July, 2019

Summer Hours

This museum is now open Tuesday through Sunday, 10 am – 4 pm, and Monday. This schedule will be in effect through Labor Day. After Labor Day, the museum will return to the 5 day schedule, opening Wednesday and Saturday--10 am – 4 pm. Occasionally, a group tour may require the museum to be closed completely or partially closed. We apologize if you come to visit us and we are not open.

Museum Board of Directors

This current Board of Directors' term of service is comprised of the following:
- President, Bill Campbell
- Vice President, Debbie Layman
- Treasurer, Larry Kovacic
- Board Member, Judith Kinzie

Board Member, Arlene Shovald

As you can see, we have only five directors on our Board. This is technically legal according to our bylaws, but we would prefer to have more people adding opinions and helping to guide the direction of the museum. If you are interested in becoming a director and coming to our next meeting (a very personal commitment), let us know. We would very much like to talk about joining our team.

Support the Salida Museum

The Salida Museum Association is an all-volunteer non-profit organization that relies on donations, memberships, admissions and limited fundraising to remain operational. We would be very happy to talk to you about joining our team.

Museum Open House

The annual Museum Open House at the museum was a wonderful event with Docent Chief Doug Bess giving presentations on the Kissel Engine, Salida’s first municipal motorized fire truck. Doug explained the early procurement of the engine and its subsequent restoration. About 150 people attended the day-long event, and Ed Edwards of Poncha Springs brought in some more military hardware used by members of his family in WWI and WWII.

New Loyal Duke Exhibit

The rotating exhibit at the museum now tells the story of Loyal Duke, the saloonkeeper and horse thief who passed away here in the Salida area in 1901. We also present several new items and objects that have been added to our collection of historical family information with photos and articles about her grandfather-in-law John Ford White and his son Sidney John White, who spent his last years in Salida. In addition to a collection of city directories, you will find a letter from Carl C. Ford, who spent several years in Salida in the early 1900’s and wrote a book about mining in Colorado.

Potlatch Pottery Project

The City Council recently set aside $1,000 for the potlatch pottery project at the museum. This money is being used to create a new clay exhibition at the museum.

Recent Donations

Speaking of donations, the museum has received many new and exciting items this season from local residents who generously wish to help us to better display the history of the City of Salida. Barbara DiLoreto, Harriet’s nieces, donated many artifacts, along with three items from Harriet’s extended family. Jim Dixon brought in some more military hardware used by members of his family in WWI and WWII. Peggy Brugg gave us several photos and a biography of her grandfather, Chief Doug Bess. Alex Karen, who spent several years in Salida after being a doctor in Indiana, brought in a biography of her great grandfather, Chief Doug Bess. Alex Karen also gave us a copy of Chief Doug Bess’ biography. Finally, John Ford White’s great niece, donated many artifacts, along with their stories, from Harriet’s extended family.

New Exhibit: Loyal Duke Exhibit

We now feature portraits of the EnEarl family in our Parlor Exhibit. We now have a more detailed picture of Harriet and her life before and after she married Herbert, and uniform items that belonged to her father-in-law, Christian W. Kraft, who spent his last years in Salida after being a cowboy in Wyoming. Members of his family in WWI and WWII.

Our team.

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Do you have any questions about donations, memberships, admissions or any other aspects of the museum? We would be very happy to talk to you about these topics.

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So far the scavenger hunt has been the most popular attraction. You can also peruse some new additions to our permanent exhibits, which now feature items recently donated to our collection. And don’t forget our new Kids Table, featuring pencils and crayons and other kid oriented things to do. So little scavenger hunt has been the most popular attraction.

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Visit our website for more information on how you can help support the museum.

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