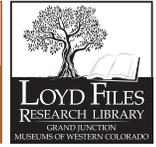
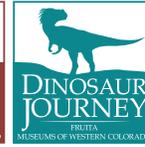


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Cross Orchards' Victory Garden

By Kathy Kimball

The Victory Garden at Cross Orchards is a living exhibit that provides a look back into how families supplemented their food during World War II. This is the second season for the garden following a bountiful harvest from last year. Modifications to the garden from last year have resulted in a more diverse range of vegetables for 2019.

This year spring and cool weather crops have been thriving with our cooler temperatures. Those crops include radishes, chard, sugar snap peas, and cabbage. As the season progresses there will be tomatoes, carrots, beets, turnips, onions, tomatillos, basil, dill, and cucumbers. All of the vegetables are either heritage or heirloom to emulate the same kind of produce grown in victory gardens in the 1940s. Also on display are heritage flowers such as love-lies-bleeding, zinnias, bachelor buttons, four o'clocks, and marigolds.

In addition to the front garden, small pumpkins were planted along the fence between the bunkhouse and 1945 house (previously the caretaker's house), a pumpkin patch with mammoth sunflowers was planted on the west side of the house, and multicolor popcorn planted with winter squash is in the bed next to the walkway in the north garden.

Fresh small carrots, peas, or cherry tomatoes (depending upon availability) are offered to all who ride the Cross Orchards train on Saturdays. All produce from the garden is harvested and available for sale during the farmer's market on Wednesday and Saturday mornings. Items that don't sell those days are often donated to local food banks. Come out and see the garden for yourself.



**At Cross Orchards Historic Site
Wednesdays and Saturdays,
7:30-Noon**

The Farm and Ranch Market is a non-profit organization for local farmers and ranchers who are dedicated to bringing the community the finest fruits, vegetables and meats. We are sure that you will find something your whole family will love!

Gone Fishing...



We were sad to say goodbye to our Head of Maintenance, Don Kerven, who retired from the Museum in June. Don has been with the Museum for over 20 years. He built the Uranium Mine and the bar in the Saloon exhibit at Museum of the West, he kept our robotic dinosaurs operational at Dinosaur Journey, he kept his eyes on our air conditioners, vehicles, roofs, boilers, and every other piece of mechanical equipment. Don was a constant partner in so many projects at

the museum and he will be very missed.

Cecil Wilkinson is stepping up to take the mantle as Don enjoys the leisure of retirement. He tells us he is most looking forward to working in his garden and woodshop and going fishing. We look forward to working with Cecil through the coming years and know he will keep us up and running.

Program News

Oral History Program

Every 3rd Thursday

Whitman Educational Center 248 S. Fourth St.

July 18 *The Writing of "Operation Foresight"*

Vera Mulder will be presenting this program about her experience with authoring the book *Operation Foresight*. Mulder is an educator and holds both a Bachelor's and a Master's Degree in Education. She has been a News Editor for *Fruita Times* and the *Palisade Tribune*. She is a working artist showing batiks, paintings and photography at various Grand Valley art galleries.

Please note: This is an evening program. We will be holding our summer Oral History programs in the evenings – June, July, and August.

This program is jointly sponsored by the Mesa County Libraries, Mesa County Historical Society, and the Museums of Western Colorado. It is free and open to the public.

August 15 To Be Arranged

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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Grand Heritage Society (GHS)

For over 50 years, the Museums of Western Colorado has a cultural anchor in the Grand Valley and western Colorado. We continue to be a trailblazer in our approach to community engagement, and in recognizing our role in preserving and showcasing those aspects which define our community on many levels.

Becoming a **Grand Heritage Society** member is an easy way to increase the power of your support by providing critical funding required for staff and volunteers to continue our extraordinary exhibits, preservation projects, and education programs that bring our mission – preserving history – to life.

Grand Heritage Society membership includes all the great benefits of general membership plus:

- 20% discount in all Museum gift shops
- Invitations to **Members Only** events



One such **Grand Heritage Society** member only event was a trip to the Aubert Ranch. This tour conducted in July 2018 was led by Jake Aubert and board member Orville Petersen. It was a fun-filled day, beginning at the Museum of the West where approximately 25 **Grand Heritage Society** members caravanned up the National Monument and on to Piñon Mesa to the Aubert Ranch on Unit 40. The tour began with an overview of the history of the Aubert ranch and then proceeded with a 3 hour drive around the ranch where guests stopped along the way to view two old, one room log cabins from the early days of homesteading. Guests also viewed historic wood carving on the aspen trees and toured Snyder Flats where the majority of the cattle grazing takes place in the summer months. In

addition, the tour highlighted conservation easement property where the Aubert family maintains land preservation to prevent future subdividing. The tour ended at the Aubert cabin where Orville Petersen grilled steaks along with a delicious spread of salad, potatoes, and a homemade dessert which was paired with Whitewater Hill wine. The day was enjoyed by all and was a nice historical tour of a working ranch that has been in the Aubert Family for 5 generations.

Grand Heritage Society members promote the history and heritage of Western Colorado with their resources and advocacy. They are true ambassadors for the Museums of Western Colorado and receive special recognition as a result of their \$500.00 or above annual support.

Please consider becoming a **Grand Heritage Society** member today! An exclusive event for **Grand Heritage Society** members will be held in early October.

Please note: Membership dues are tax deductible but not eligible for Enterprise Zone Tax Credit. Donations to the Museum are tax deductible and eligible for Enterprise Zone Tax Credit.



The Museums of Western Colorado is a 501 (c)(3) not for profit organization.

Trips and Tours 2019

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.



Fall Colors Tour to Plateau Valley

September 17 • Register by September 2

Led by Max Stites of the Colorado West Land Trust

The Colorado West Land Trust has arranged for this guided tour of conserved farmland in the Plateau Valley. We will be immersed in the region's rich farming and ranching heritage while enjoying the vibrant fall foliage. The tour will stop at various points along the way as guides explain the role that conservation has played in preserving the vision of farmers and landowners in the valley.

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

Includes transportation, guide, lunch, and exclusive visits to conserved farms



Eagle Rock Shelter by Raft

September 28 • Register by September 14

Led by John Seebach, Ph.D., Colorado Mesa University, in cooperation with the Colorado Canyons Association

Find out what life was like for humans in the region nearly 13,000 years ago by exploring the Eagle Rock Shelter site with Colorado Mesa University Anthropology Professor Dr. John Seebach. Although accessible by land, this site is best visited by river as you can get a sense of the landscape and how it shaped its inhabitants so many years ago. Don't miss this unique day-long rafting trip on the Gunnison River through Gunnison Gorge National Conservation Area. Some hiking and light paddling involved

\$225/Museum or CCA member; \$250/Non-member

Includes transportation, lunch, and expert guide



Introduction to Fly Fishing in Gunnison Gorge

October 12 • Register by September 28

Led by Chris Herrman of the Colorado Canyons Association

Heard about the amazing fly fishing on the Western Slope but don't know where to start? Learn how to fly fish or just come to fish a world-famous local's spot on the Gunnison River in Gold Medal waters. We will spend the day in Gunnison Gorge National Conservation Area with local fly-fishing experts learning about river ecology, fly fishing approach, casting, and fishing. Bring your valid daylong Colorado fishing license, fishing equipment, and sense of adventure!

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

(additional fee for fly fishing equipment rental)

Includes transportation, fly fishing lessons, and lunch



Join us on a dig!

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

Fossil Prospecting Hike • August 13

Register 2 weeks in advance

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.



Mygatt-Moore Quarry One Day Dig • July 31 • August 2, 5, 7, 9, 12, 14

Register 2 weeks in advance

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

Register 2 weeks in advance

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.



Specimen Cabinets Donated to Dinosaur Journey



Fifteen steel specimen cabinets were donated to the Dinosaur Journey Museum by the Denver Museum of Nature and Science. During the renovations of collections spaces at DMNS, they had numerous used specimen cabinets available as surplus. Joe Sertich and James Hagadorn both reached out to our curator of paleontology, Julia McHugh, about donating a few to our museum. We heartily accepted.

Although there is not much spare room in our own collections, we will be able to retire some of our older, smaller cabinets and add these cabinets, stacked two or three tall, in their space, greatly increasing the amount of cabinet space available for our

paleontological and geological collections at Dinosaur Journey. However, with dig season underway, going to Denver to pick up the cabinets became a logistical challenge. Mike Perry and Don Kerven volunteered to step in and help. They left Dinosaur Journey very early in the morning and were able to drive to Denver, pick up the cabinets, and drive back in one day. What a team! Over the next few weeks, the paleontology crew worked hard in collections to get the specimens ready for rehousing and moved into the new cabinets. We hope to have the project completed by the end of the month.

Planned Giving: *Join the Legacy Society*

Are you passionate about supporting the Museums of Western Colorado (MWC)? Do you want to ensure that we continue our mission well into the future? Planned gifts help assure that MWC will remain a vibrant source of inspiration for generations to come. Your planned gift can support any aspect of MWC. This can include much needed capital improvements to Dinosaur Journey, Cross Orchards Historic Site, Museum of the West, and the Loyd Files Research Library. In addition, your support will provide curatorial research and care for our priceless artifacts and collections, new exhibitions, additional educational initiatives, and sustain our operational funding that ensures our collections are protected, the lights are on, and our doors are open! MWC is committed to developing planned gifts that are meaningful to each donor and tailored to their financial and estate-planning goals.

By including MWC in your long-term plans, you achieve the goals that are important to you — to benefit yourself, your family, and an institution that you value. In addition to a bequest in your will, there are other ways you may make a legacy gift. You can name MWC as a beneficiary of your retirement plan or life insurance policy. If you are looking for a way to supplement your income, you can establish a charitable gift annuity, or a charitable remainder trust, which are gifts that will support MWC and pay you, and/or other designated beneficiaries, income for life. Supporting MWC as a beneficiary of your estate is the ultimate gift—it does more than bolster our mission and provide long-term financial support; it establishes a lasting legacy of your personal values that can be passed on to future generations. Planned gifts, thoughtfully prepared and conscientiously implemented, can truly ensure that those things we love and value will be here for many generations to come.

The Museum strongly encourages you to consult with your financial advisor and/or legal counsel for more information to make a planned gift.

Benefits of Membership

The *Legacy Society* is an honorary group, which celebrates friends of the Museum who play a unique role in ensuring that future generations will be able to enjoy the educational opportunities and rich treasures of the Museums of Western Colorado.

You are eligible for membership in the *Legacy Society* if you have named MWC as a beneficiary of your:

- Will or trust
- IRA or other retirement plan
- Life insurance policy
- Life income or other planned gift such as a charitable gift annuity, pooled income fund, charitable lead trust, or remainder interest in a personal residence
- Promised artifacts of historical significance also qualify you for membership in the Legacy Society.

If your bequest intention or planned gift information is not already included in our records, please complete and sign the **Document of Declaration**, indicating your wish to become a member of the *Legacy Society*. This information helps us to ensure that your intentions are honored when your legacy gift is realized. Note that information regarding the amount or nature of the bequest or gift is not required. Please contact Catherine Robertson, MWC Board of Directors, at catherinehikes@icloud.com for the **Document of Declaration**.

Honoring Your Support

All *Legacy Society* members are invited to a variety of Museum programs and special events, such as exhibition openings, the annual *Legacy Day*, guest lectures, and Curator/Director's Dialogues. Members are also publicly acknowledged in the Museum's annual Donor Roll, published annually in the newsletter. We are happy to discuss with you other ways to honor and recognize your heartfelt planned gift!

Calendar of Events

Now open!	<i>Fantastic Fossils of the Grand Valley</i> exhibition	Dinosaur Journey
Now open!	<i>Famous, Framed and Folk Art</i> exhibition	Museum of the West
Through Labor Day	Blue Star Museum free admission to active military and families	
July 1	Free First Monday - to Grand Junction residents	Museum of the West
July 4	Cross Orchards will be closed for the holiday. Dinosaur Journey and Museum of the West will be open regular hours.	
July 18	Oral History Program	Whitman Educational Center
August 5	Free First Monday - to Grand Junction residents	Museum of the West
August 15	Oral History Program	Whitman Educational Center
August 16	Red Mountain Ghost Tour day trip	
September 2	Free First Monday - to Grand Junction residents	Museum of the West
September 13 & 14	History Alive! Colorado West Chautauqua <i>That's the Way it Was: The Baby Boom Years</i>	The Avalon Theatre
September 17	Fall Colors Tour to Plateau Valley	
September 28	Eagle Rock Shelter by Raft	
Please note: Dates and times of events, meetings, and programs are subject to change; please call to confirm.		

Blue Star Museum



The Museums of Western Colorado is one of more than 2,000 museums across America to offer free admission to military personnel and their families this summer in collaboration with the National Endowment for the Arts, Blue Star Families, and the Department of Defense. The program runs from Armed Forces Day, May 18, 2019 through Labor Day, September 2, 2019.

The free admission program is available to any bearer of a Geneva Convention common access card (CAC), a DD Form 1173 ID card (dependent ID), or a DD Form 1173-1 ID card, which includes active duty U.S. military – Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, as well as members of the National Guard and Reserve, U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps, NOAA Commissioned Corps – and up to five family members.



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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

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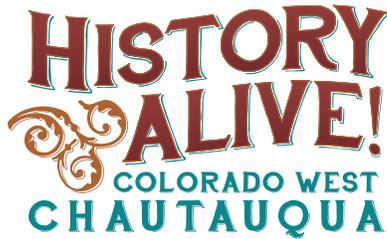
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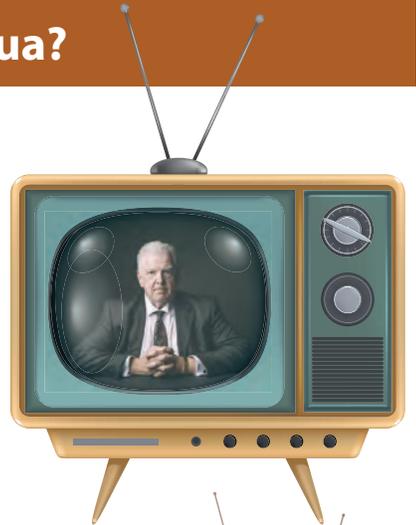
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Guess Who's Coming to Chautauqua?



It's almost time for our 2019 Chautauqua! We have a new name – *History Alive! Colorado West Chautauqua*. We also have a new logo. Most importantly, we have a great theme – *That's the Way it Was: The Baby Boom Years*. That is sure to have us strolling down memory lane.



Mark your calendars now for September 13 and 14 as we bring three icons from our past to life. **Walt Disney, Julia Child, and Walter Cronkite** will appear on the big stage at the Avalon Theater where we'll relive their many contributions that shaped the culture of our lives. In addition to the professional Chautauquans, you'll be treated to wonderful performances by the Young Chautauquans and Grand Valley History Players.

Please watch our website and September/October issue of the *Museum Times* for schedules and additional information.

See you at the Avalon Theater!

