

Red Feather Historical Society Gazette

Welcome, Explore, and Connect with Local History

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RED FEATHER HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL DINNER



June 1, 2018 Friday 5:00-9:00 pm FOX ACRES

1700 County Road 67J, RFL, CO 80545

Western or Casual Attire

Happy Hour 5:00 pm - Cash Bar Buffet Dinner - 6:00 pm Cost: \$20.00

Includes entree and the works with nonalcoholic beverage, dessert, tax and tip

Annual Meeting - 7:00 pm



Entertainment - 7:30 pm John Hafnor, Author of Strange But True Colorado Weird Tales of the Wild West

Make Your Reservation
by sending a check payable to
Red Feather Historical Society
by May 25, 2018
Reservation form on page 7
or order using the Shop menu
on the website

"You make a living by what you get.

You make a life by what you give."

~Winston Churchill

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The Red Feather Historical Society, Inc., is a Colorado nonprofit, tax-exempt corporation that was established in 1985.

Active member of the Colorado Nonprofit Association

RED FEATHER HISTORICAL SOCIETY 2018 SUMMER TOURS & PROGRAMS *Co-Sponsored with the RFL Library & RF Historical Society.

June 1, Friday, 5:00 - 9:00 pm - <u>Historical Society Annual Dinner</u> - Fox Acres - Info on page 1 and sign up on page 7. Cost \$20.00 RSVP by May 26

- *June 8 Friday 1:00 2:30 pm Cattle in Colorado History by Jenifer Vaad. Meet in the RFL Library Stenzel room Free Info on page 3 and sign up on page 7. RSVP by June 14
- June 20, Wednesday, 7:30 am 4:00 pm Fort Collins first fort, History of Bellvue, FC Water Works & Unknown Soldiers Identity Meet at Glacier View Gate 8 at 7:30 am. Bring water, sack lunch, sunscreen, wear hat and good walking shoes. Info on page 3 and sign up on page 7. Cost is \$10 for RFHS members, \$15 for nonmembers. RSVP by June 16
- *July 13, Friday, 1:00 3:00 Red Feather Water Past, Present & Future by David Frydendall. Meet at the RFL Library Stenzel room where we will have a short discussion of the water and how the lakes were formed. We will carpool to sites of interest. Info on page 4 and sign up on page 7 RSVP by July 11
- July 18, Wednesday, 9:00 am 4:00 pm St. Walhberga Abby, Virginia Dale Stage Station and Phantom Canyon Ranch. Meet at Glacier View Gate 8 at 9:00 am. Bring water, sack lunch, sunscreen, wear hat and good walking shoes. Info on page 4 and sign up on page 7. Cost is \$10 for RFHS members, \$15 for nonmembers. RSVP by July 14
- *August 11 Saturday, 3:00 4:30 pm <u>History of Contemporary Glass Art by Jon Liebman</u> Meet in the RFL Library Stenzel room Free **Info on page 5 and sign up on page 7**. <u>RSVP by August 10</u>
- August 15, Wednesday, 8:30 am 4:00 pm <u>Vee Bar Guest Ranch & Wyoming Territorial Prison</u>
 <u>Historic Museum.</u> Meet at Glacier View Office, Gate 8 at 8:30 am. Bring water, sunscreen, sack lunch, wear hat and good walking shoes. Info on page 6 and sign up on page 7. Cost is \$10 for RFHS members, \$15 for nonmembers. Limit 50 participants. <u>RSVP by August 11</u>
- *September 8, Saturday, 10:00 11:30 am <u>Historic Women of Red Feather Program by Lucille</u>
 <u>Schmitt</u> Meet in the RFL Library Stenzel room Free <u>Info on page 5 and sign up on page 7</u>. <u>RSVP by</u>
 <u>September 7th</u>
- September 14, Friday, 8:30 am 5:00 pm <u>The Meadows Tour by Debra Hawkins & David Frydenall</u> Meet at the RF Historical Society Cabin in Red Feather Lakes at 8:30 am. To attend this tour you must have read *The Meadow* by James Galvin. Info on page and sign up on page 7. Cost for RFHS members \$5 nonmembers \$10 RSVP by September 12
- September 22, Saturday, 1:00 2:30 pm <u>Save Your Photos Workshop by Gordon Nuttall.</u> Meet at the RFL POA Free <u>Info on page 6 and sign up on page 7 RSVP by September 22</u>

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 per tour.

SEE NEWSLETTER FOR MORE INFORMATION & HISTORY ON TOURS OR PROGRAMS

Reservations form is on page 7.

For more information contact Pat at 970-495-0560 or http://redfeatherhistoricalsociety.org/

Have you not signed up for a tour because it was hard to hear? We now have tour guide wireless receivers with earbuds for you.

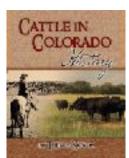


Annual Dinner Speaker **John Hafnor** is a historian and award-winning author living in Fort Collins, CO. His *Strange but True...* series has garnered considerable acclaim, including being named a National Best Book Award Finalist. Hafnor's passionate research into histories of the American West lays the foundation for his first novel. Growing up in rural South Dakota, Hafnor became fascinated by tales of his homesteading grandfather, Grover Cleveland "Cleve" Berry. Of particular interest to Hafnor was the friendship between his grandfather and neighbor James Stands For Them. Find out more information at http://



Cattle in Colorado History by Jenifer Vaad June 8, 2018 1:00 - 2:30 pm

Jenifer will share with us about the history of cattle coming to Colorado, cattle drives and the technology that changed cattle ranching. In addition to the history of Colorado's cattle industry, she will discuss nutrition, sustainability, products beyond meat we obtain from cattle, and much more. Jenifer is a member of the Colorado Cattlewomen in association with the Colorado Foundation for Agriculture which provide agriculture education to teachers in Colorado.



VIRGINIA DALE Overland Stage Station Open House & Western Festival

Friday, June 8, 2017 7-11 pm Western Dance & Pie Auction \$10

Saturday June 9, 2017 9am-4pm Craft show, bake sale, lunch, games, animals & quilt raffle Restoration Dedication 1:00 pm For more information, visit virginiadalecommunityclub.org or call 970-495-1828

BELLVUE, FC WATER WORKS & GRANDVIEW CEMETERY June 20, 2018 - 7:30am - 3:30pm

Tour the site of the first fort in Fort Collins, hear the history of Bellvue and FC Water Works then visit Grandview Cemetery to learn about identities of unknown soldiers.

The first white settlers arrived in the valley soon after Antoine Janis became the first white settler in northern Colorado in 1858. The farm and pasture lands were squatted upon in the two years that followed, so that most was claimed by G.R. Sanderson, one of these first settlers, who built the first irrigation ditch in the county in June 1860. The ditch was the second one constructed in northern Colorado. Sanderson sold his claim to J.H. Yeager in 1864, and the ditch came to be known as the Yeager ditch. Another early settler, Samuel Bingham, settled on the west slope of Bingham Hill in 1860. In 1873, Jacob Flowers arrived in the valley and set up a homestead on a parcel of land he purchased from Joseph Mason. Flowers had migrated westward from Ohio and Missouri after the Civil War and had settled temporarily in Greeley in 1872. The following year, Flowers followed the Poudre upstream and founded the town of "Bellevue" later that year (the name was later shortened). The old Bellvue General Store, is now the meeting house for Cache la Poudre Grange and a community center.

The 1883 **Water Works** was Fort Collins' first public works project. It is located along the foothills west of Fort Collins, where the historic Overland Trail runs through the property. It now boasts 23+ acres, 4 buildings, 2 ditches, vintage apple trees, and more. The original Gothic Revival style pump house is an excellent example of late 19th century industrial architecture. At the time, municipalities often favored picturesque Gothic Revival style public buildings. Few examples remain today.

FORT COLLINS - "To forget the Dead is akin to them dying twice" Identifying unknown soldiers at Grandview Cemetery by Brian Carroll - June 20, 2018 Hear about the effort of the DAR Council Tree Chapter in identifying and memorializing 19 heretofore "unknown soldiers" who died while in service at Fort Collins from 1862 to 1866.

For Info on times & places to meet see Tours & Program on Page 2 - Register on Page 7

RED FEATHER WATER, PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

BY David Frydendall JULY 13 - FRIDAY - 1:00 - 3:00 - RFL Library Join David for a presentation about the water in Red Feather, especially the private lakes in Red Feather area at the POA. There will be a limited space tour after the talk (if you don't fit into the tour, we'll add a second tour at a later date).



ST. WALBURGA ABBEY, VIRGINIA DALE STAGE STATION & PHANTON CANYON RANCH

Wednesday - July 18, 2018 - 9:00am - 3:00pm

The Abbey of St. Walburga is a small community of Benedictine contemplative nuns of the Roman Catholic Church, located in a valley in northern Colorado, where the high plains meet the foothills of the Rocky Mountains. As contemplative nuns, their primary duty for the Church is to pray the full Divine Office. There life of prayer bears fruit in hospitality, providing an opportunity for people to be in an atmosphere where they can find God. All their daily work, whether in direct service to others or undertaken for the financial support of our community by having retreats, raising cattle and farming.

The Virginia Dale stage station was established in 1862 by Jack Slade, former station manager at Julesburg, Colorado, where he famously got into a dispute with Jules Beni. While station master in Julesburg, Slade met and breakfasted with Samuel Clemens, "Mark Twain," and made quite an impression upon Twain. Twain wrote about his encounter with Slade in his 1872 publication "Roughing It."

When Ben Holladay took over the Overland Stage in 1862, he changed the route, taking it south from Julesberg along the South Platte River to Greeley and then up the old Cherokee Trail through Latham, LaPorte, Virginia Dale, Colorado, and into Wyoming.

Virginia Dale was a "home station" on the Overland Trail, meaning that passengers could disembark, get a meal, and stay overnight in a hotel if the stage was delayed by weather or nightfall. Thirty to fifty horses were kept at the station which was located in a pleasant, grassy glade (or "dale") along a clear bubbling stream, later named Dale Creek. Slade probably named the post after his wife Virginia, whose maiden name might have been "Dale."

We will eat lunch at the stage station and then be entertained by many Slade stories and more history of the Virginia Dale stage station which was newly renovated.

Phantom Canyon Ranch - Carl Judson will discuss the history of the Tibbits ranch which he and his wife purchased in 1977. He will explain how he learn from talking to locals about the Tibbits and through research that the first house was settled in 1882 and built a single-story house about 50 yards west of the current home.

Are you new to the area and interested in the History of Red Feather Lakes? Schedule a Program &/or Tour Available upon request:

PowerPoint presentation, walking or driving tours of Red Feather Lakes area by appointment. Must have at least 5 participants.

Cost \$5 per person - Supervised children under 12 free.

To schedule a tour contact Pat Clemens at 970-495-0560 or email info@redfeatherhistoricalsociety.org

RFHS Members & Historians Lost 2017-18

Additional information at redfeatherhistoricalsociety.org

<u>Lifetime Member</u> **Audrey Robinson 1937-2018**

Past Members
Vy Osborne 1932-2018
Byron Swanson 1930-2017
Susan Lehman - 2018

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HISTORY OF CONTEMPORARY GLASS ART BY JON LIEBMAN



Past President, Art Alliance for Contemporary Glass.

August 11, 2018- Saturday at 3:00 - 4:30 pm at the RFL Library

"The Lord's Prayer (not quite) on the Head of a Pin,
and Other Wonders of Contemporary American Studio Glass".

Using as an example a small goblet by American artist Richard Marquis, Jon will talk about the development of the American studio glass movement, which began less than 60 years ago. He will describe some of the techniques, originated centuries ago in Venice and perfected in recent years by Americans such as Marquis, that make elaborate patterning in glass possible.

VEE BAR RANCH & WYOMING TERRITORIAL PRISON STATE HISTORIC SITE TOUR August 15, 2018 - 8:00am - 4:00pm

The Vee Bar Guest Ranch is a family owned dude ranch. In 1994 Lefty Cole and his son, Kelly Cole, purchased the ranch. This family-owned dude ranch had a diverse history. The main lodge was constructed in 1891. It soon became a stage coach stop and post office. More of its recent history includes being a buffalo ranch and a government school for boys.

The Wyoming Territorial Prison was built in 1872 and began accepting prisoners in early 1873. The facility

had problems from the outset, with a fire in 1873 and recurrent jailbreaks. Of the 44 prisoners accepted in the first two years of operation, 11 escaped. By 1877 the prison was overcrowded. As the prison filled, its reputation worsened, and it became less used, being considered more appropriate for those with light sentences. During the 1880s the prison was under capacity, with as few as three prisoners at one time. However, in 1889 a second cellblock was constructed, a expanding capacity to 150 and providing a central kitchen, dining hall, guards' rooms and steam heat. There were at least five cells for female inmates, and several solitary confinement cells. In 1890 Wyoming became a state and the facility was transferred to the new state, which already had planned a new facility in Rawlins. Butch Cassidy was incarcerated here in 1894-1896. Prisoners



were transferred to Rawlins in 1901, The prison was closed in 1903 and given to the University of Wyoming.

THE WOMEN OF RED FEATHER AND AREA BY LUCILLE SCHMITT

September 8, 2018 - 10:00 - 11:30 am in POA

My family moved from Nebraska to a ranch in this area in 1962. I soon became fascinated with area history and started saving all the stories and "Print" I could get my hands on. This program is part of my ongoing effort to preserve this "Stuff" for others who may be interested. Women loom large in this collection and this first program features stories and anecdotes of the earliest. This sampling is meant to be fun and informative with more to follow. Some of the stories will be about Nettie Poor, Elizabeth Akin, Lady Moon, Mildred Dunning, Mary Ross Quaintance, Viola Stevens, Jessie Young, Bonnie Drake, Sparks women, Mahan, Monroe, Swanson, Robinson, and others Your stories and old time memories are welcome.

THE MEADOWS TOUR - September 14, 2018 - Friday - 8:30am - 5:00 pm

Join Debra Hawkins and David Frydendall on the history tour of the Meadow touring sites mentioned in the book. You must have read *The Meadow* by James Galvin to participate (trip will not mean anything without reading the book - Red Feather Library has several copies).

Only 8 vehicles that are 4-wheel or all-wheel drive are allowed on the trip (we will need to car pool to fill all the vehicles). Bring snacks for coffee break & lunch & anything you would like to drink or eat for the day. There are no bathroom facilities on the trip (You will have to tree or bush it). We will be in vehicles most of the time so wear comfortable clothing and shoes. Cost: Members: \$5 each, nonmembers: \$10 each. RFHS members have priority. Register on Page 7 - RSVP by September 2, 2017.

For info on times & places to meet see Tours & Programs on Page 2 - Register on Page 7

New to the RFHS Website

redfeatherhistoricalsociety.org
Webmaster - Gordon Nuttall

You can now shop for memberships, tours, programs, and products on the RFHS website.

- Click on the Shop menu at top-right, choose the item you want to purchase, and pay using credit card, PayPal, check, or cash on delivery.
- Products include the RFHS books and postcards and Flip-Pal mobile scanner.
- Order Rada anytime online

For example, to sign up for a tour, select the Tours 2018 product, select the tour you want in the option dropdown, Add to Cart, and then Proceed to checkout. Fill out that form and Place Order. Once payment is received, you will receive an order confirmation email.

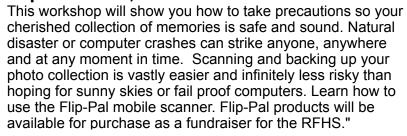
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Mark Your Calendar for 2018 for Craft Fairs in Red Feather Lakes Red Feather Days July 7 Fire Days September 1 Greening of Red Feather Dec. 1 & 2

September is Save Your Photo's Month **Save Your Photos**September 22, 2018









Do you have historic pictures and stories of buildings or people in the Red Feather or surrounding area?

Share them with the Red Feather Historical Society



HISTORIC SITE RAFFLE CABIN 1928-2018

NEW HISTORIC SITES

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.

Info on RFHS website
http://redfeatherhistoricalsociety.org/ or contact
info@redfeatherhistoricalsociety.org

HISTORIC SITE LOX CURRY RANCH Early1900'S



"One of the greatest things you can give us is your TIME!"

"There is no "I" in Team, but we sure are glad there is "u" in our volunteers!"
Red Feather Historical Society wants to thank all the outstanding volunteers who have
helped this past year. RFHS could not exist without your help.

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COMPLETE FORMS BELOW PAY ALL WITH ONE CHECK - MEMBERSHIP - TOURS - DINNER MEMBERSHIP IS FROM JUNE 1st to MAY 31st of the following year

RED FEATHER HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP FORM			
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DINNER, TOURS & PROGRAMS REGISTRATION FORM			
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MEMBERSHIP 6/1/18 TO 5/31/19 CATEGORY		#MembersTotal Amount	
June 1 - DINNER RESERVATION \$20		#AttendingTotal Amount	
June 8 - Program - Cattle in Colorado History		#Attending FREE	
June 20 - Tour - Bellvue, Waterworks \$10 Member \$15 Nonmembers		#AttendingTotal Amount	
July 13 - Program - Red Feather Water Past, Present & Future		#Attending FREE	
July 18 - St. Walburga Abbey & Virginia Dale \$10 Member \$15 Nonmembers #AttendingTotal Amount			
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