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Salida Museum

“Heart of the Rockies History”

July, 2019

Summer Hours

The museum is now open Tuesday thru Sunday, 11am - 5pm, and closed on Monday. This schedule will be in effect until the Labor Day weekend. After Labor Day, the museum will return to its winter schedule, opening Saturday and Sunday, 1pm - 5pm. Occasionally a docent is unable to open or complete a shift, and then the museum is temporarily closed. We apologize if you come to visit us and we are not open.

Museum Board of Directors

The current museum board of directors is comprised of the following:

President, Bob Campbell

Secretary, Earle Kittleman

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 one meeting a month (minimal commitment), let us know. We would be very happy to talk to you about joining our team.



Ranching Exhibit



EnEarl Family Wall

New Loyal Duke Exhibit

The Rotating Exhibit at the museum now tells the story of Loyal Duke, the beloved railroad dog that greeted passengers when they arrived at the Salida Rail Yards. Duke's memorial still stands on Tenderfoot Mountain, and has recently been refurbished by a group of loyal Loyal Duke fans. Learn more about the story of this iconic Salida resident when you visit the museum this summer. 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 far the scavenger hunt has been the most popular attraction.

Recent Donations

Speaking of donations, the museum has received many new and exciting items this summer from local families whose generosity will help us to better display the history of the Salida area. **Lucinda Lavelli**, Harriet Alexander's great niece, donated many artifacts, along with their stories, from Harriet's extended family. We now have a more detailed picture of Harriet and her life before and after coming to Salida. **Theresa Cortese** continues to bring in items that give us a more complete description of the EnEarl family. Herbert and Alice EnEarl are examples of railroad folks who came to Salida in the early 1880's and spent the rest of their lives here. We now feature portraits of the EnEarl family in our Parlor Exhibit. **Jim Dixon** brought in some more military hardware used by members of his family in WWI and WWII. **Peggy Kraft** donated WWII photos 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. **Julie Reuther** 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 were early managers of the Salida First National Bank. Finally, **Jim Wilson** added to our historical railroad base when he donated slides and photos of D&RG rolling stock and operations on behalf of Ron & Joanne Edwards of Poncha Springs.

Museum Open House

The annual museum Open House in May was a wonderful event, with Fire Chief Doug Bess giving presentations on the Kissel Engine, Salida's first motorized fire truck. Doug explained the early procurement of the engine and its subsequent restoration. About 150 people attended the day-long event, and we were pleased to show off our new exhibits.

Paved Parking Lot!

Thanks to the City of Salida and David Lady of Public Works, the parking lot in front of the museum is now paved and the sidewalks have been improved. The museum building looks a lot more inviting, and we will be able to install some decent landscaping pretty soon.

Porter Engine Painting Project

The second engine painter has withdrawn his offer to paint the Porter Engine in front of the museum. We will continue to look for someone with experience in painting railroad engines, but at this time we are back to square one. If you're aware of anyone who might be willing to do the job, let us know.

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. You can help support the museum by making a donation or becoming a member.

Donation - any amount appreciated

Annual Membership - \$15, includes 5 free visits

Lifetime Membership - \$100, includes unlimited free visits

Memberships and donations are tax deductible. Send your payment to the address listed below, use our website to remit with PayPal, or join when you come in to see the museum. You will receive an acknowledgement letter for tax purposes. (make sure we have your address)

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