



Spring 2023 Newsletter

THE HAYDEN HERITAGE CENTER & MUSEUM

CATCHIN' UP.....

Looking back on 2022, the Museum had a fairly busy year with a focus on getting back to normal.

We started out the year by contracting with Ratio Design for new construction documents for the Historic Depot Building to deal with remaining issues as outlined in the 2017 Historic Structure Assessment. . This project was funded through a State Historic planning grant and a Routt County Museum and Heritage Fund (MAHFAB) grant. These documents will be used to address the historic buildings major issues: updating the electrical (good portion is from 1918!), an aging heating system and some structural and foundation regrading work. This document will enable us to put the work out for bids to ensure the Depot structure remains viable for the Museum collections.

We replaced the Museum's hot water heater with a more efficient on demand system through support from the Town of Hayden and a MAHFAB grant.

Lastly, we were able to concrete the floors in our two storage sheds so that our collection of wagons would be up off the ground thanks to support from Babson Carpenter Foundation and MAHFAB!

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Catchin' Up Continued,,,,

Our events started with our annual *Museum Hubbub* in April. This event was started in 2012 as a get together for local Museums to share information and find ways to collaborate. The Hubbub has since morphed into a regional event and the attendees were not only from Routt County but from surrounding counties and southern Wyoming as well!!!

In June we held our biannual fundraiser: The *Elkhead Rock Schoolhouse Tour*. We were fortunate to have as guest speakers authors Dorothy Wickenden (former Executive Editor of the New Yorker) from NYC and Belle Zars (professor and granddaughter of Ferry Carpenter) join us for the event.

We held our *Kids Weekly Summer History Hour* June 15 thru August 16 on Wednesdays.

In September we co-produced *Ride the Cog*, a fundraising event benefitting the the Historic Hayden Granary and the museum. These rides are impressive both their beautiful panoramic views of the Yampa Valley and historical prominence.

October saw the return of *Echoes of the Past*, with several volunteers in costume telling former community member stories during a historic tour of the town. We also saw the return of elementary school visits to the Museum!

We finished the year with our Annual Holiday Stroll seeing over 180 visitors in 1 day!

We're looking forward to 2023 and hope to see you at the Museum!



(Left to right) Dorothy Wickenden at the Rock Schoolhouse; Sleeping Giant Elementary school 3rd grade classes; Residents from the Haven visiting the Museum; Art Exhibit at the Hayden Center featuring local 1930's artist Ernestine Purcell.

Partnerships



Thanks to Routt County United Way every spring we have volunteers to help clean up the Museum grounds for the summer!

In 2022 we had volunteers from Moffat County Public Health:
Becky Copeland and Amber

The Museum will again partner with the Historic Hayden Granary for the Annual Ride the Cog Fundraiser on September 9, which will benefit both entities.



The Museum partners with the Annual Crane Festival, and will give a historic tour of the Mount Harris site in September.

The Museum has an ongoing partnership with Historic Routt County to identify former Mt. Harris homes. Historic Routt County received a National Trust grant to create an inventory of Mt. Harris homes that were sold at auction and moved to various locations throughout the Valley in 1958.



Moving Forward -2023



Left: One of our awesome Volunteers, Ray Sikes, working on the Sullivan, Parfrey & Signs Rock & Fossil Exhibit which will be featured upstairs and opens to the public after June 21.



UPSTAIRS AT THE DEPOT

Be sure to stop in and see the new exhibits as we open the upstairs in June. More in the Curator Corner!

As always we have Free admission!

EAST COURTYARD UPDATE

This summer we will be starting work on the East Courtyard, renovating two historic buildings: the original Hayden Jail & the Burrough's Cabin as well as creating outdoor education space.

NEW IN THE LIBRARY ARCHIVES

Be sure to visit our web page as we now have a good portion of our digitalized photos online on a searchable platform! Board members Sue Reed and Alaine Montgomery have been working diligently on reorganizing the Museum archives and library to be more user friendly so be sure to go online or stop in at the Museum and check it out!

BOARD NEWS

The Hayden Heritage Center welcomes four new Board members: Alena Velasquez, Sue Reed, Jordan Block and Alaine Montgomery! We are excited to have these new board members!

FOR MORE VISIT: WW.HAYDENHERITAGECENTER.ORG

News, Events, & More...

UPCOMING 2023 EVENTS

May 13 - Hotdog Fundraiser at Ace at the Curve in Steamboat

May 18 - From Trunk to Treasure with Linda Long at the Hayden Museum, 5 pm

June 7 - August 16, Wednesdays

Kids History Hour, 11 am

June 10 - Author talk TBA

June 21 - Open House at the Museum, upstairs exhibits open Time TBA

July 8 - Author talk & book signing with Larry Rutherford at Mt. Harris, 11 am

Aug 12 - Author Belle Zars talks at the Lower Elkhead School Time TBA

Sept 9 - Ride the Cog Fundraiser with the Historic Hayden Granary

Sept TBA- Plein Air Paint Out followed by Reception co-produced with Hayden Arts Commission and Historic Hayden Granary

Oct TBA - Echoes of the Past. Keep an eye out for more information.

Dec 9 - Holiday Stroll with Historic Hayden Granary.

CURATOR CORNER

We are looking forward to opening the upstairs portion of the Depot, formerly the station agent's apartment.

The space will contain a oldtime kitchen, a gallery of household items in the former dining room, the old living room will house the Museum's saddle collection and the former bedroom will accomodate the Signs, Sullivan and Parfrey Rock, Fossil and shell collections.

NEW IN THE GIFT SHOP

The Museum has several new titles including children's books and books on area geology!

We are also carrying different local craft items so be sure to stop in and check the gift shop out or go to our online store at <https://www.haydenheritagecenter.org/>

All purchases support the Museum.

Your Membership and Donations Count !!!

Why become a Member?

The mission of the Hayden Heritage Center is to engage and educate the public by preserving the history associated with the Town of Hayden and West Routt County Colorado.

Memberships

SENIOR/STUDENT - \$15
INDIVIDUAL - \$25
FAMILY - \$50
BUSINESS - \$75
SUPPORTING - \$100
PATRON - \$500
BENEFACTOR - \$1000

Members Benefits

- 10% off Museum gift shop items,
- advance invitation to museum events and new exhibits
- email newsletter
- satisfaction of knowing that you are a part of preserving our local history and heritage for future generations.

Museums provide a critical service by preserving and interpreting our shared history. However, they cannot do this without the support of donors like you. Donations to museums help fund important programs and events that bring history alive for everyone.

Please consider becoming a member or making a donation to the Hayden Heritage Center by going online at

www.haydenheritagecenter.org,

making an in person donation at the museum - 300 W Pearl St

or mailing a check to

Hayden Heritage Center, PO Box 543 Hayden, Colorado 81639