December 2018 Newsletter

Dear Friends,

A serene scene of a sleigh ride at the lovely Devil's Thumb Ranch in Grand County reminds us of the beauty that surrounds us in our wonderful state. In the rush of the holidays it is easy to forget to take time to appreciate the moment and the blessings we all have. We are pleased to see so many in the community proactively registering early for the Saving Places 2019 conference. If you are looking for a holiday gift idea, please consider a present of a partial or full sponsorship or registration for a respected friend and colleague. Registrations are open and tour spaces filling quickly so make sure to reserve your spot before the advanced registration rates expire. This newsletter we highlight two additional speakers who we will be bringing to the conference from San Francisco and New Orleans. Mike Buehler with San Francisco Heritage will be sharing with our state the legacy business program they helped introduce to California in order to provide incentives for the retention of businesses that contribute to neighborhood history and identity. Bryon C. Lee, Jr. will take the theme of inspiring the next generation and discuss how to activate youth and engage members of your community to advocate for preservation efforts.

Finally, it is with a sad heart that we acknowledge the passing of long-time supporter and contributor of CPI, Friday Green. Friday served on CPI’s board and extremely active in advancing our Saving Places Conference as well as the Dana Crawford Awards. Her impact on the community and state is far-reaching and we will miss her.

For Our Past, Present and Future,

Jennifer Orrigo Charles
Executive Director

Speakers Announced!

"The Next Generation of Preservation: A Call to Action"

The 2019 Saving Places® Conference will explore the changes, threats, challenges, and successes of the preservation movement along with the communities and leaders working to move it forward.
Plenary Session
Tuesday, February 5, 8:30-9:45 am

Following the conference theme of inspiring the next generation, CPI is pleased to host Bryan C. Lee, Jr. Recently recognized by the National Trust as one of “40 Individuals Under 40 Making a Community Difference,” Mr. Lee is a Designer and Design Justice Advocate and Director of Design at Colloqate. Colloqate is a multidisciplinary Nonprofit Design Justice practice focused on expanding community access to, and building power through the design of social, civic, and cultural spaces. He is the founding organizer of the Design Justice Platform and organized the Design as Protest National Day of Action. Bryan has led two award-winning architecture and design programs for high school students through the Arts Council of New Orleans and the National Organization of Minority Architects. Among many achievements, he was selected for the 2018 Fast Company Most Creative People in Business.

Endangered Places Program Luncheon
Tuesday, February 5, 12:00-1:30 pm

Join us for the reveal of the 2019 Endangered Places, the announcement of the 2019 SAVED sites, and a presentation by Mike Buhler. Since 2010, Mike has served as executive director for San Francisco Heritage (SHF), a nonprofit committed to preserving and enhancing San Francisco’s architectural and cultural identity. In 2013, SFH initiated a program to celebrate and recognize the city’s iconic and longstanding legacy businesses; many of which were facing the threat of eviction and closure due to increased rents. What began as a registry of legacy bars and restaurants has since developed into a Legacy Business Historic Preservation Fund, which provides grants to both legacy business owners and property owners who agree to lease extensions with Legacy Business tenants. Mr. Buhler will share San Francisco’s story of saving it’s “intangible heritage” to inspire Colorado cities to advocate for their own legacy and heritage businesses.

Click here to learn more about TrustLive in Denver! Is a place ever truly saved? Fifty years after the passage of the National Historic Preservation Act and decades since we secured the future of places like Larimar Square and the Ashley River Road near Charleston, we find ourselves revisiting familiar places confronting new threats. Resaving Saved Places will feature a keynote by Danielle Del Sol, the new executive director of the Preservation Resource Center of New Orleans.

Click here to explore the agenda! There are over 80 engaging sessions, workshops, and tours. Approved AIA and APA credits are noted.

Click here to register! Secure Early Bird prices now through Wednesday, January 18, 2019.

Click here to book your hotel room! Saving Places 2019 is at the Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel (1550 Court Pl, Denver, CO 80202). Lodging information and booking discount at www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/CPI2019

Click here to volunteer! The Saving Places Conference is not possible without extraordinary volunteers! You must serve at least two (2) shifts onsite during the conference February 4-7. In exchange, volunteers attend the conference for free.

Thank you to our Saving Places 2019 Sponsors!
Are you looking for a way to build recognition for your company or organization while providing critical support for the conference? Consider being a 2019 Sponsor! Find unique sponsorship opportunities and learn more in our sponsorship packet!

UC-Denver Engineering Students Project for Walsenburg Power Plant Takes 1st Place!

In the Fall of 2018, Professor Peter Marxhausen, M.S., P.E. of the University of Colorado-Denver College of Engineering and Applied Science approached CPI about using Senior Engineering students to work on a project focusing on the Walsenburg Power Plant, listed on Colorado’s Most Endangered Places list in 2009. Six students then spent the semester researching the history and operations of the power plant, developing site and building plans, and performing a structure condition assessment, with proposed improvements to stabilize the building and restore its structural and aesthetic integrity. The students recently completed their report and presentation and were awarded 1st Place in the Civil Engineering category (best in Department) and took 3rd overall out of 37 student presentations!

The students worked in an interdisciplinary fashion while conducting three site visits and consultations with building owner Mark Hall and his son Patrick, who provided significant insights into the operation of the mill and its condition. The Walsen Power Plant, at the west edge of Walsenburg, Colorado, is a historic coal-fired generating facility that provided electricity to Southern Colorado coal mines and communities. It was built around 1912 as part of the Colorado Fuel & Iron (CF&I) company camp, which consisted of over 200 miner’s homes, built about 300 yards east of the Walsen Mine itself. The Walsen Mine opened in the 1870s and was the earliest and most significant coal mine in Huerfano County. The power plant provided electric power to the coal mines and surrounding towns and played a significant role in southern Colorado’s rich legacy of coal mining, including its contentious labor history.

If you would like to see the full report, please contact Kim Grant at kgrant@coloradopreservation.org.
The historic McElmo Flume No 6 has been officially saved after seven years of fundraising and restoration work! The newly rehabilitated structure is the last surviving of 104 flumes that delivered water across arroyos and canyons as part of the original large-scale canal system that helped establish local agriculture and the town of Cortez. The deteriorating flume was heavily damaged in a flood in 2006 and eventually placed on CPI’s Most Endangered Places List in 2011. Historian Linda Towle spearheaded the effort to save the flume, with the support of the Montezuma County Commissioners, the Cortez Historic Preservation Board, and several local groups who participated in a snowy but fun dedication ceremony on November 30th. The flume site is located adjacent to Highway 160, just east of Cortez and features an interpretive pull-off stop that was funded by a National Scenic Byways grant as part of the Trail of the Ancients National Scenic Byway. Over half of the historic flume itself was reused in the rehabilitation effort, which was funded by 4 successive State Historical Fund grants, as well as a grant from the Ballantine Family Fund. Generous cash contributions were also received from the Southwest Basin Roundtable of the Colorado Water Board, the Southwestern Water Conservation District, the Montezuma County Historical Society, the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, the Dolores State Bank, the First National Bank of Cortez, the Cortez Historic Preservation Board, and private donors.

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**Goodnight Barn receives major DOLA grant!**

The City of Pueblo, in partnership with the Goodnight Barn Preservation Committee, was recently awarded a major grant of $530,000 dollars from the Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA), to help with rehabilitation and preservation of the Goodnight Barn, located along Highway 96 near Lake Pueblo State Park. The project has now raised $1,060,00 to complete the restoration, including a new floor and ADA improvements, electrical/lighting, replica stone wall, fencing and a parking lot. The goal is to let bids for the project in March, with the expectation of completing the work in one year. The Charles Goodnight Barn was constructed in 1871 and Goodnight’s Rock Canyon Ranch was the northern headquarters of the Goodnight-Loving cattle trail that extended from Texas to Colorado. The barn is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is the lone surviving structure from the ranch. The barn was added to CPI’s Most Endangered Places list in 2002 and awarded the EPP Progress Award in 2018 at the annual Dana Crawford Awards Dinner.

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**The Redstone Castle is Open!**

The Redstone Castle is Open! At long last, the Redstone Castle, one of Colorado's most acclaimed historical properties, is open to the public for tours, events, and as a boutique B&B. Owners Steve and April Carver have spent the last couple of years painstakingly restoring the National Register property, with preservation guidance by esteemed preservation architects Nan Anderson and Ben Heppe of Anderson Hallas.

Artisans and specialists from across the country were called to meticulously restore details such as the plaster cast decorative moldings in the reception hall and the exquisite, iridescent Art Nouveau foil ceiling in the library. Designed by architects Harnois and Boal, the manor house features woodwork designed by Gustav Stickley and immense pendant light fixtures by Louis Tiffany. The historic property and new amenities for modern comfort blend seamlessly.

CPI is proud to be working with the owners and the Redstone Historical Society on a masonry restoration project granted through History Colorado’s State Historical Fund. Masonry restoration by Building Restoration Specialties, Inc (BRS) is scheduled to begin as soon as the snow melts and the ground thaws this upcoming spring.

In mid-December, the Castle hosted around 100 guests for the premier showing of the Rocky Mountain PBS series *The Colorado Experience*, Season 6. To learn more about this episode, tune into Thursdays at 7:30pm on Rocky Mountain PBS. Check out the full season schedule...
Finally, to check out the property and perhaps book your own historic adventure, go to https://theredstonecastle.com/. This grand restoration and opening has been a long time coming and it's undoubtably worth a visit!

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**History Colorado Collections Diversity Fellowship**

Interested in a career in museums? Curious about how collections are used to engage the public? Want to earn extra funds while building your resume? This program encourages you to explore a career in museums while learning about collections care and the ways in which collections and curatorial staff work to increase access to the collection.

The History Colorado Collections Diversity Fellowship encourages undergraduate and graduate students from diverse communities who are enrolled at an accredited Colorado University or College to explore collections related work and the challenges within museums, historical organizations, and cultural institutions as they relate to inclusion, representation, narrative, and the workforce. Acceptance into the program is a competitive process and only completed applications will be considered. After reviewing applications, some students will be offered an in-person interview with program staff.

This 350 semester-long fellowship will offer students the opportunity to work on a specific collections based project at History Colorado. The Collections Diversity Fellowship is designed to engage students in the care, preservation and interpretation of the History Colorado Permanent Collection. The Collections Diversity Fellowship will also include aspects of public engagement with a final presentation and/or social media post. Click here for more information.

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**Completed Work at Roxborough Kiln**

The Roxborough Historical Society is delighted to present the recently completed, structurally sound Roxborough Kiln! Masonry expert Bart Baker and his team from Building Restoration Specialties led the efforts at the site.

The historical kiln is located immediately north of the main (and only) entrance to Roxborough State Park and directly adjacent to the Community of Roxborough along Colorado State Highway 5. Because of its historical significance and high traffic, the RAHS and the Roxborough Park Foundation aspire to stabilize the kiln structure and to interpret the site for visitors, allowing improved visitor access and encouraging a greater understanding of the historic resource.

This project, funded in part through a grant from History Colorado State Historical Fund, provided structural stabilization of the kiln based on the findings of a structural assessment. Without the kiln, the only remaining structure from the Town of Silica, a passing individual would never know or even imagine the rich history of this site and the fact that at one time, a whole town and manufacturing facility existed there!

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**2019 Endangered Places Program Silent Auction**

Mark your calendars and get ready to bid! The EPP Silent Auction is shaping up to be one of the best silent auctions yet! Plan to bid during the Saving Places Conference on Monday, February 4 and Tuesday, February 5! Bidding will close during the Preservation Marketplace on Tuesday evening.

This year’s items will include a trip to the top of the historic Wonder View Tower and “see six states!” followed by a picnic with those working to restore the Tower to its former glory. Want a relaxing getaway? Spend a night at Joyful Journey Hot Springs soaking in mineral rich, travertine spring water. Or if you’re feeling like representing
your love of Colorado, there are gift baskets made from local apparel, food, wine, craft beer, and more. From a castle tour to a behind the scenes tour of Nature’s Educators’ new aviary, family friendly trips to beverage experiences, there’s something for everyone!

All proceeds from our Silent Auction benefit CPI’s Most Endangered Places Program – your future auction winnings are a win for preserving historic sites for future generations.

Every year we are overwhelmed by the amount of support shared with us through our fundraising efforts. A simple thank you is not enough to express the gratitude we feel as we reflect on our work in 2018. Thank you to everyone who stepped up, logged in, reached out, and gave a gift to preserve Colorado’s important historic places.

Our work continues and is possible because of you, and the staff and board of CPI and the sites we partner with are forever grateful. This work is of consequence, and it positively impacts EVERYONE who lives in or visits Colorado. Thank you.

Please consider an end of year donation and gift to CPI. Happy Holiday from all of us at Colorado Preservation, Inc.