



Colorado Preservation, Inc.

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Dear Friends,

The countdown to the Saving Places Conference has begun, and conference registration is officially open! Take a look at our new conference registration page to see a schedule of events, speakers, and keynote features. By attending virtual conferences, we have noticed the challenge of capturing the networking and project planning opportunities that come with an in-person event. We put this as a priority in planning our virtual conference, and I know you will be impressed with the outcome! We have a dedicated virtual networking space that will be open throughout the conference, which allows you to break off into groups of two or join a table of ten. We will all use this space for dedicated networking lunches as well as during our preservation marketplace.

New this year with registration, we are offering free access for attendees to pre-and post-conference sessions and opportunities to learn the networking space before the conference. We are using a platform that allows us to offer the excellent content you have come to expect and have discussions and roundtable brainstorming. Each session block will have one room reserved for a less formal

breakout-style—the other three offerings a more traditional conference setting. The schedule is jam-packed with information and learning opportunities! All content will be available to attendees after the event if you only have time to join us for a few sessions.

Our goal this year more than ever is to bring the critical content of the conference to attendees that haven't been able to join us in the past from all parts of the state. Please help us make this possible and forward the information to your friends and colleagues. We have competitive first-time rates and bulk registration rates. This conference is for you. We want it to be accessible to all, so please let me know if a community should attend but cannot due to financial difficulties.

Thank you all for your support, and we look forward to seeing you in a few short months!

For our Past, Present, and Future,



Jennifer Orrigo Charles
Executive Director



Saving Places Conference - Registration Open!



**PRESERVATION
IN ACTION**

Saving Places 2021: Preservation in Action

Wednesday, February 10 – Friday February 12

Online at SavingPlacesConference.org

Check our website for more information about the conference and to register.

Register before January 1 for Early Bird Prices.

REGISTER NOW



KEYNOTE PRESENTATION WITH JOE MINICOZZI

Wednesday, February 10,
9:15am-10:15am MT

Land use economics is an effective tool to understand ways a community can proactively manage growth. It is also a fiscally smart way to use land more wisely. However, few communities consider the important role that the value of land plays in planning, zoning, placemaking, and capital improvement planning.

CPI is pleased to host Joe Minicozzi, Urban3's principal, and innovative urban economist and planner, for a keynote presentation demonstrating the economic benefits of historic preservation by building a better understanding of the tie between economic and community vitality through land use.

****Attendees interested in this topic should plan to attend two breakouts hosted by Joe Minicozzi, which will be geared towards greater interaction on this topic.****

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Thursday, February 11, 2021, 8:50 - 9:40 AM MT

Join us for Unique Virtual Networking Opportunities at the Conference!



[Watch a sneak peek of our networking environment.](#)

Networking Breakouts

Experience the "in-person" networking and connection online in our Virtual Networking space. You will be able to freely explore the space, meet new people, hear from our sponsors and continue the conversation virtually.

Networking Lunch Breakouts

We might not be able to gather physically in person for lunches, but that does not mean we will not provide you with unique opportunities to gather at tables and meet fellow attendees. Each day we have reserved the lunch hour for all attendees with a themed breakout happening at the networking space.

SPONSORS

The Saving Places Conference is not possible without the support of our sponsors. Thank you!

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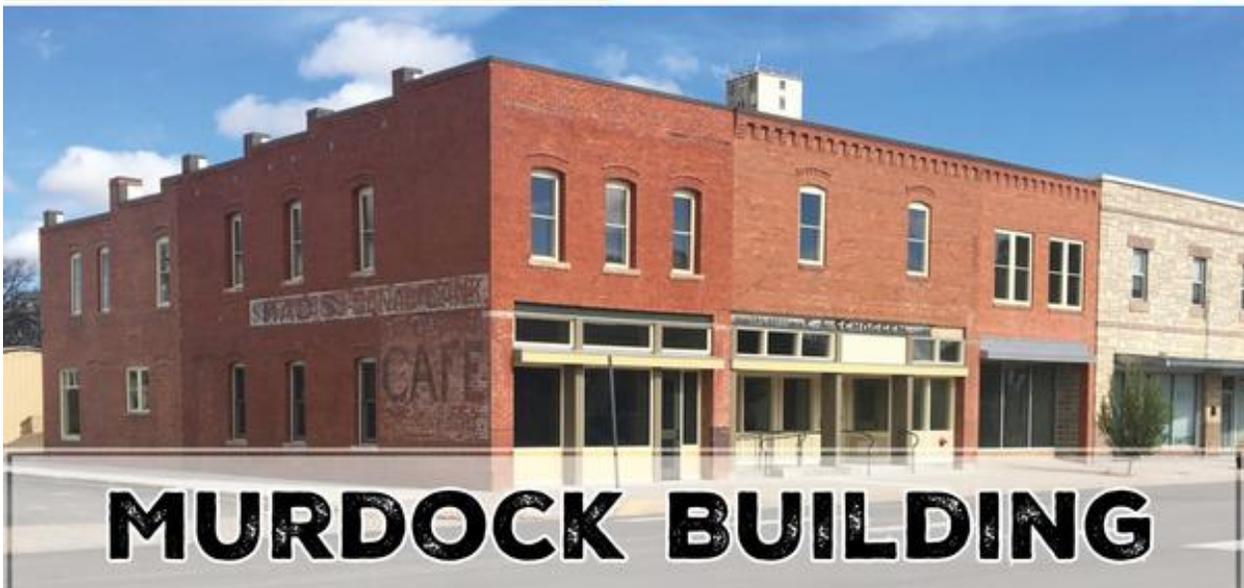
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Virtual Happy Hour at the Murdock Building



Virtual Happy Hour

Tuesday | 12.08.20 | 4-5 PM MT



Join Colorado Preservation's Virtual Happy Hours

Colorado Preservation (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 Featuring the Murdock Building Project

Join us friends, for a conversation at the Murdock Building in Eads, Colorado. Get an exclusive, on-site look at recently completed restoration efforts. Learn the history

of this essential space. Hear about the community significance of this project for the future, reviving a thriving center of small-town life in Eads and Kiowa County, while creating gathering spaces for senior citizens and explorers at Sand Creek National Historic Site Visitor's Center.



Tuesday | Dec. 8 | 4–5 p.m. MT

Inside the Murdock Building Project



Historic Downtown Eads c. 1886

The **Murdock Building** consists of three separate structures located in historic downtown Eads, Colorado, founded in 1887 when the Missouri Pacific Railroad extended its line through Kiowa County to Pueblo. The buildings at the corner of Thirteenth and Maine streets served as a commercial hub and backdrop for social life of the area for a century. Together and separately, each of Murdock Building's structures

functioned as a bank, café, flower and gift shop, gas utility headquarters and dry goods and grocery store. As time passed, commercial activity and population in Eads declined, leaving the Murdock Building vacant and deteriorating.



Murdoch Building in 2020.

A new opportunity arose when Kiowa County purchased the Murdock Building in 2007 with vision and plans to rehabilitate these structures for use as **Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site Visitor Center**, research institute and National Park Service offices, along with **Eads Senior Citizens Center**. After more than 10 years of extensive restoration efforts, National Park Service moved into its space in April, as work on the Senior Citizens Center concludes.

This unique project came to fruition through partnerships established and nurtured during the years. Funding provided through grants from State Historical Fund,

Department of Local Affairs, National Park Service, National Trust for Historic Preservation, Kiowa County, in-kind from Colorado Preservation, Eads Chamber of Commerce, Kiowa County National Bank and Governor's Energy Office.

Join us and learn the historical and economic significance of the site, rehabilitation efforts and our work to interpret and save this essential piece of Colorado's history and future.

Register Now

Ways to Support Colorado Preservation this Holiday Season

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Shop Local this Holiday Season & Support Colorado's Most Endangered Places

Consider a unique, one-of-a-kind holiday gift for that special someone! CPI's Endangered Places necklaces, handcrafted in the Ukraine of ivory polymer clay protected with a cover of glossy resin and set into an antique brass design with 18" chain, make for a great gift that also supports the preservation of the Endangered Places Program sites. EPP necklaces are available for over 20 sites, ranging from the **Belvidere Theatre** to the **World's Wonder View Tower**, and from the **Denver & Rio Grande Antonito Depot** to the **Neon Signs of Colfax**, and many more.

Each necklace costs \$35 plus sales tax, and can be mailed in its own box, with a cardstock description of the site, in just a few days. For information about inventory, please contact Kim Grant at kgrant@coloradopreservation.org, 303-893-4260 x 222.



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Online shopping this season?

Use this [AmazonSmile link](#) to make purchases and the AmazonSmile Foundation will make a donation to CPI.





King Soopers Rewards Program

Colorado Preservation, Inc. is part of the **King Soopers/City Market Community Rewards program**, which means you can donate to CPI just by grocery shopping!

Linking your card to CPI does not impact gas points and does not require any donations. Here's how to enroll your card:

- **Step 1:** Sign in or register a new account at www.kingsoopers.com
- **Step 2:** Look at the My Account bar on the left – click Community Rewards
- **Step 3:** Under Find an Organization type Colorado Preservation
- **Step 4:** Click Enter and you will see Colorado Preservation as an option – click ENROLL and you are done



Colorado Gives Day!

Tomorrow, Dec. 8 is Colorado's largest nonprofit giving day of the year! [Colorado Gives Day](#) is an opportunity to increase the impact of your gift. Every nonprofit receiving a donation on Colorado Gives Day receives a portion of the \$1 Million Incentive

Fund – increasing the value of every dollar donated.

What better way to celebrate, strengthen and invest in Colorado communities this Colorado Gives Day than with a donation to an organization working to protect our state's history for the future. [Support Colorado Preservation and consider scheduling your Colorado Gives Day gift today.](#)



2020 in Colorado? Then there were the forest fires...

**Update Provided to Colorado Preservation
by Carl Stewart, Colorado Cultural and Historic Resource Task Force**



Grand Lake Cemetery (closed) near Rocky Mountain National Park, November 2020. Photo credit Carl Stewart.

Upon hearing about a fire, a small group from the Colorado Cultural and Historic Resources Task Force (CHR-TF) activates to determine if cultural resources are threatened or damaged by the fires. Zip codes, databases, email networks, and the web are mined for information. Contacts are made, winds blow, and perimeters change. This work is in the background while life safety, firefighting, and property protection are addressed first. We provide our information to the State Emergency Operations Center, especially after

recovery begins. If there are unmet expenses and needs, we may be able to help.

Through the State Archeologist's office and State Historic Preservation Office, History Colorado has a database of built cultural assets mapped statewide. Depending on the jurisdiction (private, State, BLM, or US Forest Service), sometimes we can get this information to the firefighting front lines. The hope is that an obscure historic site is not, for example, needlessly used as a staging location by firefighting crews. Some historic cabins were lost in the fires. Still, the most severe loss in structures and sites was in Rocky Mountain National Park, especially around the west entry.



Grand Lake Cemetery (closed) near Rocky Mountain National Park, November 2020. Photo credit Carl Stewart.



Evacuation of threatened collections before potential floods in Lake City Colorado, 2019. Photo credit Carl Stewart.

Since these structures are under federal jurisdiction with the National Park Service, it is outside our State group's scope. In addition to structures, an NPS cemetery run in cooperation with the town of Grand Lake also sustained damage from downed trees and is closed. Amazingly, despite the historic size and intensity of the fires this year, it seems at this point that we escaped extensive loss or damage to cultural resources, except those in Rocky Mountain National Park. But that doesn't mean we didn't have some

close calls. Collections were evacuated by the Pioneer Village Museum in Hot Sulphur Springs in advance of the East Troublesome Fire. The YMCA of the Rockies, both at Winter Park and Estes Park, evacuated some collections. Other collections were placed in safer storage, and some organizations discovered gaps in their emergency planning. The collecting community came together to support each other. For instance, the Greeley Museum accepted some of the evacuated collections from the mountains.

An important thing to remember about these fires is that extinguishing the flames is often only the emergency's beginning. The danger of landslides and floods from precipitation and runoff from fire scars extends the fire emergency. The CHR task force will monitor these issues as it has in the past and is a place to go if an individual or organization needs assistance preserving our State's cultural resources.



With the assistance of CHR-TF, evacuation of threatened collections before potential floods in Lake City Colorado, 2019. Photo credit Carl Stewart.

The [Cultural and Historic Resources Task Force](#) was CPI State Honor Award Recipient in 2017.

To get involved and be a part of their network, sign up for the CHR-TF [email list](#).

The James Residence (Dana Crawford House) Gets a Push Towards National Register Listing!



Colorado Preservation, Inc. and Historic Denver have partnered to nominate the Harry C. James Residence located at 685 N. Emerson Street in the Capitol Hill neighborhood of Denver, aka Dana Crawford's family home, to the National Register of Historic Places. This project is supported by grants from the State Historical Fund and the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Deon Wolfenbarger of Three Gables Preservation has taken on the task and successfully

drafted the nomination. Last month, in their September meeting, the Colorado State Register Review Board reviewed and approved the nomination to be forwarded on to the Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places for official listing hopefully yet this year!

The James Residence was built in 1900 during the beginning of Denver's City Beautiful movement and is exceptional for its representation of the late 19th and 20th century Revival/Italian Renaissance residential style architecture. The James

Residence was first home to Harry C. James, an early Colorado banker and smelter magnate, who commissioned the home's construction but was later sold to Dr. John H. Tilden in 1933. The home cycled through other prominent Denver owners, the most notable being Dana Crawford. Dana, with her husband, John W.R. Crawford III, as life and business partners along with their four sons, lived in the home starting in 1967. The house was a family home for them until John's death in 1985 but has stayed in the family since.

Crawford has become nationally recognized due to her successes and ethos related to the development and preservation of Denver's historic downtown core, including saving Larimer Square, Denver's first historic district. Dana is also the namesake of Colorado Preservation, Inc.'s annual Dana Crawford Awards. We are honored to have that affiliation with her and to have aided in the special recognition of her long-time family home here in Denver. Due much to Dana's long-term care, the home retains a high degree of historical integrity both on the interior and the exterior. Congratulations, Dana!



For more information on this and other CPI managed projects, please contact Jane Daniels, Project Manager, and Preservation Services at Colorado Preservation, Inc.

Temple Aaron Awarded State Historical Fund Grant



Temple Aaron, one of the oldest continuously operated synagogues in its original location west of the Mississippi, has been awarded a \$50,000 State Historical Fund grant from History Colorado for roof investigations, construction documents, and emergency roof repairs. The funds will be matched with \$29,250 in Temple funds for a total project of \$79,250.

Temple Aaron was listed on [Colorado's Most Endangered Places in 2017](#) by

Colorado Preservation, Inc., but has made great strides in re-constituting as a regional synagogue with lively and engaging services and programs attended by

supporters from Albuquerque to Boulder and beyond. In September, the Temple hosted both in-person and virtual Rosh Hashanah services on Zoom, led by Rabbi Robert Lennick of the Jewish Federation of New Mexico. Rabbi Lennick has now been engaged as the Temple's first Rabbi since the 1970s. He commented on the feeling of generations past that permeates the building by noting how "the past, present, and the future come together here at Temple Aaron...it's like a Jewish vortex or something."

Temple Aaron is a contributing historic property in the El Corazon de Trinidad National Historic District and opened its doors in 1889. It was designed by prolific architect Isaac Hamilton Rapp in the Exotic Revival Style, making it one of the few synagogues of its type in the United States. Elements of the Exotic Revival style include such Oriental motifs as Turkish (Onion) domes and Moorish minarets, both evident on Temple Aaron. The synagogue's many geometric colored glass



windows are reminiscent of the first colored glass windows found in other Eastern mosques. The Temple's distinctive pressed metal patterned roof has a complex structure featuring many peaks and valleys. It features two towers on the east façade of the building, which sits high on a hill overlooking Trinidad. The Temple was built primarily by Jews of German descent who played a prominent role in the town's early development, including its first mayor Samuel Jaffa and prominent merchants such as Maurice and Isaac Wise.

For information, please contact Colorado Preservation, Inc. at www.coloradopreservation.org or www.templeaaron.org.

Resurrected Windsor Mill receives Governor's Award for Downtown Excellence

The Town of Windsor's iconic, historic Windsor Mill has been beautifully resurrected after suffering not one but two potentially devastating blows—first, a tornado that wrecked much of the west façade and tower in 2008, then, an arson fire that burned much of the structure down in 2017. But the owners, Blue Ocean of Fort Collins, were determined to rebuild in the spirit of the historic structure and did so with the remnants available and through creative adaptive re-use of other site elements. Now the building houses several businesses, including the Windsor Mill Tavern and Bar that opened in 2019, with modern upgrades to the 1900 era garden-level

basement with its century-old stone walls and massive timber posts that survived the 2017 fire. Recently, the perseverance of the owners and Windsor's Main Street Program has been recognized with a Governor's Award for Downtown Excellence, for Projects with Adaptation, by Downtown Colorado, Inc. Congratulations to the Mill and site for reaching this milestone, long after its placement on Colorado's Most Endangered Places in 2002. Last year, CPI listed the Windsor Mill as a Save (with a nod to Historic Form).



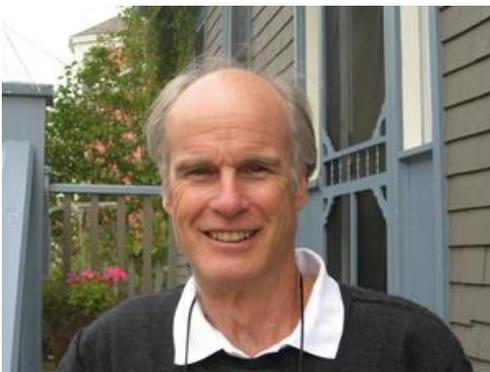
AmeriCorps Team Installs Interpretive Signage at Gold Medal Orchard



The Montezuma Orchard Restoration Project (MORP) recently installed an interpretive sign at the historic Gold Medal Orchard, with the help of an AmeriCorps team of seven individuals, who also planted 60 trees to complete the roughly 400 rare and endangered heritage apple trees now restored to the site. Individual tree signs will also be added. Individuals who support MORPS preservation work can become Sustain-a-Tree members today and have their names or a loved one added to the tree sign. The interpretive signage was funded in part by a History Colorado State Historical Fund grant, with support from @GoodFoodCollective in Durango and the AmeriCorps NCCC Southwest Region program. The Gold Medal Orchard is located in McElmo Canyon, west of Cortez, Colorado, and was listed on Colorado's Most Endangered Places in 2015.

Historicorps' Founding Executive Director and CEO Announces Retirement

January 2021 marks a transition in leadership for an organization Colorado Preservation, Inc. is incredibly proud to have played a part in forming. HistoriCorps' first Executive Director and CEO, Towny Anderson, will be retiring, marking a new chapter in his and HistoriCorps' future. HistoriCorps began as a program under CPI, spinning off to become a stand-alone nonprofit organization in 2013.



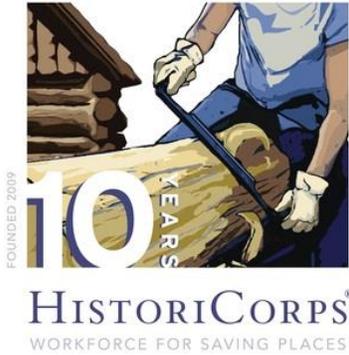
Towny joined HistoriCorps in 2011 as a consultant, bringing his unique background accumulated over a career spanning 48 years. He has been a restoration carpenter, preservation contractor, historic property re-developer, historic downtown revitalization consultant, and State Historic Preservation Officer. Towny came to Steamboat Springs in 1999 to open the western regional office of the Vermont-based Orton Family Foundation, which seeks to strengthen the social, cultural, and economic vibrancy of communities

through its now trademarked "Heart & Soul" program. Although he expected to be here for three years, historic preservation and backcountry powder skiing have kept him enchanted with Colorado to this day.

This month CPI's Executive Director Jennifer Orrigo Charles virtually "sat down"

with Towny to discuss this vital organization and the impact he has had on it over the years.

Why is HistoriCorps a critical organization, and how does it help advance preservation in Colorado and beyond?



HistoriCorps was founded to assist federal land management agencies (specifically USDA Forest Service) in addressing its obligation to preserve its thousands of historic resources that deteriorated over decades of deferred maintenance and repair. Federal land management agencies were experiencing budget and staffing cuts. It was clear that they were going to rely more and more on volunteers. HistoriCorps is the first preservation organization to programmatically engage volunteers in rehabilitating historic buildings and structures on public lands with a hands-on, experiential learning approach. We specialize in small budget maintenance and repair -- historic preservation at its root – mostly remote single-story structures. Combine this with an outdoor adventure experience. We have struck a chord with thousands of volunteers, students, and conservation corps. We are reaching people who may never have thought of themselves as preservationists.

[Read the complete interview here!](#)

Thank you, Towny and HistoriCorps, for leaping forward – we celebrate with you the 10th Anniversary of the program!