

Accreditation - The Museum Field's Mark of Distinction

The Museums of Western Colorado is one of six museums in the state of Colorado that is Accredited by the American Alliance of Museums and has held the museum field's mark of distinction since 1971, when accreditation was first instated. Accreditation offers peer-based validation of a museum's operations and impact and increases a museum's credibility. It is a powerful tool to that helps facilitate loans between institutions as well as helping museums when applying for grants. The accreditation process is centered on self-study and peer review and takes 8-16 months to complete and should be done every 10 years. The Museums of Western Colorado is currently preparing to undergo reaccreditation.

To remain accredited, a museum must meet the Alliance of Museum's Core Standards which are grouped into the following categories: *Public Trust and Accountability*, *Mission and Planning*, *Leadership and Organizational Structure*, *Collections Stewardship*, *Education and Interpretation*, *Financial Stability*, and *Facilities and Risk Management*. To prepare for this, we have been working on inventorying the collections and rehousing them to current standards, reworking our education programing, updating our core documents to meet current standards, and creating new public programing.

We will complete our self-assessment by 2022 and will undergo the peer review process in 2023. Reviewers are matched to museums based on type/discipline and size. The reviewers go over the museum self-assessment materials, conduct site visits and facilitate the institutional planning process. Once the review is completed, if the museum has met the Core Standards, we will be granted reaccreditation.



Tom Crawford, nephew of Gov. Crawford, was the drill leader.
Circa 1880s-1890s
Photo courtesy of Loyd Files Research Library

Staff Spotlight



Erin Schmitz, Curator of Collections and Archives, joined the Museums of Western Colorado in May 2105, bringing to the Museum her expertise in archives and archaeology. With two undergraduate degrees – a B.A. in History from the University of Colorado and a B.A. in Anthropology from Metropolitan State College in Denver – as well as a Masters of Arts in Museum Studies from Johns Hopkins University, Schmitz was a perfect match for the sought-after position to run the Loyd Files Research Library. It is here that Schmitz has the important task of overseeing Grand Junction's regional culture and natural history which are preserved through a

variety of primary sources including photographs, one-of-a-kind manuscripts, maps, city directories, high school annuals, and rare books. In addition, Schmitz oversees the Museum partner with the Mesa County Public Library on the Mesa County Oral History digitization project, and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) collection of archives. She also serves as registrar and PastPerfect database administrator, and leads the American Alliance of Museums reaccreditation.

A Colorado native, Schmitz worked previously for History Colorado and the Denver Museum of Nature and Science. Her history background is in Anglo-Saxon England and she also reads Old English. When she's not at the Museum, Schmitz can be found spending time with her husband, daughter, and two Dobermans.

Program News

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

January 17
February 21

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.



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 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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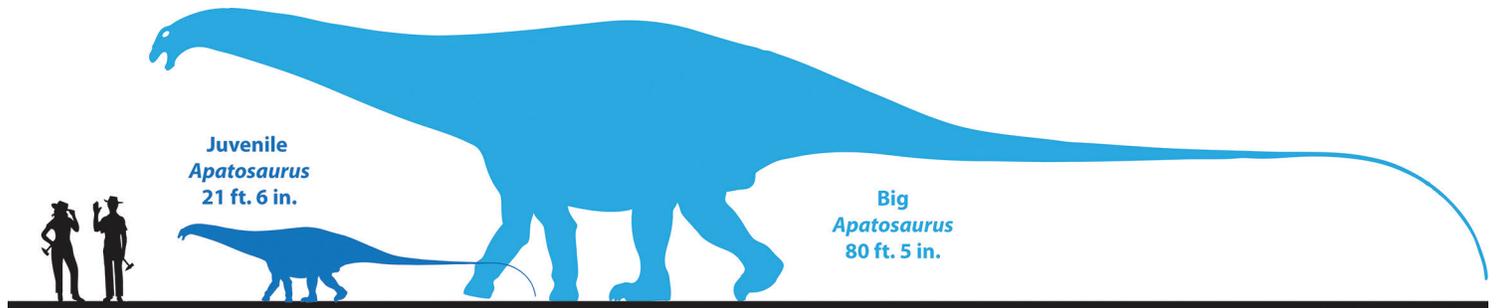
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New Exhibit Opens in January at Dinosaur Journey

We are excited to announce the opening of a new exhibit at Dinosaur Journey in Fruita this January: *Jurassic Giant*. This exhibit features the largest, most complete *Apatosaurus* femur (thigh bone) ever found. This massive, 6' 4" long femur was discovered at the Mygatt-Moore Quarry by museum volunteers during a dino dig in 2010. After five summers of excavation, years of preparation in the Dinosaur Journey Paleo Lab, and careful planning, this massive bone is finally on display.

This massive bone is the centerpiece in an exhibit that conveys a sense of size and scale in the largest animals to ever walk the Earth – the Sauropod Dinosaurs. Examine this humongous bone and compare it to the smallest *Apatosaurus* femur found at the same site, a 20-inch long juvenile femur. Then stand against our large mural and see how you measure up against the to-scale drawings of the giant and juvenile *Apatosaurus* from Mygatt-Moore Quarry. Also, on display in this exhibit are a cast of a sauropod egg from Argentina and a sculpture of a tiny hatchling baby *Apatosaurus*. Visit the exhibit to learn how a tiny hatchling was able to survive against Jurassic predators and grow into one of the largest animals of its time.

We are excited to open this new, permanent exhibit at Dinosaur Journey. You can find the *Jurassic Giant* exhibit near the *Allosaurus* skeleton and spitting dinosaur displays. Funding for this exhibit was generously donated by U.S. Bank.

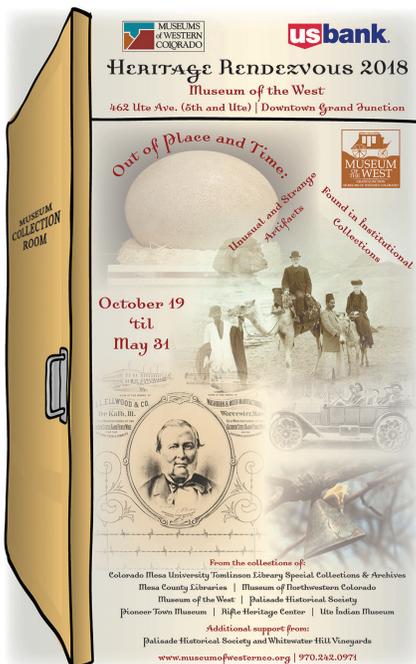


Heritage Rendezvous at Museum of the West

Heritage Rendezvous – an annual tradition celebrating the unique heritage of the Western Slope – is in its 5th year. Western Colorado museums and institutions bring their exhibits that tell the stories of unusual artifacts that give a colorful twist to their communities. The unique partnership exhibition is hosted by the Museum of the West in downtown Grand Junction.

This year's exhibit brings together Colorado Mesa University Tomlinson Library Special Collections & Archives, Loyd Files Research Library, Mesa County Libraries, Museum of Northwestern Colorado, Palisade Historical Society, Pioneer Town Museum, Rifle Heritage Center, and Ute Indian Museum.

Out of Place and Time: Unusual and Strange Artifacts Found in Institutional Collections will be on exhibit through May 31.



Trips and Tours 2019

We are pleased to announce the 2019 Passport to Adventure Trips and Tours. The MWC has arranged 25 different adventures for our friends and members that will explore dinosaurs, birds, gems, rock art, ancient ruins, living Native American events, railroad history, agricultural heritage, famous Southwest cultural events, and more.

Day journeys in Colorado include *A Toast to the Rockies Historic Pub Crawl in Telluride* tour as well as visit to the high altitude Ghost Town of Independence above Aspen. Three Southwest cultural events that the MWC will experience include the 20th Annual High Plains Chautauqua in Greeley, the Cimarron Cowboy Music and Poetry Gathering, and the famed Santa Fe Indian Market, which will also enjoy an evening at the Santa Fe Opera.

Two exciting adventures that will explore the living heritage of the West's Native Americans includes traveling down to Hopi and Navajo Reservations with former *Partners* Executive Director Joe Higgins. This journey will witness some very seldom seen rock art and a Hopi Fall equinox ceremony. Meanwhile, anthropologist Sally Crum is leading a trip that will experience the Southern Ute Bear Dance.

Curator of Paleontology Dr. Julia McHugh has laid out some special geological and paleontological adventures including a visit to Goblin Valley and a jeep tour in Canyonlands. She has also prepared a special five-day journey exploring the gems, fossils, and volcanos of Idaho.

History Curator David Bailey is leading two jeep tours into the San Juan mountains—one to the historic Red Mountain Mining District and the other over the thrilling Corkscrew Pass. David has also arranged a return to jet-boat adventures on the Colorado River in Moab.

For railroad enthusiasts, Cross Orchards Curator and railroad historian Matt Darling is leading a tour of the former Uintah Railroad route over Baxter Pass. He is also taking a group on a unique three-day Victorian Era traveling experience on the Durango & Silverton Railroad.

For rock art aficionados, Dr. John Seebach of Colorado Mesa University is leading a tour of Nine-Mile Canyon, arguably the "world's longest art gallery." In conjunction with Colorado Canyons Association (CCA), he is also leading a Gunnison River float tour to the Eagle Rock Shelter site, Colorado's oldest archeological site at nearly 13,000 years.

In addition to the Eagle Rock Shelter tour, the MWC is doing several tours and trips in conjunction with CCA. These include a hike into Dominguez Canyon, a beginners fly-fishing experience on the Gunnison River, and a birding float trip down the Colorado River. Dr. McHugh is also leading a Paleo Float Trip with CCA into the Ruby-Horsethief Canyon that includes luxury camping experience (an opportunity that is also part of the Colorado River birding trip).

The MWC is also proud to be partnering with the Colorado West Land Trust on three unique opportunities to visit area farms and ranches that are being conserved. These include a spring time journey to farms in the North Fork Valley, a historic ranch upriver of Paonia, and to farms in Plataea Valley during the fall.

And for the MWC's annual Holiday Season trip, we are going to Georgetown's 59th Annual Christmas Market. The Victorian-Era mining town is transformed into a Christmas scene reminiscent of holidays long ago and is recognized by many as the best Christmas experience in Colorado.

Check these trips and tours out on the MWC website - www.museumofwesternco.com/things-to-do/category/trips/ They will be available for online registration early January. Sign-up soon so you don't miss out on the adventure of a life time.

Trips and Tours 2019

Telluride Historic Pub Crawl: Toast to the Rockies

February 19 • Register by February 8

Led by Peter Booth, Ph.D., in cooperation with the Telluride Historical Museum

We will join the Telluride Historical Museum and sip into history at some of the historic watering holes such as the Oak, Sheridan Bar, and Last Dollar Saloon. "We Built This City" is the theme, and at each stop a speaker will give historical insight to the development of Telluride, how the town evolved from a builder's perspective, and the stories behind some of the most iconic buildings.

\$95/Museum member; \$120/Non-member

Includes transportation, appetizer at one of our stops, and one drink at three of our stops

Maximum 24



Geology Jeep Tour of Canyonlands National Park

March 11 • Register by March 1

Led by Julia McHugh, Ph.D.

Relax and let us do the driving. Canyonlands National Park is famous for its geological wonders and beauty. Experience the red rock landscape on an exciting Jeep caravan up historic Shafer Trail into the heart of the park. Marvel at towering monoliths, plunging canyons, majestic hoodoos, and more. Don't forget your camera and hat on this scenic trip.

\$150/Museum member; \$175/Non-member

Includes transportation, Jeep excursion, and guide

Maximum 16



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Nine-Mile Canyon Rock Art Tour

March 23 • Register by March 11

Led by John Seebach, Ph.D., Colorado Mesa University

Join Colorado Mesa University professor in Archeology John Seebach as he leads us to one of Utah's best-known rock art sites and often called the "longest art gallery in the world." Nine-Mile Canyon is a must for any rock art lover! The canyon, one of the most endangered archaeological sites today, has miles of Fremont, Ute, and Historic rock art.

\$85/Museum member; \$110/Non-member

Includes transportation and lunch

Maximum 16



Photo courtesy of Zebulon Miracle

Dominguez Canyon Hike: Petroglyphs, Waterfalls, and Desert Big Horn Sheep

April 6 • Register by March 25

Led by Robert Gay and Peter Booth, Ph.D., in cooperation with Colorado Canyons Association

Hike into the rugged red rock wilderness of Big Dominguez Canyon to learn about the history and geology of this storied part of Dominguez-Escalante National Conservation Area. Our day long adventure will include visiting some delightful petroglyph panels, exploring a perennial waterfall, and learning about the flora and fauna of the canyons. Moderate seven-mile hike.

\$90/Museum and CCA member; \$115/Non-member

Includes transportation, permit, and lunch

Maximum 10



Photo courtesy of Zebulon Miracle

Seeking Nominations for the MWC's Annual Heritage Awards

Nominations due January 31, 2019
Heritage Awards Ceremony, March 5, 2019

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, the MWC relies on others in the community, either cooperatively 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.

We are turning to our members and the community in seeking nominations for the MWC's 2019 Heritage Awards. The chosen recipients will be honored at the MWC's Annual Heritage Awards Ceremony on March 5, 2019. We will be honoring people and organizations in seven areas:

- Archeological Award – This award recognizes the distinguished and long-term contributions by an individual, group, or organization to the public understanding and appreciation of Mesa County and Western Slope archeological heritage.
- 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.
- 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.
- Partners in Heritage Award – New last year, this honor recognizes distinguished efforts of an individual, group, or organization that are working in collaboration with the MWC in the preservation of Mesa County's heritage.
- Museums 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
- one-page description of why the person, persons, or organization should be honored
- contact information for you and your nominee (specifically mailing address, daytime phone number, and email)

MWC staff and board members are not eligible to be recipients of the awards.

Nominations must be received by January 31, 2019 to be considered. We hope all our members will join us at the Heritage Awards Ceremony on March 5, 2019.

Please mail all nominations to:
Museums of Western Colorado
ATTN: Heritage Awards
P.O. Box 20,000
Grand Junction, Colorado 81502-5020



**2018 Heritage
Awards Recipients**

Planned Giving: Join the Legacy Society

MAKE AN ESTATE GIFT TO Museums of Western Colorado.

We all desire significance — to lead happy and fulfilled lives surrounded by family and friends. For many of us, there is a compelling need to make a difference — to leave a lasting impact on the people most dear to us and the world in which we live. The quest for significance and desire to plan for the future leads many to ponder their legacy. What kind of legacy will you leave? A bequest is perhaps the easiest and most tangible way to have a lasting impact on the people and organizations that mean the most to you. A bequest may also be an effective way to make a gift to MWC and lessen the burden of taxes on your family and estate.

AN EASY GIFT TO MAKE – BEQUESTS: The simplest way to make a planned gift is through a bequest (gift) in your will. Your gift allows MWC to continue its important role as a vibrant cultural and historical institution into the future by helping us continue to offer compelling exhibitions, programs, and to preserve the collections. You may direct a bequest to support or endow a specific program, the museum's collection or the museum's general endowment fund. Bequests without a designation will allow the Board of Directors of MWC to use the funds where they are most needed.

One benefit of a charitable bequest is that it enables you to further our good work long after you are gone. Better yet, a charitable bequest can help you save estate taxes by providing your estate with a charitable deduction for the value of the gift. With careful planning, your family can also avoid paying income taxes on the assets they receive from your estate. As part of your estate plans, consider a future gift to the Museums of Western Colorado, and carry on your commitment to any of the three sites; Museum of the West, Dinosaur Journey, or Cross Orchards. Including the Museums of Western Colorado in your estate plans will allow us to plan for the future.

With all estate gifts we recommend you meet with your attorney, professional estate planner or financial advisor to determine what is best for your personal needs. MWC cannot provide direct guidance about which methods are best for your situation.

Thank you in advance for considering an estate gift as part of your legacy. For more information on the Legacy Society or if you have already remembered MWC in your estate plan, please contact Catherine Robertson, MWC Board of Directors, at catherinehikes@icloud.com.

The Museums of Western Colorado is a nonprofit corporation which is tax exempt as a 501(c)(3) charitable organization under the Internal Revenue Code. The Museums of Western Colorado receives funding through grant awards, class tuition, gift shop sales, special event fund-raising, Mesa County financial support, Heritage Society memberships, and planned gifts. Please support your Museums of Western Colorado for future benefits for all visitors to enjoy!

Thank you! 2018 Sponsors

The Grand Valley's community has been extremely supportive the Museums of Western Colorado over the years. This was no different in 2018. Sponsorships in particular are key to museum fulfilling its missions. Because of these sponsorships, we were able to put in a new roof at Dinosaur Journey, build new exhibitions at Museum of the West, preserve community treasures in the Collections and Archives, make renovations at Cross Orchards, uncover more of Mesa County's prehistoric past at Dinosaur Journey, put together educational programs for our area schools, host community events at all of the sites, and much more.

Thank you to these companies, groups and people for their financial sponsorships in 2018. If you get a chance, please thank them for their support.

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Flavors Grille		
City of Fruita		

2018 Colorado Gives and the Year End Giving Campaign

We are extremely pleased and thankful to everyone who supported the Museums of Western Colorado during 2018 Colorado Gives Day and the Year End Giving Campaign. At press time, we were approaching a \$50,000 total with the two combined—and more donations are still coming in. These donations are key to keeping the strength and effectiveness of the Museums of Western Colorado.

Thank you to the following donors:

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Note: We are still getting donations, so we envisioning this list growing.

Proposed 2019 Board of Directors

The Museums of Western Colorado (MWC) Board of Directors recommends the following slate of nomination to the Board for a three-year beginning January 22, 2019.

New Board Member Nominations

Brad Keller, FCI Constructors, Inc., Vice President Grand Junction Operations

FCI Constructors, Inc. has been a steadfast supporter of the MWC, so we are honored to put forward the proposed nomination of Brad Keller, one of FCI's leaders for the future. Brad was born in Denver and moved to the Grand Valley in 1987. He attended Grand Junction High School, graduated from Colby College in Maine and Colorado State University. Brad returned to Grand Junction in 1999 and started working for FCI. He has worked up through the company to the position of Vice President of the Grand Junction Operations. Brad and his wife of 18 years, Stephanie, have two boys, Jacob and Matthew.



Dr. Aparna Palmer, Colorado Mesa University, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs

Dr. Aparna Palmer is the Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs for Student and Faculty Success as well as a Professor of Biology at Colorado Mesa University (CMU). She holds a Ph.D. in Zoology from Washington State University and a B.S. in Biological Sciences as well as a B.A. in English from Colorado State University. In the nearly 20 years that Dr. Palmer has been at CMU, she has taught a variety of courses including Principles of Animal Biology, Invertebrate Zoology, and Marine Biology. As a resident of the Grand Valley, she has volunteered extensively within the community especially in the K-12 schools.

Dr. Palmer has been awarded the Grand Junction Teaching Award for her achievements in teaching and the CMU Distinguished Faculty Award for her excellence in teaching, scholarship, service, and advising. She has also served in the position of Faculty Trustee on the Colorado Mesa University Board and was a Colorado Governors Fellow. In her free time, Dr. Palmer enjoys hiking, snowshoeing, taking road trips all over the U.S., and taking trips abroad.



Existing Board Members Being Nominated for Another Three-Year Term

- Bennett Boeschstein, member since 2012
- Mark Francis, member since 2016
- Edward Gardner, member since 2005
- Jerry Hamilton, member 2001-2005, and again since 2013
- Dr. Meg Thornton, member since 2016

On the ballot sheet to the right, please vote for or against this slate of candidates. Vote for as many candidates as you wish. Please return it to the MWC via mail, email, or in person by 5:00 pm Monday, January 21, 2019. If accepted, the nominees will serve a three-year-term starting January 22, 2019.

Thank you very much for your support and participation.

Peter Booth, Ph.D.

Executive Director

Calendar of Events

Thru May 31		Heritage Rendezvous - <i>Out of Place and Time: Unusual and Strange Artifacts Found in Institutional Collections</i>	Museum of the West
Jan. 17	Noon	Oral History Program	Whitman Educational Center
Jan. 21	5:00 pm	Board of Directors Ballot Due	
Jan. 31		Heritage Awards Nominations Due	
Feb. 19		Telluride Historic Pub Crawl: Toast to the Rockies	
Feb. 21	Noon	Oral History Program	Whitman Educational Center
March 5		Heritage Awards Ceremony	Museum of the West
March 11		Geology Jeep Tour in Canyonlands National Park	
Please note: Dates and times of events, meetings, and programs are subject to change; please call to confirm.			

MWC 2019 Board of Directors Election Ballot

Please place a mark next to any or all of the nominated you want to elect.

First Term Board members

Brad Keller, (1st 3-Year-Term, 2019-2021)

Dr. Aparna Palmer (1st 3-Year-Term, 2019-2021)

Additional Term Board members

Bennett Boeschstein (3rd Term, 2019-2021)

Mark Francis (2nd Term, 2019-2021)

Edward Gardner (7th Term, 2019-2021)

Jerry Hamilton (5th Term, 2019-2021)

Dr. Meg Thornton (2nd Term, 2019-2021)

This ballot must be returned by mail to:

Museums of Western Colorado

P.O. Box 20,000

Grand Junction, Colorado 81502

Dropped off at any MWC museum site, or emailed pbooth@westcomuseum.org by Monday, January 21, 2019.



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October 1-April 30

Mon-Sat • 10 am-4 pm; Sun • Noon-4 pm

May 1-September 30

7 days a week • 9 am-5 pm

Museum of the West

462 Ute (5th & Ute) • 970.242.0971

October 1-April 30

Mon-Sat • 10 am-4 pm; Sun • Closed

May 1-September 30

Mon-Sat • 9 am-5 pm; Sun • Noon-4 pm

Loyd Files Research Library

Second floor of Museum of the West

Tues-Thurs • 10 am-4 pm

Mon and Fri by appointment only

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Focus on Board Member Barbara Bowman



Barbara was born and raised in Denver, Colorado and graduated from the University of Colorado with a B.S. in Recreation. She lived and worked in Germany for eight years and has traveled extensively in the U.S., Europe, the Middle East, and East Africa. Her work experience includes management and sales in the travel agency, hotel, and destination marketing industry segments. Barbara recently retired from Visit Grand Junction after 27 years. She now currently manages her own business, Bowman and Associates, LLC.

Past honors include being appointed by the Governor to serve on the Colorado Tourism Office Board, serving on the National

Tour Association and Tour Colorado Board of Directors. Some of her awards include the Colorado Individual Contribution to Tourism, Supplier of the Year for Colorado Meetings and Conventions Magazine, National Tourism Association Volunteer of the Year, and the Service Above Self award from the Rotary Club of Grand Junction. Barbara currently still serves on the Colorado Tourism Office International Promotions Committee and as an advisor to the Tour Colorado Board of Directors. She has a passion for Colorado and is still discovering all that this majestic state has to offer!

The Museums of Western Colorado was proud to add Barbara as a Board Member this past August when she filled the seat of outgoing board member Cynthia Lee Pemberton. Barbara's current term lasts till the end of December 2020.