



COLORADO PRESERVATION, INC.

August Newsletter

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Dear Friends,

Summer 2020 has undoubtedly been one of unprecedented change and uncertainty. It has also contained moments of celebration and recovery, as depicted in the August newsletter picture above. CPI named the historic 4 Bar 4 Ranch in Grand County one of Colorado's Most Endangered Places in 2014 due to its vacant and deteriorating condition. Thanks to many, specifically Historic Fraser, Inc, the c.1895 barn was recently restored. Last week Historic Fraser, Inc. hosted a groundbreaking ceremony for the hotel that served as a stagecoach stop for travelers on the Georgetown Stage Line. The ceremony marks the beginning of the next phase of restoration for the property. A look at the before and after photos demonstrates the level of community commitment required for its preservation.

Other celebrations to highlight this month include landmark legislation signed into law by the President with the Great American Outdoors Act. This legislation will invest up to \$9.5 billion to repair historic and other assets of the National Park Service and other federal agencies and required strong bipartisan support. It will also fully fund the Land and Water Conservation Fund. This legislation is certainly a victory that demonstrates investment in our cultural heritage.

Finally, this month, CPI would like to recognize the efforts of the Colorado Cultural and Historic Resource Task Force and their impact on saving heritage during disasters such as the recent fires. You may not be familiar with their name, but this Task Force works to improve Colorado's mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery efforts for cultural and historic resources. They provide a critical role in building relationships between emergency management and communities. They advocate incorporating cultural and historic resources into state plans and coordinate emergency efforts in their recovery. To learn more about the Task Force, disaster planning, ways to protect your collections, I encourage you to continue reading!

For our Past, Present, and Future,



Jennifer Orrigo Charles
Executive Director



Celebrate Recent Progress at Amache! Join Us Today!



CPI Virtual Happy Hour at Amache
Tuesday, August 18, 4-5 PM MT



Historic Photo (1943) After Restoration (2020)

Colorado Preservation, Inc.'s Board, staff, and supporters are now meeting virtually to connect from time to time to learn about our critical historic places around Colorado and CPI's [Endangered Places Program](#).

It's time for a conversation with our friends at Amache!

****Join us for an exclusive, on-site look at recently completed restoration and reconstruction at the Amache Internment Center in Granada. ****



Topic: CPI Happy Hour – Amache

**Time: Tuesday, August 18,
4:00-5:00 PM MT**

[Click Here to Register](#)



Amache, formerly known as the Granada Relocation Center, is a former Japanese American incarceration site that operated during WWII near the Town of Granada. Since its listing as one of Colorado's Most Endangered Places in 2001, Colorado Preservation, Inc. has managed and assisted with numerous preservation projects at Amache. Past projects onsite have included a reconstruction of one of the barrack buildings, installation of interpretive signage, installation of a guard tower and water

tower, and the latest project – bringing one of the original buildings (Block 11F) back to its original foundation at Amache.

After the war ended in 1945, nearly all Amache buildings were dismantled, moved, or modified. The Recreation Building from Block 11F is the last known original building from this era, which retains its character-defining features. Funded by the National Park Service (NPS) Japanese American Internment Sites grant program, the Recreation Building was relocated back to its original foundation within the National Historic District in May 2018. With the help of two SHF grants, the Gates Family Foundation, and the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the restoration, and reconstruction of this building is just completed!



Learn more about this project and our work to interpret and save this vital piece of Colorado and the nation's history. We will celebrate incredible milestones for the site and dive into these and other preservation quandaries and discoveries!

Barbara Darden	Scheuber + Darden Architects
Bruce Darden	Scheuber + Darden Architects
Andy Carlson	A and M Renovations
John Hopper	Amache Preservation Society
Michelle Slaughter	Alpine Archaeological Consultants
Jane Daniels	Colorado Preservation, Inc.

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Endangered Places Program Nominations Due August 24

Since 1997, Colorado's Most Endangered Places has been a signature program of Colorado Preservation, Inc. If you know of a threatened or endangered historic resource in your community, please consider nominating it to the 2021 list of Colorado's Most Endangered Places!



Nominations are being accepted through August 24, 2020, and can be [completed online](#) or [mailed](#). Start planning now to ensure a thorough and complete nomination with at least three letters of support.

Colorado's Most Endangered Places represents a programmatic approach to working with local communities, organizations, businesses, and property owners to save important buildings and sites that highlight Colorado's rich heritage and enrich our state's colorful character. EPP listing provides many benefits including increased awareness and technical assistance.

For 23 years, [CPI's Endangered Places Program](#) has worked with 127 resources, ranging from ranching and mining sites to commercial and industrial buildings, schools, churches, courthouses even infrastructure features like ditches, flumes, and bridges.

For information on the program and how to nominate your site contact EPP Director Kim Grant at 303-893-4260 x 222 or kgrant@coloradopreservation.org.

Online
Nomination Form

Print/Download
Form

Submit a Session Proposal for the 2021 Saving Places Conference!

Due Tuesday, August 25th, 2020 at 5 PM MT

The 24th Saving Places Conference will be a conference for the books! Colorado Preservation, Inc. recently announced the 2021 Conference will be virtual. We are excited to explore new opportunities that are possible with virtual platforms, particularly the **ability to virtually travel to and exclusively visit** some of Colorado's Most Endangered Places.

Saving Places going virtual in 2021 will allow us to **extend the reach** of the

conference and will enable us to bring our essential content to rural Colorado communities with a broader regional and national audience.

[Submit Your Session Proposal](#)

Great Turnout for Stagecoach Hotel Groundbreaking at 4Bar4 Ranch



Dozens of supporters and volunteers with the Save The 4Bar4 Ranch, Historic Fraser, Inc., and the public turned out on a sunny Colorado morning on August 10th for groundbreaking ceremonies to begin the reconstruction of the historic Stagecoach Hotel at the 4Bar4 Ranch. CPI listed the ranch on Colorado's Most Endangered Places in 2014 and features the successfully rehabilitated Ford Barn, as well as the nearby Stagecoach Hotel, which was carefully dismantled, labeled, and stored on-site in 2018, pending reconstruction.

The ranch was homesteaded in 1894 by Dick and Jessie McQueary on 324 acres and served as a stagecoach stop on the Georgetown Stage Line, and as a roadhouse for travelers making their way over Berthoud Pass. In 1913 the land was purchased by Fred Felch, who converted the horse barn to the first Ford dealership in Grand County.



Preparation of the site and foundation for reconstructing the Stagecoach Hotel was done by contractor and excavator Rob McQueary, Great-Grandson of Dick and Jessie McQueary, with archaeological monitoring by Michelle Slaughter of Alpine Archaeological Consultants. Kevin Murry of Empire Carpentry is handling the reconstruction of the hotel and completed the Ford Barn building as well.



Funding for the project was provided by History Colorado's State Historical Fund, as one of three grants made to the 4Bar4 Ranch. Additional funding was provided by the Peter Grant Foundation, National Trust for Historic Preservation, Fraser Valley Lions Club, the Town of Winter Park, The Grand Foundation, and many others. Aeryn Donnelly, Rhonda Dorchester and Kent Wehmeyer of Historic Fraser, Inc. organized the groundbreaking event. For information, contact aeryn@historicfraser.org.

The Colorado Cultural and Historical Resources Task Force



The Colorado Cultural and Historical Resources Task Force works to improve the State of Colorado's mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery efforts for cultural and historic resources. Their membership includes professionals and experts from local, state, and national agencies and organizations concerned with protecting our heritage from natural hazards. [Contact them](#) if your historic site or cultural collection experiences a disaster. **The Task Force can help.**



Hear from Colorado's State Recovery Officer speaking with members of the Colorado Cultural and Historic Resources Task Force about keeping our cultural heritage safe and secure and preserving is important.



CPI Working with The Friends of Raymer to Mothball Star Texaco Building



Work is underway with the Friends of Raymer, in consultation with the State Historical Fund, to “mothball” and secure the diminutive but charming Star Filling Station/Texaco Gas Station along Centre Avenue in New Raymer.

CPI first listed Centre Avenue as one of Colorado's Most Endangered Places in 2017, and since listing New Raymer has made excellent progress. The Star Texaco building (standing at the intersection of Centre Avenue and Brock

Street) was approved by the State Review Committee for listing on the National Register of Historic Places in 2019. The Truxaw & Kruger Grocery-Seldin's Cash Grocery and the Raymer State Bank were added to the State Register of Historic Properties in 2018 and 2019, respectively. More recently, the State Historical Fund awarded a mini-grant for construction documents to the Friends of Raymer for the Truxaw & Kruger mercantile building that will also include the accommodation of a branch library in the rear lower level of the building. This followed on the heels of a successful Historic Structure Report, funded by the State Historical Fund, and carried out by Scheuber + Darden Architects, LLC for the building.



The Star Texaco station has sat vacant and open to the elements for years and needs immediate protection to preserve it for the future. Deep Roots Timberworks, dba Deep Roots Craftsmen, will shore up the front canopy with its false-front, stabilize the chimney, and remove rotted shingles and repair the roof decking to support a full new roof for the building. Volunteers will then install painted plywood panels over the windows, along with a temporary construction door at the front door, to better secure the building. Volunteers will also clean the inside and outside of the building, and Scheuber + Darden Architects will measure the building to get a floor plan and photograph for future preservation purposes. Funds for the mothballing come from CPI's 2019 Endangered Places Program grant from History Colorado's State Historical Fund.

Alexa Roberts and City of Starkville Receive Honors from NAPC

The National Alliance of Preservation Commissions (NAPC) awards selects from a large pool of nominations from across the country, recognizing and honoring outstanding efforts and achievements by local preservation, historic district, and landmark commissions and boards of architectural review.

CPI offers our congratulations to both Alexa Roberts and the City of Starkville on their remarkable achievements!

NAPC honored Alexa Roberts on Thursday, August 6, 2020, with a Commission Excellence Award. Ms. Roberts earned the Becker Award for her preservation leadership in eastern Colorado. Under Ms. Roberts' leadership, the Kiowa County Historic Preservation Commission was founded. After its founding, she also served on the Otero County Preservation Advisory Board. Roberts was instrumental in the development of two successful preservation programs and many projects that advanced preservation at the municipal and county levels. Click on the image to watch a video about Alexa Roberts.



NAPC honored the Starkville Historic Preservation Board on Tuesday, August 4, 2020 with a Commission Excellence Award. Starkville earned this award in the category of Best Practices in Identification/Registration. The Starkville Historic Preservation Board and the town of Starkville (population 59) initiated a citywide survey of its historic resources and nominated the town's historic school to the National Register of Historic Places. Starkville serves as a shining example that with strong will and community effort, preservation can engage and revitalize even the smallest of towns. Click on the image to watch a video about Starkville.



Progress Continues on Denver Tramway Streetcar .04 Project



Denver Tramway Streetcar .04, otherwise known as the .04 Arvada Trolley, had enjoyed a somewhat nomadic life since its last run to Arvada in 1950 as the entire Denver Tramway Streetcar System shut down. At various times it has served as a cabin near Rollinsville, lived at the old Forney Transportation Museum at its former location in the current REI flagship store in the Platte Valley, and then languished for years on a storage lot on North Tennyson Street, before its move to an old missile site near Cheyenne, where it currently is undergoing a careful rehabilitation and reconstruction process.

What is a streetcar doing inside of a missile launching site, you ask? It turns out the old Atlas missile site serves as the shop for Wasatch Railroad Contractors who are carrying out the rehabilitation with the help of Empire Carpentry of Fort Collins. CPI listed the Trolley as one of Colorado's Most Endangered Places in 2015 and significant progress has been made to date, with the help of a State Historical Fund grant. Administered by the City of Arvada, this grant supports work on the streetcar's body, flooring, windows, siding and roof supports, all of which were in a severely deteriorated state.

During the restoration a number of exciting items were uncovered, including several old Tramway tickets stuffed behind the interior walls near the conductor's seat, a workman's signature scratched onto the backside of the yellow metal panel siding added to the car in the late 1920s, and a distinct bend in the original metal frame

probably dating from an infamous collision with an automobile near present day Wadsworth Boulevard and 52nd Avenue that seriously injured a young girl.



As restoration continues, the Friends of the .04 Trolley group is working with Arvada City Council to determine the final location for display and interpretation of the streetcar in Olde Town Arvada. The two sites focused on include the Arvada Flour Mill site near the Gold Line Commuter Rail Station, which structurally may not be able to accommodate it, and a more likely site at a current small park just east of the new Grandview Avenue bridge over Wadsworth Bypass. Britina Design has completed a site plan for the latter location.

Stay tuned for more updates as the streetcar moves toward a Save!

Great American Outdoors Act Signed Into Law

Public lands and conservation just got a huge influx of federal dollars granted by the [Great American Outdoors Act](#). The freshly signed bill will permanently fill the coffers of the historically underfunded [Land and Water Conservation Fund](#) and authorize another \$1.9 billion a year to be spent on improvements at National Parks, forests, wildlife refuges and rangelands.



President Donald Trump, flanked by Republican Sens. Cory Gardner of Colorado and Steve Daines of Montana — who both face tough re-election races in November — signed the legislation at the White House on August 11.

The GAOA devotes nearly \$3 billion annually to conservation projects, outdoor recreation, and maintenance of national parks and other public lands.

[Read the full story here.](#)



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