



COLORADO PRESERVATION, INC.

July Newsletter

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Dear Friends, Members, and Supporters,

This month I have the pleasure of officially announcing that CPI's 2021 Saving Places Conference will be remote. This decision was one that CPI did not take lightly, but our priority has been to create an event that protects the health of our attendees and speakers. We did not believe it would be possible at this moment to do so in person. While we will undoubtedly miss the one-on-one interaction of an in-person event, we are excited to explore new opportunities that are possible with a remote event. We know for many of you, travel to Denver is difficult, especially in February, with the unpredictability of the weather. Outside of driving conditions, traveling requires additional costs that made it difficult for many communities to send representatives or for interested individuals to attend.

Saving Places going virtual in 2021 will allow us to extend the reach of the conference and will enable us to bring its essential content to those who have never been able to attend in the past or as frequently as they would like. A virtual conference allows us to expand its reach to rural communities within the state, but also to a broader regional and national audience. Saving Places has always been able to draw attendees from beyond Colorado, and we hope to expand upon this for attendance in 2021. We are revisiting registration rates to ensure the conference is affordable to all with special first-time registration rates.

One of our goals with the conference has always been to make sure its critical content is accessible to all. We will continue to work with our partners to ensure those who need and want to attend are able. In the past, we have created special rates for property owners living in historic districts, individuals whose buildings were recently added to the state or national register, federal employees, and TIPOS. We want to extend the reach of the conference beyond those who know and appreciate historic resources to developers, contractors, and property owners living and working with these structures which do not have the background in why saving places matters.

I challenge all of you to help us spread this message and broaden the reach of Saving Places.

If you know of someone who should come to the conference but has not in the past, please put them in touch with us, and we will work to ensure they join us. Scholarships are available for those who could not attend otherwise.

Stay tuned for more information on the special events we have planned for the conference, and in the meantime, we look forward to seeing you on our travels on the road. This month's newsletter sheds light on current and upcoming CPI projects as well as a special request for comments on establishing Amache as a National Park. Enjoy!

For our Past, Present, and Future,



Jennifer Orrigo Charles
Executive Director



Accepting Session Proposals for 2021 Saving Places Conference!



Colorado Preservation, Inc. (CPI) is currently accepting proposals to present at the 2021 Saving Places® Conference. The virtual conference event is scheduled for Wednesday, February 10 through Friday, February 12, 2021.

CPI's Saving Places® Conference is designed to provide engaging, varied content that will equip attendees with the knowledge and tools they can integrate into their lives, their work, and communities. Submitted sessions should inspire, energize, and provide attendees with the critical information they can bring back to their projects and communities.

The 2021 Saving Places® Conference theme will support Goal B of Colorado's State Preservation Plan: Strengthening and Connecting the Preservation Framework. The conference will also include sessions that address the new challenges impacting organizations, historic resources, and communities because of COVID-19 (for example, its impact on Main Streets, local businesses, historic preservation projects, etc.).

Submit a proposal to present a session, virtual tour, or workshop now through **Monday, August 10, 2020**. *Due to concerns over COVID-19 in 2021, CPI is asking all session speakers to be available to record content in the fall. Please make sure information would be available for your session if submitting a proposal.*

For more information about the conference, visit SavingPlacesConference.org, or to pitch a session idea to staff, email Amanda Barker at abarker@coloradopreservation.org, or call 303.893.4260 x230.

Submit Your
Session Proposal

Presenting Sponsors of the Saving Places 2021 Conference:



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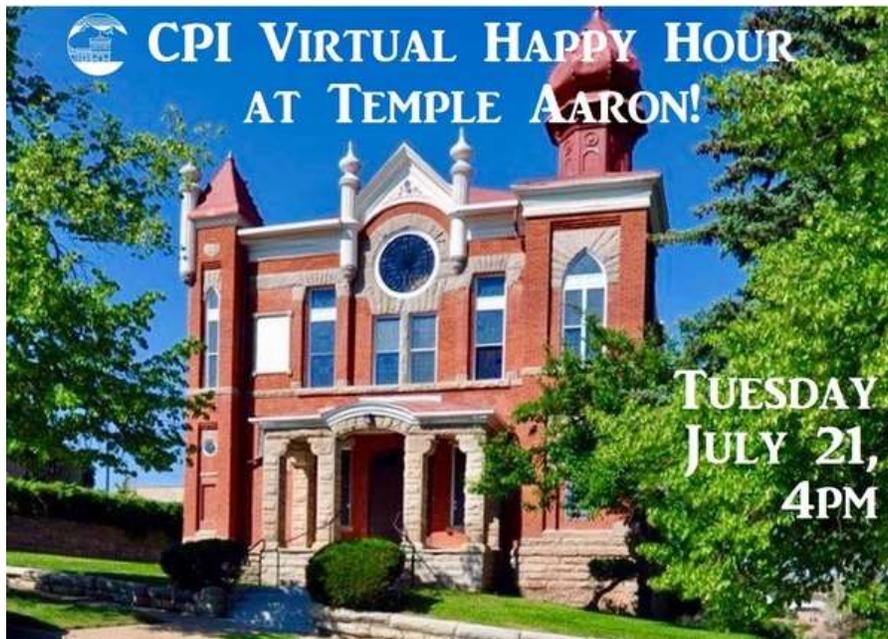

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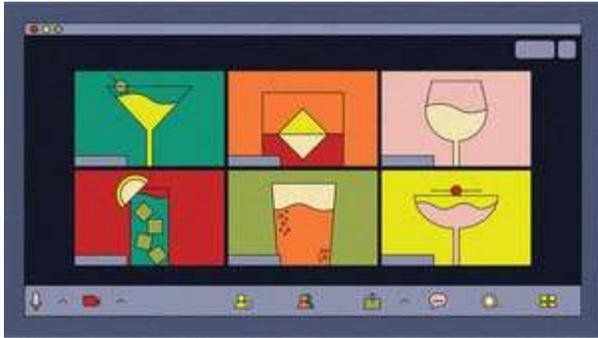


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**Join CPI for an Upcoming
Virtual Happy Hour!**



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](#).



CPI Happy Hour

**Temple Aaron in
Trinidad, CO**

**Tuesday, July 21
4:00-5:00 PM MT**

[Click Here to
Register](#)

Located in the El Corazon de Trinidad National Historic District, Temple Aaron is a prominent visual landmark in Trinidad and the oldest synagogue building in continuous operation in Colorado.

Designed by Isaac Hamilton Rapp and built-in 1889, Temple Aaron is not only architecturally significant but also crucial for its role in the cultural history of Trinidad. Jewish merchants, who served as traders along the Santa Fe Trail began locating in Trinidad as early as 1867 and became prominent members of the community. By 1874, Trinidad had only two non-Jewish mercantile firms, and within ten years, Congregation Aaron organized as a Reform congregation on July 23, 1883.

A dwindling population and limited funding led to the Temple being listed in 2017 as one of Colorado's Most Endangered Places. Since listing, Colorado Preservation, Inc has worked closely with a dedicated group of individuals working to keep the property in Jewish hands, raise funds to maintain, repair, and endow the building, and create a 21st century congregation.

Join a conversation on-site at Temple Aaron with CPI and Temple Aaron's Board Members! Expect to hear stories of growing up at the synagogue, the synagogue's architecture, and preservation work, and lessons learned from events, programs, publicity, and outreach over the past three years.



Temple Aaron Board Members

Neal Paull
Ron Rubin
Randy Rubin
Sherry Knecht
Kim Grant
David London

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Register](#)

Save the Date for Additional Happy Hours Coming Soon!

Hugo Roundhouse – August 3
Amache Internment Center: Granada – August 18
Huerfano County Courthouse - September 16

Nominate a Resource to Colorado's Most Endangered Places!



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

Walker Homestead Restoration in Escalante Canyon



The Walker Homestead in Escalante Canyon outside of Delta was placed on the Endangered Places List and is now a grant project managed by CPI. Restoration work is finally underway there, funded by History Colorado and the Interpretive Association of Western Colorado (IAWC). Contractor Back Again Restorations, with design work by

Silverton Restoration Consulting, began restoring the roof at the end of June. The rest of the restoration, including the interior, fireplace, windows, floors, and doors, will resume in late summer once the heat has settled down. The historic Cabin was built by Harry Walker in 1911 and is now owned by Colorado Parks and Wildlife.



IAWC has been providing educational interpretation and preservation of our public lands since 1988, preserving historic structures for future generations. Plans for the Cabin are to re-purpose it into a Learning Center for Colorado Canyons Association use when they provide field trips into the Escalante Canyon for K-12 school kids. This work will be quite the transformation and provide such needed interpretive value for the region. Enjoy these photos showing the "raising the roof" plus a photo of Harry Walker at the backside of the Cabin circa the 1920s.

Add Amache as a National Park: Submit an Official Comment



"There's a story of America and it needs to be told. It's my story, and the story of survivors just like me. Between 1942 and 1945, Japanese Americans like me were forced from our homes into incarceration camps in the United States. At Amache, we tried our best to create community, but it was never really home. Despite the pain, this history must not be forgotten.

It's time we preserve it. **The National Park Service (NPS) is**

considering adding Amache to the National Park System, and I can think of no better way than to honor my family and families who were kept there than that."

Make sure stories like Bob Fuchigami's are preserved. [Read more of his personal story with Amache here from the National Parks Conservation Association.](#)



Please submit an official comment today and tell NPS you want Amache to be a part of the National Park System.



Huerfano County Courthouse Masonry Preservation

The second phase of the masonry preservation of the Huerfano County Courthouse tower is in progress. Over the years, the severity of the masonry and mortar deterioration, including spalling, cracking, holes, and failing patches has become a growing public safety concern. As part of a multi-phased effort, the stone on the south and east elevations of the Courthouse tower is now being repaired following recommendations from the first phase, which addressed the north and west elevations and was successfully completed in 2019. This project addresses the same issues to restore the exterior tower masonry of this highly significant public building. This project is funded by the State Historical Fund (SHF), the County, and a grant from the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) with Hoehn Architects as the project architect.





Before and After Photos of the Huerfano County Courthouse Tower

Access to the tower is not easy nor often presented. Still, with the restoration work underway by the general contractor Mountain Masonry, the project team last week again experienced the height of the tower (as well as the heat of the onsite job!). It is fantastic to see the transformation of the stone up close and over the years – what a treasure and impressive feat!

Land Sale at Dearfield Colony



Key sites at the Dearfield colony in Weld County are now protected after the [Black American West Museum & Heritage Center](#) recently reached a sale and parcel swap with Clayton Homes. Dearfield is one of CPI's Most Endangered Places (listed in 1999). There is more work to be done, and we are excited to roll up our sleeves with our partners to preserve such important Colorado history!

Read the
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Colorado has a Newly Approved Chapter of DOCOMOMO!



Did you know? The chapter is part of the larger structure of the International Committee for Documentation and Conservation of Buildings, Sites, and Neighborhoods of the Modern Movement. The Zoom meeting will put together a Board and officers, identify a financial institution for our finances, and a discussion of upcoming activities to support.

Topic: DOCOMOMO July Meeting/Board

Time: Jul 23, 2020, 7:00 PM MT

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84911954058>

For more information, contact Robert

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