The crisp chill that is in the air confirms that summer has finally subsided to the renewed spirit of fall. The changing leaves and fall traditions give us the opportunity to appreciate Colorado’s agricultural landscapes as families clamor to experience farm tours, pumpkin picking, and apple picking opportunities. The lead image for this month’s newsletter is the original apple label created for Montezuma County’s Endangered Place, the Gold Medal Orchard (listed 2015). Many of you will recognize this is the same image that CPI used for its EPP necklace of the orchard. These necklaces are still available and is one great way you can show your support of Colorado’s historic landscapes, CPI, the Endangered Places Program, and have your own unique conversation starter! Contact Kim Grant to place your order (kgrant@coloradopreservation.org). For those of you who have been following the progress of the orchard through the work of the Montezuma Orchard Restoration Project (MORP), you know that great progress has been made in only a few short years with over 200 heirloom trees planted at the Gold Medal Orchard and a lease signed between the Kenyon Family who own the orchard and MORP to ensure the orchard continues in the future.
This month’s newsletter is filled with great updates on some of our listed Endangered Places as well as an opportunity for you to provide feedback on the developing 2030 State Preservation Plan. We encourage you to note the dates and plan to attend a meeting to make your voice heard. This is also the first letter where we have started to dive a bit deeper into a promising new feature of the 2020 Saving Places conference – themed roundtable discussions. These roundtables are being created in response to attendee feedback and each roundtable will revolve around a broad issue of interest to all – the first feature is on the important issue of advocacy.

Thank you for all your support and read on!

For our Past, Present, and Future,

Jennifer Orrigo Charles
Executive Director

Early Bird Registration - Lowest Prices through November 15!

Colorado Preservation, Inc (CPI) is proud to present the Saving
Places® 2020 Conference, a dynamic four-day event featuring high-quality educational content and networking opportunities for individuals, organizations, and communities working with historic and cultural places.

**Saving Places® 2020: a Focus on the Future**

Wednesday – Saturday  
January 29 – February 1, 2020  
Sheraton Downtown Denver Hotel  
I.M. Pei Tower

Check our website for more information about the conference, registration fees, and a preliminary schedule. Register today for the best value as a CPI member.

**NEW FOR THE 2020 CONFERENCE!**

CPI is excited to announce the introduction of roundtable discussions as part of the Saving Places 2020 conference as a featured way to engage and network with experts and conference attendees. We selected 10 topics we feel are truly relevant to our conference attendees and will be scheduled across the entire conference. The roundtables will provide you with a unique opportunity to dive into various issues and discuss their importance with your colleagues in an open and interactive format.

**FEATURED ROUNDTABLE: Advocacy as Preservation Education**

Government Affairs Professional Jeannie Vanderburg will be facilitating a special roundtable on the important role that advocacy plays in educating elected officials at the local, state, and federal levels about how preservation opens up opportunities to communities and does not limit them. The roundtable will breakdown the misconceptions that elected officials are not approachable and dive into how to build relationships with elected officials before you have an ask. Jeannie will guide the roundtable participants in using their authentic stories to create a message that appeals to legislators and provides the baseline education on the what and why of preservation. Our goal is to inspire participants to gain the skills and confidence to advocate with their elected officials for preservation policies and projects that will benefit their community.
Learn More about the Conference and Register Today!

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Momentum Builds on Centre Avenue in New Raymer

Successful Listings on State and National Register

The Friends of Raymer have shared the exciting news that two key buildings on historic Centre Avenue, listed on Colorado’s Most Endangered Places Program in 2017, have moved forward with a successful listing on the State and National Registers. The Raymer State Bank was approved for addition to the official Colorado State Register of Historic Places and the Star Filling Station/Texaco Gas Station was approved for forwarding on to the National Review Committee for possible listing on the National Register of Historic Places. Ron Sladek, of Tatanka Historical Associates, Inc. in Fort Collins prepared the two successful nominations.

In addition, the High Plains Library District is looking into the possibility of establishing a branch library in New Raymer, and Trina Kauk and architect Barbara Darden are looking into the potential for re-use the historic Mercantile Building, now undergoing a Historic Structure Assessment, for that purpose. These developments all have the potential to help find new uses for historic commercial buildings from the town’s heyday in the 1920s. Congratulations to the Friends of Raymer for their hard work and success!

Dearfield Day with Student Participation a Great Success!
The 12th Annual Dearfield Day was a big success with sunny skies and 37 total volunteer workers, including 16 students from Colorado State University and 8 students from the University of Northern Colorado. Other volunteers came from Greeley, Fort Collins, Boulder, Commerce City, Louisville, Johnstown, Loveland, and Denver. Activities included building and area cleanup, interior cleaning of the Filling Station, recovery of historic wood from the partly collapsed Blacksmith’s Shop for later re-use, and installation of polycarbonate clear-board security covers on the Filling Station windows. This work is the beginning of phase 2 of the Dearfield Preservation Strategic Plan designed to help preserve the history of the Dearfield Farm Colony (1910-1930), a pioneering African-American settlement and town that prospered until the Great Depression began to take its toll on small communities throughout the Eastern Plains. The four remaining buildings on site are part of the Dearfield National Register Historic District, which was also added to Colorado’s Most Endangered Places list in 1999. The site remains on the EPPs “Alert” status in recognition that a developer’s plans to place modular homes on historically documented town lots threatened the integrity of the district. Recent negotiations between the Black American West Museum and Clayton Homes to avoid that scenario are proving hopeful and are continuing.

State Preservation Plan

Join the Preservation Conversation!

History Colorado’s Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation is renewing the statewide action plan for historic preservation, and inviting the public to collaborate in drafting the upcoming 2030 Statewide Preservation Plan.

This year, a primary aim of these listening sessions is to create space for more meaningful participation from a wider array of communities. This is an invitation to all
members of the public, across the state, to shape the Colorado's preservation efforts for the next 10 years.

Please join the 2030 Planning Committee at one of the following meetings:

2030 STATEWIDE PRESERVATION PUBLIC MEETINGS

OCT 16 | 6-8PM | Lamar Depot, 109 E Beech St, Lamar CO
OCT 17 | 6-8PM | Trinidad City Hall, 135 N Animas St, Trinidad CO
OCT 23 | 6-8PM | Fort Collins City Hall, 300 Laporte Ave, Fort Collins CO
OCT 26 | 3-5PM | Brush Area Museum, 314 Clayton St, Brush CO
OCT 29 | 6-8PM | Ute Indian Museum, 17253 Chipeta Rd, Montrose CO
OCT 30 | 6-8PM | Animas Museum, West 2nd Ave, Durango CO
NOV 14 | 6-8PM | Breckenridge Town Hall, 150 Ski Hill Rd, Breckenridge CO

Join us at a public meeting to share your thoughts!

Public input will help us save places while tackling serious concerns facing Colorado communities, including economic development, population increase, housing shortages, redevelopment, gentrification and displacement. These public meetings are just the beginning of that endeavor.

For more information about the Statewide Preservation Plan, contact Preservation Planner Erica Duvic at 303-866-3392 or by email Erica.Duvic@state.co.us.

Amache Preservation Society Leader
John Hopper Receives Prize

CPI is pleased to announce John Hopper's recognition by the American Historical Association with the Beveridge Family Teaching Prize for distinguished K–12 history teaching. CPI has worked extensively with John and his students over the years with the development of Amache in Granada. Congratulations to John Hopper, social studies teacher/Principal in Granada Schools (K-12) and director of the Amache Preservation Society, for another prestigious recognition!
The AHA offers annual prizes honoring exceptional books, distinguished teaching and mentoring in the classroom, public history, and other historical projects. Since 1896, the Association has conferred over a thousand awards. This year’s finalists were selected from a field of over 1,400 entries by nearly 150 dedicated prize committee members.

Established in 1995, the Beveridge Family Teaching Prize honors the Beveridge family’s long-standing commitment to the AHA and to K-12 teaching. Friends and family members endowed this award to recognize excellence and innovation in elementary, middle, and secondary-school history teaching, including career contributions and specific initiatives.

CPI’s "Big Monday" Meeting Discusses EPP Nominations for the 2020 List

Participants from across Colorado met on “Big Monday” this week to review nominations for 2020 listing on Colorado’s Most Endangered Places. The meeting took place at the historic Fleming Mansion in Denver’s Platt Park for the purpose of forwarding on to the CPI board a recommendation for which sites to list in 2020. Stay tuned as the process moves through “Little Tuesday” and final selection by the CPI board of directors. We will announce the 2020 Most Endangered Places at the EPP Luncheon, Thursday, January 29, 2020. More information at SavingPlacesConference.org.

Don't Forget to Vote Your Main Street!
The Dr. Justina Ford Home in Denver is in the Running!

Tomorrow - October 29 - is the last day to vote for Partners in Preservation: Main Streets. There’s still a chance for your favorite sites to stay in, or pull into, the lead.

Vote for up to five Main Streets once a day at VoteYourMainStreet.org to help them receive a share of $2 million in American Express-funded grants. It takes less than a minute, and you’ll feel good knowing you helped Main Streets across the country secure funding for their preservation projects.

There is a Colorado site in the running! Vote for the Black American West Museum to secure $150,000 for vital repairs to its historic masonry and windows! This building is the former home and office of Dr. Justina Ford, Colorado’s first licensed African American female physician. Vote daily for the museum (the only site in Colorado).

Remember: Voting closes Tuesday, October 29, at midnight (ET). Don’t miss this opportunity to support your favorite communities. VoteYourMainStreet.org

Call for Volunteers!

World’s Wonder View Tower

Before winter sets in for good, a few things need to be done around the Tower. They could sure use a hand if you’re available!

November 3rd, 10am-5pm

If the weather is going to be bad, this workday will be postponed.
Volunteer Activities:

- Move historic materials out of harm's way from the weather
- Sort and organize some those items
- Throw some junk away
- Patch a few of the bad spots on the roof
- Fix a couple windows and doors
- Clean up the little trailer
- Repair some fencing
- Clear the brambles

Lunch, snacks, and drinks will be provided. They have lots of tools but feel free to bring yours. Bring gloves and sturdy shoes/boots. For more information, contact Reid Weimer at reedweimer@me.com or 720-234-6618.