



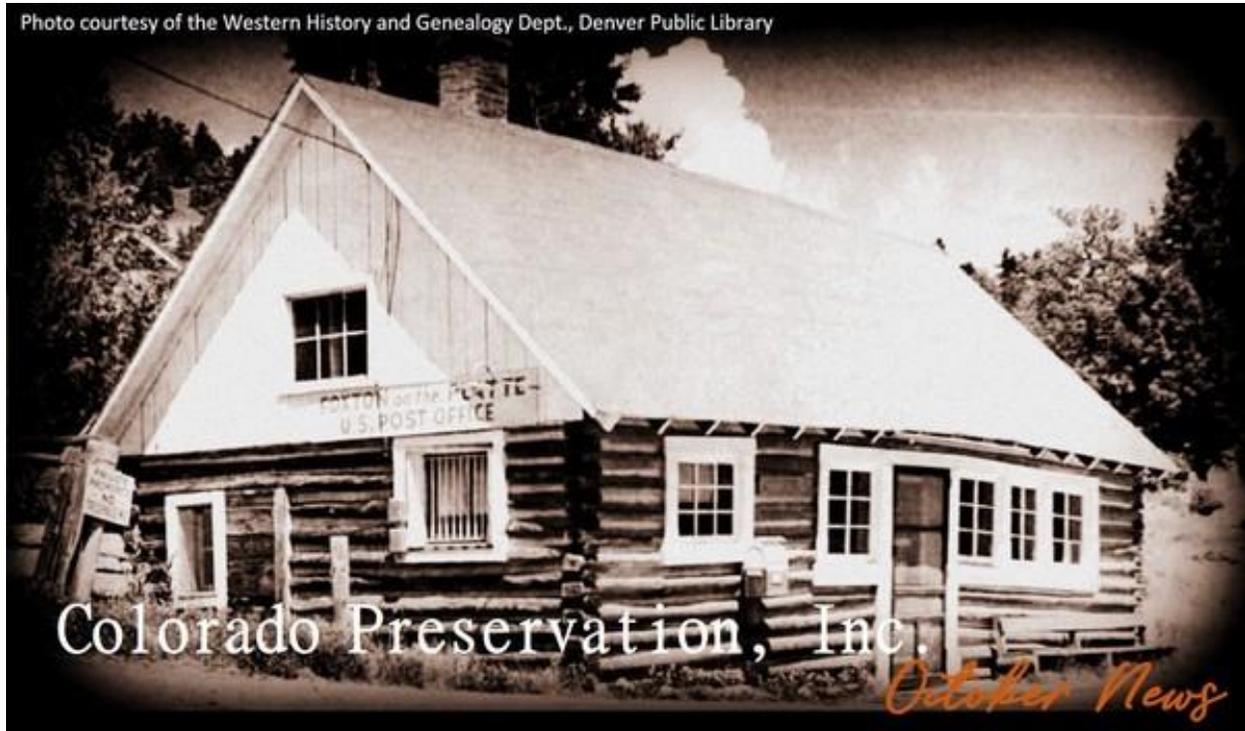
Colorado Preservation, Inc.

October 2020 Newsletter

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Dear Friends,

Last month our newsletter featured the story of one of our listed resources, the Iglesia de San Antonio Catholic Church in Tiffany. Our feature highlighted the work and progress being made at the site, but it is just one property that demonstrates the interconnection between site and landscape, community, and historic context. Often historic resources are celebrated for their individual stories and contributions. Still, each resource has layers of significance that help us gain insight into the larger stories, themes, and movements at play. As it was so elegantly stated by one of our readers, “often historic preservation is focused on a single structure whereas the story it tells is only a paragraph in the history of the region in which it is located or its context.” We certainly agree and could not have said it better. Stay tuned for future features from guest writers highlighting this interconnection between place and context. We would love to hear from you on what features you would like to see introduced in upcoming newsletters.

This month our newsletter is graced by an image of the Foxtton Post Office in Jefferson County, an EPP resource first listed by CPI in 2002. If you are interested

in being involved with hands-on preservation, it is not too late to sign up to join CPI at the Foxton Post Office this Friday and Saturday for our Weekend Workshop. No experience necessary – just bring your interest, curiosity, and ability. We will do the rest!

October also marks changes at History Colorado and CPI would like to welcome and recognize Dr. Chris Bowles in his new position as the Director of Preservation Incentives Programs/Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer. Colorado is fortunate to have such strong leaders in preservation, and we look forward to gaining from the expertise Chris brings with over 20 years of experience.

For our Past, Present, and Future,



Jennifer Orrigo Charles
Executive Director



Last Call for Volunteers: Historic Preservation Workshop at Foxton Post Office!



A few spots are still available for volunteers seeking some free, hands-on historic preservation experience **this Friday and Saturday's CPI Weekend Workshop at the Foxton Post Office in Jefferson County**. The workshop will introduce volunteers to preservation techniques - **no prior experience necessary!** We will begin the rehabilitation of the historic Foxton Post Office by cleaning the property, temporary shoring or stabilization of the

foundation and roof supports, removal of rotted wood shingles, installation of temporary roofing material, and mothballing of windows and doors. Volunteers should also bring work gloves, proper footwear, a hard hat (if available), and dress for cooler weather in the morning and warmer weather in the afternoon.

The unincorporated Town of Foxton is located along Foxton Road south of US Highway 285 in between two significant and popular Jefferson County Open Space trail and park amenities: Reynolds Park and Cathedral Spires Park. The Foxton Post Office sits at the northern gateway to the Town of Foxton, owned by Denver Water. The building served as a Post Office for the town and was also a Texaco gas station for many years, used by a heavy stream of travelers passing through the area. In 2002, the building was placed on [Colorado's Most Endangered Places](#) list to recognize its deteriorating condition and possible demolition.



The Weekend Workshop at Foxton Post Office is sponsored by Alpine Bank and funded in part by a grant from History Colorado's State Historical Fund. It will be the 12th Weekend Workshop staged by CPI under the auspices of the Endangered Places Program. Kim Grant, Endangered Places Program director at CPI, explained that "a hands-on workshop for the Foxton Post Office is a great way to introduce participants to proper techniques and treatments designed to protect the building. The workshop will build support in the local community for possible preservation and adaptive re-use."



Volunteers will work under the direction of CPI's Endangered Places Program director Kim Grant and Jon Sargent of Deep Roots Timberworks, dba Deep Roots Craftsmen, a Fort Collins-based contractor with extensive historic preservation experience. Please RSVP by **Thursday, October 22nd**, to Kim Grant at 303-893-4260 x 222 or kgrant@coloradopreservation.org.

Crash Course in Historic Buildings & Restoration - Online Workshop



Friday | Nov. 13 | 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
CPI member: \$40 | Nonmember: \$55
Virtual online event

[Register Now](#)

Learn how/where to start on the successful path to a restoration or construction project for a historic building. During this virtual event, join Graham Johnson with Spectrum General Contractors and Andy Duckett-Emke, Project Architect with Anderson Hallas Architects, as they take you on a crash course of historic building projects.

The workshop is **designed for homeowners and commercial property owners** looking for more guidance into the preservation-related challenges for historic construction projects.

Take a high-level dive into the **collaborative preservation project at Saint Barnabas Episcopal Church in Denver**, working specifically through relevant topics to incorporate a productive planning/design phase in your project to minimize surprises that can otherwise become construction road bumps. Specific focus will also be given to navigating the entitlement process in permitting (building, zoning, utilities), landmark, CLG review, and State Historic Grant Funding (SHF). Managing these aspects of a project early can **set a course for success and avoid timely and costly delays down the road.**

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Erin Spletzer Joins Colorado Preservation, Inc.

Join us in welcoming Erin Spletzer to the Colorado Preservation team! Erin will support CPI staff in a part-time capacity on events and communications.



Erin – or Little E, as she is nicknamed – is Colorado born and raised. She believes the power of equity/inclusion, education, collaboration, and generosity transforms lives and communities. She thinks life is about recognizing brightness in the world and embracing change as a catalyst for growth.

She is an award-winning graphic design, brand, and communications professional, motivated by a 15-year career dedicated to Colorado's nonprofit

sector. For 14 years through the beginning of 2019, Erin served in a unique position while on the ground floor of all things nonprofit at Colorado Nonprofit Association. She evolved to art director and editor of *Nonprofit Colorado* magazine. Her previous experience included a stint at the American Recorder Society.

Goodnight Barn Dedication Celebrates Partnerships and Successful Completion



A warm sunny day in Pueblo proved to be a perfect setting for the dedication and ribbon cutting for the Goodnight Barn, which recently completed a successful rehabilitation project that involved many partners and hard work over several years since its listing on [Colorado's Most Endangered Places](#) back in 2002.

The event was hosted by the City of Pueblo and the Historic Goodnight Barn Restoration Committee to

thank the many local and state officials and partners who supported the project over the years, including the City of Pueblo, Pueblo County, the Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA), History Colorado's State Historical Fund, CPI, El Pomar Foundation, Gates Foundation, Gersick Foundation, and several businesses and individual donors who raised over \$1.2 million to make the restoration possible.

The event featured speakers who spearheaded and championed the project over the years, including Kim Grant with CPI, Bill Zwick of the City of Pueblo and Laurel Campbell of the Goodnight Barn Preservation Committee. The event was also bookended by CPI's Regional Review Committee meeting to review 2021 nominations to Colorado's Most Endangered Places in the morning and concluded with the ribbon-cutting ceremony and tours of the inside and outside of the barn and its site on the west edge of Pueblo along the Arkansas River, where Charles Goodnight built the barn back in 1870.

Goodnight was a Texas cattle baron who established the ranch on land formerly part of the Nolan Land Grant near Pueblo. The ranch was the northern headquarters for the Goodnight-Loving Cattle Trail, which helped pioneer the cattle ranching industry in Colorado. Goodnight built the barn with limestone quarried from nearby bluffs overlooking the Arkansas River and fashioned the beams, rafters, and unique hand-made doors from native timber.

After the barn deteriorated in the early 2000s, a group from Texas actually proposed moving the barn to that state where Goodnight's legacy in the West really began. Still, locals in Pueblo were determined not to let that happen and mobilized to save the site, subsequently nominated and added to CPI's Endangered Places list in 2002.

While many watched the exterior rehabilitation of the stone walls unfold over time, few had the opportunity to see the inside rehabilitation until the dedication ceremony. That work included constructing a new concrete floor, ADA improvements, electrical and lighting work, and rehabilitation of the timber-framed ceiling and beautiful wooden doors and windows. In carrying out the work, HW Houston was the general contractor, with much of the work carried out by Block by Block and stonemason Bill Granada, who managed to save thousands of dollars by successfully pulling the west wall of the building back in place to avoid a full deconstruction and rebuild. Adams Electric provided the electrical upgrades and lighting, with landscaping done by Total Terrain. Straight Line Contracting poured concrete footers to support the foundation and roofing. Architect Jessica Reske of Form + Works Design Group, LLC, was responsible for completing the Historic Structure Assessment on the barn back in 2014, funded in part by a grant from History Colorado's State Historical Fund. SHF grants and a major \$530,000 DOLA grant represented breakthroughs for the project, enabling additional fundraising efforts to succeed.



A larger, public opening is being planned for post-Covid 19 to allow more of the public to see and use this beautiful, one of a kind historic barn. Plans are also in the works to manage and stage events and programs at the barn to take advantage of its unique character and setting.

**Dr. Chris Bowles Named Director of
Preservation Incentives Programs/Deputy State
Historic Preservation Officer**



We are pleased to share that Dr. Chris Bowles was recently named the Director of Preservation Incentives Programs/Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer at History Colorado and the Colorado State Historic Preservation Office. He has been with History Colorado since January 2020 in his previous role as the Heritage Outreach and Preservation Planning Manager. He will be directing the State Historical Fund, but also the Preservation Planning Unit, which

includes the National and State Registers, Certified Local Governments, and Centennial Farms. He is also completing the State Historic Preservation Plan for 2030.

Dr. Chris Bowles is a native Coloradan originally from the High Plains north of Fort Morgan. After obtaining a BA in anthropology from CU Boulder in 1998, Chris moved to Scotland where he pursued a Masters and Ph.D. in early medieval archaeology in 2006. He worked for several years in cultural resource management before working for 11 years as the local authority archaeologist for the Scottish Borders Council. During this time, he led, facilitated, and promoted a number of community archaeology and heritage projects.

Hidden Homestead Meadows



Laycook Homestead

Historic places and the people who cherish them are all around us. Sometimes, they are

in plain sight, and other times one must travel over long bumpy rounds to find them! In early October, Colorado Preservation, Inc. was introduced to the unique and out of the way conglomeration of historic homesteading sites located between Lyons and Estes Park in Larimer County called the Homestead Meadows National Historic District. Owned and managed by the U.S. Forest Service, a partner with Colorado Preservation, Inc. on the Briggsdale Work Center project, Homestead Meadows consists of eight historic homesteads that were first settled in the late 1880s, connected via low original wagon roads. Today exhibit original homesteading wooden cabins, barns, outbuildings, and hidden artifacts that provide information and evidence of early pioneer life in this mountainous landscape. Most visitors to Homestead Meadows hike, bike, or come by horseback via a network of easy to moderate trails to this little-known area of the National Forest System in north-central Colorado.



Main House and Laycook Homestead. Roof rehabilitated in summer 2020 by local volunteers.



Barn at Irvin Homestead

The rich and unique history of homesteading in this area has inspired preservation from the Forest Service and local community members. Last summer, HistoriCorps was brought in to assist in reroofing an annex to the main house at the Laycook Homestead. Local volunteers have also since worked hard this past summer to completely reroof and stabilize the main house and other site features to hopefully preserve through another winter. In addition to their hard work and preservation skills, these volunteers and the Forest Service are looking for ideas and other partnership opportunities on how to best preserve the plethora of nationally significant historic resources in Homestead Meadows. Colorado Preservation, Inc. is excited to have had the opportunity to travel the long bumpy roads to see Homestead Meadows in person (imagine being an original homesteader in the 1880s!) and to begin brainstorming ways to assist the Forest Service and local community members on historic preservation of Homestead Meadows into the future. For more information or ideas on how to help, please contact Jane Daniels, Director of Preservation Services, jdaniels@coloradopreservation.org.



Lumber house at Irvin Homestead



Log cabin at Irvin Homestead



Larry Fullenkamp (U.S. Forest Service) and Drew Webb (local volunteer) in front of Brown Homestead cabin.

**City of Greeley Online Time Capsule Opening -
Today, October 22 at 12 PM MT**



Greeley marks its 150th anniversary this year, and to celebrate, city officials plan to open two time capsules.

Join the Greeley Historic Preservation Commission and the City of Greeley Museums as they unveil a selection of items from both capsules live as part of Greeley's History Brown Bag series at noon, Oct. 22. Register and connect at bit.ly/Greeley150. Log on to the webinar a few minutes before noon to see more photos related to Greeley's 150th and the time capsules' unearthing.

Read the full press release [online here](#).

CPI Membership Spotlight – City of Greeley Celebrates 10 years!

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 highlight long-time supporter, **The City of Greeley, celebrating their 10th anniversary as a CPI member!**

Greeley's historic preservation program has been around for 25 years, and Colorado Preservation, Inc. has been an integral partner to Greeley's preservation efforts. Greeley has two local historic districts, one downtown National Register historic district, and 93 individually designated properties. They actively participated in CPI's Endangered Places Program with two sites listed and since been **SAVED**.



Bessie Smith House - moved, designated, and now undergoing rehabilitation courtesy of a State Historical Fund grant. The house is named for the architect who designed it. She was Greeley's first (and brilliant) female architect.



Group shot in front of a church on a 2019 Sunrise neighborhood walking tour. Check out a recently filmed walking tour [online here](#).



"CPI listed Downtown Greeley in 2000 and saved it in 2012, and listed the POW Camp 202 Pillars in 2005 and saved them in 2011. Saving the pillars saved the stories of prisoners, farmers, and camp employees, which shed a bright light on the darkness of World War II. It is one of my favorite sites and favorite stories of Greeley's history, possible thanks in part to CPI."

- Betsy Kellums, Planner III – Historic Preservation, City of Greeley

Betsy has attended the Saving Places conference nearly every year since she started her job with the City of Greeley in 1999, and she sees it as an excellent educational and networking opportunity. Colorado Preservation, Inc. is proud to be a partner with the City of Greeley and the promotion and advancement of preservation.

Please consider joining Betsy and the City of Greeley by 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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