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Dear Friends,

The countdown to conference has begun and with just a little over two weeks until the event, CPI staff are eagerly working out the final details to ensure 2020's Saving Places Conference meets (and hopefully exceeds!) your expectations. Over the last few months we have highlighted our roundtables, which is something new to the conference format. We hope these sessions will encourage networking and provide opportunities for attendees to address specific project and community questions to experts in the field. For those of you whom have already registered and reserved your room, thank you! As some of you have noted, the Outdoor Retailer Snow Show will be taking place at the same time as our conference at the Convention Center, which has led to frustrations with limited room reservations. If you have not yet booked your rooms, please do so ASAP! CPI has secured additional rooms at a reduced rate at the Oxford and Crawford Hotels, but these rooms will only be available until **Wednesday, January 15**.

Thank you to all our sponsors, exhibitors and attendees. We would like to particularly thank History Colorado and the State Historical Fund whose grant funding and partnership truly make this conference possible. Thank you for ensuring that Colorado remains a leader in preservation.

Safe travels for those of you who will be on the road in future weeks and we will see you soon! Make sure you stop by the CPI table and say hello and/or introduce yourself to CPI staff and Board.

For our Past, Present, and Future,

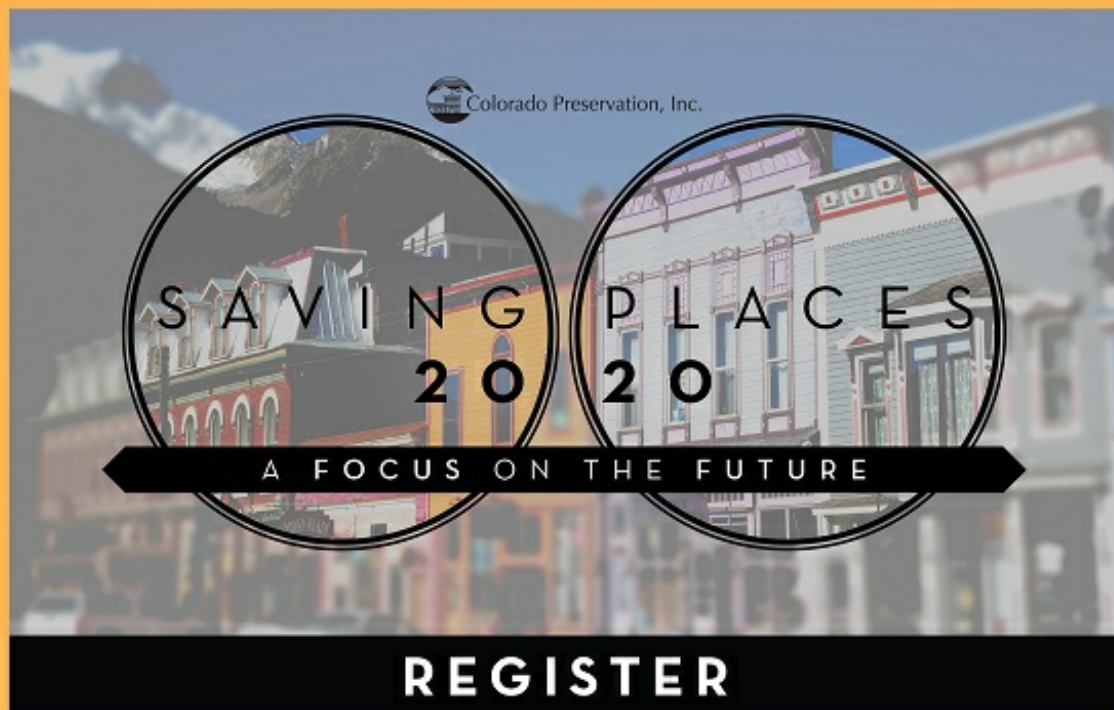


Jennifer Orrigo Charles
Executive Director



Saving Places® 2020: A Focus on the Future

15 Days Until Conference!



Saving Places 2020 Conference is just 15 days away! Are you ready?

**Wednesday – Saturday
January 29 – February 1, 2020
Sheraton Downtown Denver Hotel**

Check our website for more information about the event, registration fees, speakers, and a preliminary schedule.

Register Today!

HOTELS

The Saving Places Conference will take place at the [Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel](#), 1550 Court Pl., Denver, Colorado. The room block at the Sheraton is now fully booked.



Don't fret but do not delay! We now have a special room rate for January 29-31 for attendees to stay at the Oxford Hotel for \$229/night or at the Crawford Hotel for \$259/night.

The Outdoor Retail conference is overbooking hotels across downtown Denver. These rooms are only available until **Wednesday, January 15, 2020.**

Book Your Room at the Oxford Hotel

Book Your Room at the Crawford Hotel



SCHEDULE

Announcement: We are excited to share that the Saving Places 2020 conference will take place again in the **Plaza Building on the Concourse Level** of the Sheraton Downtown Denver Hotel (instead of the Tower Building). This is the same location as the 2019 Saving Places conference and the 2019 National Trust Conference in Denver.

This is a brand new development, so CPI will work to update all available material with correct locations across our online information. CPI is currently updating all the locations and will have the [schedule document at this link](#) corrected. **Please plan to reference the conference program at the conference!**

Explore the [full agenda online](#), including sorting by AIA, AIA-AHW, APA, and Educator Continuing Education Credits!

View & Print the
Full Schedule

TOURS

Want more of the conference experience? Consider adding a tour to your registration for an additional \$25!

View available tours on the SavingPlacesConference.org website.

FEATURED TOUR

Arapahoe Acres, Metro Denver's Mid-Century Inner Suburb

January 30, 1pm-4pm



Learn about the innovative design ideas born out of the post-WWII era housing boom. We'll take a look at some of the original architectural plans for Englewood's best known mid-century modern neighborhood. Eric Crotty, Arapahoe Acres resident and landscape architect, will share the story of how this stylish and historic neighborhood came to be. Then go behind the scenes

in the Denver Public Library's Western History and Genealogy Department archives to see how the library cares for its collections, and take away an itinerary for a self-guided tour of the Arapahoe Acres neighborhood.



FEATURED EVENT

John Fielder, "Focus on the Future of Scenery in Weld County"

Thursday, January 30, 6:30-7:30 pm



Professional photographer John Fielder joins CPI's conference Thursday evening for a look at the future of preservation in Colorado through the lens of development in Weld County. Weld County is one of the fastest-growing counties in the U.S. and through his photographs Mr. Fielder will explore the contrast of development with nature and poses the question, will nature survive? Through his discussion, attendees will witness extraordinary moments along the Poudre and South Platte, sunrise on farms and ranches, sunset above buttes and bluffs,

the flight of pronghorn and red-tails, and Weld County history via then & now photography. John Fielder has worked tirelessly to promote the protection of Colorado's ranches, open space, and wildlands during his 40-year career as a nature photographer and publisher. **Presentation attendees receive a free 2020 John Fielder Colorado Calendar! A free registration to the 2021 conference will be raffled to attendees!**

Register Today!

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**Another Peek at Plein Air Art Available for Sale at
the Saving Places Conference!**

Take a look at just a few of the 40-plus original paintings that will be offered for sale as part of the Silent Auction at the annual Saving Places Conference. Proceeds help support the Colorado Native Plant Society's Saving Places program.



These paintings will be available for bidding and purchase at the Saving Places 2020 conference's Silent Auction!

Be in touch with Kim Grant to place an **early bid** at kgrant@coloradopreservation.org or by calling at 303-893-4260 x 222.

"High Water Morning" by Joni Emily on oil, 6x8, starting bid \$170



"LeBlues" by Anita Blythe on oil, 10x12, starting bid \$150



"Tree Swallows at Buffalo Peaks Homestead" by Keyes on watercolor, 18x12, starting bid \$150

Dearfield Preservation Efforts

Take Major Steps Forward

Several important steps have been taken lately to preserve the fragile and vulnerable Dearfield African American Colony site, located east of Greeley and listed on Colorado's Most Endangered Places in 1999. Those interested in the preservation of the site, one of most significant sites in the West that tells of the story of the westward migration of black settlers in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, can thank the dedicated members of the Dearfield Preservation Committee for these efforts. Emergency stabilization and mothballing work, funded by a History Colorado State Historical Fund Grant, with CPI support, has been completed on the site for the Blacksmith's Shop and the rear of the Lunchroom at a workday held during Dearfield Days in late October. Additional work was delayed due to a major snowstorm but will resume on the Filling Station and O.T. Jackson House in the Spring. The work was carried out under the direction of Empire Carpentry with the help of CSU and UNC students and the Weld County Youth Corp.

Early
Blacksmith's Shop
Stabilization
1/8/2020



Photos courtesy of Robert Brunswig.

In addition, a formal agreement for land purchase and lot trades with Clayton Homes, has been completed that will help the Black American West Museum preserve the integrity of the National Register Historic District townsite. National and

state media, pre-eminently National Public Radio and Television, History Colorado and Colorado Preservation, Inc., has through the years been a significant factor in contributing to the success of this pending agreement to save the site. A soon to be released documentary produced by Charles Nuckolls entitled “Remnants of a Dream: The Story of Dearfield, Colorado” will be aired in January or February on Colorado Public Television, and clips from the documentary are scheduled to be viewed as part of a Saving Places Conference panel session on Friday afternoon, January 31st. A version of that session, with likely media clips, will also be one of many highlights at the upcoming Dearfield Conference/Symposium, to be held on Friday and Saturday, April 10th and 11th at the Lory Student Center at Colorado State University. For more information on the symposium, please contact Bob Brunswig at Robert.Brunswig@unco.edu.

**Tom's Diner added to
National Register of Historic Places,
Preserving its Life on Colfax**



Breakfast time at Tom's Diner, East Colfax Avenue, Oct. 19, 2017. (Kevin J. Beaty/Denverite)

The eatery will get a rebrand, and Tom says he'll still be involved.

Tom's Diner will not be demolished.

The building, constructed in 1967, was "officially listed on the National Register of Historic Places," a [press release](#) announced Saturday morning.

The Colfax Avenue staple will be saved from a scrape that some residents fought over the summer. [In August](#), it looked like neighborhood activists had lost when they withdrew their own preservation bid effort. Owner Tom Messina said at the time that their attempt to list the building as historic was "stealing" his retirement.

"It demonstrates the value of taking a little bit of time to see," said Historic Denver's Annie Levinsky.

Levinsky, Historic Denver's executive director, said she was grateful that Messina was willing to explore alternatives. He allowed a pause on his plans to sell while Historic Denver could present him with some options. They connected him with GBX, who they've worked with on past projects.

Levinsky said Denver had a good year in terms of historic preservation. "There's a lot of positive news to report," she said. "When it succeeds, it makes a big, positive impact."

[Read the full article on the Denverite here.](#)

Tabor Opera House Ramps Up for the 2020 Season



As Leadville's [Tabor Opera House](#) looks forward to the 2020 season, highlights of the recent 2019 season included: 18 performances featuring national and local talent, 14 Tabor Youth Collective programs where teens acted on stage and explored filmmaking, 5 months of guided tours for 2,300 residents and visitors, 15 seasonal workers employed to help run events and tours, and over 2,000 volunteer hours given by generous donors. The Tabor Opera House Foundation also raised over \$15,000 on Colorado Gives Day and is ramping

up to begin initial work on Phase I of the west (front) and south facades this Spring, funded in part by a History Colorado State Historical Fund Grant under the direction of Hoehn Architects, P.C. The Tabor Opera House was placed on [Colorado's Most Endangered Places List in 2016](#) and has made significant progress in a capital campaign designed to raise \$10,000 over 10 ten years for rehabilitation of this iconic historic landmark, listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

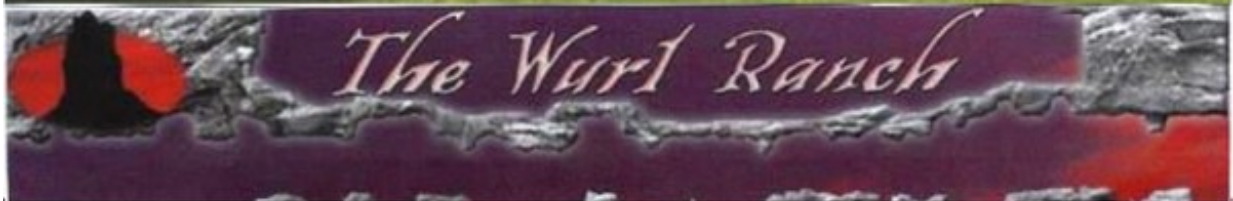
President Announces Intent to Appoint New ACHP Member

WASHINGTON, D.C. – President Donald J. Trump announced his intent to appoint a new expert member to the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP). He intends to nominate Jay D. Vogt, South Dakota State Historic Preservation Officer, to replace Expert Member Dorothy Lippert. The White House made the announcement yesterday.



“Jay has been a long-time team player in the national preservation program,” ACHP Chairman Aimee Jorjani said. “I look forward to his perspective from a unique part of the country for the benefit of the ACHP’s work.” Vogt is director of the South Dakota State Historical Society and State Historic Preservation Officer.

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



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