



## RED FEATHER HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL DINNER

June 7, 2019

Friday 5:00-9:00 pm

BEAVER MEADOWS RESORT PAVILION

100 Beaver Meadows Pl, 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

Trisha & David Ferlic

BRING ON THE LAUGHTER

Make Your Reservation by sending a  
check payable to RFHS

by May 24, 2019

or order by using the RFHS website  
shop menu to pay by credit card

[redfeatherhistoricalsociety.org/shop/](http://redfeatherhistoricalsociety.org/shop/)

Click on Purchase, then click the Annual Meeting icon.

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### Red Feather Historical Society Board of Directors

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### VOLUNTEER

RF Historical Society  
NEEDS YOU!!!!  
SIGN UP ON  
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Laughter is not at all a bad beginning for a  
friendship, and it is far the best ending for one.

Oscar Wilde

**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.**

For payment by check, reservations form on page 7.

For payment by credit card visit website <http://redfeatherhistoricalsociety.org/>

For more information contact Pat at 970-495-0560 or [info@redfeatherhistoricalsociety.org/](mailto:info@redfeatherhistoricalsociety.org/)

**June 7, Friday, 5:00 - 9:00 pm - Historical Society Annual Dinner - at Beaver Meadows Resort Pavilion - Info on page 1. Cost \$20.00 per person. RSVP by May 24**

**\*June 14 - Friday - 3:00 pm - US Forest Service in Red Feather Lakes - Past History & Future Meet in the RFL Library Stenzel room - Free - Info on page 3. RSVP by June 12**

**June 19, Wednesday, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm - Morning Fresh Dairy/Pleasant Valley School Tour & Horsetooth Reservoir Meet at Glacier View Gate 8 at 8:45 am. Bring water, sack lunch, sunscreen, wear hat and good walking shoes. Info on page 3. Cost is \$10 for RFHS members, \$15 for nonmembers. RSVP by June 16**

**July 17, Wednesday, 8:30 am - 3:00 pm - History of Wellington & Historic Bender Farm Meet at Glacier View Gate 8 at 8:30 am. Bring water, sack lunch, sunscreen, wear hat and good walking shoes. Info on page 4. Cost is \$10 for RFHS members, \$15 for nonmembers. RSVP by July 14**

**\*July 20, Saturday - 3:00 pm "Artistry in Stone" The Colorado Alabaster Industry by Jason Marmor - Meet at the RFL Library Stenzel room - Free - Info on page 4. RSVP by July 18**

**\*August 6 - Tuesday, 11:00 - 1:30 pm - History of Contemporary Glass Art by Jon Liebman - Meet in the RFL POA room - Free - Info on page 5. RSVP by August 3rd**

**\*August 10 - Saturday, 2:00pm - Ancient Native American History of Red Feather Lakes and the Larimer County Foothills by Jason LaBelle - Meet in the RFL Library Stenzel room - Free - Info on page 5. RSVP by August 8**

**August 21, Wednesday, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm - Soapstone Homesteading & Lindenmeier Site - Meet at Glacier View Office, Gate 8 at 8:00 am. Bring water, sunscreen, sack lunch, wear hat and good walking shoes. Info on page 5. Cost is \$10 for RFHS members, \$15 for nonmembers. RSVP by August 16**

**\*September 14, Saturday, 10:00 - 11:30 am - Historic Women of Red Feather Program by Lucille Schmitt Meet in the RFL Library Stenzel room - Free - Info on page 5. RSVP by September 12th**

**September 20, Friday, 8:30 am - 5:00 pm - The Meadows Tour by Debra Hawkins & David Frydendall 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 5. Cost for RFHS members \$10 nonmembers \$15 - RSVP by September 17**

**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.**

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**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 Meeting Speakers****Trisha & David Ferlic  
Bring on the Laughter**

No matter how it's expressed, laughter is a universal language that enriches life: physically, emotionally, mentally and spiritually. Trisha Ferlic and David Ferlic, Ed.D., began sharing laughter therapy with Colorado residents in 1998. The internationally certified laughter therapists formed Laughter SmileHi nine years later to help Denver residents experience the value of laughter and incorporate it into their lives daily. Trisha and David are the new owners of the RFL Historic Post Office. ***Laughter does not require a reason. It can be done anytime, anywhere, with a group or alone. Laughter can be silent, ludicrous, silly and definitely contagious.***

RFHS Program - June 14 - Friday - 3:00 pm -

**US Forest Service in Red Feather Lakes Past History and Present Challenges of by Ray Mehaffey, Dennis Lynch and Reghan Cloudman**

Ray and Dennis started at Roosevelt in the supervisor's office from 1962-63 and then moved into numerous positions. Dennis served as a district ranger for the state forest service in land management and teaching forestry at CSU. Ray served as assistant district ranger in RFL about 1953-1968. In 1976 he worked at the Colorado State Forest Service as the district forester for Larimer and Weld County's where he served for 20 year.

Reghan Cloudman is the Public Affairs Specialist for the Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests and Pawnee National Grassland. She has worked in the Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests and Pawnee National Grassland since July 2002, starting first in the Supervisor's Office and then moving to the Canyon Lakes Ranger District. She does public affairs work, which includes media relations, public involvement and notifications, social media, and issues management.

**VIRGINIA DALE  
Overland Stage Station  
Open House & Western  
Festival**

Friday, June 7, 2019, 7-11 pm  
Western Dance & Pie Auction  
\$10

Saturday, June 8, 2019 9am-4pm

Craft show, bake sale, lunch,  
games & quilt raffle

Highlights of Historic Figures

For more information, visit  
[virginiadalecommunityclub.org](http://virginiadalecommunityclub.org)  
or call 970-495-1828 or  
970-568-7646

**RFHS TOUR - Wednesday - June 19, 2019****MORNING FRESH DAIRY FARM & PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL  
& HISTORY OF HORSETOOTH RESERVOIR**

Join a guided tour to see the crops grown on the farm, learn about dairy farming and meet cows and calves, all in the scenic setting of Pleasant Valley at the mouth of the Poudre Canyon. We will then proceed to Horsetooth Reservoir where Jeff Stahla will tell us about the history.



**Morning Fresh Dairy Farm** is a fifth-generation dairy farm located in the beautiful Pleasant Valley in Bellvue, Colorado. Owned and operated by the Graves family since 1894. The dairy raises its own cows which are not injected with hormones and grows its own alfalfa without pesticides.

Built in 1879 the **Pleasant Valley Schoolhouse #7** is the only remaining stone schoolhouse in Larimer County. In 2003 Sherry Graves succeeded in having the schoolhouse added to the National Register of Historic Places.



Jeff Stahla, Public Information Coordinator of the Northern Water Conservancy District, will talk to us about **Horsetooth Reservoir**. Construction began in 1946 and was complete in 1949. The reservoir began storing water in January 1951. The first water releases were made to the Poudre River in July 1951. The reservoir takes its name from Horsetooth Mountain, a summit in the foothills west of the southern end of the reservoir.

The town of Stout existed under parts of Horsetooth Reservoir near Fort Collins. It derived its income from sandstone quarries during the 1880s and 1890s. Many of the sidewalks in Denver, Omaha and Lincoln were made of Stout sandstone. The Chicago World's Fair buildings (1893) also were built of sandstone from the Colorado town. The Colorado and Southern Railroad ended its northern terminal at the town. The buildings of the town were built of the sandstone. Many of them dated back to 1880, some even earlier. The town became a ghost town and for 25 years lay in crumbling ruins.

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

**RFHS TOUR - Wednesday - July 17, 2019**  
**“EXPLORING THE ORIGINS & EARLY HISTORY OF WELLINGTON**  
**& HISTORIC BENDER FARM**

**Ron Sladek of Tatanka Historical Associates**

will lead a walking tour of historic Wellington where we will see some of the more interesting buildings, plus he will talk about how the town was founded.

Wellington was named after Charles Wellington, who was the traffic manager for the Colorado & Southern Railway in 1902 and was incorporated in 1905. Many of the buildings on Cleveland Avenue date back to the town's founding. The community was largely agricultural, with sugar beets being the major crop. Many of the settlers were Germans



**Bender Family Centennial Farm 115 years old**

We will visit the Bender farm which was awarded the Centennial Farm designation from the Colorado Historical Society and the Colorado Department of Agriculture in 2004. Ralph Bender will talk about the history of farming where the crops varied from sugar beets, alfalfa, pinto beans and various grains. The farm is now farmed through share arrangements with a neighbor farmer.

**RFHS Program - July 20 - 3:00 pm - RFL Library Stenzel Room**  
**“ARTISTRY IN STONE” THE COLORADO ALABASTER INDUSTRY**

**by Jason Marmor.**

Jason Marmor is a professional historian who has lived in Colorado (Larimer County) since 1992. He currently serves as Senior Historian for CDOT Region 4 where he is responsible for historic preservation regulatory compliance for transportation projects in 13 counties in northeastern and eastern Colorado. In his prior life as a historic preservation consultant, Jason was intrigued by mentions of alabaster mining in Fort Collins city directories and in one project he documented the vacant home and roadside alabaster stand in Loveland formerly occupied by the Proctor family, whose legacy is now displayed in the Loveland

Museum and Gallery. Wanting to preserve its history, Jason embarked on a many-years-long obsession to uncover the history of this fascinating, obscure and innovative industry.”



ALABASTER ART SHOP - CARO. E. ROBERTS - LA PORTE, COLO. 1972

**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](mailto:info@redfeatherhistoricalsociety.org)

**RFHS Members &**  
**Historians Lost**  
**2018-19**

Additional information at  
[redfeatherhistoricalsociety.org](http://redfeatherhistoricalsociety.org)

**Lifetime Member**

Nick Philips 1926-2018

**Members & Past Members**

Virginia Jefferson  
 Vy Osborne 1932-2018  
 Bernie Shima 1934-2018

**Historians**

Carol and Charley Arent  
 Lynn Fey

*Everybody laughs the same in every language because  
 laughter is a universal connection. Yakov Smirnoff*

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**August 6, 2019 - Tuesday - 11:00am -1:00pm at the RFL POA**  
**HISTORY OF CONTEMPORARY GLASS ART BY JON LIEBMAN**



Past President, Art Alliance for Contemporary Glass.

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

**PROGRAM - August 10, 2019 - Saturday - 2:00pm - RFL Library Stenzel Room**

**ANCIENT NATIVE AMERICAN HISTORY OF RFL & LARIMER COUNTY FOOTHILLS**

Dr. Jason LaBelle’s talk, illustrated with PowerPoint slides, will discuss the ancient Native American history of northern Larimer County, beginning some 13,000 years ago, as seen through the eyes of an archaeologist.

He will be discussing the history of archaeological research in the area, by both professional and amateur archaeologists alike, and how much of this record has been discovered by landowners in their own backyards and fields. He will review the cultural chronology, as well as talk about the types of sites in the area, such as bison kills, rock shelters and caves, rock art, tipi rings, pottery, among other interesting finds. He would be more than happy to look at any collections of artifacts that you might have from the area surrounding Red Feather Lakes and Livermore.

**RFHS TOUR - Wednesday - August 21, 2019**

**SOAPSTONE PRAIRIE HOMESTEADING & LINDENMEIER SITE**

**With Brian Carroll**

Brian will discuss the diverse human history at Soapstone Prairie - exceeding 12,000 years - from Paleolndians of the Ice Age to millennia of American Indian groups, to more than a century of homesteaders and cattle and sheep ranchers. We will visit the Guy homestead site and discuss Soapstone bison. After lunch Brian will talk about the Smithsonian Institution discoveries at the Lindenmeier Site which is a National Historic Landmark. Excavations in the 1930s by the Smithsonian and Colorado Museum of Natural History conclusively dated human habitation in North America to at least 10,000 years ago and gave new insights into the Folsom culture. Needles, beads and stone tools were found, making the site the most extensive Folsom culture campsite yet found.

**PROGRAM - September 14 - Saturday - 10:00-11:30am - RFL Library Stenzel Room**

**THE WOMEN OF RED FEATHER AND AREA BY LUCILLE SCHMITT**

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 including many women not included in the first presentation and an expansion of women mentioned last year. The sampling is meant to be fun and informative with more to follow. Part 2

*Your stories and old time memories are welcome.*

**THE MEADOWS TOUR - September 20, 2019 - 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.

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**About the RFHS Website**

[redfeatherhistoricalsociety.org](http://redfeatherhistoricalsociety.org)  
 Webmaster - Gordon Nuttall

You can use your credit card for purchases on the RFHS website.

- Click on the Purchase menu at top-right, choose the items you want to purchase, and pay using credit card, PayPal, check or cash on delivery.
- You can sign up for dinners, tours and programs.
- You can make donations and become a member.
- Products include the RFHS books, postcards, Rada cutlery and Flip-Pal mobile scanner.

For example, to sign up for a tour, select the Tours 2019 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.

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

- Rada Cutlery and Kitchen Tools
- RFHS Cookbook
- “Red Feather the first hundred years” Postcards & Cards
- Flip-Pal Mobile Scanner
- Mark Your Calendar for 2019 for Craft Fairs where we will be selling our merchandise.
- Red Feather Craft Fair - July 6
- Fire Days - August 31
- Greening of Red Feather Dec. 7 & 8

**Whats going on at the**

**Robinson Cabin Historic Museum?**

Our outdoor landscaping plan is finally happening. A fence is up and historical farming, mining and logging equipment donated by local families in the area will be placed around the area this summer. Check out the website for what is happening at the Robinson Cabin. <https://redfeatherhistoricalsociety.org/local-histories/rfhs-museum/>



**Did you ever wonder about some of the buildings and their history in the RFL Village?**

A new project for Red Feather Lakes by the Red Feather Historical is to have signs on historic buildings followed by a pamphlet for a walking historic tour. Project projected to be completed by 2021.

**Help us preserve history in RFL by sharing your historic pictures and stories of buildings or people in the Red Feather or surrounding area with the Red Feather Historical Society**

**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. Check it out on our website at <https://redfeatherhistoricalsociety.org/local-histories/site-signage/>

**HISTORIC SITE**  
**RAFFLE CABIN**

1928-2018

Cabin was built by Dick Burns in 1928 and raffled in 1950. It was purchased by Loyd and Laurene Swope in the 1990's and has been in the family since.



David and Susan Alexander, the current owners, purchased the cabin in 2005 from Susan's parents.

Designated by Red Feather Historical Society

**HILLTOP INN**

BUILT IN 1939

located in Red Feather Lakes



First owners were Fern & Roscoe Radcliff of Holyoke, Colo. Built by them along with Vera & Dorothy Hoggett (a daughter & husband of the Radcliff's) currently owned and used by members of the Hoggett Family Trust.

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**HISTORIC CONSERVATION**  
**CORPS OFFICERS' CABIN**

Built in 1939 by the Conservation Corps  
 Solid hand-hewn logs on a stone/rock foundation



Designated by Red Feather Historical Society

**“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 TO PAY BY CHECK OR VISIT WEBSITE  
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**

**Please complete the following fields:**

**Name:**

**Address (summer):**

**City:**

**State:**

**ZIP Code:**

**Phone Number:**

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**City:**

**State:**

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**Phone Number:**

**Email (for business purposes only):**

**MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES**

- Individual \$15
- Senior Citizens (50 or over) \$10
- Active Family (two votes) \$35
- Commercial \$50
- Supporting \$100
- Life \$1,000

**All Donations Welcome**

For more information please contact:

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Mail all payments to -**

**Red Feather Historical Society  
P.O. Box 565  
Red Feather Lakes, CO 80545**

**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
- Historian (Organize/Catalog Historic Materials)
- 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)
- Photographer - Tour and special events
- Website (write and /or submit articles)

**DINNER, TOURS & PROGRAMS REGISTRATION FORM**

Prices cover Museums, Donations and Expenses

MEMBERSHIP 6/1/19 TO 5/31/20 CATEGORY _____	#Members ____ Total Amount ____
June 7 - DINNER RESERVATION \$20	#Attending ____ Total Amount ____
June 14 - Program - US Forest Service in Red Feather Lakes	#Attending ____ FREE
June 19 - Tour - Dairy, School & Reservoir \$10 Member \$15 Nonmembers	#Attending ____ Total Amount ____
July 17 - Tour - Wellington & Bender Farm \$10 Member \$15 Nonmembers	#Attending ____ Total Amount ____
July 20 - Program - "Artistry in Stone" The Colorado Alabaster Industry	#Attending ____ FREE
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August 21 - Tour - Soapstone& Lindenmier \$10 Member \$15 Nonmembers	#Attending ____ Total Amount ____
September 14 - Program - Women of Red Feather	#Attending ____ FREE
September 20 - Tour - The Meadows \$10 Member \$15 Non-members	#Attending ____ Total Amount ____



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**ANNUAL MEETING  
JUNE 7, 2019**



**RED FEATHER HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

*Serving Red Feather Lakes, Crystal Lakes, Glacier View, Livermore and Surrounding Area  
In the state of COLORADO*

**TO PRESERVE OUR HISTORY FOR THE FUTURE**