From The President: “A Little Bit of History”

Downtown Salida Renovation, January 24, 1911: The Disman Skating Rink is being torn down after several years of providing pleasant memories for many a Salidan. [The rink is situated on the East side of F Street across from the current Pueblo Bank & Trust parking lot.] Work began early Monday morning and will be pushed right along until a fine new Crews-Beggs department store takes its place. For awhile there will be no rink, and the only available space for dance parties will be the Moose Hall, which, although small, has one of the best floors in the state. The original plan called for building a new rink before the old one was destroyed and moving the floor from the old rink to the new one, but on careful examination it was found that the old floor was badly worn in places and not practical to reuse, hence it is being torn up, and what lumber can be utilized will be the very best portion on which there has been but little wear for the Moose floor and the fine floor in the new Elks Lodge room. The Crews-Beggs building will be ready for occupancy by April 1. Salida will demand a good floor for the new public rink, which will be built at a date as yet undetermined.

Judy Micklich, Salida Museum President

Maysville School News: A shiny new paint job now graces the exterior of the Maysville Schoolhouse, thanks to the efforts of the South Arkansas Landowners Association (SALA) and the Salida Museum. The building was originally built as a two-story schoolhouse in 1882 and has undergone many changes in its lifetime. Classes were held until 1939, the second story was lost to a fire at some point, school buses were parked inside for awhile, and then the first restoration was accomplished in 1978. Since then, SALA and the museum have been maintaining the structure with an eye toward restoring the interior and using it for community functions. Robin Rockney, SALA and museum board member, heads up restoration efforts, and encourages anyone who wants to donate to the cause, or even help, to contact him at 719-539-3322.

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Museum Founder Exhibit: Volunteers Susan Jesuroga and Kathy Moore are putting together a new exhibit honoring the founder of the Salida Museum, Harriet Alexander, and her good friend Byrd Fuqua. Harriet started the museum in 1954 in two back rooms of the Hot Springs Pool, and Byrd came to help when she retired from her life at Mt. Princeton. The exhibit should be finalized by mid-winter. We would be interested in seeing any information or historical items pertaining to Harriet or Byrd that you might have. *Photo at left: Byrd Fuqua, "Wrangling the Little Boss”*

Deck of Historical Playing Cards: The Salida Museum continues to solicit sponsors for the creation of a complete deck of historical playing cards. Each card will feature a historical photo from Chaffee County along with a caption and the name of the sponsor. You can sponsor a single card or multiple cards, with the cost of the card varying with denomination and suit. Contact Bob Campbell at 719-221-2171 for information.

Travel Channel Segment: The Travel Channel came to the Salida Museum in January to do a segment on the Fur Bearing Trout for their Mysteries at the Museum series. The segment features our own Bob Campbell, and can be seen at [http://www.travelchannel.com/video/furry-fishtail](http://www.travelchannel.com/video/furry-fishtail). We’re all pleased that Bob proved to be extraordinarily telegenic.

Museum Exhibit Downtown: Our rotating exhibit in downtown Salida in the new “F” Street Five & Dime store currently contains a FIBArk display, which proved to be a popular summer attraction. It will be changed out this fall to feature another historic Salida theme. Stop by our new downtown merchant and take a look at the museum display.

Harrington Painting: The Salida Museum Association thanks Robert Cato, former resident of Salida, for his generous donation of a John Mulvany painting of O.E. Harrington, owner of the Salida Granite Company and numerous other interests in the early days of Salida’s existence. The painting was made in 1894, when Mulvany probably had a studio in Salida, where his brother Peter lived. Mulvany is best known for his epic 11x20 foot oil painting “Custer’s Last Rally.”