

SALIDA MUSEUM ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER

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Salida Museum

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Museum Open House, May 13, 2017

The museum will host the annual free Open House on May 13, 2017, 11:00am – 5:00pm. We will be highlighting the history of the Salida Smelter Smokestack in this, its centennial year, along with showcasing the new lighting and many new exhibits at the museum.

Local historian Dick Dixon will be on hand to sign copies of his book, *Smokestack: The Story of the Salida Smelter*. Local artist Jon MacManus will be selling his ink drawings and greeting cards featuring the smokestack. John McCarthy, local railroad historian, will speak in the afternoon about the smelter's dependence on the railroad for incoming and outgoing ore shipments. Check our website for specific times or call us at 719-539-7483.

Visit the Salida Museum Open House on May 13 and learn more about Salida history. Admission is free, and a good time is guaranteed!

President's Corner

The lights are in and we couldn't be happier. The cast light is whiter, the museum and cabinets are brighter and the artifacts are safer from damage. Special thanks to Earle Kittleman, Larry Kovacic and Rich Jesuroga for moving things, painting and all around help. Also, a big thanks to Tom Wolfe for crafting the wooden stands for the Indian headdress and military helmets. Thank you to all who donated to our High Country Bank Challenge Grant! We could not have done it without your generosity.

Judy Micklich has resigned from the Board. She started working at the museum for Harriet Alexander around 1967 and was the Secretary/Treasurer when the Salida Museum Association formed, eventually serving as President until her resignation in October, 2014. We wish her all the best in her move to Cañon City and we're glad she's just a phone call away when we have a question about the Museum and it's artifacts.

Susan Jesuroga, President

Summer Hours: 11:00AM-5:00PM. The Salida Museum will once again be open every day of the week from Memorial Day to Labor Day, 11:00AM to 5:00PM. We are able to open each year because of our docents, and this year we have the same people volunteering as we had last year. Thanks to Judith Kinzie, Ed Kinzie, Susan Jesuroga, John McCarthy, Larry Kovacic, Bob Campbell and Ron & Janet Regenold for continuing to volunteer, and thanks to Gail Franke and Denise Woodruff for acting as substitutes. We couldn't function without our docents.



Membership Drive. This year, in conjunction with the Open House, the museum will be conducting a membership drive. We will be mailing letters to those of you who have been members in the past, and we will be offering incentives for becoming a member of the Salida Museum Association. As you know, your membership helps the museum in more ways than just financial. Please consider becoming a member in 2017.

New Lighting. All the lighting in the museum has now been replaced with new LED bulbs. These bulbs do not emit Ultraviolet radiation, which is a primary cause for deterioration in artifacts. There are also new track lights in areas where specific artifacts needed to be highlighted. The LED bulbs are also quiet! Stop by and listen to the silence.

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Did You Know...

By 1916, the Ohio & Colorado Smelting and Refining Company was operating a custom lead smelter in Smelertown that processed almost \$3 million worth of ore. They employed 595 men, paying an average salary of \$2,365 per year for full-time workers, and they offered free life insurance with a policy of \$750 for each married man and \$500 for each single man. In 1917, they built the 365-foot stack, which still stands today, to disperse toxic fumes away from ranches and livestock.

Museum News

2017 is the Smokestack Centennial. 2017 is the 100 year anniversary of the Colorado & Ohio Smelter Smokestack. The museum is planning a celebration at the site on August 26 featuring speakers on Smokestack history, activities, and refreshments. We're looking for Smokestack Stories to be shared at the event. If you have a Smokestack Story, we would love to hear it. As the time approaches, information will be available in the newspaper, on the museum website and Facebook, or by calling the museum.

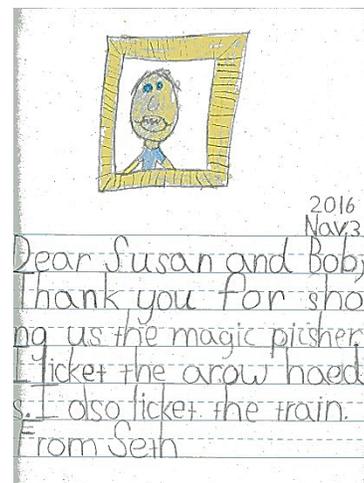
Salida Museum Website & Facebook Page. Visit the Salida Museum Website, www.salidamuseum.org, for articles on local history, events, photographs, quick facts, and other

useful information. Also check out the museum Facebook Page, where you can search Salida Museum, read some interesting tidbits and look at photographs of museum artifacts along with historical photos. You can also access our page from the museum website.

2nd Graders Visit the Museum. Last October, the Longfellow School 2nd graders visited the museum, as they do each year. We had a great time showing them around and demonstrating how people used to live in this area. They are always really interested in rotary telephones, black powder muskets, and the hair curling machine that looks like it came from a Frankenstein movie. Above is an example of the wonderful letters we get from the kids each year. The "magic picsher" mentioned above is the portrait of O.E. Harrington, whose eyes seem to follow you as you move. Really, come check it out for yourself!

2018 Museum Calendars Soon. The 2018 Museum Calendar just went to press, so it should be available soon. The theme of the 2018 Calendar is Transportation in Early Salida, and it features many unpublished photos of planes, trains and automobiles from the museum archives. The calendars will again retail for \$15 and be available at the Museum and other businesses around Salida. Great Christmas presents!

Moonlight Monday. Mark your calendars: May 15 will be Salida Museum day at Moonlight Pizza. They will be donating a percentage of their sales that day to the Salida Museum. We thank Moonlight Pizza in advance for their generosity and encourage everyone to have some great pizza on May 15.



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 \$15, lifetime membership is \$100.
- Volunteer for the Museum and help with ongoing projects. We will contact you.

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