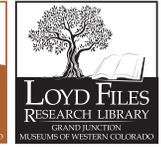
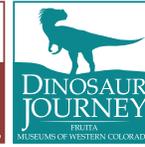


# MUSEUM TIMES

November/December 2019



## Annual Appeal



Have you ever felt awe looking at a dinosaur? Or inspiration from the men and women who made the Grand Valley an amazing place for you to live today? In 2019, thousands of visitors to the Museums of Western Colorado have experienced this.

With your help, the Museums of Western Colorado has grown into a remarkable place for you and your family to experience history and science. Three unique museum sites and countless educational opportunities provide opportunities for awe around every corner. Your support of the Museum has made that possible!

When you donate to the Museum, you help create new exhibitions, support day-to-day operations, preserve Grand Junction's history (and prehistory), and provide new opportunities for students to engage with STEM.

**Make your end of year donation to the Museum today!** You can donate online or mail your donation. A gift to the Museums of Western Colorado is a long-term investment in the community.

On December 10, the Museums of Western Colorado will participate in **Colorado Gives Day**. By donating online at [ColoradoGives.org](http://ColoradoGives.org) on December 10, you will help the Museum receive a portion of a \$1 million incentive fund. You can even set your donation up early so you can check it off today's list, while still helping the Museum get a piece of the incentive fund.

We need your support. Thank you for being a part of our community.

Kaia Michaelis  
Museums of Western Colorado  
Executive Director



Find out how you can support us at:  
[museumofwesternco.com/support-us/ways-to-give/](http://museumofwesternco.com/support-us/ways-to-give/)

Mail in donations:  
Museums of Western Colorado  
P.O. Box 20,000  
Grand Junction, CO 81502

Through strong stewardship and relevant programming, the Museums of Western Colorado strives to inspire the community to preserve its heritage and tell its story.



**Cross Orchards Historic Site** utilizes living history to preserve, interpret, and educate the public on agriculture, transportation and the social history of the region.

**Dinosaur Journey** collects, preserves, interprets, and displays evidence of the history of life and environments of western Colorado and geologically related surrounding areas.

The **Lloyd 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.

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## Planned Giving: Join the Legacy Society

Planned Gifts or what we consider a “Legacy Gift” can help strengthen the Museums of Western Colorado’s endowment, provide much-needed annual income, and support its extraordinary exhibits, collections, and community programs. By including the Museums of Western Colorado in your long-term plans, you can achieve the goals that are important to you —to benefit yourself, your family, and an institution that you value and believe in.

Planned or “Legacy Gifts” allow anyone to make a contribution to MWC regardless of income or financial status. It is a way to level the playing field, giving everyone a chance to become a philanthropist and make a difference. And it provides significant financial benefits to you as well.

*Here’s how:*

Some planned gifts provide lifelong income to the donor (yes, you read that correctly). Other gift plans significantly reduce taxes that would otherwise take a big chunk out of your loved one's inheritance — providing for both charity and heirs in ways that maximize the gift while minimizing its impact on your estate.

### Did You Know ...?

- A planned gift allows you to shape your own legacy — all while helping us to achieve and expand our mission.
- It allows you to make a far bigger impact than annual gifts of cash.
- A planned gift allows us to continue our mission far into the future, even while it helps make a difference today.

In short, a planned gift is any major gift that is part of a donor’s overall financial planning.

The Museum strongly encourages you to consult with your financial advisor and /or legal counsel for more information to make a planned gift. If your bequest intention or planned gift is not already included in our records, please complete and sign the *Declaration of Intent*, 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](mailto:catherinehikes@icloud.com) for the *Declaration of Intent*.

### Your Legacy or your Planned Gift can make dreams come true!

On the next page is one such story of an amazing lady, a longtime volunteer, who directed her gift to Dinosaur Journey.

**Our doors will be closed  
for these holidays:**

**Thanksgiving Day  
Christmas Day  
New Year's Day**



## A Legacy

### Lyn Farber – An Amazing Lady

The natural world was a playground for Lyn, full of wonders, beauty and mystery. Her eyes always lit up with amazement at what she saw. She became an avid hiker and backpacker to become part of that wondrous world. With others or alone, she was always in the company of good friends in the mountains.

Never far away was her camera and, just as her curiosity and keen eye guided her footsteps, her camera recorded what few could see. Her photographs were award-winning. She made shadows, light, and reflections dance. Standing next to her, you might wonder how she saw it so much clearer than we did. Those images reflected much about Lyn. She saw things others might not have noticed – a shadow here, a ray of light there, a tiny fleck of water on a petal, or an old door just hanging on by a rusty hinge. Each image told stories that Lyn knew. And she shared those stories, that appreciation for life with everyone she met.

Lyn had little tolerance for mediocrity. A well-educated person herself, reading and learning were life-long passions. She frequently commented, “How could anyone be bored with so much to learn about and love?” She was a master gardener and many came to her home just to admire her paradise. She never said, but many believed she would talk to her flowers each day. She knew them and they knew her.

She loved the Museums of Western Colorado and became involved as a lab and field volunteer for the paleontology program. She was part of the original team that created Dinosaur Valley on Main Street in Grand Junction, and later Dinosaur Journey in Fruita. Her many contributions will be remembered in the catalog of prepared specimens and also her monetary donations that inspired and supported programs and exhibits - such as “The Farber Flock” outside the paleo lab at Dinosaur Journey Museum.



To Lyn, the wonderful person who gave us the gift of wonder and amazement of all that is good in life, we offer the words of Leonardo da Vinci and Victor Hugo...

*“The human bird shall take his first flight, filling the world with amazement...”*

*“...pausing in her flight awhile on boughs too slight, feels them give way beneath her, and yet sings, knowing she hath wings.”*

May her legacy live on.

# WESTERN SLOPE COWBOY GATHERING



COWBOY POETRY AND WESTERN MUSIC

November 1 and 2, 2019

**NEW LOCATION!**

**Grand Valley Event Center**  
2400 Consistory Ct. Grand Junction, Colorado

Friday, November 1: Noon-5 pm; 7-9 pm • Saturday, November 2: 10 am-5 pm; 7-9 pm

Daytime programs are FREE! Evening performances: \$10/per person each evening

Tickets and more information: [westernslopecowboygathering.com](http://westernslopecowboygathering.com) • [museumofwesternco.org](http://museumofwesternco.org)

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# Author's Party and Book Signing

November 9, 2019

10:00 am - 2:00 pm



Museum of the West 5th and Ute



**Join us for our annual book signing event featuring the best of local authors!**

David P. Bailey, *Historic Mysteries of Western Colorado: Case Files from the Western Investigations Team* and *Distant Treasures in the Mist: A Western Colorado Adventure*

Steve Baker, *Juan Rivera's Colorado, 1765: The First Spaniards among the Ute and Paiute Indians on the Trails to Teguayo* and *My Name is Pacomio: The Life and Works of Colorado's Shepherd and Master Artist of Nature's Canvases*

Jeff Dersham, *Planets to Pulsars: A Citizen's Guide to the Universe*

Steve and Denise Hight, *Legendary Locals of Fruita*

Curtis Martin, *Ephemeral Bounty: Wickiups, Trade Goods, and the Final Years of the Autonomous Ute*

Carroll Multz and Judy Blevins, *Spiderweb; The Mejico Connection; Lust for Revenge; Eyewitness*; and young adult novels, *Treasure Seekers* and *Summer Vacation*

Steve Schulte, *Wayne Aspinall and the Shaping of the American West* and *As Precious as Blood: The Western Slope in Colorado's Water Wars, 1900-1970*

Kate Ruland-Thorne, *Historic Tales of the Grand Valley: Heroes, Heroines, Hucksters and Hooligans*

Priscilla Walker, *The History of Fruit and Wine in Palisade; Historic Palisade Coloring Book; The History of Irrigation in Palisade and East Orchard Mesa*; and *Coal Mining in Palisade*

This event is a fundraiser for the Museum; light refreshments will be served.

The **2019 Author's Party and Book Signing** event is dedicated to Robert B. Elliott (1949-2019), author of *Real Glider Replicas; Build and Fly the First Flyers*; and *Inventing Flight*.

# BREAKFAST with SANTA

Join us for a fun and festive event with Santa Claus and dinosaurs!

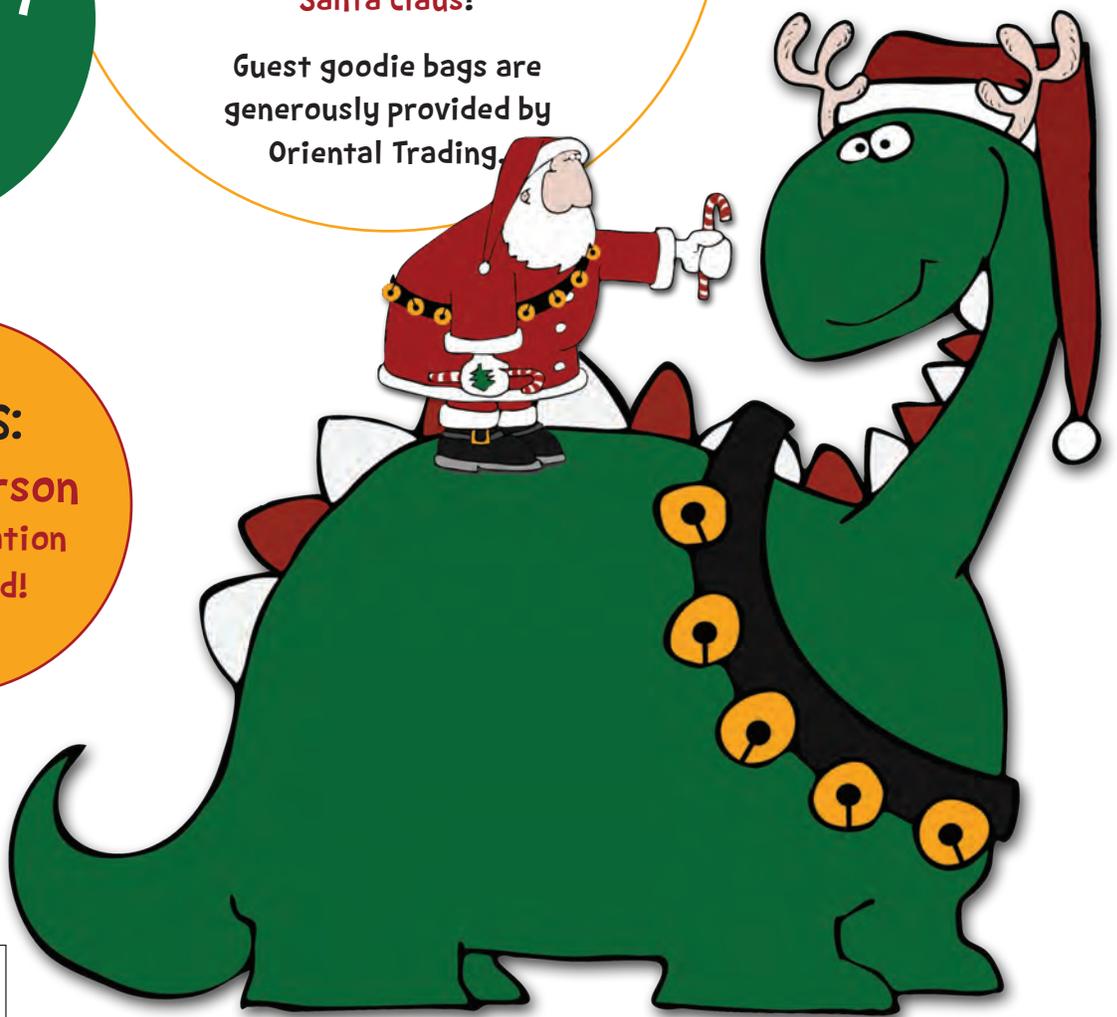
You will will enjoy a hot breakfast among the **prehistoric giants**, followed by a holiday story with the curator, and then, of course, the man himself - **Santa Claus!**

Guest goodie bags are generously provided by Oriental Trading.

**WHERE:**  
Dinosaur Journey Museum  
550 Jurassic Ct.  
Fruita

**WHEN:**  
December 7  
9-11 am

**TICKETS:**  
\$8 per person  
Pre-registration is required!



Breakfast with Santa comes only once a year and only 130 tickets will be offered for this popular event, so don't wait! Register at: [museumofwesternco.com/event/breakfast-with-santa-2019/](http://museumofwesternco.com/event/breakfast-with-santa-2019/)

THE GRAND VALLEY MODEL RAILROAD CLUB  
PRESENTS THEIR 31ST ANNUAL

# CHRISTMAS TRAIN SHOW!



CROSS ORCHARDS HISTORIC SITE  
3073 F ROAD, GRAND JUNCTION

MODEL TRAINS, REAL TRAINS, AND OUR RIDE ON TRAIN -  
WITH A VISIT FROM SANTA!

MODEL TRAIN SHOW: \$1/KIDS UNDER 12; \$4/ADULTS; \$7/FAMILY  
RIDE ON TRAIN: \$2/KIDS; \$3/ADULTS; \$7/FAMILY





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**Cross Orchards Historic Site**

3073 F Road • 970.434.9814

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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

**Lloyd Files Research Library**

Second floor of Museum of the West

Closed to walk-ins through January 2020.

Tues-Fri • 10 am-4 pm by appointment only

## Calendar of Events

Now open!	<i>Famous, Framed, and Folk Art</i> exhibition	Museum of the West
October 31 • 4-7 pm	KOOL 107.9 Monster Mash - FREE admission to the public	Dinosaur Journey
November 1 & 2	Western Slope Cowboy Gathering	Grand Valley Event Center
November 5	Free First Tuesday - to Grand Junction residents	Museum of the West
November 7 • 4:30-6:30 pm	New Director Open House	Museum of the West
November 9 • 10 am-2 pm	Author's Party and Book Signing	Museum of the West
November 13 • 4-6 pm	Trips & Tours Open House	Museum of the West
November 28	Thanksgiving Day - All sites will be closed.	
December 7 • 9-11 am	Breakfast with Santa	Dinosaur Journey
December 7 & 8 • 10 am- 4 pm	Christmas Train Show	Cross Orchards Historic Site
December 14 & 15 • 10 am- 4 pm	Christmas Train Show	Cross Orchards Historic Site
December 21 & 22 • 10 am- 4 pm	Christmas Train Show	Cross Orchards Historic Site
December 25	Christmas Day - All sites will be closed.	
December 27 & 28 • 10 am- 4 pm	Christmas Train Show	Cross Orchards Historic Site
January 1	New Year's Day - All sites will be closed.	

**Please note:** Dates and times of events, meetings, and programs are subject to change. Please call to confirm or check our website for details.