photographs, quick facts, and other useful information. Also check out the museum Facebook Page, where you can search Salida Museum and then peruse photographs of museum artifacts along with historical photos. You can also access our Facebook page from the museum website.

**Investing in Our Future:** Our multi-year Museum Conservation and Exhibit Improvements Plan is moving ahead. We are working with a local museum expert who is helping us to fine tune our operations and prioritize our improvements. We have launched a fund-raising campaign aimed at tackling some of the largest projects, and we are happy to report generous donations from Monarch Community Outreach and First Colorado Land Office. Many thanks to these folks, and also to Moonlight Pizza, who benefitted the museum with their Moonlight Monday donation event. Look for information about the campaign on our website.