

CT Scan of Fossils Sheds Light on Tooth Replacement for Plant-Eating Dinosaurs



New fossils excavated by the Museums of Western Colorado from the Mygatt-Moore Quarry in Rabbit Valley reveal how different species of gigantic plant-eating dinosaurs were able to coexist in the same ecosystem with limited vegetation. In a newly published research article titled “Evidence for niche partitioning among ground-height browsing sauropods from the Upper Jurassic Morrison Formation of North America,” Museums of Western Colorado Curator of Paleontology, Dr. Julia McHugh, shows that this type of resource partitioning existed in the Late Jurassic Period of western Colorado.

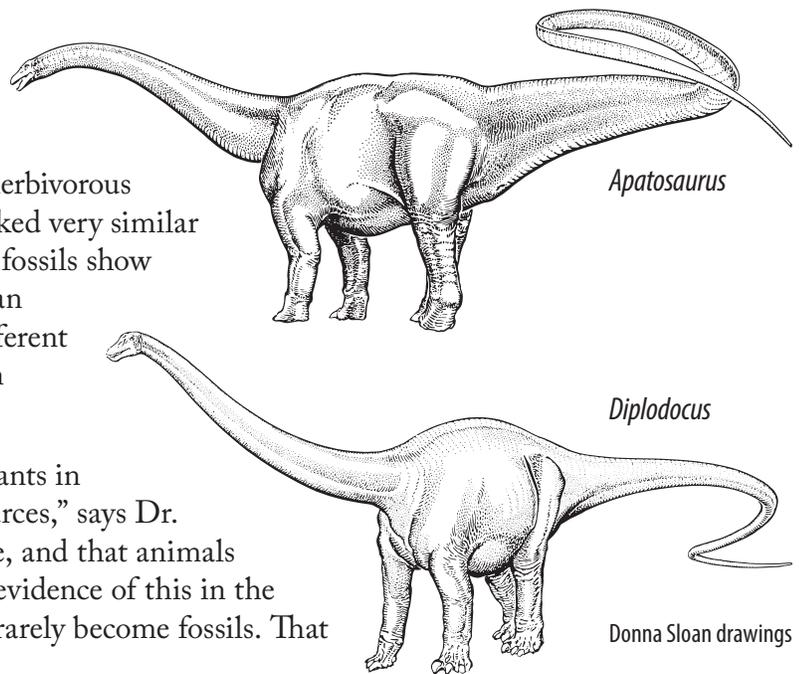
Through a partnership with the Colorado Canyons Hospital in Fruita, Dr. McHugh was able to conduct CT scans of 152 million-year-old fossils and discovered that the dinosaur *Apatosaurus* had a higher number of replacement teeth than the large herbivorous dinosaur *Diplodocus*. These two kinds of dinosaurs looked very similar and lived together in the same places. However, these fossils show that *Apatosaurus* was adapted to replace more teeth than *Diplodocus*. This suggests that they may have eaten different plants, with *Apatosaurus* feeding on tougher vegetation than *Diplodocus*.

“Today, large herds of herbivores often eat different plants in their ecosystems in order to survive with limited resources,” says Dr. McHugh. “We know that competition exists in nature, and that animals have to divide resources to survive. However, finding evidence of this in the fossil record gets tricky, because behavior and actions rarely become fossils. That is why these new fossils are so important.”

This study was conducted in close partnership with the Colorado Canyons Hospital in Fruita. Thanks to Dr. Michael Neste M.D., Dr. McHugh was able use the hospital CT scanner to look inside these fossil “patients” and see replacement teeth hidden deep inside the bones. These scans allowed Dr. McHugh to assess the number and nature of how tooth replacement in these extinct animals happened. This partnership was integral to the success of the study.

The paleontological collection, research, and exhibition is hosted at Dinosaur Journey, which is part of the Museums of Western Colorado.

To learn more about Dr. McHugh’s findings, visit www.utahgeology.org/publication/giw-2018-v05-pp093-103-mchugh/.



Introducing Our New Site Logos: Unique but Unified



We are proud to introduce to our members and friends the new logo designs for **Cross Orchards**, **Dinosaur Journey**, **Museum of the West**, and **Lloyd Files Research Library**. These are not replacing the current Museums of Western Colorado (MWC) logo. On the contrary, the intent is to help strengthen the image of the MWC as well as bring positive attention to each of the unique sites.

The MWC museum facilities—**Cross Orchards**, **Dinosaur Journey**, **Museum of the West**, and **Lloyd Files Research Library**—are unique and special places, and the MWC is honored to be caring for these Mesa County treasures. However, the community is not fully aware that the separate sites are associated with the MWC. While these sites have attractive logos that are well designed, those images are building the idea that the facilities are separate from the MWC.

Very often, we get comments that people did not know **Cross Orchards**, **Dinosaur Journey**, and **Museum of the West** are associated with each other. Similarly, researchers sometimes are unaware that the **Lloyd Files Research Library** is part of the MWC. On occasion, they even think the MWC's research library is part of the Mesa County Public Libraries' system. As the MWC moves forward in its *Discover Together* outreach campaign, we need visitors as well as Mesa County citizens and voters to know the entire extent of all the benefits the MWC brings to the Grand Valley and western Colorado.

The goal with the newly designed site logos is to build an attractive brand that helps construct that awareness of each site's connection to the MWC. The intent is that new site logos will highlight something unique to the locations—the barn for **Cross Orchards**, the *Ceratosaurus* for **Dinosaur Journey**, the stagecoach for **Museum of the West**, and the book for the **Lloyd Files Research Library**. We are reinforcing the idea that these unique sites are part of a larger museum by using a similar font and the colors found in the current MWC logo.

These new site logos were developed by a Colorado Mesa University Mass Communications & Marketing Intern, Brett Baroffio, who graduated last spring. We want to thank Brett for his efforts and we hope to use his services in the future.

Downtown Grand Junction Historic Plaques Project

Museums of Western Colorado's Curator of History David Bailey completed researching, writing text, and finding historic photographs for thirty-three historic buildings designated by the Grand Junction Historic Preservation Board. Bailey was assisted by the Lloyd Files Research Library's Curator of Collections and Archives, Erin Schmitz, and library volunteers Marie Tipping and Garry Brewer. Local Historian Priscilla Mangnall also assisted with building research and historic photographs. Mike Kelly of Your Sign Company created the plaque mockups and Nita Kroninger, the Museums of Western Colorado's graphic designer, formatted them. The plaques were then approved by the owners of the historic buildings.

Curator of History David Bailey said, "This has been a great collaboration with our downtown partners and the museum which will provide new insight into the early visionaries and their buildings that grace our beautiful historic downtown."

The Museums of Western Colorado, in conjunction with the City of Grand Historic Preservation Board, has completed the installation of the first sixteen historic information plaques on historically significant buildings in downtown Grand Junction. Two more plaques are completed and waiting to be installed. The cost of the signs was underwritten by the Legends of the Grand Valley Committee and the Grand Junction Downtown Development Association.

Programs and Events

Oral History Program Every 3rd Thursday at Noon Whitman Educational Center 248 S. Fourth St.

July 19

Rich Perske, Department of Transportation retiree, will give a program on the History of Construction Interstate 70 on the Western Slope.



August 16

"Building Rim Rock Drive" will be presented by Teri Ahern and Steve Hight. The "Colorado National Monument Then & Now" exhibit will also be on display.

September 20

We will have a presentation on the history of Partners.

Oral History Programs are jointly sponsored by the Museums of Western Colorado and the Mesa County Historical Society and are free to the public. Check our website or Facebook page for updates.



While you are downtown at the Farmers' Market, check out Cool Summer Nights!



Museum of the West | 5th and Ute

Thursday evenings in July and August
5 - 8 pm | Free Admission

July 12	Hidden Treasures ~ Behind the Scenes Tour
July 19	Outlaws and the Wild West ~ Thrailkill Gallery Talk
July 26	Redoubt Site-Kannah Creek Mystery ~ Thrailkill Gallery Talk
August 2	Distant Treasures in the Mist ~ Exhibit Gallery Talk
August 9	Hidden Treasures ~ Behind the Scenes Tour
August 16	Redoubt Site-Kannah Creek Mystery ~ Thrailkill Gallery Talk

Curator Tours and Talks at 6 pm

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July 12

The Doubious Brothers may be recognized for their musical talents from such bands as Ralph Dinosaur and the Fabulous Volcanos, JT & the Big Dogs, and Stray Grass. Members include Doug Simons – vocals, guitar, guitjo and mandolin; Pete Langford – bass; Joe Kendrick – vocals and drums; and Michael Frazier – vocals and guitar. They have been playing in different musical arrangements across the Western Slope for nearly four decades, opening for such bands as Los Lobos, John Mayall, Cheap Trick, Tab Benoit, The Fabulous Thunderbirds, Merle Haggard, The Nitty Gritty Dirt Band and Sam Bush and Del McCoury. With influences of Americana, blues, rock, country and jazz, they will have you tapping your toes and jumping out of your seat. *Sponsored in part by Enstrom Toffee & Confectionery.*



August 9

King 'n Trio is a band known for its folk, Irish, and Americana tunes. Enjoy the traditional folk sounds of string bass, banjo, and harmonica with this band which has become a Grand Valley sensation! Band members include Chris Unfug, an original member of the band (guitar, banjo, and mandolin); our very own Board Member, Merritt Kinsey (string bass); Ron Koss, (guitar and vocals); and Terry Toner (harmonica).



September 13

Bobby Jimenez is a Native American Flutist of Huichole Indian and Mexican descent who hails from Montrose. He plays regularly at the Ute Indian Museum and Gateway Canyon Resort. For Bobby, the beautiful and melodic sounds of the flute can be a great healer.



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Tickets for each of the performances are \$10, and seating is limited to 100. Purchase tickets online at: museumofwesternco.com/things-to-do/category/special-events/ Or: Denise Yanez at dyanez@westcomuseum.org

Two Rivers Chautauqua Events

A NIGHT OF HOMEGROWN CHAUTAUQUA AT THE KAFM RADIO ROOM AUGUST 3 · 6:30-8:00 PM - \$5 SUGGESTED DONATION

Enjoy an evening of history-coming-alive that starts off with Wax Museum performances by Local Young Chautauquans. We will also have visits from Abigail Adams, Roxie the Riveter, Nellie Bly, Colorado's Famous Rattlesnake Kate, and more, all played by members of the Grand Valley's Living History Players. Online reservations at: museumofwesternco.com/event/a-night-of-chautauqua/ or call 970.242.0971, ext. 2206.

ALL QUIET ON THE WESTERN FRONT – MOVIE AND DISCUSSION

AUGUST 13 · 5:00-8:00 PM - FREE MESA COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARIES CENTRAL BRANCH

This 1930 Academy Award winning adaptation of the novel by Erich Maria Remarque is one of the most moving and horrific depictions of the life and struggles in the trenches of World War I. The discussion moderator will be Dr. Adam Rosenbaum, History Department, Colorado Mesa University. For information, contact Jennifer Murrell, MCPL, 970.243.4442.

TWO RIVERS CHAUTAUQUA COMMUNITY PRESENTATION AUGUST 17 · 10:00 AM - FREE MESA COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARIES CENTRAL BRANCH

Voices from Colorado Homefront in World War I: Three Historic Colorado Women as performed by the Legendary Ladies

Educator Emily Griffith (as performed by Linda Gleichmann), suffragist Ellis Meredith (as performed by Kathy Swafford), and rural doctor Susan Anderson (as performed by Joyce Nelson) were all Coloradoans who confronted some of the many challenges that faced the United States on the World War I homefront.

TWO RIVERS CHAUTAUQUA COMMUNITY PRESENTATION AUGUST 17 · 11:30 AM - FREE COLORADO MESA UNIVERSITY TOMLINSON LIBRARY

Emma Goldman as performed by Sally Ann Drucker

A late 19th and early 20th century political activist, feminist and anti-World War I activist, Emma Goldman was honored by some as a free-thinking rebel and others as a violent revolutionary. The controversial Goldman had a large impact on the development of America's political and social movements.




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Kids Take Over at the Museum

Summer Camp! Two words that bring back memories for many of us. This summer, the Museums of Western Colorado teamed up with a number of great organizations to bring summer camp to some special kids from around the Valley. As the final part of the BLM grant that brought you our amazing new websites (<http://westerncoheritagejr.org/> and <http://www.westerncoloradoheritage.org/>), we hosted free **Explore-It Summer Camps** for Riverside Educational Center, Girl Scouts, and Mesa County Partners.



With the help of our partner organizations, we got these kiddos out to each of our three museum sites, took trips to Mica Mine, the FPA, and Dino Hill, all over the course of a fun-filled, three-day camp for each organization. Our



partners were excited, we were excited, and we reached kids that might not have access to these types of excursions on their own. It's a win-win for all!



We also teamed up with the Colorado Canyons Association this year to hold our very first **Middle School Paleontological Field Camp**. We took 7 amazing kids on a two-day paleontological adventure to Dinosaur Journey and the Mygatt-Moore Quarry. The kids got a behind the scenes look at what it takes to become a paleontologist.



On day one at Dinosaur Journey, they checked out our new digitization lab, made their own fossil casts, got exclusive tours of the dino prep lab, and a tour of the museum by Colorado Canyons' Rob Gay, an education paleontologist. On day two, things got real exciting. In the 37 years the Mygatt-Moore Quarry has been in operation, this is the first group of kids to have it all to themselves. They did it all. They set up the shade tents, removed the fill, chose their tools, and got dirty excavating. We were fortunate



to even have discovered two new bones! The kids had a blast and all want to come back next year for round two. I think we've inspired some new paleontologists! If you have a middle schooler interested in joining us next year for this one-of-a-kind experience, contact us and we'll get you on the list! Check out the Colorado Canyons video of our quarry day here, <https://www.facebook.com/ColoradoCanyons/videos/1933497320014300/?t=416>

While these camps have been amazing, we would like to offer more. We would like to reestablish and improve our public camps program. Currently, our education department is relying on these incredible partnerships to provide programming such as these camps. We can't do it on our own. We don't have the resources to host the camps we used to. We are doing our best with what we have, but we could do so much more for this community given the opportunity. We need your help. Our funding is not what it used to be and while we are doing some amazing things, we need a well-rounded and fully funded program, not only for the kids but for community programming as well.



The Challenge of Maintaining National Museum Accreditation

The Museums of Western Colorado (MWC) offers a full and comprehensive range of educational and interactive exhibits focusing on a variety of topics. With a paleontology museum, a regional history museum, and a working historic agricultural and transportation museum, the three sites offer something for everyone. With this responsibility, however, comes the challenge of maintaining each facility to a high standard of quality.

The history of the Museum (Dinosaur Journey, Museum of the West, and Cross Orchards Historic Site) began in 1966 when the Museums of Arts and Sciences incorporated in 1965, then opened in 1966 in the former Whitman School at 4th and Ute. It was renamed the Historical Museum and Institute of Western Colorado in 1968, and to Museum of Western Colorado in 1977.

In 1980, the Museum of Western Colorado acquired the remaining acreage of the former Red Cross Land and Fruita Company, and opened Cross Orchards Historic Site. The Museum expanded again when Dinosaur Valley in downtown Grand Junction opened in 1985 in the Reed Building at 4th and Main. In 2000, when the Museum acquired the Dinosaur Discovery Museum in Fruita, exhibits and collections were transferred to that facility and renamed Dinosaur Journey Museum.

Also in 2000, what had originally been the main museum (in the Whitman School) moved to the renovated C.D. Smith warehouse at 5th and Ute, and was renamed the Museum of the West. The

Whitman School building then became our Educational Center and is used for programming and rentals.

In 2015, in honor of our 50th year and to reflect the fact, as the umbrella institution, that we encompass more than a single building or discipline, we changed our name to the Museums of Western Colorado (using the plural rather than singular museum).

When the Museum was accredited in 1971 by the American Association of Museums (now the American Alliance of Museums – AAM), it was the 28th in the nation and 2nd in the state to qualify for this designation. When reevaluated for that status in both 1982 and 1996, the Museum continued not only to meet but exceed all standards required. In 2009, the Museum was awarded a 4th accreditation which placed us in the top 1% of museums in the country “recognized as adhering to best standards by the AAM in terms of budget, preservation, and conservation, among other criteria.”

Maintaining our Museum sites to the standard of a national accreditation presents a constant challenge, according to Museums of Western Colorado Executive Director Dr. Peter Booth. “We are proud to be nationally ranked among accredited museums, yet with this honor comes the significant challenge of maintaining multi-disciplinary museums and multi-sites. We hope the community will keep us in mind and continue to support the MWC.”

Our sites’ roofs all suffer from wear, tear, and damage, and repairs are needed at the MWC’s Whitman Educational Center, Dinosaur Journey, and Cross Orchards Historic Site. Most recently, Cross Orchards experienced wind damage to its 1940s farm house.

These roofing challenges have been partially met by the community’s good will in the past from support from individuals and organizations such as Lions Club (Museum of the West/Whitman Educational Center); The Giving Club (Dinosaur Journey); the City of Fruita (Dinosaur Journey); and numerous volunteers and donations including Roger Taylor of Discount Lumber and Metal Roofing and Eric Carlton of Innovative Expressions (Cross Orchards Historic Site).

To continue to provide a quality museum standard, and to continue to offer a fully comprehensive range of educational and interactive exhibits, the MWC needs the support of the community. “We are committed to being good stewards of our community resources that we hold in the public trust, and we encourage all community members to help us continue to provide quality standards by supporting all three of our multi-disciplinary museums and sites,” says Dr. Booth.

To find out more about the Museums of Western Colorado, visit www.museumofwesternco.org. You may also contact Peter Booth, Ph.D., Museums of Western Colorado Executive Director, 970.242.0971, ext. 2204.

2018 Trips and Tours

Alferd Packer Murder Mystery Tour

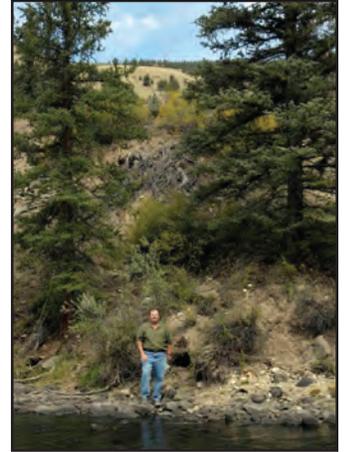
September 21-22 • Register by August 17

Led by David Bailey, Director of Western Investigations Team

Join us on a tour of the infamous Alferd Packer murder scene. Packer, the Colorado Cannibal, was accused of killing and eating his traveling companions in 1874. We'll visit the location of Packer's second camp as well as the murder scene. Bailey will explain how his ten-year historical quest and new forensic evidence found by Colorado Mesa University scientists cleared Packer of murder and solved Colorado's most famous murder case. The group will then tour the Hinsdale County Historical Society Museum to view Alferd Packer memorabilia. We will stay at the North Face Lodge in Lake City and have a catered dinner on their deck overlooking Lake City (in case of inclement weather we will eat at the Alferd Packer Grill downtown). Before our return we will visit the historic Lake City Cemetery.

\$255/Museum member; \$265/Non-member

Includes transportation, museum admission, lodging, and dinner. Breakfast and lunch are not included.



Georgetown's Fall Colors

September 28-30 • Register by August 24

Led by Erin Schmitz, MWC Curator of Collection and Archives

Since its beginning as a mining camp in 1859, Georgetown has attracted those who have sought something very special. First it was the magic of gold and silver ore; now it's the beauty and ambiance of this picturesque town surrounded by the Rocky Mountains. Our tour will start with a ride on the historic Georgetown Loop followed by dinner at the famous Beau Jo's Pizza in Idaho Springs. Our tour will also include visits to the Hotel de Paris Museum, the Georgetown Energy Museum, the historic Hamill House, the Alpen Hose #1 historic fire house, and an opportunity to explore the historic downtown shopping district.

\$500/Museum member; \$515/Non-member

Includes transportation, lodging, train tickets, and museum admission. Meals on your own.



Photo credit: Jerry Huddleston

In the Footstep of Colorado's Paleoamericans

October 6-8 • Register by August 31

Led by John Seebach Ph.D., Colorado Mesa University Assistant Professor of Archeology

This is an extremely unique experience. Long before the settlers and Utes, before the Ancestral Pueblos, Fremont and Basketmakers, and even the Archaic peoples, there were the Paleoamericans.

On this journey, we will discover those who lived here between 8,000 to 13,000 years ago. This exceptional experience will include the recently discovered Eagle Rock as well as sites at Mountaineer, Lamb Spring, and Soapstone Prairie.

\$675/Museum member; \$700/Non-member

Includes transportation, lodging, admission, and tips. Meals on your own.



Photo credit: Sally Crum

Grand Junction Cemetery Tours

October 6, 13, 20, 27 • Register by one week prior to tour

Led by Erin Schmitz, MWC Curator of Collection and Archives; Marie Tipping and Garry Brewer, Loyd Files Research Library volunteers and local historians

Throughout October on Saturdays, you have the opportunity to 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 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.

\$40/Museum member; \$45/Non-member per tour

Includes transportation



2018 Trips and Tours

Geology and Heritage of Escalante Canyon

October 21 • Register by October 5

Led by Colorado Canyons Association

Escalante Canyon, in Dominguez-Escalante National Conservation Area, preserves an almost unbroken chain of human visitation and settlement dating back at least 800 years. On this tour, the CCA will take us to Escalante Canyon describing the geology of the region along the way. Once at the canyon, we will examine Ute and Fremont petroglyphs, historic cabins, fascinating geology, and the only surviving waterwheel on the Gunnison River. Up to three miles of moderate hiking.



Member fee is for Museum or Colorado Canyons Association member

Done in cooperation with the Colorado Canyons Association

\$85/Museum or CCA member; \$95/Non-member

Includes transportation and lunch



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Charlie Steen, the Uranium King (Moab)

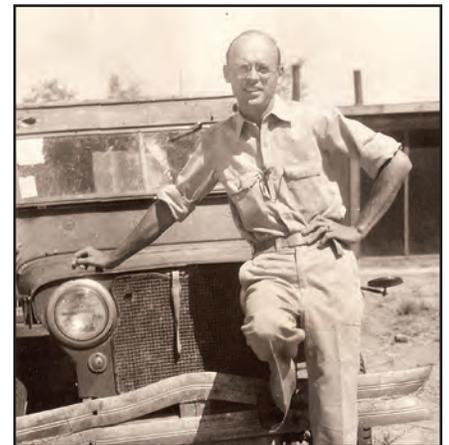
November 20 • Register by November 2

Led by Zebulon Miracle, Curator, Gateway Canyons Resort

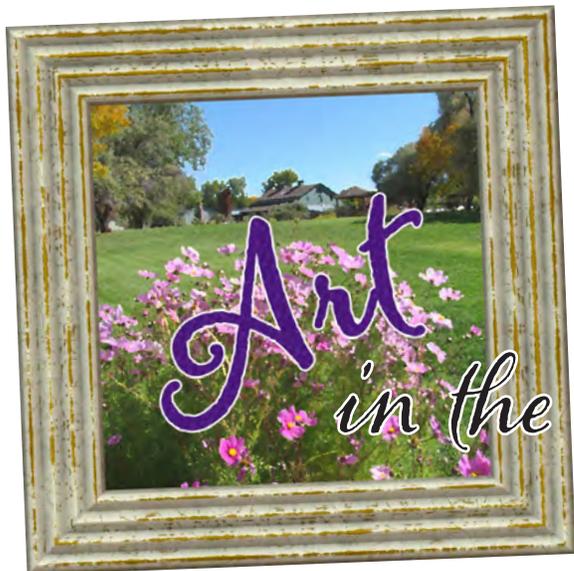
No one captures the rags-to-riches story of the Uranium Boom like Charlie Steen. Down to his last dollar, he struck it rich at the Mi Vida mine and became an icon in the industry and power player in Moab and Grand Junction. On this trip we will explore the story of uranium mining on the Colorado Plateau and retrace Steen's steps from Cisco to Mi Vida to Moab. Before heading back to Grand Junction, we'll have a tour and dinner at Steen's Moab mansion, now the Sunset Grill.

\$140/Museum member; \$150/Non-member

Includes transportation, admission, and dinner



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Local artisans will exhibit and sell their work at the inaugural **Art in the Barn Festival**, August 11, at Cross Orchards Historic Site. Visitors will experience the art of local, talented artists while enjoying the rustic beauty of Cross Orchards, located at 3073 F Road in Grand Junction, from 9:00am – 3:00pm.

Art in the Barn

“In our continuing endeavor to create more special events at Cross Orchards, we have set up our first ever Art in the Barn Festival,” says Cross Orchards Site Manager Matt Darling. “We cannot think of a better inspirational venue than our barn at Cross Orchards. With 2,400 square feet, the historic barn gives the rare opportunity to have an indoor/outdoor event.”

Artisans will demonstrate their talents, and sell their unique pieces while art enthusiasts and visitors alike enjoy the summer ambience. Artists participating in the festival include: Kay Crane, Rachel Egelston, S. Metzger, Linda Armstrong, Bud Markos, Elisabeth Abel (glass), Patricia Stelter, Wendy Vidlock, Vinje Fawn Lawson, Jenat Arsenault, Julia McHugh (photography), Seirra Key, Janice Reich (gourds), Suzanne Warner (beads), and Ramon Moreno (gourds).

Trips and Digs Photo Update



Historic Trading Posts and Native Arts
May 3-7



**The Meeker Incident/
Milk Creek Battlefield**
June 14-15



**Southern Colorado in Style:
Discovering Colorado Antiguos**
June 22-25



Dinosaurs on the Western Slope
June 26-29



Dinosaurs Tracks of Moab
July 3

Calendar of Events

Thru Sept. 16		HORNS & FRILLS Exhibition	Dinosaur Journey
Thru Sept. 30		Alferd Packer: Solving One of the West's Great Murder Mysteries	Museum of the West
Thru October	7:30 am-Noon	F.A.R.M.	Cross Orchards
July 12	5-8 pm	COOL Summer Nights	Museum of the West
July 12	7 pm	Cross Orchards' Summer Concert Series - <i>The Doubious Brothers</i>	Cross Orchards
July 18	8 am- 4 pm	Mygatt-Moore One Day Dig	<i>Register online!</i>
July 19	Noon-1 pm	Oral History Program	Whitman Educational Center
July 19	5-8 pm	COOL Summer Nights	Museum of the West
July 26	5-8 pm	COOL Summer Nights	Museum of the West
July 30	8 am- 4 pm	Mygatt-Moore One Day Dig	<i>Register online!</i>
August 2	8 am-4 pm	Fossil Prospecting Hike	<i>Register online!</i>
August 2	5-8 pm	COOL Summer Nights	Museum of the West
August 3	8 am- 4 pm	Mygatt-Moore One Day Dig	<i>Register online!</i>
August 3	6:30-8 pm	A Night of Homegrown Chautauqua	KAFM Radio Room
August 6	8 am- 4 pm	Mygatt-Moore One Day Dig	<i>Register online!</i>
August 8	8 am- 4 pm	Mygatt-Moore One Day Dig	<i>Register online!</i>
August 9	5-8 pm	COOL Summer Nights	Museum of the West
August 9	7 pm	Cross Orchards' Summer Concert Series - <i>The Doubious Brothers</i>	Cross Orchards
August 10	8 am- 4 pm	Mygatt-Moore One Day Dig	<i>Register online!</i>
August 13	5-8 pm	Chautauqua event–Movie/discussion: <i>All Quiet on the Western Front</i>	Mesa County Public Library - Central
August 16	Noon	Oral History Program	Whitman Educational Center
August 16	5-8 pm	COOL Summer Nights	Museum of the West
August 17	10 am	Chautauqua Community Presentation	Mesa County Public Library - Central
August 17	11:30 am	Chautauqua Community Presentation	CMU Tomlinson Library
August 17	6:30-9 pm	Two Rivers Chautauqua - <i>World War I: The War to End All Wars</i>	Avalon Theatre
August 18	6:30-9 pm	Two Rivers Chautauqua - <i>World War I: The War to End All Wars</i>	Avalon Theatre
Please note: Dates and times of events, meetings, and programs are subject to change; please call to confirm.			



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Loyd Files Research Library

Second floor of Museum of the West

Tues-Thurs • 10 am-4 pm

Mon and Fri by appointment only

Hidden Photographic Treasures From Our Past: Historic Photo Contest

The Museum of the West and the Loyd Files Research Library are reminding the community to share your best local photographs from the past for our historic photo contest, through August 3. Participants’ photos will be used as part of an exhibit at the Museum of the West between October–December, and winners will be chosen in August with first, second, and third place prizes being awarded.

“We are encouraging community members to take a few moments to think about how history in our community has touched lives. We hope this historic image contest will inspire folks to dig through their family history and show us the best from the past,” says Dr. Peter Booth, Museums of Western Colorado Executive Director.

The Museum intends for the contest to complement the Loyd Files Research Library by filling in the gaps in the museum’s collection. “The photo collection at the Loyd Files Research Library is one of our greatest assets as a community museum,” says Carly Jones, past Education Curator for the Museums of Western Colorado. “They show us our legacy and allow us a glimpse into the past; they provide us with context and understanding of how life adapted and changed over time; and they preserve what, in some cases, has been entirely lost. While our collection is vast, it is by no means complete. We would like to request the community’s help to enhance our collection and continue our area’s story.”

The Museum will be accepting photos from all periods, including, but not limited to: the 1940s-1990s; Main Street prior to Operation Foresight; WWII Home Front; Maritime History of the Valley – ferry crossing; Rapid Creek; Rulison Explosion; Cross Orchards Historic Site; Teller Institute; and Operation Plow Share.

To enter the contest, please bring your photo to the Loyd Files Research Library. Photos will be accepted on Friday afternoons after 2 pm until August 3, or by appointment. Participants’ photos will be scanned into the collection, information will be taken on the historical significance, and the originals will be returned. The museum will accept entries only with background information. Photos left at the front desk without curatorial permission will become property of the Museums of Western Colorado to be used at the curators’ will.

For information or to set up an appointment, call Erin Schmitz, Curator of Collections and Archives, 970.242.0971, ext. 2209.