



Colorado Preservation, Inc.

April 2021 Newsletter

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Dear Friends, Members, and Supporters,

CPI is honored to be recognizing Deedee and Peter Decker as the recipients of our 2021 Dana Crawford Award. The Deckers have done so much for conservation and advancing preservation in Colorado. With great sadness, we learned of Peter's passing in December of 2020, but he lived a "bold and uniquely American life" centered around education, service, and family. As stated in Peter's obituary, "together Deedee and Peter established a legacy of community involvement and partnership with local ranchers in Ouray County....with the West more than a place but a landscape, a lifestyle, a culture, and a home." We hope you will consider joining us this June as we honor Peter and Deedee's contributions in preserving this cherished landscape for future generations. More details on this event and other celebrations can be found below.

For those of you who could not join us for the 2021 Saving Places Conference, we are offering a post-conference showing of some of our acclaimed sessions and speakers. This series will kick off in April with an encore presentation of Joe Minicozzi's keynote address

discussing land use economics. After his presentation at the conference, we were inundated with requests to get this information out to more people! Consider it a must for planners, CLG's, and municipalities, as well as all of us working on speaking the dollars and cents of preservation. If you missed his presentation the first time, make sure to mark your calendars for this replay! Access is free for those who attended the conference and a small fee for members and friends.

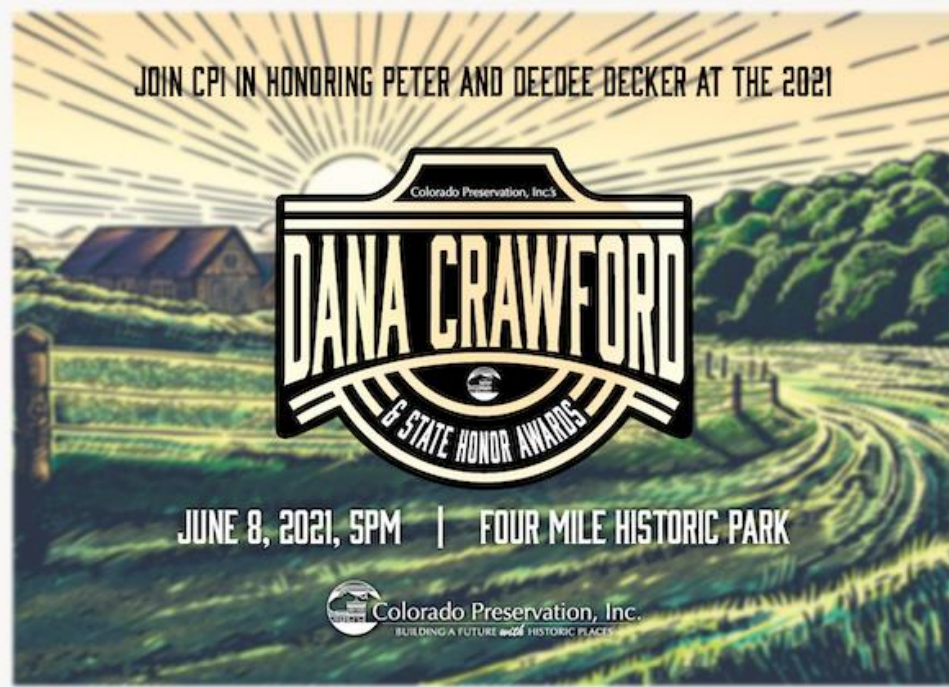
For our Past, Present, and Future,



Jennifer Orrigo Charles
Executive Director



Dana Crawford & State Honors Awards: Save the Date! June 8, 2021



The Dana Crawford & State Honor Awards

for Excellence in Historic Preservation

Four Mile Historic Park in Denver, Colorado

June 8, 2021 | 5 pm with 6 pm program

Colorado Preservation, Inc.'s annual Dana Crawford & State Honor Awards is Colorado's premier statewide preservation awards event, honoring individuals, organizations, public agencies, and businesses from across the state, whose work demonstrates excellence in historic preservation.

Accomplishments are recognized in the areas of preservation, rehabilitation, stewardship, leadership, and philanthropy.

JOIN US IN CELEBRATING PETER & DEEDEE DECKER!



*Peter and Deedee Decker
2021 Dana Crawford Awardees*

Sadly, we lost Peter in December. [Here is a beautiful commemoration of his life](#) in the Telluride Daily Planet. He was made aware of the honor last summer and will appear in the award video.

2021 STATE HONOR AWARD RECIPIENTS:

Trinidad Space to Create (Las Animas
County)
Dr. Bonnie Clark (Prowers County)
Santa Maria Ranch (Park County)

PRESERVATION EDGE AWARD:

Jessup Farm Artisan Village (Larimer
County)

ENDANGERED PLACES PROGRESS AWARD:

Paris Mill (Park County)



The Colorado Preservation Inc. Board and Dana Crawford Award hosting committee intend to hold an intimate in-person gathering outside at **Four Mile House on June 8**. COVID safety protocols will be in place with social distancing and pre-packaged food. Tables will be available for those who are interested in sitting, but the event will not require table seating. Please let us know if you have specific questions about attending or any of the COVID protocols we have in place to assure a safe gathering.

We appreciate that some people may prefer to make a donation in lieu of attending. We will provide the videos highlighting the work of all the honorees and ensure that all gifts will be recognized. Thank you in advance for considering a gift on behalf of our awardees!

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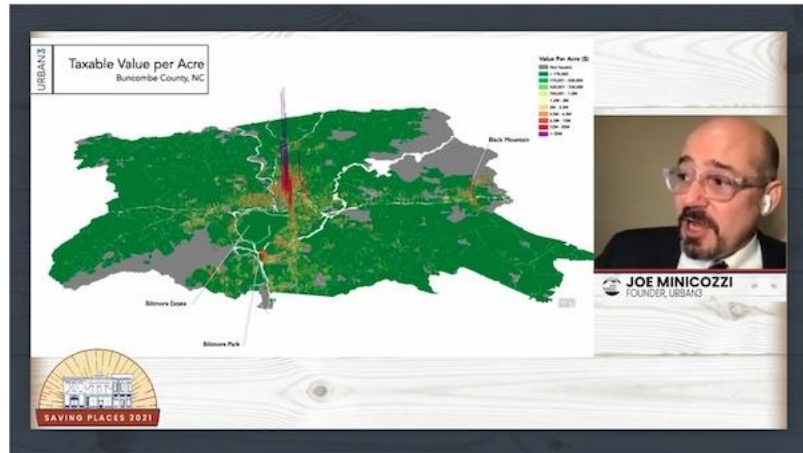
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Saving Places 2021 Virtual Conference

Rescreening of Joe Minicozzi's Keynote Presentation: Dollars and \$ense of Development Patterns

Colorado Preservation, Inc. is pleased to offer a post-conference showing of some of our most accessed sessions and speakers. This series will kick off in April with an encore presentation of Joe Minicozzi's keynote address discussing land use economics. Joe Minicozzi is Urban3's principal, an innovative urban economist and planner. His keynote presentation focuses on demonstrating the economic benefits of historic preservation by building a better understanding of the tie between economic and community vitality through land use.



Joe Minicozzi giving his keynote, Dollars and \$ense of Development Patterns, on February 10.

Many of you got in touch to ask if we could share this presentation with your colleagues and project partners. This is your opportunity to bring more people to the conversation!

This is a must-see presentation for planners, CLG's, and municipalities, as well as all of us working on speaking the dollars and cents of preservation.

Dollars and \$ense of Development Patterns

**Presented by Joe Minicozzi, Urban3
Rescreening and Conversation with Colorado Preservation Staff**

Thursday April 29, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

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.

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Access is free for those who attended the conference and a small fee for CPI members and nonmembers.

Register to
Attend

Did you miss your chance to attend the Saving Places Conference live but would love access to the 40+ sessions and keynote speakers? You're in luck!

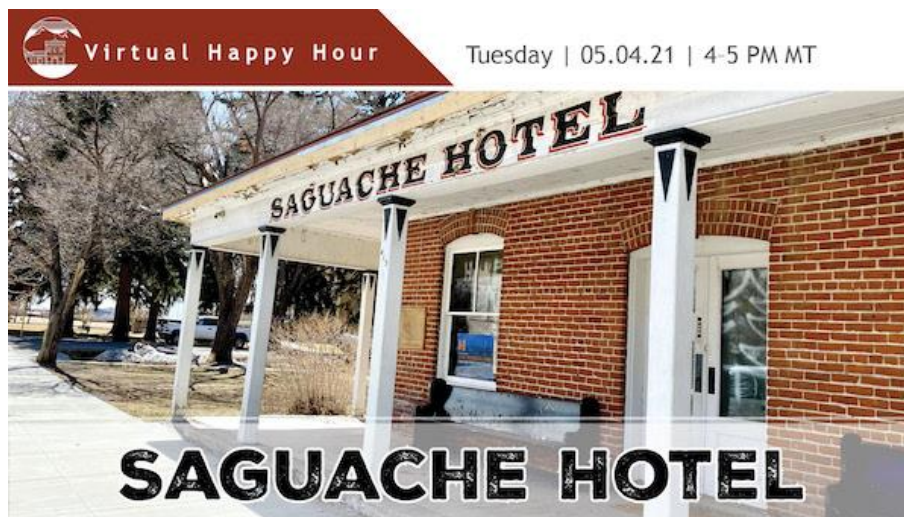
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of the Saving Places 2021 Conference —
Watch Whenever and However You Want

Join Live! Virtual Happy Hour
Featuring the Saguache Hotel



Join us for a conversation at the historic **Saguache Hotel** in Saguache, Colorado. The hotel is a current Colorado Preservation, Inc. preservation services project. CPI listed the Fourth Street Commercial District and Downtown Saguache to the Endangered Places Program in 2009.



Learn the history and community significance of this essential space with the building's new energetic owner, Andy Hackbarth. He acts on a grand vision for the property as a dynamic and creative town resource, reviving it as a community and state asset once again.

The project began in earnest in early September 2020. Scheuber + Darden Architects led the team along with Deep Roots Timberworks and local area roofer, Conklin Roofing/Millers Quality Coating. Find out what's next for the project space!

[Get an overview of Saguache Hotel's history and future.](#)

Zoom link included in confirmation email with free registration.

Tuesday | May 4 | 4–5 pm MT

Register to Attend

Annual CPI Weekend Workshop to be held at Lafayette Head House in Conejos June 4-5, 2021



CPI is pleased to co-host, in partnership with Adobe in Action and property owner and architect Ronald Rael, a **two-day Weekend Workshop for up to 15 people** at the Lafayette Head Home and Ute Indian Agency in Conejos, Colorado, on **June 4-5, 2021**. The workshop will feature hands-on experience and learning opportunities involved with the preparation of adobe plaster mixtures (earth, straw, and water) and its application to walls by hand and with trowels under the

supervision of Ron Rael and Joanna Keane Lopez. Additionally, some selective areas of work will involve removing non-historic modern windows and replacing adobes and rough openings/frames to match historic window dimensions. Food and water will be provided, but participants are expected to arrange their lodging and to dress accordingly for work in the field under both potentially warm and cool conditions. Covid-19 safety protocols will also be observed.

The Lafayette Head Home & Ute Indian Agency was built by an early settler, businessman, Indian Agent, and former Lt. Governor Lafayette Head in 1855. He was appointed Special Agent to the Ute and Jicarilla Apache tribes, working especially with the Tabeguache Ute tribe and Chief Ouray. Head used his home and compound in Conejos as the agency headquarters for nine years, and it was sometimes referred to as the Conejos Indian Agency. The Head Home itself is representative of Indo-Hispano, Native American, Territorial, and early Colorado architecture. The site contains only a small part of the Head Home and compound, but also includes an adjacent adobe building (thought to be servant's and slave quarters), the remains of one of the first grist mills in Colorado, and archaeological evidence reflective of various eras and cultures present at the site. The site was listed on Colorado's Most Endangered Places in February 2021, and a Preliminary Property Evaluation Form has been prepared to support possible listing on the State or National Register.

The property owner and long-term resident of the area Ron Rael is Professor of Architecture and Eva Li Memorial Chair in Architecture at the University of California-Berkeley and is leading the effort to preserve the building and disseminate the complicated historical legacy of the site as a cultural resource to the local and regional community. Rael is a descendent of the families who accompanied Lafayette Head to the San Luis Valley. He is an expert on adobe and plaster whose research interests connect indigenous and traditional material practices to contemporary technologies, including helping to pioneer 3-D printing processes involving traditional materials. Rael is the subject of an upcoming hour-long documentary produced by the Cooper Hewitt Smithsonian Design Museum, which includes a segment about the Head House.



The workshop is funded in part by a History Colorado State Historical Fund grant that supports Colorado's Most Endangered Places Program. For information, please contact Kim Grant at 303-893-4260 x 222 or kgrant@coloradopreservation.org.

Colorado Main Streets Matter!



MAIN STREETS MATTER!

Colorado Main Street and your local Main Street organization are looking for those downtown places — historic buildings, favorite businesses, and public spaces — THAT MATTER MOST TO YOU!

SURVEY DETAILS COMING SOON!

Can't contain your enthusiasm? Want to see what places matter to your friends and family? Share on social media with [#CoMainStreetsMatter](#).

During Preservation Month (May), watch for a *Colorado Main Streets Matter* campaign that will ask the people of Colorado to share their favorite businesses, public spaces, and historic landmarks in our official Main Street cities and towns!

This campaign is designed as a physically-distanced multi-community event that shares the places important to locals and impressive to visitors. This online survey will ultimately create an interactive map to see what locals recommend in each of our unique Colorado Main Streets. The project is being sponsored by Colorado Main Street, a program of the Department of Local Affairs, working with local Main Street programs, in partnership with Colorado Preservation, Inc. (CPI) and History Colorado, along with Pinyon Environmental as the consultant brought on to manage the work.

Participation will be live for Historic Preservation Month – May 2021 through an online

survey accessible via URL and QR Code options.

Start thinking about the spaces that define your Main Street and watch for the flyer above in YOUR Main Street community starting May 1, 2021! Not sure if your community is a Main Street? Find Colorado's official Main Streets [HERE](#). (Note: The official Main Streets are those indicated by stars.)

Join the celebration and follow us on social media at #COMainStreetsMatter.

2021 Santa Fe Trail Bicentennial Commemoration Youth Symposium - September 22, 2021



Santa Fe in 1866 by T Worthington Whitredge

The Santa Fe Trail Association-Bents Fort Chapter would like to invite students grades 6-8 and their teacher to join us for a special Youth Symposium associated with the 2021 commemoration of the Bicentennial of the opening of the Santa Fe Trail – the United States' first international transportation and trade route. The one-day Symposium is closely aligned with the Colorado Social Studies standards.

The Symposium is limited to 35 students plus their teachers. A maximum of five students and one teacher may apply from any school. If all spots are not filled, opportunities will go to the next schools on the waiting list.

There is no cost for the Symposium, which is being funded by sponsors. Boxed lunches, water, and hand-outs will be provided. Schools located over 50 miles from Bent's Old Fort National Historical Landmark may apply for a stipend to assist with the cost of travel.

[Download a PDF with more information about the youth symposium, schedule, and presenters.](#)

For additional information or to register your school for the Youth Symposium, contact Rebecca Goodwin, at rgoodwin@preserveourhistory.us. To register, please email Rebecca with your school name and district, name of the teacher, their contact information and number of students you want to bring (maximum 5).

For questions on how this Symposium fits into the Colorado Educational Standards, contact Tammy Ridenoure at the Rocky Ford R-2 School District.

Tammy.ridenoure@rockyford.k12.us

Deadline for registration is May 10, 2021, slots will be filled on a first-come basis.

Historic Wagon Wheel Gap Fluorspar Mine and Mill Soon to be Stabilized



The Wagon Wheel Gap Fluorspar Mine and Mill is located outside of Creede, a historically significant mining and ranching area in Colorado. Formerly a Colorado Fuel & Iron (CF&I) complex, the Mine and Mill are inextricably linked to the 4UR Ranch and Resort, which is in close proximity and under the same ownership by the 4UR Ranch, Inc./Leavell family. With State Historical Fund (SHF) support, both the Mine and Mill and 4UR Resort and Ranch were nominated successfully in 2019 to the National Register of Historic Places. After listing, again through a partnership with CPI, grant funds were sought from the SHF, and \$200,000 was awarded in the spring of 2020 to stabilize the most critical and severely deteriorated features of the Mill.



As with many other projects around the state, the pandemic disrupted the original timeline to execute the project due to uncertain owner operational and financial circumstances. Thankfully, earlier this year, the 4UR Ranch, Inc. was fortunate to weather the worst of the pandemic's effects and signaled they were able to move forward finally. The project team, consisting of the SHF, 4UR Ranch, Inc./Leavell family, Form + Works Design Group, and Harrison Western has since begun planning and coordinating to stabilize the Mill quickly and safely. If all goes well, the physical work, which will certainly be delicate and technically challenging, may begin as early as May. The timing is suitable, as preservation efforts at the Mine and Mill have frequently been difficult due to the site's overall size and complexity. However, this forward momentum will now capitalize on the recent National Register listing, dedicated owner investment, structural urgency, and strong community support that will bring this unique mining and ranching landscape to the public fore. This project is just the beginning of the overall efforts to preserve the unique and important resources at the historic 4UR Mine and Mill and Ranch and Resort site.



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

**Colorado Fuel & Iron Company Administrative Complex
Receives National Historic Landmark (NHL) Designation**

The stately and beautiful Colorado Fuel and Iron Company Administrative Complex, which served as the operational headquarters for the first and only steel manufacturer west of the Mississippi River from its inception until 1942, has become Colorado's 26th National Historic Landmark. Former U.S. Secretary of the Interior David Bernhardt approved the designation for its role in developing the American West in steelmaking, coal and coke production, and industrial and labor relations in the early twentieth century. The NHL nomination was prepared by Thomas and Laurie Simmons of Front Range Research Associates of Denver. The CF&I Administrative Complex is located across the highway from the historic steel plant in South Pueblo. Both were part of the Colorado Fuel & Iron Plant-Museum listing on Colorado's Most Endangered Places in 1999. The museum building and adjacent archives at the Administrative Complex have undergone considerable rehabilitation work over recent years. It serves as the Steelworks Center of the West Museum and archives complex. Portions of the steel plant itself continue in operation as a steel mill by Evraz Pueblo. At the same time, critical historic sections of the site, including the iconic smokestacks, remain potentially threatened by proposed improvements to Interstate 25 as it runs through South Pueblo. Congratulations to the Steelworks Center for becoming Colorado's newest National Historic Landmark!



Plan to Attend Dearfield Symposium on May 22



The 7th annual Dearfield Conference and Symposium will take place on Saturday, May 22nd. The event will feature a hybrid approach involving a small core participant group attending the physical meeting at the Michener Library on the University of Northern Colorado campus, with "open to the public" online participation. The conference will run from 10:00am-3:30pm and will once again feature presentations and open discussion forums on recent Dearfield preservation and research programs. The conference will also feature of 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, contact Dr. Bob Brunswig at robert.brunswig@unco.edu or Dr. George Junne at Ghjunne@aol.com.

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