

HHC- End of Year Report 2018

The Hayden Heritage Center is grateful to the County Commissioners and the Museum and Heritage Fund Advisory Board for the mill levy funds which enable the Museum to operate. We could not continue to operate and accomplish so much without your support! We have been working towards improving our collection care, stewardship of our current facilities, and working towards our much needed expansion which will give us community space for programming, in addition to more exhibit space.

In 2018 we accomplished the following:

Events held:

- February- Hosted the annual Regional Museum get together- the Hubbub. This year it was held at the Congregational Church and catered by Embers. We had a greater number of attendees from previous years. New attendees included Rifle Historical Society members and the Glenwood Springs Railroad Museum attendees approx.. 47 participants attended in total.
- May 19 held the Annual Ride the Cog fundraiser which started at the Wild Goose and ended at the Museum grounds with an after the ride party. We had approx.. 60 riders participate.
- June 30 Biannual Day Tour of the Elk Head Rock School house with the author of the book 'Nothing Daunted', Dorothy Wickenden, in which we had a full tour with 61 attendees. The event included shuttle ride to and from the Rock School House, lunch, nature and history walks.
- July 15 Centennial Celebration of the Depot which we coincided with the Pioneer Picnic which Steamboat Springs Tread of Pioneers gave us a year early. We had over 100 participants. Locals Jim and Sally Tyler gave rides in their vintage autos to their home- the Elmer House- which was placed on the Routt County Historic Register in 2018.
- Dec 1 Holiday Stroll a free event the Museum has been participating for the past 9 years, had over 130 participants. We had a kids craft table at the museum, open house goodies, hot cocoa and horse drawn wagon rides to and from the museum and the Wild Goose Coffee Shop.

Policies

- Started a draft comprehensive Disaster Plan which we hope to finish and implement in early 2019. This is the last major policy that the museum needs for accreditation from AAM
- Held our annual Museum retreat where we made some updates to our strategic plan based on the HSA, CAP, and MAP (2010) assessment findings
- Finalized a plan for dedicated collection storage which was used for a MAHFAB grant which was approved in November by the County Commissioners.

Collections

- Trained SER participant to catalogue library and archival items into Past Perfect. This is a paid position thru the SER program based out of Grand Junction thru a grant from DOLA
- Created the Collection Assessment Team which reviews new accessions and has been vetting the collection.
- Continued working on cataloguing the museum backlog

Projects

- Collection Storage development- submitted a grant to Mahfab which was approved-for the collection storage to be moved to the first floor freight room where it will be more secure and housed properly per temp and RH data collected and discussions with CAP assessors. This grant includes appropriate shelving, installation of light filtering window film, electric heater, archival boxes for rehousing and time for implementation as well as updating documentation in the Museums' Past Perfect database. This will enable improved care of the museums extensive collections.
- Repairs made to the jail and Doghouse building roofs per CAP assessment recommendations

Community Outreach/ Collaborations

- Prepped and held (3) talks at the Haven Senior Assisted Living
- Hosted the Colorado History bus tour in August with over 35 participants- this is our third year participating
- Held a weekly 'Kids History Hour' during the summer months which had a range of 10-35 participants. This was a pilot program to see if there was community interest.
- Held an author talk in collaboration with the Hayden Library with Randi Samuelson the author of the 'Beaten Territory' a new historical fiction book.
- Held an author Meet and Greet with author Dorothy Wickenden with the Nature Conservancy and Carpenter Ranch/ Off the Beaten Path Bookstore
- Partnered with the Rocky Mountain Youth Corp for the annual Mt Harris Hwy 40 Memorial cleanup
- Partnered with Routt County United Way Day of Caring. Volunteers from Yampa Valley Community Foundation did some needed projects at the Museum including weather sealing the loading dock and the Hayden Sign and repainted the Hayden Sign lettering.

For 2019: Events and Projects:

- We will be reviewing our strategic plan in January/ February
- Hosting several events including: the annual Museum Hubbub with regional museums, Ride the Cog, Mt Harris Day & Pioneer Picnic, Cemetery Lantern Tour and Annual Holiday Stroll
- Summer activities: hosting a summer speakers series and Kids History Hour Program

- Pursuing repairs to the Historic Depot partnering with the Town of Hayden and SHF
- Implementing the Collection Storage project a project made possible with funding from MAHFAB
- Pursuing annexation into the Town of Hayden- as next step towards expansion- approaching funders for the final phase of the project-reconstruction