

# Museum TIMES

February 2016



## Announcing the Grand Junction Native American Arts Auction & Appraisal Clinic by the R.B. Burnham & Co. Trading Post April 8-9, 2016



On April 8-9, Museums of Western Colorado will host a special Native American Art Auction, conducted by R.B. Burnham & Co. Trading Post as a benefit for the MWC. If you like Native Arts, you will love this sale. Featured will be approximately 250 pieces of Navajo, Hopi, and Zuni weavings; baskets; pottery; katsinas; jewelry; and other art creations.

At 6 p.m. Friday, April 8, there will be a free reception and presentation from fourth-generation trader Bruce Burnham. It will be followed by an appraisal clinic, where Mr. Burnham and his team will do an informal verbal evaluation of your personal Native Art treasure for \$10 per item. Reservations are required and can be made via the MWC.

The preview for the auction will be held from 10:00 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 9. Around 250 Native American art pieces will be available for viewing. Each item is either coming directly from the artisan or Burnham & Co. The auction will

start at 1:00 p.m. and continue until all pieces are gone. Admission to the auction is free. There is a 10% buyers' premium. Also present will be Ute and Paiute artisan vendors.

This event is being hosted in conjunction with the Horizon Drive Business Improvement District and Grand Vista Hotel. All events are at the Grand Vista Hotel, located at 2790 Crossroads Blvd., near the airport. For more information, see the MWC website or call the Museums.





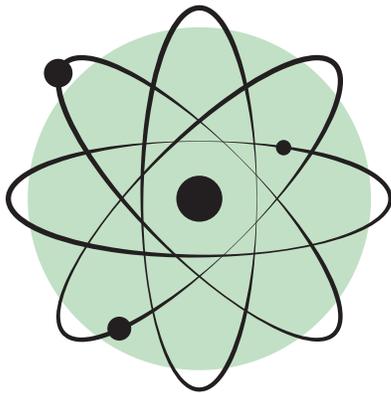
**Love Our Volunteers  
Valentine Reception  
February 11 • 1 - 3 pm  
Whitman Educational Ctr.  
248 S. Fourth St.**

The MWC depends on its volunteers who do tremendous work on behalf of the Museums of Western Colorado. From the Dinosaur Journey dig/prep crew to the costumed interpreters at Cross Orchards, from the assistants in the Archives to those who give tours at each site, from the volunteer groups who help with events to those who help at the various odd jobs – thank you so much.

Join us for a coffee and cake Valentine reception from 1 to 3 pm (drop in when you can) on February 11 at the Whitman Educational Center. The staff looks forward to this as an opportunity to say “thank you” for all you do.

## U-BOOM EXHIBIT OPEN THROUGH FEBRUARY 13

Brought to you by the Bacon Family Foundation



### THE LAST GREAT MINING BOOM:

THE NUCLEAR INDUSTRY IN  
WESTERN COLORADO, 1890-1985

A Traveling BLM Exhibit from the Anasazi Heritage Center

### THE NUCLEAR AGE

ON THE WESTERN SLOPE:

RADIUM AND U-BOOM ARTIFACTS

Artifacts from the collections of the Museum of the West

Museum of the West

462 Ute Ave.



Through strong stewardship and relevant programming, the Museums of Western Colorado strives to inspire the community to preserve its heritage and tell its story.



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.



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## Program News

### **Oral History Program** **Thursday, February 18 • Noon** **Whitman Educational Center** **248 S. Fourth St.**

This month, Dave Moon will be presenting a history of the Moon Farm.

Oral History programs are held at the Whitman Educational Center, 248 S. Fourth St. They are jointly sponsored by the Museums 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.

### **Museum Gallery Tour** **Thursday, February 25 • 5:30 pm** **Museum of the West** **462 Ute Ave.** **\$5 per person** **No preregistration required**

Join David Bailey, Curator of History, for a tour of the Museum of the West's galleries!

### **Join us for our 2016 Annual Heritage Awards!** **March 1 • 5:30 - 7:30 pm** **Dinosaur Journey Museum**

The Museums of Western Colorado's (MWC) mission is to help the community preserve its heritage and tell its story. This is a significant undertaking. For this reason, our Museum relies on others in the community, either in cooperation with the MWC or individually, to help fulfill this very important mission. It is an honor and privilege for the MWC to be able to recognize leaders and organizations who have contributed so significantly to the community's heritage. Join us as we celebrate those leaders.



In addition, the new short film, *Dinosaurs of the Grand Valley*, will be featured.

This new documentary on the paleontology of the Grand Valley has been two years in the making and tells the story of paleontology in our area, both its history and discoveries. We are very happy to have this new video to show our visitors what makes our home such an amazing place for paleontologists to work and for all of us to live.

*Dinosaurs of the Grand Valley*, created by Gen9 Productions and narrated by Zebulon Miracle, was made possible thanks to a generous donation by Charles Safris.

Appetizers and refreshments will be available.

Please RSVP by February 26 at [museumofwesternco@gmail.com](mailto:museumofwesternco@gmail.com) or by calling 970.242.0971, ext. 212.

# Passport to Adventure

## Sandhill Crane Migration

March 14 - 17

Register by February 12

Led by Jen McCollough

Follow the Platte River to Central Nebraska to view Sandhill Cranes on their yearly migration. We will stop by the original Cabela's in Sidney, in case you need any last minute gear! Then we will travel on to Kearney, NE and view the cranes from blinds along the river in the Sandhills they were named for. We will also take some time to appreciate the history of the area known as the Gateway to the West.

**\$695/Museums member; \$740/Non-member** - includes transportation, lodging, and admissions  
**\$140** - reservation deposit; **\$125** - single supplement



Photo courtesy of Josh Fiedler

## Early Trails and Wagon Roads Trip

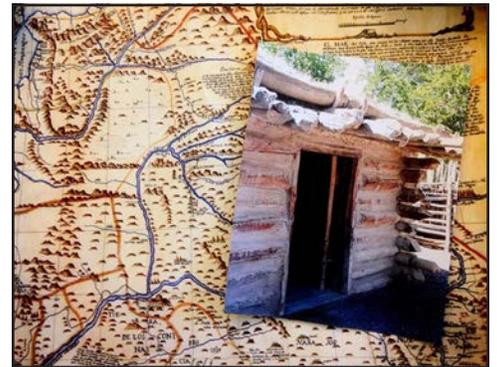
March 25

Register by March 11

Led by David Bailey

Curator of History David Bailey will travel along the northern branch of the Spanish Trail and the subsequent Salt Lake Wagon Road telling the history and mystery of these pathways. We will then head to Fort Uncompahgre in Delta, Colorado. The fort is a re-creation of the original fur trading post established by Antoine Robidoux in 1826. The costumed interpreters will give an interactive tour of life during the Mountain Man era. Our next stop will be the Museum of the Mountain West in Montrose for a guided tour of settlement era town buildings that tell the story of early western Colorado.

**\$75/Museums member; \$85/Non-member** - includes transportation, admission, and box lunch



## Curator's Tour of Denver's Great Museums

April 11 - 13

Register by March 11

Led by Erin Schmitz

Travel with Curator of Collections and Archives, Erin Schmitz, and explore the museums of the Front Range. Erin has worked at several of these museums and can deliver that special experience only a curator can. Our journey will include Lakewood Heritage Center and its historic buildings in Belmar Park, the little known Geology Museum at the School of Mines in Golden, and the Denver Museum of Nature and Science with its special exhibit, "Chocolate: The Exhibition." Our visit there will be capped off with a behind the scenes tour with Rene O'Connell, Image Archivist, of the new state of the art Avenir Collections Center.

**\$440/Museums member; \$470/Non-member** - includes transportation, lodging, and admission  
**\$90** - reservation deposit; **\$75** - single supplement



Photo courtesy of Denver Museum of Nature and Science

## Geology of Colorado National Monument

April 15

Register by April 1

Led By Julia McHugh, Ph.D.

This trip will showcase the geology and history of Colorado National Monument. Join us for a guided tour of Rimrock Drive, as well as a geologist-led hike along Canyon Rim Trail. We'll see monoclines, windows and monoliths, the Redlands Fault, and even the Great Unconformity – a line in the rocks where over a billion years of Earth's history is missing.

**\$70/Museum member; \$80/Non-member** - includes transportation, sack lunch, and admission



Photo courtesy of McHugh Photography

# Passport to Adventure

## Dominguez Canyon Hike

April 29

Register by April 15

Led by Peter Booth

Enjoy the breathtaking scenery of Dominguez Canyon as it winds out of the Uncompahgre Plateau. Witness the red-rock canyons, gentle waterfalls and dramatic sandstone cliffs. View some of the most spectacular collections of Ute, Fremont and Archaic rock art. This 8-mile, round-trip moderate hike into Dominguez-Escalante National Conservation Area starts at historic Bridgeport and goes up the Big Dominguez Canyon.

**\$70/Museum member; \$80/Non-member** - includes transportation and sack lunch



Photo courtesy of Zebulon Miracle

## Rafting the Yampa River: Dinosaur National Monument

May 12 - 15

Register by March 12

Led by Zebulon Miracle

Ride the crest of one of Colorado's last free rivers—the Yampa! These famous waters are compressed between towering canyon walls and flows past high-altitude landscape. Float through rock layers that are rich with Jurassic fossils; explore ancient Native American rock art; and follow the historic 1869 route of John Wesley Powell.

**\$980/Museums member; \$1,030/Non-member** - includes transportation, all meals while on the river

Does not include camping gear, misc. expenses while on the road (snacks, drinks, etc.), and tips for the boatman.

Camping gear available to rent.

**\$200** - reservation deposit

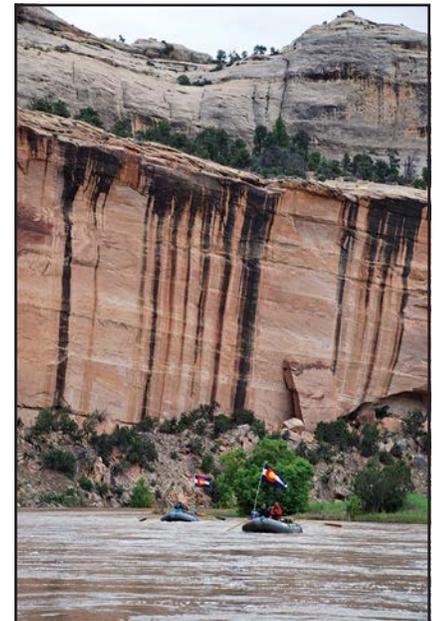


Photo courtesy of Adventure Bound

# Paleontology Expeditions

## The Expeditions Are Coming!

We are pleased to announce that the Paleontology Division's 2016 Expeditions and Tours schedule is now available on the Museums of Western Colorado's website. The brochure has already hit mailboxes and booking has started!



We are offering nine different one-day and multiple-day expeditions in 2016 that focus on the geology and paleontology of western Colorado and eastern Utah. The 2016 Expeditions and Tours will feature the return of our most popular one-day dig, The Mygatt-Moore Quarry, as well as new experiences, such as touring the Dinosaur Diamond (3-day tour) and discovering the geology of Glenwood Canyon by bicycle (1-day tour). We look forward to sharing our exciting adventures with you in 2016. Book now – the expeditions fill up fast!

[www.museumofwesternco.com/things-to-do/category/expeditions/](http://www.museumofwesternco.com/things-to-do/category/expeditions/)

## Mark Your 2016 Calendar

The staff and volunteers of MWC have been very busy getting things ready for 2016 — and it will be a great year by the looks of what they have planned for you (see the Calendar of Events on the opposite page).

Things really start moving with the **4th Annual Heritage Awards** on March 1 at Dinosaur Journey Museum. That is quickly followed by the members-only opening reception for the ***Fun and Games on the Western Slope: Heritage Rendezvous*** exhibit on March 3. On April 8-9, MWC will host a special **Native American Art Auction** fundraiser being conducted by R.B. Burnham & Co. Trading Post. If you like Native Arts, you will love this sale. May 7 will see Cross Orchards Historic Site open for the season with **Spring Day on the Farm**. There is an opening reception at the Museum of the West on May 12 to celebrate the ***Western Colorado Weaponry: Tools of Survival and Conflict*** exhibit. A week later, on May 19 at Dinosaur Journey, brace yourself for the opening reception of the ***T. rex and the End of the "Age of Dinosaurs"*** exhibit.

As we roll into the summer, be ready to enjoy an even bigger and better **Dinosaur Day** on its new date of June 11. In July, Cross Orchards will host a **King n'Trio concert** on the 22nd. Then on August 27, MWC will be pleased to present its annual unique and fantastic fundraising gala, **Fest of Skulls**. And every Thursday in July and August, come to Museum of the West for its **Cool Summer Nights**.

September 16-17, the **11th Annual Two Rivers Chautauqua** will feature active "discussions" between Abraham Lincoln and Jefferson Davis on one evening, and Eleanor Roosevelt and Nikita Khrushchev the next. This could be a rather heated event. Later that month on the 23rd will be the fun **Old Fossil Classic Golf Tournament**.

The ever-popular **Fall Day on the Farm** will be held at Cross Orchards on October 22 (be sure to come and get your freshly-squeezed apple cider). Dinosaur Journey will celebrate **National Fossil Day** on October 12 and host **Monster Mash** on the 31st.

In November, the **Grand Junction Cowboy Poetry Gathering**, a beautiful mix of heritage and art, will be held on the 4th and 5th. That same weekend is the **Authors' Party** at Museum of the West. On November 10, the Museum of the West will unveil some major changes to its permanent exhibits at its **Winter Exhibit** opening reception. In December, don't miss the annual **Breakfast with Santa** on the 3rd. And finish the year with a visit to the impressive **Christmas Train Show** at Cross Orchards the last weekends of December.

In addition, we have a full calendar of **Passport to Adventure Trips & Tours** as well as the nationally renowned **Paleontology Expeditions**. We also have regular Friday evening tours of the Museum of the West. Check out the website ([www.museumofwesternco.com](http://www.museumofwesternco.com)) for times and information.

As the Executive Director, I am extremely proud of everything the staff and volunteers have planned for our visitors. Here's to a wonderful 2016.

~ Peter Booth

## 2016 MWC Calendar of Events

March 1	4 <sup>th</sup> Annual MWC Heritage Awards
March 3	<i>Fun and Games on the Western Slope: Heritage Rendezvous</i> Exhibit Opening Reception at the Museum of the West
April 8-9	Native American Arts Auction
May 7	Spring Day on the Farm
May 12	<i>Western Colorado Weaponry: Tools of Survival and Conflict</i> Exhibit Opening Reception at the Museum of the West
May 19	<i>T. rex and the End of the "Age of Dinosaurs"</i> Exhibit Opening Reception at Dinosaur Journey Museum
June 11	Dinosaur Day
July 22	King 'n Trio Concert
August 27	Feast of Skulls
September 16-17	Two Rivers Chautauqua
September 23	Old Fossil Clasic Golf Tournament
October 12	National Fossil Day
October 31	KOOL Monster Mash at Dinosaur Journey
October 22	Fall Day on the Farm
November 4-5	Grand Junction Cowboy Poetry Gathering
November 5	Authors' Party at Museum of the West
November 10	Museum of the West Winter Exhibit Opening Reception
December 3	Breakfast with Santa
December TBD	Christmas Train Show



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**Cross Orchards Historic Site**

3073 F Road • (970) 434-9814  
 Closed for the season.

**Dinosaur Journey Museum**

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

**Museum of the West**

462 Ute (5th & Ute) • (970) 242-0971  
 October 1 - April 30  
 Monday - Saturday • 10 am - 4 pm  
 Closed Sunday

**Loyd Files Research Library**

Monday • 10 am - 1 pm  
 Tuesday - Thursday • 10 am - 4 pm  
 Friday • 10 am - 1 pm  
 Closed Saturday and Sunday

**Calendar**

<b>FEBRUARY</b>	<b>11</b>	1-3 pm	Love our Volunteers Party	Whitman Educational Center
	<b>13</b>		U-Boom Exhibit Ends	Museum of the West
	<b>18</b>	Noon	Oral History Program	Whitman Educational Center
	<b>25</b>	5:30 pm	Museum Gallery Tour	Museum of the West
<b>MARCH</b>	<b>1</b>	5:30-7:30 pm	Heritage Awards	Dinosaur Journey Museum