

Hayden Museum Newsletter

H A Y D E N H E R I T A G E C E N T E R M U S E U M

C A T C H I N G U P . . . 2 0 1 9

MUSEUM EVENTS 2020

- May 30– Ride the Cog Fundraiser
 - June 27th—Elkhead Rock Schoolhouse Tour
 - July 19– Pioneer Picnic/ Mt Harris Commemorative
 - Aug Rount Co Fair. Museum exhibit in the hall
 - Fall TBA Lantern Tour
-
- Dec 7 TBA Holiday Stroll

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

Depot Wait Room	2
Collection Project	2
2019 Volunteers	2
Green Memorial Scholarship	3
Events	3
New in the gift shop	3

In March Hayden Heritage Center (HHC) hosted the annual Regional Museum get together- the Hubbub. It was held at the Broken Yolk Restaurant. We had over 40 attendees from all over NW Colorado and SW Wyoming as well as guests from Steamboat Creates and the Town of Hayden. May showcased the Annual Ride the Cog fundraiser which started at the Museum winding up through the Elkhead School area and ending at the Wild Goose who co-hosted the after party festivities. Over 50 riders attended seeing history of some of western Routt County at the speed of a bike and maybe a little slower for some people. We think everyone finished. June 23 we had the annual Pio-

neer Picnic at the Museum. This is an annual picnic celebrating the original settlers of the Yampa Valley and , hopefully, acquainting them with some of the newer residents. Well, of course, it snowed (so Colorado) so the event was moved into the Museum. We managed to squeeze, very tightly, everyone into the old waiting room and ticket office in the museum. Mt. Harris resident Larry Rutherford did a presentation and book signing of his new book” Coal Dust in their Veins”, a family recollection on growing up in Mt. Harris. You can watch Larry’s presentation on the museum web page– click on the blog tab and scroll down! September we had the Chili Dinner and Lantern Tour of the

Hayden Cemetery, visiting with the ghostly members of the Hayden community, portrayed by local residents, some of whom are actually related to them. Come join us this fall and maybe find out a little more about your family ghost history.

In December HHC and the Wild Goose @ the Granary co-hosted the Annual Hayden Holiday Stroll, a free event which is in its 10th year. We had a kid craft table at the museum, open house with goodies, hot cocoa and horse drawn wagon rides– thanks to The Wattles family!– to and from the museum and the Wild Goose Coffee Shop.

DEPOT ROOF RESTORATION WORK

The Museums main building, the Depot, had two major renovation projects completed in 2019 : the restoration of its roof and the wait room.

The Roof restoration work was paid for in part by a History Colorado State Historical Fund grant, the Routt County Museum and Heritage Fund, the Town of Hayden, donations from the Glenwood Railroad Museum and Museum members.

The Depot building, which celebrated its 100th birthday last year, was built for the Moffat Railroad and is listed on both the National Register and the Routt County Historic Registry. It served as the Towns Railroad Depot for passenger and freight service until 1968 when passenger service was discontinued. A number of influential leaders in Hayden, which included Ferry Carpenter and Martha Baierl, diligently worked with the railroad to get the vacated building for the museum- and it has been home to the Hayden Museum

since 1972. Due to recent heavy wet snow falls the roof suffered damage to its historic clay tiled roof and was in dire need of repair. Museum curator Laurel Watson noted the difficulty in finding a company that had not



only the capacity to repair an historic clay tile roof but was willing to travel to Hayden to do the

work. “We were referred to Formula Roofing and Remodeling/Custom Tile by the former Glenwood Railroad Museum who had them restore their tile roof several years ago. We felt very fortunate to have an historic roofing expert, Vince Hobson, who wrote the book ‘Historic and Obsolete Roofing Tile: Preserving the History of Roofing Tiles’, do

the actual repair work. This was well timed as Vince had come out of retirement for only a few jobs and was going to focus on consulting and damage assessment services and project management nationwide and will be doing only limited on site restoration and repair, so we were very lucky to get him on this job to repair the roof”. The repair work, which included fixing the entry overhang roof, replacing broken tiles and gutters and installing era appropriate snow guards to mitigate future ice dam build up which caused the damage, was completed in one week.



DEPOT WAIT ROOM RESTORATION

Thanks to the generous efforts of the Steamboat Springs Chapter of Questers International, the Hayden Museum was honored to be chosen to be the Presidential Project of the Colorado Chapter of Questers International for 2019/2020 by Colorado Questers President Joyce Hall. This gave the Museum funding to have the wooden floors in the historic Depots main wait room professionally restored by Architectural Hardwood LLC. This was such an honor for the Museum to be the States Presidential project! Questers is a nonprofit international organization dedicated to preserving the past for the future and the preservation and restoration of

historical artifacts, existing memorials, historical buildings, and landmarks. It was wonderful having the community step in and help with the project. Steamboat Ace at the Curve provided paint and supplies for the walls and ceiling and Heiner Construction did a wonderful repair on the plaster ceiling where the divider had been attached. The Museums next restoration project is to update the buildings electricity and aging heating system.



Above: Presenting the Questers Presidential Project Award Check to the Museum-left to right: Karen Mordi, Jackie Bass, Ardy Kneeland, Molly Raphael, Christine McKelvie, Jane Romberg, Claire Fraser and Mary Kay Monger Accepting the check is Museum curator Laurel Watson.



“Preserve your memories, keep them well, what you forget you can never retell”
-Louisa May Alcott

PENNIES AT WORK – YAMPA VALLEY OPERATION ROUND UP

The Museum was awarded a grant through Yampa Valley Electric Association Operation Round Up Program to purchase video recording equipment. This will enable the Museum to record events and speakers as well as oral histories. The Museum got its first

chance to use the equipment at the 2019 Pioneer Picnic. You can check out the recording of Larry Rutherford on our web page! Thank You Yampa Valley Electric!!

“When we learn about the past, we gather strength for the future”

2019 VOLUNTEER PARTNERSHIPS

Partners are an important lifeblood to the Museum as they help us to get projects completed and to spread the word about the Museum and our mission. The Museum partnered with the Rocky Mountain Youth Corp for the second year in a row last summer for six sessions which included a cleanup at the Mt. Harris Memorial. The kids enjoyed working at the site and learning about the history of Mt. Harris and the other coal mining towns along Highway 40 that no longer exist. The kids also helped with projects around the Museum while learning about our local history. The Museum continued our partnership with Routt County United Way for

their Annual Day of Caring. This year volunteers from Steamboat Springs Ski Corp did some needed spring projects at the Museum which was a huge help for our spring cleaning and getting ready for summer. We hope to continue these wonderful partnerships and are thankful for these wonderful volunteers!



JERRY GREEN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP



Jerry Green
1941-2018

Hayden Students can apply for a \$500 scholarship in May. Students who are currently enrolled in college or vocational programs can also apply for the scholarship. The application requires students to participate in sweat equity at the museum. This scholarship can be used towards any type of continuing

education and any costs related to that endeavor –including books or tools.

Contact the museum for more information, an application or if you would like to donate to this worthwhile program.



VOLUNTEER AT THE MUSEUM!

The Museum is holding a number of events in 2020 and we are looking for volunteer helpers.

Contact the Museum for other events or days we are always in need of help with the following:

- Newsletter
- Promotion
- Cleaning
- Research

- Various projects & events
- Share your skills!
- Heritage / craft workshops

Contact the Museum at 276-4380

Above: Rebecca Wattles demonstrating spinning

Right: Nancy Peckham teaching Rags to Rugs



2020 UPCOMING EVENTS!

The Museum has a full slate of activities for 2020 starting with the Annual Ride the Cog Fundraiser **May 30**. Chose one of 3 rides followed by an after party with lunch and live music! \$40 early bird /\$50 day of the event

On **June 27th** we have our second fundraiser event the Biannual Tour of the Elkhead Rock School house. \$ TBA

July 19th is the Annual Pioneer Picnic -which we are excited to say will be held down on the site of the former Mt. Harris town/ mine works ! Exclusive one day only so don't miss it! Free event -bring a side dish to share ; main dish and beverages provided! Speakers more!! Come and learn about our rich local history!!

Summer Activities

May 30 -Aug 30

Kids History Hour on Wednesdays 11am-12. Thursdays call and reserve a walking tour of Historic Hayden which takes about 45 min.

Check the Museum web page for more information on our events! www.haydenheritagecenter.org

NEW IN THE GIFT SHOP

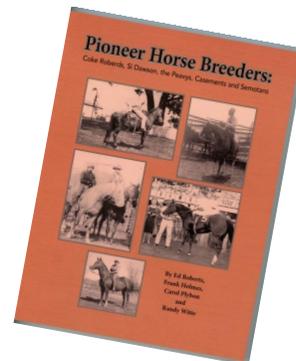
The Museum gift shop has some new arrivals to its large selection of history books! The new book: "Coal Dust in Our Veins: The Way We Were -The Ralph Rutherford Family 1940-1970" by Larry Rutherford is a wonderful family memoir of growing up in Mt. Harris and Craig.

Another new book is "Pioneer Horse Breeders: Coke Roberds, the Peavy's, Casements and Semotans" by Ed Roberts, Frank Holmes, Carol Plybon and Randy Witte. An in depth look at our rich local quarter horse history and the people who bred them.

Don't forget to check out our

Children's books and toys as well! Proceeds from the gift shop support the Museum! Members get 10% off.

We are looking forward to carrying Rita Herold's new book: "Yampa Valleys Lost Egeria Park" coming out in February!!





**HAYDEN HERITAGE
CENTER MUSEUM**

**& LESLIE MEMORIAL
RESEARCH LIBRARY**

300 W. Pearl St
P.O. Box 543
Hayden, CO 81639

Phone: 970-276-4380
Email: haydenmuseum@zirkel.us
Web: haydenheritagecenter.org

**Preserving our local history for future
generations**

**Become a Member of the
Museum!**

Your membership and donations enable
us to continue to preserve and share our
local history!!!

**Be sure to catch our Tuesday
History Tidbits on Facebook and
like us !**

Don't Miss out on Museum events!

Check our web page out at www.haydenheritagecenter.org

Sign up for our email list on the web page!

Thank you to our Corporate Sponsors for 2019 ! Please be sure to stop in and say thank you!

- | | | | |
|---------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| Town of Hayden | Alpine Lumber | Go Alpine | Ski and Bike Care |
| Mountain Valley Bank | Dearborn Construction | Wild Goose at the Granary | Yampa Valley Bank |
| Steamboat Ace | Embers | Steve Green Company | Hayden Merc |
| Alpine Bank | Iron Wheel | Steamboat Sotheby's Int'l | Steamboat Ace at the Curve |
| Wild Goose at the Granary | Glas Deffryn Ranch | Valley Voice | |
| Advanced Copier Solutions | Debbie Aragon | Element Design | |
| Bear River Co-op | & State Farm Insurance | UPS Store in Steamboat | |