



**RED FEATHER HISTORICAL SOCIETY
ANNUAL DINNER & SPEAKER**

June 7, 2013

FRIDAY 5:00-9:00 pm

WESTERN RIDGE RESTAURANT

AT GLACIER VIEW

We will be in the Barn.

Get into character & wear your Western duds.

Happy Hour 5:00 pm - Cash Bar

Dinner - 6:00 pm

WESTERN BARBECUE BUFFET DINNER

COST: \$16.00

Annual Meeting - 7:00 pm

Enjoy an exciting chapter of the American West

"Pony Express Rider"

Portrayed by EVA SUE LITTLETON - 7:30 pm



**INCLUDES TWO ENTREES AND THE WORKS
With Nonalcoholic Beverage, Dessert, Tax and Tip**

**Make Your Reservation by Sending a Check Payable to
Red Feather Historical Society by May 30, 2013
RESERVATION FORM ON PAGE 7**

This is our first newsletter since the High Park Fire. We know that all members of the Red Feather Historical Society (RFHS) offer their condolences and support to those who lost their homes or suffered damage from High Park, including several of our RFHS members.

All of us are thinking of you and support you in recovering from this tragedy.

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Historical Society
NEEDS YOU
SIGN UP ON
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**RED FEATHER HISTORICAL SOCIETY
2013 SUMMER TOURS & PROGRAMS**

MAY 31, Friday, 10:00- 11:30 am History of Red Feather Lakes 102 Series Part 1 Historic Red Feather Village walking tour. Join us for a walk with a historical narrative of sites in the RFL Village. **Meet at Red Feather Lakes Library weather permitting. Sign up on Page 7 RSVP by May 30th.**

JUNE 7, Friday, 5:00-9:00 pm Historical Society Dinner - More info on Page 1.

JUNE 19, Wednesday, 9:00 am-3:00 pm Avery House at 10:00 am and the Fort Collins Museum of Discovery at 1:00. We plan to eat at the Historic Silver Grill Cafe for lunch at 11:30. **Meet at the Glacier View office area at 9:00 am to car pool to Fort Collins. Cost \$10 (Includes Museum fees) RSVP by June 14 Sign up on Page 7 - More info on page 3.**

JUNE 28, Friday, 9:00-11:00 am History of Red Feather Lakes 102 Series Part 2 - Original Homes Architecture and Historic Sites driving tour of the area. Meet at the Red Feather Robinson Cabin across from the RFL Library where we will car pool. **Sign up on Page 7 RSVP by June 26th.**

JULY 17, Wednesday, 8:00 - 4:00 Historic MacGregor Ranch & Estes Park Museum. Ranch tour at 10:00 am, lunch at Estes Lake Park and then Museum tour at 1:00 pm. Meet at the Glacier View office area at 8:30 am to car pool to the ranch. Bring water, sunscreen, sack lunch, wear hat and good walking shoes. **Cost \$10 RSVP by July 17. Sign up on Page 7 - More info on page 4.**

AUGUST 10, Saturday, 1:00-3:00 pm Archaeology CSI Program with Abe Thompson - Test your detective skills as Abe will bring artifacts from the historical Manhattan town site and gives us insight into how archaeologists turn things people left behind (artifacts) into information about past peoples' lives. Meet at RFL Community Library at 1:00 pm and with weather permitting we will do some modern day CSI at the Robinson Cabin. **RSVP by August 7 - More info on Page 5.**

AUGUST 21, Wednesday, 9:00 am-3:00 pm HISTORIC GLACIER VIEW TOUR by Lucille Schmitt We will tour several sites in Glacier and enjoy a box lunch at Western Ridge. **Cost is \$10 per person which covers the tour and lunch. RSVP by August 16. Sign up on Page 7.**

Date to be determined - SEPTEMBER 8:30 am - 5:00 pm The Meadows Tour. Meet at the RF Historical Society Cabin in Red Feather Lakes at 8:30 AM. In order to attend this tour you must have read *The Meadow* by James Galvin. Bring snacks & lunch. There are not any restroom facilities on this trip so you will have to tree or bush it. 4-wheel or all-wheel drive vehicles only so we will need to carpool. **Cost \$5.00. RSVP if you are interested in attending.**

SEE NEWSLETTER FOR MORE INFORMATION & HISTORY ON TOURS OR PROGRAMS

All reservation forms on page 7.

For more information contact Pat at 970-495-0560 or mtgal@frii.com

You will be informed of program changes or problems by email.

Activities are subject to change due to bad weather.

Refunds made if notified 1 week in advance or in case of an emergency.

RFHS members have priority for Society events

nonmembers will need to pay an additional \$5.00 per tour.



CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE

<http://redfeatherhistoricalsociety.org>

RFHS Oral History Notes by Linda Bell 2013

Transcripts of Linda Gorton's interview and the "Sugarbabe Carnival" day at the Red Feather Lakes Library last summer are now posted on the RFHS website, <http://redfeatherhistoricalsociety.org/>, and in the notebooks at the Library. The Sugarbabe transcript also includes a CD of the interview she did at Ellis Island with the US National Park Service oral history project. You can listen to Sugarbabe's story in her own voice using the library computers and ear phones. Remember, one notebook with all the interviews, but not including the addenda, is available to check out from the library for three weeks if you wish to read them at home.

Red Feather History 102

The RF Historical Society and RFL Community Library are partnering to offer you more options to learn about the history of the area. Red Feather History 101 was such a big hit that History of Red Feather 102 will be presented this year in several ways using the RFHS Historic Sites Map.

- Walk around the RFL village
- Driving tours of early homes and visiting other historic sites in the area.
- Archaeology CSI Program with Abe Thompson.

Check out page 2 for details.

VIRGINIA DALE

Overland Stage Station

"Abe Lincoln and the Civil War".

OPEN HOUSE

CRAFT SALE & QUILT RAFFLE

Saturday, June 8th, 2013

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Featuring:

Craft Show - Local Artisans
Historical speakers including Abe Lincoln

There will be food, games for all ages, animals, spinning demonstrations by Esther Nance-Beck, Kaye Collins and Helen Hart, silent auction, a General Store and the Model A Ford Club.

For more information, visit

www.virginiadalecommunityclub.org
or call Sylvia Garafalo 970-495-1828
or Marcie Wells 970-568-7646.

The Avery House

This exquisite home was built in 1879 and was the family home of Franklin and Sara Avery and their three children. The home was built of sandstone from local quarries and includes a carriage house, large yard, gazebo, and fountain. The Avery House is located on Mountain Avenue in Old Town Fort Collins and serves as a museum honoring life at the turn of the 20th Century.



Fort Collins Museum of Discovery

The Fort Collins Museum began as the Pioneer Museum in 1941 with the help of the Indian Relic Hobby Club, the Pioneer Association, and the Daughters of Colorado Pioneers. Operated by the City of Fort Collins, the Museum's first curator was Clyde Brown, a member of the Indian Relic Hobby Club and a Fort Collins native. In 1976, the Pioneer Museum relocated into the old Carnegie Library building and became the Fort Collins Museum. The Museum has evolved into a regional center focusing on area history and culture.



The Fort Collins Museum's collection totals over 30,000 artifacts, including a significant collection of Folsom materials from the Lindenmeier Archaeological Site north of Fort Collins, agricultural implements, household necessities, paintings, and clothing, reflecting the diversity and values of the peoples of the Cache La Poudre River Valley. Multiple galleries feature temporary and permanent exhibitions, and four historic structures – three cabins and a schoolhouse – reside in the outdoor Heritage Courtyard, including "Auntie" Stone's cabin, the oldest cabin in the Fort Collins area. The Museum also offers a variety of ongoing programs and educational opportunities and is home to the Local History Archive.

**For Info on Times & Places to meet see
Tours & Program on Page 2 - Register on Page 7**

Historic MacGregor Ranch & Estes Park Museum

July 17, 2013

MacGregor Ranch is the last remaining working cattle ranch in Estes Park and one of the few sites operating as both a working ranch and youth education center in the northern Colorado area. It is unique in that its historic collection and structures are original to the 1873 homestead family, and its collection is completely intact.

The historic MacGregor Ranch remains in operation today because Muriel MacGregor had the foresight to make provisions in her will requesting her ranch be left in trust for charitable and educational purposes. In 1978, The Muriel L. MacGregor Charitable Trust was formed. In 1983, the Colorado Attorney General's office was instrumental in actions to further safeguard the site as the National Park Service worked with the Trustees to purchase a conservation easement on the main 1,200 acres of the Ranch. The site is maintained in perpetuity as an example of turn-of-the-century, high-mountain ranching.



The original 1896 ranch house has been in operation as a museum since 1973. The main ranch house now serves as a museum, displaying the original furnishings and personal memorabilia of three generations of the MacGregor family. Visitors to the museum can take a guided tour of the 1896 ranch house and a self-guided tour of the historic outbuildings, including a milk house, root cellar, smokehouse, blacksmith shop, and antique farm equipment yard. Visitors see family clothing and handcrafts, household furnishings, original oil paintings, rock and mineral collections, personal diaries, books and early historic photographs. At the museum trained guides share Colorado homesteading history.

Estes Park Museum details the history of the Estes Park area from the Ice Age to today. Visitors of all ages are challenged in activities throughout the Main Gallery such as identifying animals living in the Rocky Mountains in *Call of the Wild* and returning magnetic cattle to their ranches in *Pursuing the Wealth of Land*.

In *Roads to Paradise* visitors can examine a real 1909 model EX Stanley Steamer Runabout. *Estes Park in the '60s* invites visitors to reflect on the days of shag carpeting, wide ties, Andy Griffith and console television sets. Also permanent features, radio evacuation announcements of the 1982 Lawn Lake Flood and chilling film footage from the 1976 Thompson Canyon Flood aftermath are found in *Changes by Nature*.

Step outside of the main building to explore two historical structures: the 1908 Cobb-MacDonald cabin and the National Park Service Headquarters Building. The cabin is typical of a turn-of-the-twentieth-century rustic home and displays modest furniture and decorations. The National Park Service Headquarters Building served as the center of affairs for Rocky Mountain National Park when it was downtown from 1915 to 1923.

Red Feather Historic Outdoor Park: Future Plans

The RFHS is in the process of planning an organized self-guided walking tour from the Historic Robinson Cabin to a historic outdoor park on our recently combined properties. We are actively seeking historical farming, mining and logging implements to be displayed with signage that has been donated or is on loan to the RFHS. For more information, contact Gary Stanton at 970-493-1181 or email to stantongary41@gmail.com or info@redfeatherhistoricalsociety.org.

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**ARCHAEOLOGY CSI MANHATTAN
PROGRAM BY ABE THOMPSON**

August 10, 2013 1-3 pm RFL Library
Cosponsored by the RFL Community Library
and the RF Historical Society

The archaeology CSI program is sort of a hands-on approach to demonstrate how archaeologists turn things people left behind (artifacts) into information about past peoples' lives. Very few archaeologists spend time pick-pocketing mummies, dodging armed artifact collectors, or adjusting Fedoras. The majority of us are not action stars; we're detectives. When we approach an archaeological site, we examine it as if it were an ancient crime scene. For this program, we'll be providing some modern example of what future archaeologists would find if they were to examine our homes several hundred years from now. Also, we will bring artifacts from the historical Manhattan town site so people can test their own detective skills against real archaeological materials. Manhattan, as a Colorado mining town, peaked in the 1880s and 90s. While no gold will be included in the artifacts under investigation, there will be artifacts that reflect the activities that took place in the town's saloon, post office, and school. Your job (as an archaeological detective) will be to come prepared to not only learn from, but also to help piece together the past.

Would you like to be a part of local history?

If you have or live in a "historical building" in the area, one which was built before 1950, the Red Feather Historical Society would like to include it in our Historic Site project. We will provide a sign to identify your historic site. Our first participants are Bonnie Campbell and her daughter Sharon Smith at the Log Cabin School.

If you are interested please contact:

Lucille Schmitt at 881-2536 or 221-5111 mtnspecial@aol.com
or Pat Clemens at 495-0560 or email at mtgal@frii.com

Criteria for future signs to be placed by the RFHS are as follows:

- Buildings such as homes, cabins, barns, etc., and sites should have some historic significance before the 1950s.
- The exterior of building or site should not have been significantly altered.
- There should be written documentation for the building or site with possible photos.
- The owners would sign a waiver for:
 - The use of photos and documentation to be used on the RFHS website, historic displays and notebooks to be housed in the RFL Community Library.
 - Possible book to be published about historic sites in the area.
 - Prearranged site tour for the public and members.

**Gifts for all Occasions
RF Historical Society
Merchandise**

Rada Cutlery and Kitchen Tools
RFHS Cookbook

"Red Feather the first 100 years"
Postcards - 3 different ones

**Mark Your Calendar for 2013
for Craft Fairs in Red Feather**

Red Feather Days July 6

Fire Days August 31

Greening of Red Feather Dec. 7 & 8

Order Rada Anytime Online

Follow these steps:

1. Log onto: www.helpourfundraiser.com
2. Put in Internet Ordering #: 502734
3. Password: feathers
4. Browse catalog and order

**The RF Historical Society
is in need of**

Board Members & Volunteers

Contact: Pat Clemens 495-0560

info@redfeatherhistoricalsociety.org

Send in your interests pg. 7 with your membership or contact any board member.

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE
<http://redfeatherhistoricalsociety.org>

“THE TIMES THEY’VE BEEN A CHANGING”

by Lucille Schmitt

The only thing certain about change is the fact it will happen. Here is a timeline of some events that have made major impact in Red Feather Lakes and surrounding communities.

- 1871:** Harden family built home on South Lone Pine. They ranched and hauled lumber to support family.
- 1895:** Westlake School District: Township 10, Range 73 and 74 and part of T9, R73.
- 1897:** Nov. 4, Patent from U.S. to Union Pacific Railroad, several sections of land in Red Feather area.
- 1902:** Establishment of the Roosevelt National Forest.
- 1902:** U.S. Patent to Robert S. Poor, parts of section 28 & 29 in current Red Feather Lakes.
- 1903:** U.S. Patent, “UP” railroad much more land in the area and deed from Poor to McIntyre.
- 1906:** U.S. Patent to Nettie Poor, additional 160 acres in Section 2. George W. Bond received a deed from the “UP” Railroad for several thousand acres, and he also acquired deeds from Poor and McIntyre for all their interest in Red Feather area.
- 1907:** Quitclaim Deed from Bond to Laramie-Poudre Reservoir & Irrigation Co. A long list of reservoirs, ditches and space to enlarge and properly operate the same. These lakes, ditches, and water rights are now owned by the Red Feather Lakes Storage & Ditch Co.
- 1911:** Akin’s “Detroit Chalmers” was probably the first motor vehicle in the area.
- 1913:** Deed from Bond to Elizabeth M. Akin, all the current Red Feather Lakes area.
- 1923:** Formation of “The Red Feather Mountain Lakes Association,” authorized to acquire, lease, exchange, subdivide, manage land and build a resort.
- 1923:** Deed from Akin to Red Feather Mountain Lakes Association, for 4,320 acres.
- 1923 thru 1928:** Recording of plats of Hiawatha Heights, Ramona Heights, South Nokomis, West Hiawatha Heights, Letitia Lake, Owassa Lake(now called Snake Lake) and East Owassa Subdivisions.
- 1925:** Incorporation of Silver Fox Farm according to County records, which is now Fox Acres Country Club.
- 1929:** Deed to John Ross (father of Mary Ross Quaintance) for all the unsold lots, unplatted land and all those strips and tracts in and around all of Red Feather Lakes and surrounding area.
- 1935:** Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) established a camp within a mile of Red Feather Lakes Resort. Foreman “Red Feather Lou” Young welcomed 185 men from Oklahoma and the CCC began many area public works projects.
- 1948:** Formation of the Red Feather Storage and Irrigation Co. Owner of lakes and water in Red Feather.
- 1950’s:** Gene Barker built a sawmill and planing mill, turning native timber into logs and finished lumber used in hundreds of Red Feather projects, including the Chapel in the Pines. Ray and Mary Stenzel purchased “Fox Farm” which led to the exquisite Fox Acres Golf Course.
- 1952:** Electricity via the Rural Electric Association (the REA) reached the area.
- 1950 thru 1971:** Important Red Feather Lakes community Improvements including POA community building, churches, fire station, new elementary school house, library.
- 1960’s & 1970’s:** Crystal Lakes was created from the Black Mountain Ranch portion of the Currie Ranch. Glacier View Meadows community was created from part of the lower portion of the Currie Ranch, as was Green Mountain Meadows. The former Painted Post Guest Ranch and resort became the Beaver Meadows Resort. Red Feather Ranch and Red Feather Highlands, Piney Knolls, High Country Estates were also developed.
- 1971:** Senate Bill 35 was enacted, a Colorado Statute whereby you had to endure a tough subdivision process to sell less than 35 acres; thus, when large landowners found that it was time to sell their land, they created the various communities of “35s.” There are over 20 such communities in our northwestern part of Larimer County.
- 1980’s:** Establishment of Morningstar Church, new Red Feather Lakes Library, Red Feather Historical Society.
- 2000’s:** Major facelift of business properties, new fire barn, library addition, Soaring Eagle Ecology Center. Red Feather Historical Society combined lots so plans for an outdoor historical park in the central village area can proceed.

Red Feather Historical Society wants to thank all the wonderful volunteers who have helped this past year. We could not exist without your help.

Character is made in the community as well as in the individual by assuming responsibilities, not by escaping from them. ~ Herbert C. Hoover

COMPLETE FORMS BELOW

PAY ALL WITH ONE CHECK - MEMBERSHIP - TOURS - DINNER

RED FEATHER HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP FORM

Please complete the following fields:

Name:

Address (summer):

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP Code: _____

Phone Number: _____

Address (winter):

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP Code: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email (for business purposes only):

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

- Individual \$15
- Senior Citizen (50 or over) \$10
- Active Family (two votes) \$35
- Commercial \$50
- Supporting \$100
- Life \$1000

All Donations Welcome

For more information please contact:

Pat Clemens 970-495-0560 or
info@redfeatherhistoricalsociety.org/

**(Make check payable to RFHS)
 Mail all payments to -
 Red Feather Historical Society
 Denise Burk, Treasurer
 540 Guardian Peak Dr.
 Livermore, CO 80536**

RFHS NEEDS YOU!

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO BE AN EFFECTIVE ORGANIZATION

PLEASE CHECK YOUR INTERESTS BELOW

- Board Member (serve a 2-year term)
- Cutlery & Merchandise Sales (set up, take down, sell, inventory and ordering)
- Grants (grant searching and writing)
- Greening of Red Feather Craft Fair and Holiday Decorating
- Historian (Organize/Catalog Historic Material)
- Archiving/Preservation (preserving photos)
- Historical Story Teller (Local History, re-enactors, personal antidotes)
- Newsletter (writing articles)
- Robinson Cabin (hosting and preservation)
- Tours and Trips (set up/lead a tour or trip)
- Website (write and /or submit articles)

DINNER, TOURS & PROGRAMS REGISTRATION FORM

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY _____ # Members _____ Total Amount _____

MAY 31 - HISTORIC RED FEATHER VILLAGE TOUR # Attending _____ FREE

JUNE 7 - DINNER RESERVATION \$16 each # Attending _____ Total Amount _____

JUNE 19 - FORT COLLINS MUSEUMS TOUR - \$10.00 # Attending _____ Total Amount _____

JUNE 28- RF History 102 Driving Tour # Attending _____ FREE

JULY 17 - ESTES PARK TOURS - \$10 # Attending _____ Total Amount _____

AUGUST 10 - ARCHAEOLOGY CSI # Attending _____ FREE

AUGUST 21 - GLACIER VIEW TOUR # Attending _____ Total Amount _____

SEPTEMBER - INTEREST MEADOWS TOUR # Attending _____ Total Amount _____

CHECK # _____ TOTAL AMOUNT _____

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