



COLORADO PRESERVATION, INC.

September Newsletter

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Dear Friends,

We are finally starting to feel the approach of fall as the weather begins to cool, and there is a crispness in the air that brings invigorating contemplations of apple picking, cider, and pumpkins. Fall also signals a busy time at CPI's offices as we gear up to select next year's Endangered Places. Over the summer, we received dozens of applications highlighting historically significant yet threatened historic resources. From mid-century modern to agricultural features to landmark buildings, we have quite a difficult task ahead of us. While many of you may participate at the announcement of our newly listed places at the Saving Places Conference each year, few may be aware of the involved process that occurs behind the scenes as we narrow down the selection. If you have nominated a place in the past, please know that we take each complete nomination seriously and select a reviewer to represent the resource in our process. The reviewer is responsible for making site visits, speaking to the local community and engaged parties. They provide their recommendations to CPI on whether it would be a strong candidate for the Endangered Places Program. Meetings are held where reviewers discussing nominated sites grouped by region, and all the nominations are discussed collectively at a statewide meeting, otherwise known as Big Monday. Based on what we are already seeing coming out of the review meetings, 2021 will be a difficult selection for sure!

This month's newsletter highlights our upcoming happy hour celebrating the work of the Montezuma Orchard Restoration Project, ongoing efforts by our partners, and recognizes the support of our members. Your support, whether it be financial, in a volunteer capacity, or through engagement with CPI – is critical, and we would not be here without you. Thank you all so very much.

For our Past, Present, and Future,



Jennifer Orrigo Charles
Executive Director



Virtual Happy Hour - September 29



Virtual Happy Hour Tuesday | 09.29.20 | 4-5 PM MT

GOLD MEDAL ORCHARD

Check Out Colorado Preservation Virtual Happy Hours

Colorado Preservation, Inc.'s (CPI) board, staff, and supporters connect virtually from time to time to discover Colorado's critical historic places and

CPI's [Endangered Places Program](#). We celebrate incredible milestones and dive into these and other preservation quandaries and discoveries!

Join Live! Virtual Happy Hour at Gold Medal Orchard

Join Colorado Preservation, Inc. for a conversation with our friends at Gold Medal Orchard and the Montezuma Orchard Restoration Project in Cortez, Colorado. Learn the historical and economic context of this unique cultural landscape, recent preservation work, upcoming plans and get an exclusive look at the diversity of heritage trees planted.



Tuesday, Sept. 29
4–5 p.m. MT

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Rundown of Gold Medal Orchard



The historic **Gold Medal Orchard**, located in McElmo Canyon where it joins Trail Canyon, represents one of hundreds of remnant historic orchards located in **Montezuma County** and across Colorado. In 1890, James Giles first planted the orchard, which soon earned its name, winning a gold medal for the quality of its apples and peaches at St. Louis World's Fair in 1904.

Time passed, the extensive variety of fruit trees grew into their grandeur and then slowly faded into the landscape.

More than 100 years later, only a few historic trees remained, hardy remnants of the orchard's former glory. Heritage fruit

varieties vanished, redevelopment threatened the property, while its story of prize-winning fruits was nearly forgotten.

Colorado Preservation, Inc. listed Gold Medal Orchard as one of Colorado's Most Endangered Places in 2015 and received the 2019 Dana Crawford Endangered Places Progress Award.

The orchard's next generation of owners envision restoring the heirloom varieties of fruit in Montezuma County with the expertise and assistance of **Montezuma Orchard Restoration Project**, a nonprofit envisioning southwestern Colorado renowned for an orchard culture and economy based on the legendary quality and diversity of Montezuma Valley fruits. Restoration of the orchard's historic landscape provides a living representation of the early agricultural founding of Montezuma County and highlights the importance of apple growing in the area.



Restoration efforts continue making strides since the orchard's Endangered Places listing. This work includes initial plantings, Montezuma County grafting, recording oral histories, and a protective fence for deer. Gold Medal Orchard stands in need of funding, land conservancy, and heirloom fruit promotion. Colorado Preservation promotes and honors the orchard's progress, ensuring a successful future as the community meets the orchard's needs.

Join a conversation with friends and partners at Gold Medal Orchard! Learn

the historical and economic context of the site, recent preservation work and upcoming plans for this incredible cultural landscape.

Presenters



Jude Schuenemeyer

Montezuma Orchard Restoration Project



Kim Grant

Colorado Preservation, Inc.

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Preservation Training Workshop: October 16

CRASH COURSE IN HISTORIC BUILDINGS & RESTORATION

Friday, October 16, 9 am – 12 pm – \$65/\$50 CPI Member
St. Barnabas Episcopal Church – 1280 Vine St, Denver



Continuing in CPI's series of Preservation Training Workshops, join us as we teach participants how/where to start on the successful path to a restoration or construction project for your historic building. The workshop will be led by Graham Johnson of Spectrum General Contractors and Andy Duckett-Emke, Project Architect with Anderson Hallas Architects.

The workshop will take place at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church and is designed for

homeowners as well as commercial property owners looking to phase and better understand their project. Topics will include how to incorporate a productive planning/design phase in your project to minimize surprises that can otherwise become construction road bumps.

This workshop will be held onsite at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church in Denver. Every person is required to wear a mask or face shield that fully covers the mouth and nose any time they are in the presence of another person, indoors or outdoors, regardless of distance. Every person is expected to maintain a 6' distance from all other persons at all times, whether indoors or outdoors.

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Meet Your Presenters:



Graham Johnson
Project Manager,
Spectrum General
Contractors



Andy Duckett-Emke
Associate, Project
Architect, Anderson Hallas
Architects

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EPP Site Moving Forward - Grant Funding for the Iglesia de San Antonio/Tiffany Catholic Church



Following an initial site visit with the project team and State Historical Fund staff, work is now progressing at Iglesia de San Antonio/Tiffany Catholic Church in far southwestern Colorado.

The modest but beautiful Iglesia de San Antonio/Tiffany Catholic Church was lovingly constructed in 1928 by the Hispano residents of the settlement of Tiffany, which exists along the old Denver & Rio Grande Railroad (D&RG) line to Durango. The church was listed

on Colorado's Most Endangered Places in 2019 and added to the La Plata County Register of Historic Places later that same year.

Efforts to restore the church have received much favorable publicity recently and the site caretakers and project partners are excited about the progress so far! Recent efforts include a meeting with architect Barbara Darden of Scheuber + Darden Architects and consulting engineers Jedidiah Williamson of Logos Structural and geotechnical engineer Dave Trautner Geotech LLC, to complete fieldwork designed to prepare construction documents to set the stage for preservation work on the church.

Archaeological monitoring by Wendy Allen of SEAS was also provided in conjunction with trenching work next to the foundation of the building, which was done to determine the condition of the poured in place foundation and the presence of sub-surface water that might be impacting its condition.

Efforts were also made to determine if the adobe used in the building's construction was made on-site to try and match any replacement bricks that may be needed. Stay tuned for more updates as this important project moves forward!

Phase One of Slayton Ranch in Briggsdale Work Nearing Completion



Work at the Slayton Ranch, Briggsdale, Work Center is nearly complete!



The Slayton Ranch Work Center consists of four historic buildings (the House, Shop/Warehouse, Garage and Root Cellar) and is listed on the National Register. The site was the headquarters of the Land Utilization Project (LUP) during the New Deal era to house government program staff and demonstration projects for soil conservation and agricultural techniques following the environmental crises of the 1930s in northeastern Colorado.

CPI is managing this first phase of work, which entailed rehabilitating the roof of the House and exterior rehabilitation of the Shop/Warehouse including roof, siding, doors, and window. A final meeting and walkthrough were held this

month with the U.S. Forest Service (owner representative), the State Historical, Form + Works Design Group, and A&M Renovations.

Colorado Preservation, Inc. is serving as the fiscal agent and grant/project

administrator in partnership with the Forest Service to preserve and develop the reuse for this unique property.



The project team hopes to continue its close and important partnership into the future to rehabilitate the interior of the main house to be used as a visitor and interpretive center to tell the history of the New Deal Era Land Utilization Project and be a major attraction along the adjacent Pawnee Pioneer Trails Scenic Byway.



**Experience Hands-on History!
Dearfield Days
Saturday, September 26**



Join the Dearfield Preservation Committee in celebrating Dearfield's 110th Anniversary by pitching in to help preserve its legacy. CPI listed Dearfield as one of Colorado's Most Endangered Places back in 1999 and we are thrilled to see the project moving forward.

The Dearfield Preservation Committee will be holding a guided tour of the site and this summer's archaeological excavations of the town's

Blacksmith's home location, plus hold a hands-on building and ground clean-up of the African-American townsite. The clean-up culminates a year of State Historical Fund grant supported building stabilization and security measure work, part of a long-term preservation and restoration program.

The tours begin at 9 am, and our townsite clean-up starts at 10 am. We will provide lunch at noon. COVID-19 precautions will be followed.

Dearfield is located 25 miles east of Greeley, immediately on the south side of US Highway 34. Join us in a "hands-on-history" experience in preserving the Dearfield heritage. For further information, email Bob Brunswig at robert.brunswig@unco.edu or George Junne at ghjunne@aol.com.

Poston Community Alliance Annual Pilgrimage



CPI has worked with Amache, Colorado's WWII Japanese Internment Center for decades. Many residents and visitors have been interested in seeing the progress and learning about this important historic resource. For those interested learning more about the many internment centers that opened up with WWII, consider attending a virtual pilgrimage to one location in Poston, AZ.

The Poston Virtual Pilgrimage is an opportunity to learn more about the Poston incarceration camp, where over 17,000 Japanese Americans were imprisoned during WWII. A video of the current Poston site, preservation efforts, conversations with survivors as well as art, and remembrances related to the camp will be featured. All activities will be free of charge.

Programs will feature opening remarks by Dennis Patch, Tribal Chairman of the Colorado River Indian Tribes Reservation, and a video on the Poston Incarceration Site, which provides Poston's unique history and updates on past and present Alliance projects.

Workshops will be provided followed with live Q & A sessions. Additional videos and films can be viewed "on-demand" at postonpreservation.org/virtualpilgrimage. Special guest presenter will be Derek Mio, lead actor of the TV series, *The Terror: Infamy*. Mio will present a reading of Marlene Shigekawa's children's book "Welcome Home Swallows".

[Register for this free event online here](https://postonpreservation.org/virtualpilgrimage)

Historic 1,500-acre Ditmars Ranch protected in Douglas County



One of Douglas County's most historic ranches is now protected with a conservation easement made possible by County taxpayers, County Commissioners, The Conservation Fund, Douglas Land Conservancy (DLC), and the owner of Ditmars Ranch.

The purchase of Ditmars Ranch conservation easement was jointly funded by [The Conservation Fund](#) (\$1 million) and [Douglas County](#) (\$1 million). Douglas County's portion was generated by the voter-approved [Open Space Sales and Use Tax](#). The conservation easement will be held by [Douglas Land Conservancy](#).

The 1,500-acre property was identified 25 years ago as a conservation priority in the South I-25 Conservation Corridor study, completed by the County and The Conservation Fund.

Read more about this extraordinary conservation success [here](#).

Become a Sustaining Member with Colorado Preservation, Inc.

Colorado Preservation, Inc. would not be the action-driven nonprofit it is today without your support. [Membership with CPI](#) helps to build a future *with* historic places!



We love each of our members, but we are especially grateful for their support especially in difficult times such as now. This month we would like to highlight long-time supporter, **Linda Hargrave**. This year Linda is **celebrating her 10th anniversary as a Colorado Preservation, Inc. member!**

Linda is a longtime supporter of historic preservation in Colorado and Denver. She has made her own contribution to the field of buying and fixing old houses. She is the archivist at Saint John's Cathedral for the past four years. She has also been a Saving Places Conference volunteer for at least ten years. Her first conference was at the El Jebel Shrine in Denver!

"It means a lot to me to give back to the historic preservation community. I plan to be involved for many more years!" - Linda Hargrave

Without loyal friends like Linda, we could never impact Colorado in all the ways that we do. Thank you!

Please also consider becoming a monthly member for as low as \$4.50 a month! Sign up for a monthly CPI membership through the Community First Foundation.

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