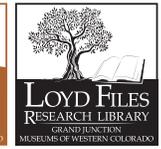
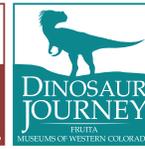


# MUSEUM TIMES

May/June 2019



## ANTIQUE TRUCK SHOW

May 25

9 am-3 pm



**CROSS ORCHARDS HISTORIC SITE**  
3073 F Road, Grand Junction

Cross Orchards Historic Site welcomes trucking enthusiasts as well as anyone interested in the history of trucks to attend our **Antique Truck Show**, co-hosted by the regional chapter of the American Truck Historical Society. Trucks on display will range from Cross Orchard's very own 1917 Model T and span the automotive evolution to modern day semi-trucks still in service.

"The Model T was built by the Ford Motor Company in 1908 and ceased production in 1926. At one point, it comprised nearly 40 percent of all cars sold in America at the time," says Matt Darling, Curator of Cross Orchards Historic Site. "We are pleased to have a piece of American history, right here on the farm, that revolutionized the transportation industry! We hope you will join us for this special event hosted by the American Truck Historical Society, and learn from their automotive experts the history of the trucking industry, also be sure to checkout our 1931 Fire truck!"

Founded in 1971, the American Truck Historical Society strives to "preserve the history of trucks, the trucking industry, and its pioneers." This annual Antique Truck Show began in 1980, and has grown exponentially, from 23 trucks to well over 1,000. Trucks range from special interest models, busses, and RVs to fire trucks and even military vehicles.

Admission: \$7/Adults; \$4/Kids (3-12); \$5/Seniors and Veterans; \$20/Family groups; 50% off for members

For more information, contact Matt Darling at 970-261-7839, or Sam Ragsdale at 970-640-4915.

## Changing Times

They're baaaacckkk!

With a combined total of nearly 30 years of Museums of Western Colorado experience, there could be no better team to welcome back than Mike Perry and Kay Fiegel as we enter a time of transition and change.

For those not familiar with these names... Mike Perry was our executive director from 1984-1990, and again from 2003-2013. Under his direction, the Museum continued to grow our sites from the one building regional history site in the Whitman Building to the multi-site institution that we are today. Mike also wanted to share the rich paleontology that is here in the valley. Under his leadership and a lot of support from volunteers, the museum opened Dinosaur Valley in the Reed Building, where it stayed our paleontology museum until the move to Fruita in 2000.

In the mid 1980s, Mike also started our dinosaur digs program that has grown to international appeal and brings in participants from as far away as Australia and Japan. The program has unearthed such finds as the largest, most complete *Apatosaurus* femur (on display at Dinosaur Journey) and a rare *Apatosaurus* skull. Little known fact about Mike - as well as being a peak bagger, he is cycling across the country. He dipped his bike front wheel in the Pacific and has been cycling in sections to the Atlantic. Ask him about his experiences on the road sometime!

The second half of our team, Kay Fiegel, wore many hats - and shone in every one. From 2002 until she retired in 2015, Kay was everything from volunteer coordinator to human resources to marketing to Cross Orchards site manager to associate director. Somehow she magically balanced many of those at once leading some to think she had a clone. She led many of our trips and was particularly drawn to those in the San Juans as she grew up in Telluride. After retirement, Kay served as interim director for John McConnell Math and Science - now EUREKA! Kay has the biggest heart and would bend over backwards to help people she loves. She's opened her home up many times to people who have needed a place to stay for a while - Hotel Fiegel is quite a comfy place to stay.

Both Mike and Kay are dedicated to the museum and the community - and are having great fun working together again. They appreciate the fantastic things our staff does and, together with the staff, Mike and Kay hope to reorganize the inner workings of the museum, renew partnerships, programs, and grow our membership base in preparation for a new executive director.

Welcome home, Mike and Kay!

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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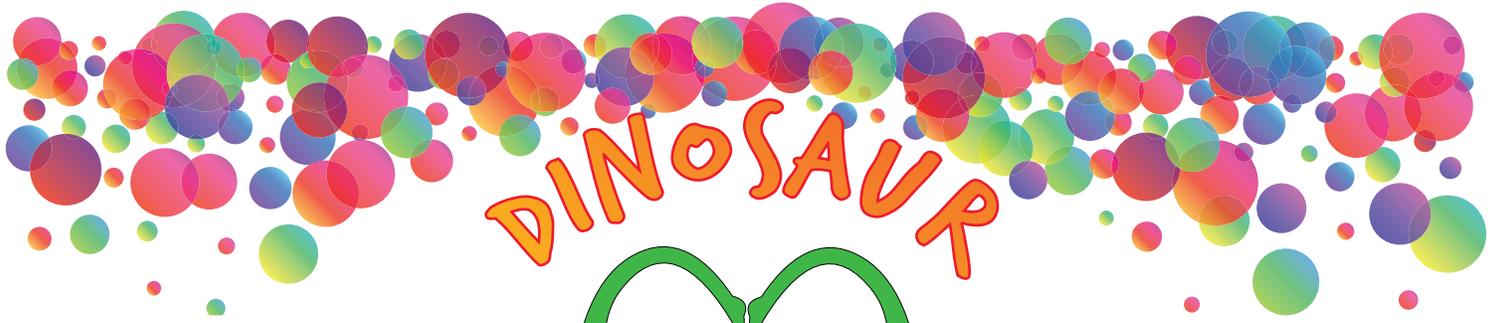
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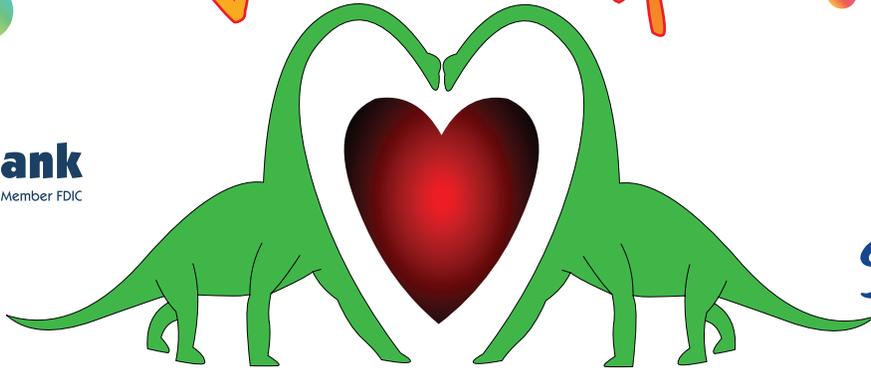
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# DINOSAUR



JUNE 8  
9AM-4PM

# DAY

**Are you ready for the valley's biggest prehistoric festival? Dinosaur Day is almost here!**

Come to Dinosaur Journey in Fruita for fun, kid-friendly educational activities, face painting by Noodles Doodles, bump & jumps, and refreshments by 5M Ice Cream and Food Truck.

Step into our Museum Discovery Center and meet different paleo artists Brian Engh, Josh Cotton, Bonnie Hill, Rick Adleman, and Brooke Safken, all of whom will have their artwork available for purchase.

We're excited to have so many of our community partners back again this year to help with the festival, including Alpine Bank, Dino-Peds, Family Health West, EUREKA! Science Museum, National Honors Society, Colorado Canyons Association, Bureau of Land Management Grand Junction Field Office, Girl Scouts of Colorado, Jimmy John's Fruita, and so many more.

Also, don't forget to stop by the Museum Store and Ron's Rocks for all of your prehistoric gear!

\$7/Adults; \$4/Kids (3-12); \$5/Seniors and Veterans; \$20/Family groups; 50% off/Members



# SUMMER TRAIN SHOW JUNE 15 9 AM-3 PM



\$7/Adults; \$4/Kids (3-12);  
\$5/Seniors and Veterans;  
\$20/Family groups;  
50% off for members

**Train ride:**

\$2/Adults; \$1/Kids; \$5/Family

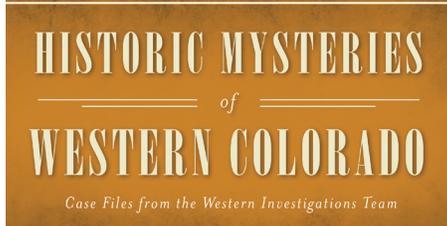
Come see our Uintah Railway exhibit with its restored Caboose #3, watch the model trains of the Grand Valley Model Railroad Club, and take a ride on Cross Orchards' very own ride-on train, the Granite Falls Scenic Railway!

*Brought to you by:*

**Rio Grande Federal Credit Union , The Grand Valley Model Railroad Club, and  
The Rio Grande Chapter of the National Railroad Historical Society**

# Two Museum of the West Events-One Special Evening Members Only!

Museum of the West in Downtown Grand Junction  
June 13 • 5:30 pm



Curator of History David Bailey will be signing his new book, *Historic Mysteries of Western Colorado: Case Files from the Western Investigations Team*, published by the History Press in Charleston, South Carolina. Bailey also serves as the Director of the Western Investigations Team and the book covers twelve different western mysteries the team has endeavored to solve using the latest scientific technology and in-depth historical research.

Revelations includes exciting new evidence in the infamous Alferd Packer case. The team's discovery of early Spanish relics in Kannah Creek and their search for evidence of Spanish explorers looking for the Seven Cities of Gold. Tracking down the location of Grand Junction's founding father George Crawford's lost ranch and his hidden safe and many more fascinating mysteries. The book is now available in the Museum of the West gift shop.

The Museum of the West

will also open its newest exhibition, *Famous, Framed and Folk Art: Eclectic Art from the Museum of the West's Collections*. The art and artifacts on display range from the paintings of famous western painters Harold Bryant and Alfred Nestler, prominent regional artists, and wonderfully carved settlement era folk art wagon train and animals.



## Old Fossil Update

Where else besides Grand Junction, Colorado can a golfer receive a top prize of a 145-million year-old fossil replica for playing a great game? No where! This year was a banner year for those who participated in the **Old Fossil Golf Tournament**; players had great weather, terrific company, good food, good scores, and a chance to benefit two great organizations, the Museums of Western Colorado and Family Health West. Many thanks go out to the 130 players who made 2019 a banner year for numbers and money raised, and our generous sponsors who made it happen.



# Trips and Tours 2019

## Dinosaurs of the Western Slope

**June 25-28** • Register by June 10

Led by *Julia McHugh*

This intermediate-level, four-day expedition was designed for the avid dinosaur-lover. Get a full taste of paleontology on the Western Slope as we visit historic dinosaur quarries and learn about the regional geology and history of paleontology in our area. Then dig for dinosaurs in the real “Jurassic Park” at the Mygatt-Moore Quarry and learn how to prepare and restore dinosaur bones in our paleo prep lab at the Dinosaur Journey Museum. Bring your hiking shoes, a water bottle, wide-brimmed hat, sunscreen and bug spray. Lunch is included each day. Requires prolonged sitting with repetitive work on small objects. Lodging is not included. Maximum 12

**Minimum age: 8** • Ages 16 and under must be accompanied by a paying adult.

**\$400 per participant** | BOGO: Buy one full price adult ticket, get one child ticket for \$325



## Paleontology of Ruby and Horsethief Canyons Field Experience

**July 11-12** • Register by June 24

Led by *Julia McHugh, Ph.D., MWC Curator of Paleontology, and Rob Gay, CCA, in cooperation with the Colorado Canyons Association*

Join a crew of expert paleontologists as we search for fossils in the previously unexplored depths of the Colorado River's Ruby and Horsethief Canyons in McInnis Canyons National Conservation Area. Crews will spend two days hiking side canyons looking for fossils and learning about the geological and paleontological history of the region. Participants will enjoy a night at the Colorado Canyons Association's Catalpa Camp with expertly prepared meals featuring local ingredients and wine.

Hiking and some light paddling.



**\$450/Museum or CCA member; \$500/Non-member**

**\$150/deposit**

*Includes a fully outfitted trip and geology and paleontology tour with meals, shuttle, and camping equipment*



## Red Mountain Ghost Tour

**August 16** • Register by August 2

Led by *David Bailey, Curator of History*

Join us as we travel to the Red Mountain mining district with the San Juan Scenic Jeep Tour Company. Our group will visit the ghost towns of Red Mountain City, Congress, Guston, and Ironton. We will arrive in historic Ouray and have lunch on our own at one of the many fine eateries in town. We will then travel to Red Mountain in open air tour jeeps, and learn about the history and lore of the San Juan Mountains.

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

*Includes transportation and jeep tour. Lunch on your own.*



## Corkscrew Pass Jeep Tour

**September 13** • Register by August 30

Led by *David Bailey, Curator of History*

On this high-altitude thriller, the tour will travel along the beautiful and historic jeep trails past Ouray to the Red Mountain area. It follows the Million Dollar Highway and skirts the edge of Red Mountain past the Queen Anne Mine and other remnants of the “San Juan Excitement” mining boom. The jeep tour then traverses Corkscrew Pass to Hurricane Pass at 12,500 ft., for an incredible bird's eye view of Como Lake.

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

*Includes transportation and jeep tour*



# FANTASTIC FOSSILS of the Grand Valley

On Exhibit at Dinosaur Journey  
May 17-September 15



*From the days of fossil hunting by horseback, to modern 3D laser scanning...  
discover the fossils that made the Grand Valley a hotspot for paleontology.*

Explore the fossil discoveries from the Grand Valley that pushed science forward and broke through barriers. From the discovery of *Brachiosaurus* in 1900, the largest dinosaur known at the time, to the first ankylosaur from the Jurassic Period, to the first evidence of dinosaur mating dances, *Fantastic Fossils of the Grand Valley* brings our local discoveries together in cohesive exhibition that highlights not only the fossils, but their impact on science and the scientists who found them. *Fantastic Fossils of the Grand Valley* allows visitors to engage with science, tangibly... dress up like a paleontologist and write a letter home from the field.

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Join us on a dig!

Be part of the paleontology that makes the Grand Valley so important in the field!

## Fossil Prospecting Hike • May 28, August 13

The thrill of discovery is high in this prospecting expedition. We will be hiking through the Cenozoic badlands of the Western Slope searching for new fossil sites. This is an area full of fossil bone, where new discoveries are still being made. The site you find could lead science to a whole new discovery!

\$65 per participant

Minimum age: 7 • Ages 16 and under must be accompanied by a paying adult.

## Callison Quarry Half Day Dig • May 29, 31

Discover scenic Callison Quarry, just three miles from the museum in the Fruita Paleontological Area. Probe through the soft shale and use your detective skills to spot lizard and pterosaur bones, mammal jaws and teeth, and perhaps even the rare crocodylian *Fruitachamps*. This quarry is world-famous for having some of the smallest contemporaries of Jurassic dinosaurs.

\$65 per participant

Minimum age: 7 • Ages 16 and under must be accompanied by a paying adult.

## Mygatt-Moore Quarry One Day Dig • June 3, 5, 10, 21 • July 1, 3, 5, 15, 29, 31 • August 2, 5, 7, 9, 12, 14

Great for beginners of all ages, the Mygatt-Moore expeditions offer an introduction to paleontology field work. Get a little dirty digging for Jurassic dinosaurs. Our paleontologists will make sure you have all the training and tools you need. Fossil bones of *Apatosaurus* and *Allosaurus* are common in the quarry. This trip ends with a guided tour of the Paleo Lab at Dinosaur Journey.

\$140 per participant

Minimum age: 5 • Ages 16 and under must be accompanied by a paying adult.

**BOGO:** Buy one full price adult ticket, get one child ticket for \$90!

## Rivers, Tracks, and Dinosaurs • July 23-35

Experience the Western Slope's "Jurassic Park." Raft the black water (= calm water) of the Colorado River to see canyon geology, then at Mygatt-Moore Quarry spend a day as a paleontologist digging for dinosaur bones. On day three, we'll go west to Moab for dinosaur trackways from the Jurassic and Cretaceous. This is a Dino Trifecta: rocks, bones, and tracks!

\$375 per participant

Minimum age: 7 • Ages 16 and under must be accompanied by a paying adult.

For more information and to register online... Dig us up online! [www.dinodigs.org](http://www.dinodigs.org)

## Calendar of Events

May 17		<b>Fantastic Fossils of the Grand Valley exhibition opens to the public</b>	Dinosaur Journey
May 25	9 am-3 pm	<b>Antique Truck Show</b>	Cross Orchards Historic Site
May 25	1-3 pm	<b>Riley Black – Guest Lecture and Book Signing</b>	Dinosaur Journey
June 8	9 am-4 pm	<b>Dinosaur Day</b>	Dinosaur Journey
June 14		<b>Famous, Framed and Folk Art exhibition opens to the public</b>	Museum of the West
June 15	9 am-3 pm	<b>Summer Train Show</b>	Cross Orchards Historic Site
June 25-28		<b>Dinosaurs of the Western Slope</b>	
July 11-12		<b>Paleontology of Ruby and Horsethief Canyons Field Experience</b>	
<b>Please note:</b> Dates and times of events, meetings, and programs are subject to change; please call to confirm.			

## Planned Giving: Join the Legacy Society

Planned gifts represent your life's work and reflect your values. A planned gift communicates your legacy; it tells a story of what you hold most important in your life and community. Planned giving makes it possible for you to make a generous contribution while preserving or even enhancing your lifestyle.

The *Legacy Society* recognizes those who have chosen to support the Museums of Western Colorado through their wills, estate plans, life income arrangements, and major planned gifts. Contributions received as a result of charitable planning help build for the future by supporting the programs and activities of the Museum in perpetuity.

**BEQUESTS:** Remembering the Museum in your will with a bequest is the most common way to plan a future gift. You may arrange for the Museum to receive:

- ✓ A specific dollar amount
- ✓ Specific assets like securities, real estate, or personal property
- ✓ A portion of what remains after providing for other beneficiaries (known as a residuary bequest)

Careful financial estate planning can be beneficial to you and your family and can allow you to leave a permanent legacy that will support the future of the Museum. We do recommend that you seek the advice of a tax consultant or financial advisor when considering these, or any other, planned giving options.

Your support of the Museums of Western Colorado can come in any of an array of flexible and creative ways that will provide critical funding for your museum. Some of these giving opportunities will provide immediate funds; others will result in long-term funding. Either way, we will make sure your support is also meaningful and beneficial to you.

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](mailto:catherinehikes@icloud.com).

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**Dinosaur Journey Museum**

550 Jurassic Court, Fruita • 970.858.7282

**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 • Closed

**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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## Dinosaur Digs 2019

If you like to hike out in McInnis Canyons NCA, you might start to see some activity at the Mygatt-Moore Quarry. In late May the Museums of Western Colorado prepares to open the Mygatt-Moore Quarry in Rabbit Valley for dig season. We work closely with the BLM to ensure the care and protection the site from fossil poaching, vandalism, and to keep winter and spring rain and melt from ponding in the quarry – causing damage to the fossils still waiting to be excavated. Using a small backhoe, we carefully remove the excess fill dirt within a few inches of the quarry layer; the



final layers of dirt we remove by hand shoveling. With our Big Red Quarry Truck we haul in our equipment trailer, packed with burlap, straps, buckets, and, of course, picks and shovels. Shade tarps and picnic tables are unloaded from the trailer and set up on the site. And finally, we re-survey the grid reference points for our quarry maps, making sure the old maps will match with new ones from the 2018 season. It takes only a few days and a lot of help from Don Kerven (Head of Maintenance), volunteers, and field crew but, when we're done, we are ready to go to work – looking for dinosaurs in the original Jurassic Park of the American West.



The best part about our field work is that we get to take the public with us – dinosaur enthusiasts as young as 5 years old help us make the discoveries that push science forward and keep us all young at heart. The 2019 Paleontology Expeditions schedule is now available at [www.dinodigs.org](http://www.dinodigs.org) (you'll be redirected to the museum's website). Dates are filling up, but there are still slots available for the season. We are excited to open the quarry and see what new discoveries the 2019 season will bring!