



Colorado Preservation, Inc.

## February 2021 Newsletter

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## Saving Places 2021 Virtual Conference

Dear Friends,

Just over a year ago, CPI began planning a virtual conference for our attendees. The conference's theme was Preservation in Action, a theme that would speak to what all of us have seen emerge under the wave of 2020 and its ripple effects. The world changed, and the preservation community adapted. Over the past year, all of us have had to respond in ways that included, for many, reevaluating our missions, redefining our relevance, re-engaging our community, and ensuring we are truly fulfilling our supporters' needs. Despite these challenges and the challenges that remain, preservation remains strong. Saving places continues. Our Saving Places Conference allows us to tell these stories and share the information with communities nationwide.

The conference may be over, but its ending is only the beginning. Our goal in presenting a virtual conference was to make the conference more accessible, bring the information to more people, and retain the core content and information to attendees. A review of registration information and conference evaluations demonstrates that we met our goals. Over three days, we offered 41 education sessions with 118 speakers. This year we had 657 individuals join us, and these attendees represented 83% of Colorado's counties (plus 22 states and an international reach with attendees joining us from the UK and Canada). A closer look shows that 36% of our total attendees had not been to the conference in the past. Of those who attended previously, 20% had only attended one conference previously. This is great news and begins to show we could reach communities previously not served by this event. We will continue to dig into this information in the coming months to identify areas we need to improve to improve our reach year after year.

For those of you who could not join us but would have liked to, we have a few options that will be upcoming. Education sessions are available now to conference attendees. Still, we will also be reshooting some of the more popular sessions and presentations through upcoming happy hours. Stay tuned for more details on how to join!

Finally, the conference announces the newly listed Endangered Places Program resources we will be working with in 2021 and beyond. This year we have three important places that

need your support. Please read the article on the EPP announcement below and watch the videos put together by our partners at CBS4. We have an exciting year ahead!

For our Past, Present, and Future,



Jennifer Orrigo Charles  
Executive Director



## Our First Virtual Saving Places Conference!

Every year, hundreds of preservationists across the country and beyond travel to Colorado Preservation, Inc.'s Saving Places Conference. More than an opportunity in continuing education, the Saving Places Conference is now a touchstone for renewed inspiration for our work. The conference gives a chance to celebrate, commiserate, sit back, and listen to colleagues sharing the field's ups and downs. We discuss new ideas and points of view, engage the senses in a new place, or revisit a project with fresh eyes.



*Cassandra Atencio (Southern Ute Indian Tribe) gives a land acknowledgement to Saving Places Conference Attendees.*



*Lori Pace giving her keynote, Saving Faces in Places.*

The vision and hope for CPI's first virtual conference were to honor the in-person conference traditions all from the comfort of our homes. CPI staff worked with the Saving Places planning committee and SHF partners to create an exciting line-up of events that would cross the great virtual divide to engage preservationists of all backgrounds around the country.

Joe Minicozzi of Urban3 kicked off three full days of learning with his Keynote, Dollars, and \$ense of Development Patterns. Cassandra Atencio & Garrett

Briggs, NAGPRA Coordinators with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe & Southern Ute Indian Tribe, shared updates and vision for upcoming projects. Lori Pace of Changes Paces International in Denver gave the Keynote Saving Faces in Places.

Attendees had the opportunity to enjoy some lighter fare, including a Preservation Happy Hour Trivia with Quiz Mistresses Extrordinaire Abigail Christman, Kathleen Corbett, and Traci Stoffel. CBS4 joined us for an incredible Endangered Places Program Announcement (read more about it below!). We experienced the "in-person" networking and connection online in our Virtual Networking space throughout the event. Colorado Senate Majority Leader joined us from the Bread Bar in historic Silver Plume and musicians from the [TANK Center for Sonic Arts](#) joined us at the Preservation Marketplace. The silent auction might have been online this year, but we were blown away by the community's participation and meeting our fundraising goal for the Endangered Places Program. Thank you!



*Colorado Sen. Maj. Leader Steve Fenberg teaches attendees how to make a historic [Clifford Griffon cocktail](#).*

**For registered attendees, we are pleased to share the education sessions are available online now.** You need to [log into the conference website at this link](#) (and bookmark it). You'll be asked to confirm your registration through a link sent to your email. Once logged in, navigate to the tab at the top of the conference website that reads "Recordings."

**If you did attend, we would appreciate 10 minutes of your time to give us your feedback. You can find the [conference evaluation online here](#).**

**Sessions evaluations for [Day 1/Feb 10](#), [Day 2/Feb 11](#), and [Day 3/Feb 12](#) are a great help to begin to plan how we convene next year!**



We are working to share the plenary content soon! When the full library of content ready, we will share with everything the opportunity to purchase access to the library if you could not join us during the premiere.

In the end, the first Saving Places Virtual Conference was a success, with strong attendance and participation across the event! We genuinely appreciate the kind words and helpful feedback we received over the last two weeks. Many expressed that while they were disappointed to miss the chance to experience the event in-person, they appreciated having the opportunity to learn with colleagues from afar. Others remarked that they would not have had the chance to travel to Denver and were grateful to experience the Saving Places Conference for the first time! While nothing can replace an in-person conference experience, Saving Places 2021: Preservation in Action succeeded in providing useful preservation information and tools and a chance for attendees to connect and be inspired for our work in the year ahead. Thank you!

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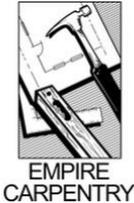


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### Three New Sites Added to Colorado's Most Endangered Places List for 2021

Three new additions to Colorado's Most Endangered Places List for were announced on Thursday, February 11th by CBS4 Meteorologist Dave Aguilera at Colorado Preservation, Inc.'s Saving Places 2021 virtual Preservation in Action conference. 2021 marks the 24th anniversary of Colorado Preservation, Inc.'s Most Endangered Places list. The program provides advocacy, awareness, and technical assistance to significant historic sites throughout Colorado that are in danger of being lost. In 24 years, the Colorado's Most Endangered Places program has highlighted 130 historic sites throughout the state; 52 sites have been SAVED and only seven have been lost, with 47 actively in progress and 24 still under alert status. The program has a wide reach throughout rural and urban areas of the state and has helped local communities save a wide array of historic resources, from agricultural and archaeological resources to commercial districts, downtown properties, cultural landscapes, ditches, kilns, barns, flumes, mining structures, schools, churches, government buildings, and railroad resources.

**The three historic sites selected for the 2021 list of Colorado's Most Endangered Places are:**

#### 1. Historic Bridges of Colorado

**(Statewide)**



As a state with many distinguishing geophysical characteristics, including mountains and plains and rivers and streams, Colorado has by necessity many historic bridges that reflect its diverse regions and cultural heritage. But until recently, there has never been a strong bridge preservation ethic in the state. CPI, in conjunction with the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), has embarked on a partnership to identify forty-six (46) on-system bridges representing different types, eras, and locations, for

preservation in place of at least 20 priority structures. The bridges under consideration range in age from 1888 to 1973 and span the full breadth of Colorado's bridge development, which evolved from early timber structures and steel bridges to the use of

more functional and standardized designs using pre-stressed concrete in the post-World War II era.

## 2. Lafayette Head Home & Ute Indian Agency (Conejos County)

For a relatively brief, but formative period in Colorado, the Lafayette Head Home & Ute Indian Agency in Conejos was the center of the universe for a diverse convergence of cultures and forces that changed the state's history. The Lafayette Head Home & Ute Indian Agency was built by early settler, businessman, and public official Lafayette Head in 1855, and played an important, but little-known role in the settlement of Colorado in the period before and after statehood. Head used his home and compound as the agency headquarters while working with the Ute and Jicarilla



Apache tribes for nine years during a time of uneasy co-existence, conflict, settlement, and displacement. Head and was instrumental in treaty negotiations with the Ute tribes in Washington, D.C. that led to the relinquishment of San Luis Valley lands to the United States and the establishment of the Southern Ute and Ute Mountain Ute reservations in far southwest Colorado. The Head House itself is representative of Indo-Hispano, Native American, Territorial, and early Colorado architecture and will help to illustrate this contentious history.

## 3. Winter Park Balcony House (Grand County)



Winter Park's original base area ski lodge, known as the Balcony House, vividly represents the early history and pioneering evolution of the City of Denver's first Mountain Park, while also fostering groundbreaking developments in the Colorado ski industry. Since 1955, the Balcony House has played an essential role in skiing, snowboarding and summer activities, and in enhancing the overall experience of visitors. The two-story Balcony House, with its panoramic views from cascading balconies, is a prime example of Mid-century Modern architecture

and may be the only remaining Mid-century Modern public ski lodge in Colorado. The Balcony House is threatened by under-appreciation of its significance and uniqueness and a 2009 Master Plan that calls for its demolition and replacement with 5-6 stories of condominiums above one level of resort operations. Advocates for preservation think a better way can be found to accommodate future growth, operations, and programming without sacrificing the Balcony House.

In addition, two new sites were declared **SAVED** and announced at the conference: **Gold Medal Orchard** in Montezuma County and the **Goodnight Barn** in Pueblo County. For information about the sites of the Endangered Places Program, please contact Kim Grant at [kgrant@coloradopreservation.org](mailto:kgrant@coloradopreservation.org) or 303-893-4260 x 222.

Did you miss the Endangered Places Program Announcement this year? Watch the [CBS4 video online now](#). Read and download the [2021 EPP Brochure online here](#).



## Resources and Opportunities from the State Historical Fund



### Micro-Grant Opportunity

The Micro-grant supports grass-root preservation efforts. This may encompass any project type which could be applied for as a competitive grant but offers more flexible application timing for smaller-scale projects.

**Request Amount: Up to \$5,000**

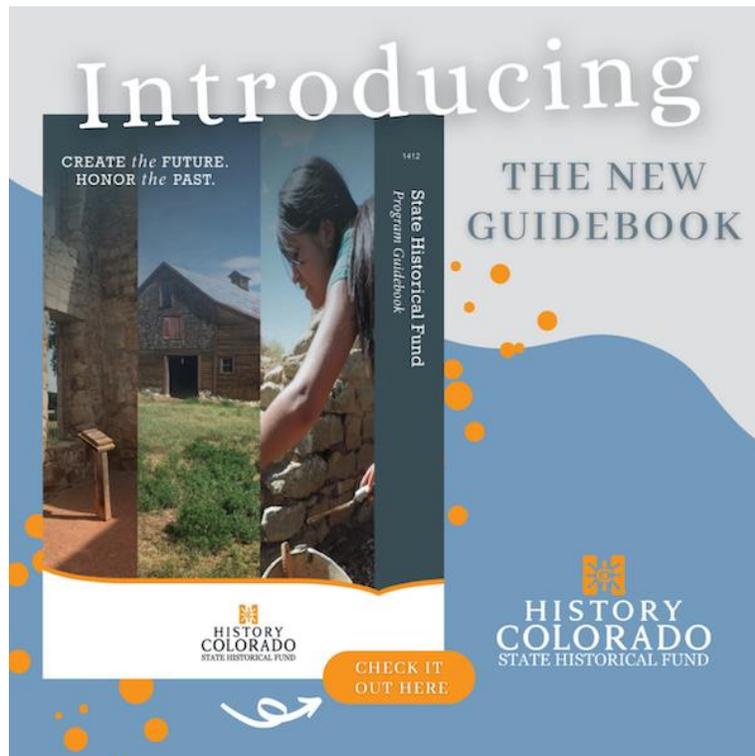
[Read More About the Grant](#)

### Planning Grant Opportunity

The Planning grant can include any planning documents which will help the project move forward, giving projects more flexibility to prepare for future physical work. Planning grants should be completed by consultants that are experienced and familiar with planning projects

**Request amount: Up to \$15,000**

[Read More About the Grant](#)



## 7th Dearfield Conference Program at UNC Announced



Since 2008, the Dearfield Heritage Preservation Committee, the Black American West Museum & Heritage Center, the University of Northern Colorado (UNC), Colorado State University (CSU), Colorado Preservation, Inc. (CPI), the City of Greeley, and the Weld County Youth Conservation Corps have collaborated in a wide range of archaeological and historic research programs and historic building preservation efforts involving the early 20th Century African-American farming colony of Dearfield and the two historic

town-sites of Dearfield and Chapelton in eastern Weld County, Colorado. The Dearfield Colony was listed on Colorado's Most Endangered Places by CPI in 1999. This year's "open to the public" conference features presentations and open discussion forums on recent Dearfield preservation and research programs, including archaeological fieldwork in June 2020, university and community engagement activities for students, professional scholarly research and collaboration, and planning efforts related to the Dearfield Strategic Plan, 2021.

Due to Covid-19 precautions, this year's conference will be a hybrid affair, with a small core participant group attending the physical meeting at UNC's Michener Library, along with an online participant venue. The conference will run from 10:00 am - 3:30 pm on Saturday, May 29th, and will feature, both before and after, a showing of filmmaker Charles

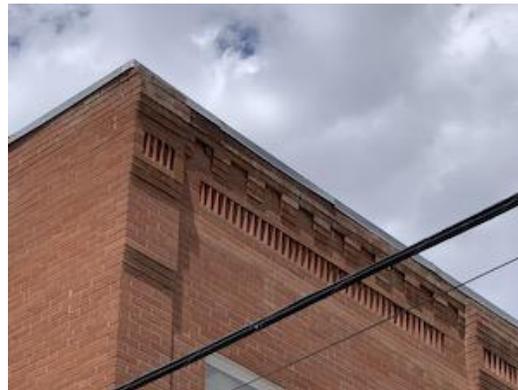
Nuckholl's "*Remnants of a Dream: Dearfield and the Story of its Founder O.T. Jackson*" via an internet web link. For more information about the conference, contact Dr. Bob Brunswig at [robert.brunswig@unco.edu](mailto:robert.brunswig@unco.edu) or Dr. George Junne at [Ghjunne@aol.com](mailto:Ghjunne@aol.com).

## Rifle Masonic Lodge #129 Gets Listed!



On Jan. 15, 2021, the State Review Board approved the nomination of the Rifle Masonic Lodge #129 to the Colorado State Register of Historic Properties. This is great news for this small membership organization that has been pursuing pathways to the building's preservation for years. The successful nomination of the Rifle Masonic Lodge #129 was drafted by Clerestory Preservation and now lends the property access to preservation incentives like the State Historic Preservation Tax Credit for any qualified rehabilitation expenses on the property.

Thanks to support from the Colorado State Historical Fund, Garfield County, and members of the Lodge, this nomination has given newfound status to the building. In conjunction with this successful nomination, Form + Works Design Group is creating construction documents for the Lodge's exterior rehabilitation, including roof, masonry, doors, and windows. It is anticipated this planning phase will be complete by the end of spring and the Lodge can then use these new "tools" to price out and develop a project team moving forward for potential future phases of rehabilitation work. Congratulations, Rifle Masonic Lodge #129!



For more information on this project and others that CPI is engaged in, contact Jane Daniels, Director of Preservation Services, at [jdaniels@coloradopreservation.org](mailto:jdaniels@coloradopreservation.org).

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Shining and resilient elements of Colorado's history take a curtain call today. Videos featuring the 2021 recipients of History Colorado's **Stephen H. Hart Awards** are now available on History Colorado's YouTube channel and at [h-co.org/HartAwards](https://h-co.org/HartAwards). The vignettes were released yesterday to help kick off the 2021 [Saving Places Conference](#) organized by Colorado Preservation, Inc., held virtually this year February 10 - February 12. This year's awards include an [introduction](#) by Governor Jared Polis. History Colorado also begins to share its draft **2030 Historic Preservation Plan** during the annual conference.

Since 1986, History Colorado has presented these awards, named after Colorado's first State Historic Preservation Officer, to recognize outstanding projects and individual achievements in archaeology and historic preservation throughout Colorado. The 2021 Stephen H. Hart Award recipients are:

- **Governor's Award:** Boulder County Courthouse National Register Amendment
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- **Stephen H. Hart Award:** Coronado Lodge in Pueblo

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