

Corporate Spotlight: Whitewater Hill Vineyards

June 2017

A special highlight of attending an exhibit opening or other special event at a Museums of Western Colorado site is enjoying a complimentary glass of wine from Whitewater Hill Vineyards. Through the generous sponsorship of Whitewater Hill, Museum patrons and guests regularly enjoy one of 19 different award-winning wines, all made from 100% locally-grown grapes.

“We really admire the Museums of Western Colorado and what they’re doing,” says co-owner Nancy Janes. “We want to do what we can to help, and are happy to support the Museum with the contribution of our wine, and to occasionally have the opportunity to pour at Museum events.”

Whitewater Hill Vineyards is owned by Nancy Janes and John Behrs, who both left the high-tech industry in Boulder in 1998 for 23 acres of vineyard in the Grand Valley. “We were fascinated that you can grow classic European grapes in Colorado. And then it sort of ran away on us...”

By 2004, the husband and wife team were in the wine-making business, with John concentrating on grape growing and Nancy on winemaking. The operation annually produces 100 tons of ten wine grape varieties, selling 70% of its grapes to other winemakers. Whitewater Hill products range in

style from full-bodied dry wines to elegant and fruity semi-sweet and dessert wines, retailing for \$12-\$59 per bottle. The Whitewater Hill Vineyards tasting room is open year-round at 220 32 Road on Orchard Mesa (Grand Junction), and the wines are available at most Grand Valley liquor

stores, as well as some in Colorado Springs, Denver and Ft. Collins. Their wines are also available online at www.whitewaterhill.com.

Museums of Western Colorado is proud to have a two-year association with this growing local business and its lovely “hand-grown, handpicked and handcrafted” products, appreciates the generous and warm support, and encourages Museum patrons to stop by Whitewater Hill Vineyards to sample its award-winning wine and say ‘thank you’ for supporting the MWC.



Save the Date!

September 22
9 am Shotgun start

Adobe Creek
National Golf Course

\$100/per player;
\$400/per Team of 4

Register online:

museumofwesternco.com/event/old-fossil-classic-golf-tournament



Staff News

Carly Jones recently joined the Museums of Western Colorado staff team as Education and Volunteer Coordinator. Jones, who served as an intern with the Museum in Summer 2016, will continue the Museum's work with District 51 and other school districts in the region to synchronize academic curriculum with the experiential opportunities provided at all three Museum sites. She also will coordinate the dozens of volunteers involved in a variety of capacities at the three facilities and the Museum's paleontological excavation sites.

Jones says, "I come in with a lot of goals, and the desire to improve the educational offerings of the Museum. I'd particularly like to update our educational programming, marketing and making it available for everyone in the community. I also want to continue building good relationships with the schools, and develop our volunteer program such that it is of benefit to those involved as well as the community at large."

Jones is a Montrose native with a bachelor's degree in History from University of Wyoming and a Masters of Museum Studies from University of Glasgow. She taught at Centennial Middle School in Montrose this past year, and enjoys reading, traveling and various crafts such as doll making.

Birth Announcement

Taylor and Mallory Barnett welcomed their daughter, Hailey Renee Marie, on June 8. Taylor is our Cross Orchards Historic Site Facilitator.

Congratulations Taylor and Mallory!



Program News

Oral History Program

Every 3rd Thursday at Noon

Whitman Educational Center • 248 S. Fourth St.

July 20 60 Years of JUCO History

Presented by Jamie Hamilton, the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Home Loan Insurance and its subsidiary Home Loan State Bank. Jamie has been Chairman of the Alpine Bank Junior College World Series (aka "JUCO") since 2003 and was an active member of the JUCO committee for 20 years prior to that.

August 17 Check our website for details as we get closer to the date.

Oral History Programs are jointly sponsored by the Museums of Western Colorado and the Mesa County Historical Society and are free to the public.

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the community to preserve its
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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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Trips and Tours 2017

Rivers, Tracks, and Dinosaurs

July 25-27 • Register by July 11

Experience the Western Slope's 'Jurassic Park'. Raft the black water (= calm water) of the Colorado River to see canyons and dinosaur tracks, then dig into Mygatt-Moore Quarry where you can spend a day as a paleontologist digging for dinosaur bones. On day three, we travel west via van to Moab to find dinosaur trackways from the Jurassic and Cretaceous periods. This is the Dinosaur Trifecta: rocks, bones, and tracks! Bring your hiking shoes, a water bottle, wide-brimmed hat, sunscreen, and bug spray.

Led by Dr. Julia McHugh

\$375/person - Includes transportation, lunch, raft rental/guide, instruction, and tools



Grand Junction Cemetery Tour

October 28 • Register by October 10

Join us on a stroll through two of Grand Junction's oldest cemeteries. We will begin our tour at the Whitewater Cemetery. High on a hill in the desert, the Whitewater Cemetery is like those you may have seen in an old Western – a nostalgic and comforting place. We will then travel to Orchard Mesa Cemetery, where we will walk through the many sections and learn the cemetery's history. We will be visiting some of Grand Junction's most famous residents, including George Crawford and Walter Walker.

Led by Erin Schmitz, Marie Tipping, and Garry Brewer

\$35/Museum member; \$45/Non-member - Includes transportation



Civil War in New Mexico

November 8 - 12 • Register by October 2

In one of the more unknown chapters of the American Civil War, a secession convention at Mesilla voted to leave the union and establish the Confederate Territory of Arizona in March of 1861. This act brought the Civil War to New Mexico. Conflict raged up and down the Rio Grande when the Confederates launched as invasion of northern New Mexico the following year. In this tour, we will visit the more significant sites of Civil War history in the Southwest including Mesilla, Fort Craig, Fort Union, and the Glorieta Pass battle site.

Led by Dr. Peter Booth

\$950/Museum member; \$980/Non-member - Includes transportation, lodging, and admission



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We already have several members who have set up a monthly plan through Colorado Gives. Please consider a monthly gift that will help preserve the community's heritage.

Go to www.coloradogives.org/museumofwesternco/overview.

Or contact us for information, Illene Roggensack at 970-314-3970.

Dinosaur Journey Exhibit News

Campo del Cielo Meteorite Now on Display

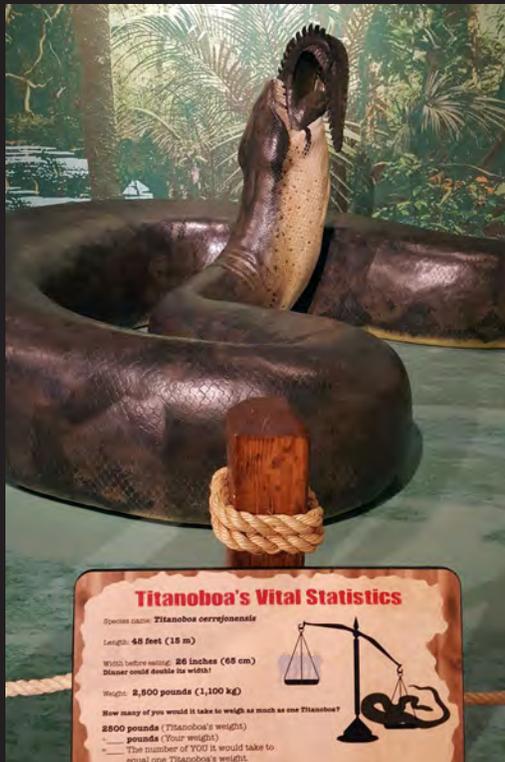


There is a new touchable exhibit at Dinosaur Journey: a 119-lb. iron-nickel meteorite from Argentina. One of many fragments of a much larger meteorite, this piece was collected from Campo del Cielo (Spanish for “Field of the Sky”) in northern Argentina. The original meteorite fell to earth about 4,500 years ago and is estimated, based on the size and number of fragments, to have been 12 feet wide and weighed 800 tons.

This meteorite was donated to the Museums of Western Colorado's Dinosaur Journey by the Toomey Foundation for Natural Sciences and the display was funded by the Asterion Foundation. We were selected to receive this amazing exhibit based on our mid-market museum size, as well as our established success of engaging the public through interactive displays like this touchable exhibit. Mr. Michael Toomey (pictured here with the meteorite) was impressed with the Dinosaur Journey Museum's interactive exhibits during a visit in 2016, especially the asteroid impact display that was part of the *Tyrannosaurus rex and the End of the “Age of Dinosaurs”* summer exhibition. After meeting with the curator of paleontology and discussing the importance of meteor impacts during the

reign of dinosaurs and appropriateness of having a larger, permanent display at the museum, Mr. Toomey agreed to recommend us for the donation of the meteorite, which is now on display.

We are excited to host this new, permanent exhibit at Dinosaur Journey and how you will take the opportunity to touch this rock from space on your next visit. You can find the Campo del Cielo meteorite in the Cretaceous gallery, near the *Triceratops* skull.



TITANOBOA MONSTER SNAKE

On Exhibit Through August 6!



Titanoboa is a collaboration of the Smithsonian Institution, the Florida Museum of Natural History, and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

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June 2-September 4

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HERITAGE RENDEZVOUS 2017



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Seven western Colorado museums and institutions tell the stories of their denizens who contributed to the color and flair of their communities.

Explore it: Museum Extravaganza

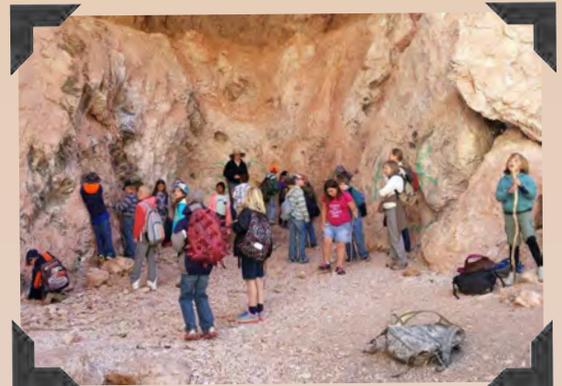
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Explore where collections are kept, learn what museums do, hike on public land, learn how pioneers lived, and about the dinosaurs that lived here!



Join the Museums of Western Colorado and Colorado Canyons Association for this three-day adventure that will explore and interact with the unique collections and stories found at Cross

Orchards Historic Site, Dinosaur Journey Museum, Museum of the West, and your public land.



Fee: \$180

Age: 8-14

Class size: 18

Time: 9 am-3 pm

Dates: July 18-20
and/or July 25-27

Register at:

www.museumofwesternco.org





Cross Orchards Summer Concert Series

July 21 at 7 pm
Doors open at 6 pm

Tickets: \$10 • Limited seating available
Reserve online: museumofwesternco.org

Cross Orchards Historic Site
in the Historic Packing Shed/Barn

Cowboy Poetry and Music!

Nona Kelley Carver, Peggy Malone and Terry Nash



Photo by Bill Patterson

Nona Kelley Carver is a native Coloradan, now ranching at Mesa. Her ranching experience shows in her work that she refers to as “fiction with a few facts thrown in.” Believing that reciting makes an author’s work come alive for the audience, Nona gives her best whether it is to a small group or at The National Cowboy Symposium and Celebration where she is a repeat performer. Her work has been published in magazines, newspapers and anthologies, as well as in two recently produced CDs of poetry.

Peggy Malone was given the honor of 2013 Colorado Country Music Hall of Fame Entertainer of The Year. Her song “Singin’ A Cowboy Song” won an Emmy for Performer/

Songwriter in 2001, and is featured in the PBS Special, “A Night at The Rodeo.” She was inducted into the Colorado Country Music Association Hall of Fame on August 20, 2006 and was named the Colorado Country Music Hall of Fame Legend of Legends Female Vocalist in 2015. She is nominated 2017 CCMHOF Female Vocalist of the year.



Terry Nash has been a top five finalist for the last four years for Western Music Association Male Cowboy Poet of the Year. He was raised on a farm/ranch cow/calf operation on the High Plains of Colorado, near Idalia. After a thirty-five year career trucking, Terry drifted to a small ranch near Loma, Colorado. He and his wife have cut back to a semi-retired forty hours a week that keeps their horses and cattle in feed. Recently, Terry has lassoed a new career: songwriting.



Discover Together

KAFM, Museums of Western Colorado, and Two Rivers Chautauqua present...

John Otto: The Monumental Visionary or The Hermit of Monument Park

Friday, August 4

6:30 pm

KAFM Radio Room

1310 Ute Avenue • Grand Junction



Presented by Peter MacMillon Booth

In 1906, itinerant trail builder and dynamite expert John Otto saw the rimrock country south of Grand Junction for the first time, an event that forever changed his life. The deep canyons and sandstone cliffs spoke to his ideas about patriotism, religion, and the nation's future. He dedicated his life to protect, celebrate, and promote what he envisioned as a natural paradise. Otto's manic efforts culminated in the establishment of the Colorado National Monument.

This is his story!

The evening will begin with a **Wax Museum** presented by Young Chautauquans, elementary to high school age youth from throughout Mesa County, who will recreate different historical characters.

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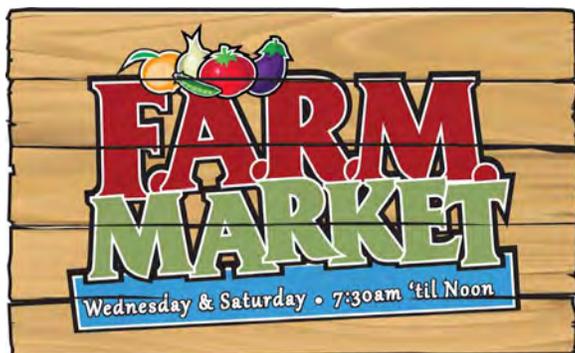
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When you get a chance, please say thank you to any of these great companies, organizations, and people.

We are looking forward seeing you and our sponsors at our upcoming programs and events.

Calendar of Events

Thru Aug 6		<i>Titanoboa: Monster Snake</i>	Dinosaur Journey
Thru Sept 4		<i>Women of Excellence</i>	Museum of the West
Thru Oct 16		<i>Heritage Rendezvous Exhibit: Colorful Characters of the Sunset Slope</i>	Museum of the West
July 13	5-8pm	COOL Summer Nights	Museum of the West
20	Noon	Oral History Program	Whitman Ed. Ctr.
20	5-8pm	COOL Summer Nights	Museum of the West
21	7-9 pm	Cross Orchards Summer Concert Series	Cross Orchards
27	5-8pm	COOL Summer Nights	Museum of the West
AUG 3	5-8pm	COOL Summer Nights	Museum of the West
4	6:30	John Otto: The Monumental Visionary	KAFM Radio Room
10	5-8pm	COOL Summer Nights	Museum of the West
17	Noon	Oral History Program	Whitman Ed. Ctr.
17	5-8pm	COOL Summer Nights	Museum of the West
18		Two Rivers Chautauqua	The Avalon Theatre
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Please note: Dates and times of events, meetings, and programs are subject to change; please call to confirm.			



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F.A.R.M. works with the Museums of Western Colorado to celebrate the heritage of the past, while enjoying today's delicious harvest.

Come see us at Cross Orchards Historic Site, 3073 F Road! We are open from 7:30 am-Noon on Wednesdays and Saturdays through October!



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 May 1-September 30
 7 days a week • 9 am-5 pm

Museum of the West

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Loyd Files Research Library

Second floor of Museum of the West
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 Monday and Friday by appointment only



5-8 pm

Free admission courtesy of:



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- July 13** Hidden Treasures
Behind the Scenes Tour *
- July 20** Outlaws and the Wild West
Thraikill Gallery Talk *
- July 27** Hidden Treasures
Pirate Treasure Coin Scavenger Hunt
- August 3** Distant Treasures in the Mist
Exhibit Gallery Talk *
- August 10** Hidden Treasures
Behind the Scenes Tour
- August 17** Outlaws and the Wild West
Thraikill Gallery Talk *

* Tour and talk at 6 pm