

Museum TIMES

January 2014



Farewell to 2013 and Hello to 2014!

2013 was an incredible year for the Museum of Western Colorado. In January we welcomed our new Executive Director, Dr. Peter Booth and set the pace for an exciting year. Thousands of visitors from all across the United States and twenty-three foreign countries came to visit Dinosaur Journey, the Museum of the West and Cross Orchards Historic Site.

Dinosaur Journey Museum's summer exhibit *Super Crocs: Terrors of the Cretaceous Swamp* was an awe-inspiring and popular "must see" for thousands of visitors. Our Paleontology Expedition program provided our visitors from all over the globe the opportunity to work alongside our paleontologists. Their efforts yielded lower jaws and limbs of the tiny Jurassic crocodylian, *Fruitachampsia*, and additional pieces of an *Allosaurus*. Staff and volunteers were also given the unique opportunity to salvage parts of a 40-ft. marine reptile from the base of the Book-cliffs.

The Museum of the West attracted patrons with multiple new exhibits including its *Distant Treasures in the Mist*, sponsored by Grand Junction Subaru, which tells the story of 16th century Spanish exploration near Kannah Creek. Thanks to a generous donation from the Dujay family, we opened the Dujay Microscopy Lab which enabled staff and researchers on-site opportunities for scientific research. Speaking of research, did you know that thousands of people utilize the services of our Loyd Files Research Library on the second floor of the Museum of the West? Come in and check it out!

The quiet ambiance of Cross Orchards Historic Site beckoned visitors and wedding parties to celebrate the Grand Valley's agricultural heritage. Our 8th Annual Two Rivers Chautauqua brought history to life with the *Colorado Riches* program in September. Margaret "Molly" Brown, Otto Mears, Theodore Roosevelt and Diego Martín, along with a

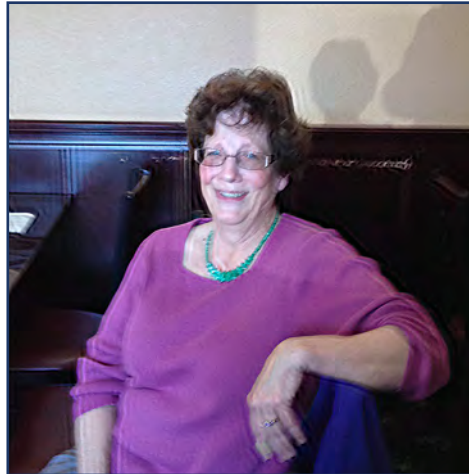
talented group of Young Chautauquans, wowed audiences with their monologues and also provided opportunities for the audiences to interact with questions.

Our 2013 *Passport to Adventure* program got people moving to sites of local, regional, national and international renown and was a tremendous success. In addition to destinations in our own backyard we discovered the battlefields of the Civil War, the unique culture and geography of Iceland and the majestic pyramids of the Mayan civilizations in the Yucatan.

These and so many more milestones were accomplished during 2013. Now it's time to ring in the new year and look toward 2014. Join us as we roll out our new programs, travel destinations, educational lectures, special events and so much more. We promise – 2014 will be a year to remember!

Volunteer Spotlight

Our first Volunteer Spotlight of 2014 is shining down on Kate Kossa. Kate initially started volunteering in the early to mid 80s when she assisted Judy Prosser Armstrong in cataloging the Al Look collection in the Loyd Files Research Library. Her most recent volunteer service has taken place in the same location over the last couple of years following her retirement from the VA Hospital on August 31, 2011.



Kate was born in Wichita, Kansas and moved to Wheatridge at the age of 15 when her father accepted a position at Rocky Flats. She graduated from Wheatridge High School and followed by graduating from the University of Colorado with a B.S. Degree in Physical Therapy. Her next adventure was working in Alaska for 1 ½ years. She loved the challenge of working with a wide variety of people and learned a great deal in dealing with the indigenous population in the outlying areas. Many of those people did not read or write and they communicated in a fashion similar to playing Charades.

Following her stint in Alaska she returned to Colorado where she worked in various locations on the Front Range, Idaho and finally in Grand Junction. She has two married daughters and is proud of her Grand Cat! Kate loves to travel and her exotic travel locales include Peru and Costa Rica. Her love of genealogy keeps her quite busy and she and one of her daughters will hit the road in 2014 to search for leads on her family's tree.

Kate – thanks for returning to the Museum of Western Colorado to volunteer. Your love of history and genealogy combined with your warm spirit adds so much to the Loyd Files Library.

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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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.

What History Buffs Do In Their Spare Time

On the right is a photo of our “Boys and Girl in Blue” in front of the Museum of the West before our museum trip to Delta. With Legion of the West, Camp 7, Sons of Union Veterans, we attended the showing of the movie “Copperhead.”

L to R: Mark Brewer; Spenser Brewer; Cecil Wilkinson; Bennett Young, Camp Commander; Celia Fournier; Michael Menard; Frank Nemanich; Chess Neff; Rob Elliott; Danny Agajanian, Camp Senior Vice Commander; Garry Brewer, Past Department Commander.

Missing from photo is Alan Lambert, Past Camp Commander



Hang On for Some Exciting Exhibitions in 2014

The year 2013 is winding down and I am very pleased with how it went. We had some great programs and wonderful exhibits. Now we are looking forward to 2014. Here is a brief snapshot of the exhibitions you can look forward to.



At the *Museum of the West*, we will be creating a new changing gallery. The first exhibition to be installed in the gallery is the *Western Slope Heritage Rendezvous*. In this project, Dave Bailey and I are working with ten other cultural institutions from Lake City to Craig. Each museum and library is using their own collections to address the theme “A Treasure of the Community.” For example, the Frontier Historical Society in Glenwood Springs is presenting a saddle (left) that belonged to Theodore Roosevelt while the Palisade Historical Society will share the story of early coal mining and fruit farming in eastern half of the Grand Valley. That exhibit will open February 14th and run through May 3rd.

The next exhibit in the new *Museum of the West* changing gallery will feature some of our treasures. Zebulon Miracle is curating an exciting exhibit titled *They Left Their Mark: Rock Art of the Four Corners*. The presentation will combine several rock art styles and themes as well as material culture from the Archaic, Fremont, Ancestral Pueblo, Hohokam, Ute, Navajo and Hopi. The exhibition will examine what daily life was like for those who created the art and what it, and other clues, can tell us about the past.

At *Dinosaur Journey*, opening on April 18th, will be *Sea Monsters of the Grand Valley*. Recently, Dr. John Foster located a rare Elasmosaur in the Bookcliffs. Our 2014 summer exhibit will celebrate this discovery and explore the cretaceous ocean world that existed in western Colorado at this time. Featured in the exhibition will be a 40-foot motorized replica of an Elasmosaur (think long, long neck and lots of teeth). This exhibit will go through Dinosaur Days during the first weekend in September.



Next fall, featured at *Dinosaur Journey* will be an exhibit based on Dr. John Foster's forthcoming book, *Cambrian Ocean World* (projected to be published next summer). Based on years of research and field work, the exhibition by the same name will explore the ancient world of trilobites, echi- noderms, arthropods, weird worms and other fascinating creatures, all to be presented 10 to 20 times larger than actual size.

Look for an exciting schedule of exhibits in 2014. We hope that you enjoy them as much as we will enjoy bringing them to you.

Heritage Awards

Seeking Nominations for the Museum of Western Colorado's Heritage Awards

Nominations due February 1, 2014

Honors to be presented at the MWC's Annual Meeting and Heritage Awards Ceremony, March 4, 2014

The Museum 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 Museum or individually, to help fulfill this very important mission. It is an honor and privilege for our museum to be able to recognize leaders and organizations who have contributed so significantly to the community's heritage.

In the 1980s and early 1990s, the MWC presented similar awards to outstanding individuals and organizations for their contributions to the Museum and the community. The MWC is now honored to bring back this tradition. We are now turning to our members and the community in seeking nominations for the MWC's 2014 Heritage Awards. The chosen recipients will be honored at the MWC's Annual Meeting and Heritage Awards Ceremony on March 4, 2014 at the CMU Ballroom, 1455 North 12th Street, Grand Junction. We will be honoring people and organizations in five areas:

Historian Award

This award recognizes distinguished and long-term contributions by an individual, group or organization to the **public understanding and appreciation of Mesa County and Western Slope history.**

George Callison Paleontological Award

This award recognizes distinguished and long-term contributions by an individual, group or organization to the **public understanding and appreciation of Mesa County and Western Slope Paleontological heritage.**

Heritage Enterprise Award

This award recognizes a business enterprise that has made distinguished and significant long-term **contributions to the preservation of Mesa County's heritage.**

Museum Service Award

This award recognizes meritorious efforts by an individual, group or organization **in support of the MWC's mission and vision.**

Preservation Award

This award recognizes distinguished and long-term efforts of an individual, group or organization to the **preservation of Mesa County's architectural treasures.**

To nominate someone, please submit a letter including the award category, your proposed nomination and a one-page description of why the person, persons or organization should be honored. Also include contact information for you and your nominee (specifically mailing address, daytime phone number and email, if available).

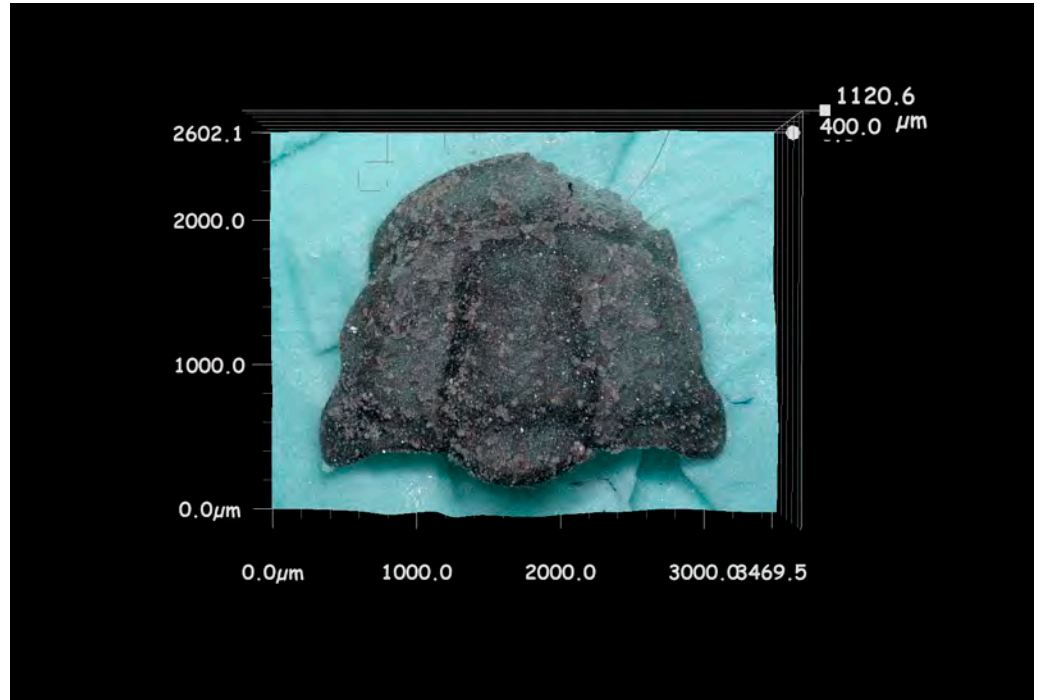
Nominations must be received by February 1, 2014 to be considered. We hope all of our members will join us at the Annual Meeting and Heritage Awards Ceremony on March 4th. Please mail all nominations to:

Museum of Western Colorado
ATTN: Heritage Awards
P.O. Box 20,000
Grand Junction, Colorado 81502-5020

From the Collections

Can you guess what our fossil is this month?

See the next page for the answer.



Rental Facilities

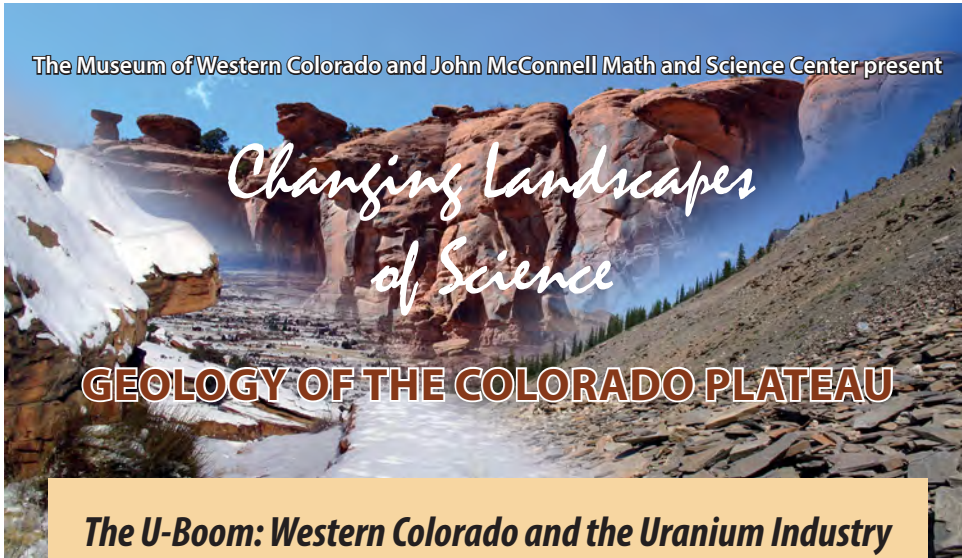


Looking for a place to book weddings, reunions (family or class), parties or business meetings?

We have four sites to meet your needs. Cross Orchards Historic Site (seasonal), Whitman Educational Center auditorium and Dinosaur Journey Museum auditorium are available for meetings, parties and weddings. For premier events the galleries at Dinosaur Journey Museum and Museum of the West are available.

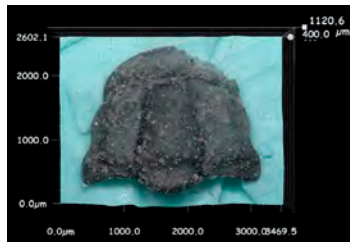
Call Sally at 970.270.7573 for more information!

Program News



From the Collections

This specimen is the central part of the head (technically the cranidium) of a trilobite called *Crassifimbra*. Paleontologists at the Museum of Western Colorado found it under a microscope as they were picking through the fossil remains left over after dissolving a batch of limestone rocks in acid. The limestones were collected from the Highland Range in Nevada, and the fossils in them were released by leaving the limestone blocks in dilute acid for several days; because the fossils are silicified, they are resistant to the acid and are released as the limestone melts away. This is a relatively easy way to collect hundreds of well-preserved specimens.



This specimen is only about 1/10th of an inch wide. *Crassifimbra* lived in carbonate shoals of the shallow continental shelf during the Early Cambrian about 520 million years ago. Its contemporaries included the trilobite *Olenellus*, sponges, brachiopods, molluscs, and *Anomalocaris*.

Oral History Program Thursday, January 16 • Noon Whitman Educational Center 248 S. Fourth St.

Tom Fisher, Mesa County Administrator, will give a presentation about the structure and functions of Mesa County government. In addition he will also discuss the current concerns and developments that Mesa County is facing.

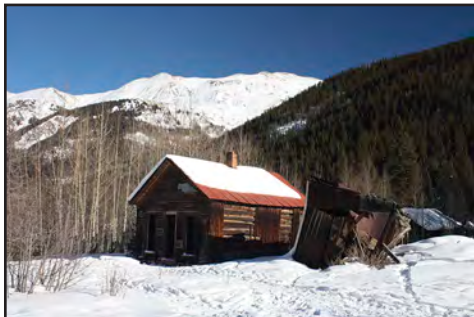
Oral History programs are held at the Whitman Educational Center, 248 S. Fourth St. These programs are jointly sponsored by the Museum of Western Colorado and the Mesa County Historical Society and are free to the public. The programs are held on the third Thursday of the month at noon. For more information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

After Hours Tours: Behind-the-Scenes Museum of the West

Friday, January 17 • 5:30 pm
Meet at Museum of the West
5th and Ute, Grand Junction
\$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.

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OURAY IN THE WINTER SNOWSHOE TRIP

January 16 **Register by January 9**

Nestled between high mountain peaks on Red Mountain Pass is the ghost town of Ironton. Once a thriving mining settlement, this collection of both simple and very ornate buildings is now just a reminder of the mining heritage of the San Juans. On this adventure we will take the easy, yet beautiful, snowshoe trail to the ghost town and listen to the tales that the buildings still tell. On our way back, we will stop at the Beaumont Hotel in Ouray for a tour and warm up with a cup of coffee and chocolates from Mouse's Chocolates.

Led by Zebulon Miracle

\$65/\$70 – includes transportation, snowshoe rental and treat from Mouse's



DENVER MUSEUMS

February 27 – March 1 **Register by February 6**

Discover the Mile High City and some of the best cultural institutions in the Rocky Mountain Region. We will visit the American Museum of Western Art (home of the famous Anschutz Collection of Art), History Colorado and the Denver Museum of Nature and Science with its new blockbuster exhibit, Maya: Hidden Worlds Revealed. This exhibit is the largest exhibition on the Maya to be displayed in the United States and will include many artifacts that have never been seen before.

Led by Zebulon Miracle and David Bailey

\$365/\$390 – includes transportation, lodging and admissions

\$75 – deposit required to reserve space



CHINA: DINOSAURS, DRAGONS & EMPERORS

June 8 – 20 **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!

Fees are based on double occupancy.

\$500 - single supplement

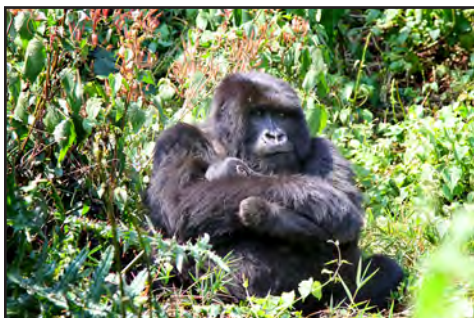
Deposit: \$800 by March 1 • Full payment deadline: April 1

Spaces are not guaranteed until deposit is made.

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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, onyx, 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!

Fees are based on double occupancy. \$750 - single supplement

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



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Cross Times Cookin'

It's soup season!

Corn and Sausage Chowder

1 Polish sausage cut into thin round slices
2 C cubed potatoes, about ¼" sq
1/8 tsp. white pepper
red pepper sauce
2 C milk
2 T butter

4 C corn
6 bacon slices
1C chopped onion
1/4 C flour
2 C chicken stock
1 C water

In a big saucepan, brown the sausage and bacon until brown and crispy. Remove the sausage and bacon with a slotted spoon, and drain on a paper towel. Discard most of the fat. Leave enough fat to cook the onion. Sauté onion in reserved fat until tender (about 5 minutes). Gradually stir bacon, corn, potatoes and white pepper. Add red pepper sauce to taste. Heat to boiling. Reduce heat and simmer, covered, for 15 to 20 minutes. Stir occasionally. Add milk and cook until soup is heated through and potatoes are tender. Top with butter and serve. Makes 6 to 8 servings

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Cheese Soup

4 cubes chicken bouillon
2 3/4 C warm water
1 C celery diced
1 C onions, chopped
1 C carrots, diced

2 ½ C potatoes cubed
1 (20oz) bag frozen vegetables
2 cans cream of chicken soup
1 box American Cheese
(Velveeta), cubed

Combine chicken bouillon cubes with the warm water. Add the diced celery and chopped onion. Bring to a boil and cook, covered, for 20 minutes. Add carrots, potatoes and frozen vegetables (suggest California blend with broccoli). Bring to a boil and simmer for 30 minutes. Add cream of chicken soup and ¾ warm water and Velveeta cheese. Simmer on low until cheese is melted, stirring constantly.

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We will have clearance sales in January and February - stay tuned!



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Cross Orchards Historic Site

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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

JAN	1		New Year's Day - All sites will be closed. Happy New Year!	
	4 & 5	10 am - 4 pm	Christmas Train Show	Cross Orchards Historic Site
	9	7 pm	Changing Landscapes of Science Lecture	Whitman Educational Center
	10	9:30 am	Craft Meeting	Cross Orchards Historic Site
	16		Ouray In the Winter Snowshoe Trip	
	16	Noon	Oral History Program	Whitman Educational Center
	17	5:30 pm	After Hours: Behind-the-Scenes	Museum of the West
	24	9:30 am	Craft Meeting	Cross Orchards Historic Site

Our website security certificate has recently been updated for the new year. While it was being updated, however, some folks had difficulty logging on. Although we do our best to provide an efficient website, we are only human and some things are beyond our control. If you find an error or a broken link, please contact newsletter@westcomuseum.org. Giving us the url (webpage address) will help us to find the error in question to be able to fix it. Thanks for your help!