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CROSS ORCHARDS DINOSAUR JOURNEY MUSEUM of the WEST

New Exhibit at Museum of the West



Late last year, Curator Vida Jaber began installation of a new and exciting exhibition at Museum of the West. The new exhibit features art from Native American artists from around the Colorado Plateau. This exhibit is also the first to feature full Spanish language translations as well.

“The Art of Tradition” features bronzes, and pottery celebrating cultural traditions that span hundreds of years. The contemporary artwork is on display in the gallery next to the historic Holstein pottery collection. Museum visitors are encouraged to travel between the two to see the similarities and differences between the

contemporary and historic works. The artwork on display is part of a substantial acquisition and now part of our permanent collection generously donated by art collectors Thomas and Shirley Arthur. Spanish language translations were done by Dan Hickman of Southeast Spanish Inc.

Dig Season 2022: Registration Open!

We are excited to announce the 2022 Dig Season registration is now open! Full day dig experiences will now have a minimum age of 8 years old. Half Day digs will still have a minimum age of 5 years old. The lab day is back and so are private and advanced multi day experiences all at www.dinodigs.org. Only after a few short days, the digs are filling up with participants. Don't wait to book your spot out at the quarry this summer.

The quarry is a Jurassic age site, and from what paleontologists know the area was a swamp about 152 million years ago. A far cry from the arid desert that you will be digging in, it might take a bit of imagination to think about what Mygatt-Moore quarry was like in the late Jurassic; but you will have paleo professional guiding the way. Apatosaurus and Allosaurus have been frequently found in the quarry and even holotype fossils from other species. Take your front seat to scientific research and join us in out in the dirt this summer!



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Members Magazine in mailboxes this week!

Active Members of the Museums of Western Colorado received a yearly Member Magazine in their mailboxes this week. The theme for this year's publication is mapping; inside our Curators and staff contributed articles exploring what part mapping play in each of their disciplines. For Curator of Cross Orchards Matt Darling, an article about railroads was an easy choice to fit the theme. Vida Jaber, Curator of History explored the different eras of time that Grand Junction has been on the global stage. And Dr. Julia McHugh wrote about how mapping saved the Fruita Paleontological Area for continued research.

The three Museum sites can at times feel unrelated, and really how much can Dinosaurs and Trains have in common? This magazine is a celebration of what brings our three Museums sites together, and also a celebration of the continued support from our members who help support our efforts of preserving the scientific and cultural heritage of

this wonderful place we call home. We hope after you read it you might be inspired to go to a Museum site you haven't visited for awhile.

If you would like a copy, sign up or renew your membership today. If a membership isn't in the budget right now, grab a copy free of charge at one of our museum sites.

The story of Alfred Packer told again, on History Colorado's podcast series.

Have you been to see the Alfred Packer exhibit at Museum of the West? In the Stagecoach room at the Museum you can see the story told through beautiful paintings and original artifacts from the scene of the crime (wait, was it a crime?). The exhibit Curated by David Bailey will be on exhibit for only a short time longer, so you better get down to the Museum while you still can. If listening to podcasts is your thing, the first episode of the new season of Lost Highways, a podcast from History Colorado, tells the story of Alfred Packer in a new way. Even if you are familiar with the story, give it a listen, you may learn something new.



[Listen to the podcast on History Colorado's website](#)



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Latest Blogpost: Who Launched the Aviation Industry in Grand Junction?



In the latest blog post on the Museum's website, Jonathan Hamilton writes about the history of aviation in the Grand Valley; and specifically the people who pioneered the industry here. During his internship, Jonathan was asked to research and write a blog post, he began research on a few different topics and ended up settling on the beginnings of the aviation industry in Grand Junction. What spectacular in 1914 could draw over 6500 Grand Valley residents to watch? Read the full blog post to find out.

Read the full post at www.mowc.co/blog



Be a Science and Culture Champion!

Chances are, you received an email asking you for a year end donation. If you donated, Thank you! If you weren't able to, there is still time. In fact, there is never a bad time to support the Museums of Western Colorado; and we have a new way to show it off too. At Museum of the West's gift shop, you can pick up a science & culture champion sticker - and just by buying the sticker you are supporting the Museums and becoming a science & culture champion!

Your water bottle or laptop never looked so good!

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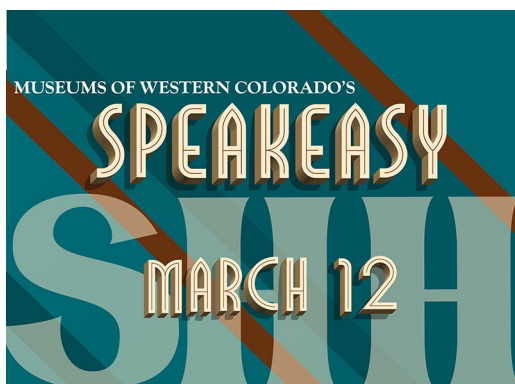
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Join us for the Museum's fundraiser!

Enjoy a night out while supporting the Museum's programs and mission. Rub elbows with historical figures from Grand Junction's 1920s while sipping signature cocktails. Dance to live music, try your hand in the high stakes room, or have your palm read during a debauchorous night as the Museum is transformed into a speakeasy. There will even be a brand new 1920s temporary exhibit. You won't want to miss it.

Saturday, March 12th || Tickets Available Soon



Have a beer at the Museum while you learn!

Educational activities await you and your friends for a 21+ event at Dinosaur Journey this Spring. What part do feathers play in Dinosaurs falling in love? How do Paleontologists know what color Dinosaurs skin was? Does beer taste better in a museum after dark? Find out this April!

Saturday, April 9th || Tickets Available Soon

Explore with Us!

Check the Museum's website to learn more about the scientific and cultural past of this valley.

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