

Museum TIMES

March 2014



Coming this April: Sea Monsters of the Grand Valley!

This new summer exhibit stars a life-size, moving restoration of an *Elasmosaurus*, a 38-foot long marine reptile with a long neck and four paddle-like flippers. This reptile roamed the shallow seas of North America during the Late Cretaceous.

Featured along with the *Elasmosaurus* in the exhibit will be Late Cretaceous marine fossils from the Mancos Shale, the rock unit that underlies the Grand Valley from the river up to the Bookcliffs. Among these featured fossils will be the huge elasmosaurid fossil discovered at the base of the Bookcliffs last summer, the *Xiphactinus* fish fossil collected from the Grand Junction area in 2012, a small plesiosaur collected in the 1980s and a duckbilled dinosaur that had floated out to sea as a carcass and became buried in the Mancos mud. Along with these back-boned animals, we will also have oysters, mussels and squid-relatives that are commonly found in the Mancos Shale in our area.



The clock is ticking!

March 1st is the registration deadline for two of our adventures - **Moab Rock Art** and **China: Dinosaurs, Dragons and Emperors!**

The deadline for our **Wild and Ancient Africa: Kenya and Rwanda** adventure is approaching, too. The registration deadline is April 15!

Have you gone on one of our adventures? They're great - with knowledgeable and terrific trip leaders. But don't just take our word for it - Join us! We do the planning so you can just relax and have fun!



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Paleontology Expeditions 2014

Members! Our 2014 expeditions and field tours brochure been mailed! We have more variety this year than ever before - half-day tours, one day digs, rafting/geology trips and a lot more!

Register online!
www.museumofwesternco.com/dino-digs
Or call 970.242.0971, ext 212.

We have already been busy taking reservations!

Volunteer Spotlight

About a year ago Sandi Pittenger contacted us to inquire about becoming a volunteer. Her love of history made her a natural to become a docent at both the Museum of the West and Cross Orchards Historic Site. She hit the ground running and we've received rave reviews from our visitors.

Sandi was born in Cedar City, Utah and was raised in Caroline, Utah – about 20 miles away. Following her graduation from high school she moved to Salt Lake City and attended and graduated from the LDS Business College. She worked in SLC for a period of time, got married and moved to Grand Junction in 1965. Sandi worked at Holsum Bakery for about a year and a half and then started working for the City of Grand Junction in their finance department in various capacities until her retirement in 2000.

The Grand Valley is definitely home for Sandi. It was here that she raised her daughter and where her grandchildren currently reside. She's very proud of her grandson Colton, 14, and granddaughter Kendalle, 9! In fact she's been actively involved in helping with Kendalle's girl scout cookie sales!

Sandi loves to travel and has been to some wonderful destinations – Europe, Australia, New Zealand, the Panama Canal and Mexico just to name a few. In addition to her volunteer work at the Museum of Western Colorado she is also actively involved in her church.

Sandi – thanks so much for all you've done for us in the last year and we look forward to you helping us with our 2014 season! You are a wonderful addition to our Museum family!!



Corporate Spotlight

Have you ever wondered why the Grand Valley is such a great place to live? There are so many reasons - climate, proximity to both the desert and mountains and great people that are proud to call it their home!

One local organization with global ties helps make it even better each year. The Grand Junction Lions Club has an incredible history of giving back. They were chartered in October 1921 and immediately began raising money to help out various projects and organizations for the betterment of our community. To date they have given back over \$4,000,000 to fund worthy projects! Their sole fund raiser has been their Annual Lions Club Carnival and Parade which dates back to 1929 and their 2014 event was a smashing success!

The Museum of Western Colorado is honored to be one of the local recipients of their generosity. We were recently awarded a \$7,000 grant which was used to update and upgrade our “changing gallery” at the Museum of the West. We recently opened a new exhibit – *Western Slope Heritage Rendezvous: Treasures of the Community* which showcases exhibits from other museums in western Colorado and also highlights the generosity of our local Lions Club!

Thanks to the Grand Junction Lions Club for assisting us with this endeavor. Your organization certainly is true to your mission of **DOING THE MOST GOOD FOR THE MOST PEOPLE!**

The Museum of Western Colorado inspires people to experience and value our region through the collection and preservation of historical and fossil resources. We engage our audience through exhibitions, educational programming, research and publications.



Dinosaur Journey collects, preserves, interprets and displays evidence of the history of life and environments of western Colorado and geologically related surrounding areas.

The Loyd Files Research Library provides learning and research opportunities for exploring and interpreting western Colorado's past, present and future.

The Museum of the West is dedicated to the collection, preservation, exhibition and interpretation of artifacts that represent the rich heritage and history of western Colorado and the contiguous areas of the American West.

Cross Orchards Historic Site utilizes living history to preserve, interpret and educate the public on agriculture, transportation and the social history of the region.

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Please note: Dates and times of events, meetings and programs are subject to change; please call to confirm.

Museum membership entitles you to free admission to all of our sites, as well as discounts for various programs. Check our website for updated membership fees.

In the News . . .

From *Reader's Digest* Online:

5 All-American Family Vacation Ideas

Bet you never thought you'd unearth a T-Rex with grandma: These five travel destinations show new sides of the United States that shouldn't be missed.

Dig for Dinosaurs

Most kids (and adults) love dinosaurs, and to make their wildest dreams come true, head to Fruita, Colorado. The Museum of Western Colorado offers Dino Digs for children ages five and older. You can choose from one-, three-, and five-day expeditions. Kids work alongside professional paleontologists as they search for new bones and tracks at the 150-million-year-old dig site, which extends into Utah. "Imagine how your child will feel when she helps unearth the fossilized bones of ancient species," says *Outside* magazine. Digs start at \$125 per person; museumof-westernco.com/dino-digs.

Read more: <http://www.rd.com/slideshows/all-american-family-vacation-ideas/#ixzz2ttHDWAuU>

Or check out the February issue of *Reader's Digest*!

Also featured were:

Go Dogsledding (Muddy Paw Sled Dog Kennel in Jefferson, New Hampshire)

Take the Ride(s) Of Your Life (Cedar Point in Sandusky, Ohio)

Roam Free on a Dude Ranch (Triple J in Augusta, Montana)

Surf Sand Dunes (Sand Master Park in Florence, Oregon)

From Our Collections



The Museum Archives/Loyd Files Research Library recently received an extensive collection of photographs, documents and recordings regarding the Prinster family and City Market Stores.

This photo shows one of the promotions sponsored by City Market in the early 1960s. This collection is very important because these materials were used to write the book on the Prinster family, and create the sculpture of the Prinster brothers, with both being completed last Fall.

Entrada: Heritage of the Upper Colorado River Basin

The Museum of Western Colorado is proud to announce the debut of its new publication. *Entrada: Heritage of the Upper Colorado River Basin* is hot off the press this March! Issue 1, subtitled “Hispanic Heritage on the Western Slope: Conquistadors on the High Desert to the Chicano Movement” focuses on topics that have only been lightly documented elsewhere, Museum Executive Director Peter MacMillan Booth notes in the magazine’s welcome section. *Entrada’s* mission is “helping the community tell its story” and each issue will focus on a different aspect of the region’s story.



A variety of authors were selected for the initial issue providing a diverse and interesting presentation on an important topic. Two articles are the product of many years of work by Curator of History, David P. Bailey and showcase the efforts of the Western Investigations Team. Bailey’s articles complement the *Distant Treasures in the Mist* (photo of relic at left) currently on display at the Museum of the West. Robert Silbernagel, editorial page editor of *The Daily Sentinel*, has been writing about Colorado history in newspapers, magazines and books since 1975. He contributed articles focusing on more recent topics including the Chicano Movement and the Latin-Anglo Alliance. Vicki Felmlee added her expertise in an article exploring the story of the Old Spanish Trail (photo of the Old Spanish Trail North Branch above). A reprint of an article by Liz Herrera from the 1991 *Journal of the Western Slope* provides insight into the development of an early Hispanic neighborhood (photo of author’s mother with factory in background at right). And a timeline of Hispanic History in Colorado and the West compiled by Peter Booth rounds out the issue’s contents.



Bringing the stories of western Colorado to life through a museum magazine has been the long-time dream of former museum board member Laurena Mayne Davis and we thank her for her guidance and inspiration in getting the project up and running. Also, thanks to the many community members who provide insight and support through their service on the editorial committee.

Many thanks go to Chevron for funding the start-up costs of *Entrada*. This project is a testament to the company’s vision and its support of the most abundant energy source, as noted in the inventive tag line “The Power of Human Energy.” That support has helped us create a long-lasting educational and entertaining journal that highlights the rich heritage we have in the west. Museum Development Director Kristi Pollard, sums up the company’s role in the project, by noting that “Chevron understood that by empowering our community to understand the inheritance we have been given, we as citizens would be more likely to preserve that history and make positive changes that would leave a strong legacy for generations to come.”

Entrada is a benefit for Museum of Western Colorado members at the Supporting Level (\$100 annual dues) and above. The first issue will be mailed directly to qualifying members in March. The magazine will also be available for purchase at museum gift shops and other locations.

For further information on *Entrada*, please contact Ronna Lee Sharpe, 970/361-1136, rsharpe@westcomuseum.org.

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MOAB ROCK ART

March 8

The clock is ticking - Register by March 1!

Moab is well known for its national parks, wild raft trips and beautiful scenery. But did you know that the area is also full of rock art left behind by the Fremont, Utes and even older Archaic cultures? We will make several stops to see some of the best examples of rock art in the area and return up the breathtaking Highway 128. Led by Zebulon Miracle

\$60 Museum member/\$65 Non-member - includes transportation



CHINA: DINOSAURS, DRAGONS & EMPERORS

June 8 – 20

The clock is ticking - Register by March 1!

The historical and geological wonders of China are all part of the incredible journey to this Imperial landscape. Imagine yourself marveling at the Great Wall of China or at the 2000 year-old Terra-cotta Warriors and Horses, Tiananmen Square, the Forbidden City, and the 200 million-year-old Jurassic Park in the Lufeng World Dinosaur Valley. In this spectacular geotour we will see feathered dinosaurs in Chaoyang as well as the only world UNESCO recognized dinosaur geopark, Zigong Dinosaur Museum. From the northeast to the southwest of China we will follow a geological time scale trail

that will open your eyes to the land before time. If this is not enough then the 500 thousand year old Peking Man site and the 6000 year-old Banpo Neolithic Village Museum will be sure to knock your socks off.

Led by John Foster, Ph.D., Hailu You, Ph.D. and Mike Perry

\$5,770 from San Francisco, CA; \$5,895 from Grand Junction, CO - All inclusive!

Deposit: \$800 by March 1 • Full payment deadline: April 1 Spaces are not guaranteed until deposit is made.



SPLIT ROCK PALEONTOLOGY TRAIL

March 22

Register by March 15

Take a tour of one of Rabbit Valley's most impressive bone beds, the Split Rock site. This ancient river channel of sand and gravel has produced hundreds of bones of sauropods as well as *Stegosaurus*, *Allosaurus* and *Othnielia*. We'll hike approximately one mile and see several large blocks of rock containing these bones. It's a fun hike with great views. Led by Zebulon Miracle

\$50 Museum member/\$55 Non-member - includes transportation

FORT UNCOMPAGHRE AND THE OLD SPANISH TRAIL

April 10

Register by April 3

Over half a century before the founding of western Colorado towns such as Delta, Montrose and Grand Junction, a small trading post was established near the confluence of the Uncompahgre and Gunnison rivers. Antoine Robidoux's Fort Uncompahgre served as an isolated trading post until 1844. Today the Fort Uncompahgre Living History Museum serves as a reminder of the rugged Mountain Man period in Colorado history. Just as the trading post left, the Old Spanish Trail exploded in use. We will visit the fort as well as portions along the trail to discover what early 19th century Colorado was like. Led by Zebulon Miracle

\$65 Museum member/\$70 Non-member - includes transportation and admission



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GREAT TRAILS OF THE WEST: SANTA FE TRAIL

May 18 - 23 **Register by April 18**

In 1821, William Bucknell blazed a route that became the entry for the United States into what became the American Southwest. The Santa Fe Trail from western Missouri to northern New Mexico brought two rich cultures together, creating a vibrant history that can still be seen today. Join us as we follow the path of the caravans as it winds from Independence, Missouri to Santa Fe, New Mexico. Along the way, we will experience the prairie solitude and mountain grandeur of what is one of the most famous

of the Great Trails of the West. Led by Peter Booth, Ph.D.

\$850/Museum member; \$900/Non-member - includes transportation, lodging and admission

\$170 - deposit required to reserve space



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WILD AND ANCIENT AFRICA: KENYA AND RWANDA

August 1 - 15

Register by April 15

Kenya: The name evokes beauty, adventure and history. You'll experience wildlife safaris where your luxury camps will be a base for finding zebra, giraffe, elephant, long-necked gerenuk antelope, oryx, all types of cats and primates, crocodiles, exotic birds, white rhino, hippo and much more. In Nairobi we will visit an elephant orphanage, the National Museum - home to ancient fossils - and a section of the Karen Blixen farm.

Rwanda: The utter highlight of this segment will be connecting with rare Mountain Gorillas in their native habitat of Volcanoes National Park. We'll also spend time with the rare Golden Monkey. On the shores of Lake Jivu

we will stay in the village of Gisenvi and absorb the lifestyle of this a tribal fishing village. In Kigali we'll see the Genocide Memorial Center, craft markets and more.

The Rwanda segment is optional and cannot be reserved as a stand-alone trip.

Led by Mike Perry and Cary Baird

Kenya only: \$6800; Complete tour price: \$9350 - All inclusive!

Deposit: \$800 by April 15 • Full payment deadline: May 15

Spaces are not guaranteed until deposit is made.



NORMANDY AND FRANCE

November 12 - 22

Register by June 1

Join us during the 70th anniversary of the D-Day landing in France as we tour the City of Lights and the beaches of Normandy. Several days will be spent in Paris with guided city tours as well as opportunities to explore on your own before heading to the northern coast. La Roche-Guyon, Caen, Bayeux and Le Mont St. Micheal will be visited as will the landing beaches of Utah and Omaha and the famous Pointe Du Hoc.

Led by Zebulon Miracle

\$5,450 - includes airfare, lodging, transportation, admissions, most meals and trip insurance

\$1,100 - deposit required to reserve space

**Many cool adventures are listed on our website! www.museumofwesternco.com/trips-and-tours
Hikes, boat tours, history, geology and more to choose from - we have something for everyone!**

Ways to Support Your Museum

Springtime's About to Bud...Don't Miss It!

It's almost springtime at the Museum of Western Colorado and we're hard at work to bring you phenomenal programming and extraordinary new exhibits. We continue to be excited about what 2014 holds, but we need your help to make it our most successful year EVER!!

We need to ask you, our loyal supporters, to consider making a gift to the Museum of Western Colorado's Annual Fund. Donations from dedicated friends like you are the backbone of our organization and help us as we continue to offer educational experiences, high-level programming and world-class exhibits. We strive to keep all of the Museum opportunities inexpensive enough to be accessible to all sectors of the community. Through the generosity of people like you, we will continue those efforts in earnest as well as be able to increase the offerings we are able to provide. Your gift in any amount is tax deductible and will allow us to share the heritage of our community for years to come.

Checks may be made payable and mailed to:

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Or you can donate online! www.museumofwesternco.com/membership/make-a-donation



- 3-drawer filing cabinets
- ten-key calculator
- shelving
- sea shells, seaweed, ocean related items for Sea Monsters exhibit
- artificial plants

Gently used, working items are welcome!

Also... please consider donating:

- items for Dinosaur Days Silent Auction
- volunteer work - We need temporary help with our casting at Dinosaur Journey while one of our volunteers recuperates from knee surgery. We also need the gift shop office painted.

Please call Kay at 970.261.8137 to find out how to get items to us! Thank you for your support!

Mark your calendars! Two Rivers Chautauqua will present

THE AMERICAN DREAM

September 19 and 20 at Cross Orchards Historic Site

More details to come!

Program News

Annual Meeting and Heritage Awards Presentation

Colorado Mesa Ballroom 1455 N.
12th Street
March 4 • 5:30 pm

The Museum of Western Colorado's Annual Meeting will start at 5:30 pm and is one of the most important board meetings of the year. This is a chance for all of our members to hear a recap of the past year and meet our new board members. Following the business meeting there will be an overview of our *2014 Trips and Tours* program and light refreshments will be served.

This meeting is open to the public and there is ample paid parking in the parking garage.

Oral History Program Thursday, March 20 • Noon Whitman Educational Center 248 S. Fourth St.

Douglas Rhodes will present the program "History from a Tin Can - Labels, Leadville and Lore." The program focuses on a collection of early tin cans discovered in pristine condition. His collection was featured on *Antique Road Show* and is an excellent reflection on life in a mining area of western Colorado.

Oral History programs are held at the Whitman Educational Center, 248 S. Fourth St. These programs are jointly sponsored by the Museum of Western Colorado and the Mesa County Historical Society and are free to the public. The programs are held on the third Thursday of the month at noon. For more information please contact the Loyd Files Research Library at 970.242.0971, ext. 209.

The Museum of Western Colorado and
John McConnell Math and Science Center present

Changing Landscapes of Science

GEOLOGY OF THE COLORADO PLATEAU

Tracks, Trilobites and Triconodonts: Recent Museum Paleontological Research Projects

Presented by Dr. John Foster - Director, Museum of Moab
formerly Curator of Paleontology,
Museum of Western Colorado

**Thursday, March 13 • 7 pm
Whitman Educational Center
4th and Ute, Grand Junction**

**\$5/person for Museum or Math and Science members and students;
\$10/person for non-members**

After Hours Tours: Behind-the-Scenes Cross Orchards Historic Site Friday, March 28 • 5:30 pm Meet at Cross Orchards 3073 F Road

\$5/person • Pre-registration not required

Behind-the-Scenes Tours allow tour participants to enter collections storage areas that are seldom open to the public. Hundreds of artifacts not currently on display may be viewed, as well as laboratories and work areas. In addition, the exhibition halls will be open for a true museum after dark experience.

Cross Times Cookin'

Anadama Bread

1 pkg. dry yeast
¼ C warm water
1 ½ C tap water
1 tsp. salt
1/3 C yellow corn meal

butter
1 ½ T shortening
1/3 C molasses
4 to 4 ½ C white flour

Mix yeast into warm water and set aside. Starting with cold water, mix corn meal, water and salt in a small pan, bring to a boil with stirring to prevent lumps. Transfer to a large mixing bowl and add molasses and shortening. Mix and cool until lukewarm. Add the dissolved yeast and mix well. Add 2 cups of sifted flour. Add enough of the remaining flour to handle easily. Mix with hands. Flour is sticky. Turn onto a lightly floured bread board and let rise to double (about 1 ½ hours). Place dough in greased 9x5x3 inch pan and let raise until about double. Brush top with melted butter. Sprinkle with a little corn meal and salt. Bake for one hour at 375 degrees. *Page 160*



Personal Care

Be grateful that you are living in this age.
And pray you never have to live with this type of bath!

Advice on Bathing

Upon arising take a complete bath. Not more than a quart of water is necessary. No sponge is required. Rainwater is preferred. Use the hands, the same as you do upon the face. Use plenty of soap, and wash quickly so as not to take a chill. In the daily bath all the crevices of the ear should be thoroughly cleaned and the wax carefully removed, whenever it shows itself. *Page 152*

Your Lucky Week!

Buy anything green and get a 10% discount!
Oh, and members, you get 15% off!

March 17th - March 23rd!





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Cross Orchards Historic Site

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 Closed for the season.

Dinosaur Journey Museum

550 Jurassic Court, Fruita • (970) 858-7282
 October 1 - April 30
 Monday - Saturday • 10 am to 4 pm
 Sunday • Noon to 4 pm

Museum of the West

462 Ute (5th & Ute) • (970) 242-0971
 October 1 - April 30
 Tuesday - Saturday • 10 am to 3 pm
 Closed Sunday and Monday

Loyd Files Research Library

Tuesday – Friday • 10 am – 3 pm
 Saturday • 10 am – 1 pm

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Calendar

FEB	27 - MAR 1		Denver Museums Trip	
MAR	4	Noon	Paleo Volunteer Meeting	Dinosaur Journey Museum
	4	5:30 pm	Annual Meeting and Heritage Awards Presentation	Colorado Mesa Ballroom
	7	9:30 am	Craft Meeting	Cross Orchards Historic Site
	8		Moab Rock Art Trip	
	13	7 pm	Changing Landscapes of Science Lecture	Whitman Educational Center
	17 - 23		Lucky Week Gift Shop Sale!	
	20	Noon	Oral History Program	Whitman Educational Center
	21	9:30 am	Craft Meeting	Cross Orchards Historic Site
	22		Split Rock Paleontology Trail Trip	
	28	5:30 pm	After Hours: Behind-the-Scenes	Cross Orchards Historic Site