

Red Feather Historical Society Gazette

Welcome, Explore, and Connect with Local History

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June 4, 2020 - Thursday - Time 7:00 pm
The RFHS Board voted to cancel the annual dinner meeting and have a Zoom webinar since your safety is upmost important to us. Agenda will include

- 1. Reading & approval of minutes 2019 annual meeting
- 2. Budget report & budget for 2020-21 Voting
- 3. Board member Elections
- Newsletter references

Join the Zoom webinar by one of these 3 methods:

- 1. Pasting this into your web browser: https://zoom.us/j/9195783616.
- 2. Running the app. Meeting ID is 9195783616. A password is not required
- 3. Telephone: 1-669-900-6833. Enter the meeting ID. You do not need to enter a participant ID.

For more information and tips about using Zoom, visit https://tinyurl.com/y977gxz4

RFHS ACHIEVEMENT 2019-20

- Printed 1,900 newsletters and mailed to 80536 & 80545 zip codes via bulk mail and sent holiday newsletter to RFHS members.
- · 149 members joined.
- · Offered four historic tours of the area.
- · Partnered with RFL Library on 5 programs.
- Updated the RFHS website <u>redfeatherhistoricalsociety.org</u>. with the addition of new histories on Fox Acres History, Forest Service Oral History & Post Office award with documentation and updated historical information.
- Presented Red Feather history to different historic organizations with PowerPoint presentations and tours.
- Continued selling our merchandise at 3 local craft fairs and sponsored the Greening of Red Feather craft fair.
- Worked on Robinson Cabin landscape plan, completing a retaining wall and some historic equipment pads.
- Completed 4 historic site signs for Red Feather Lakes Village walking tour.
- Worked on the republishing of the 3rd edition of Red Feather Lakes the first hundred years 1871-1971 book.

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Red Feather Historical Society Board of Directors

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Thanks to John Reid & Alison
Hickok for serving on the
RFHS Board and our
volunteers who helped to
make 2019-20 a great year.
Volunteer Opportunities for
2020-21 on page 7.

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 2020 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/

ALL TOURS AND PROGRAMS ARE SUBJECT TO STATE & LARIMER COUNTY RULES SOCIAL DISTANCING AND MASKS WILL BE REQUIRED FOR ALL TOURS & PROGRAMS "ONE WORLD TOGETHER"

June 4 - Thursday - 7:00pm - Historical Society Annual Meeting Via Zoom Webinar - Info on page 1.

VIRGINIA DALE Overland Stage Station Open House canceled due to the COVID-19 For more information, visit virginiadalecommunityclub.org or call 970-495-1828 or 970-568-7646.

- June 9 Tuesday 10:00 am "History Lost History Saved" via Zoom with Kenneth Jessen Free Program and how to do Zoom Info on page 3. RSVP by June 5 with your email.
- June 17 Wednesday 10:00 am 2:00 pm <u>HISTORIC RED FEATHER AND AREA DRIVING TOUR</u>
 Meet at the Robinson Cabin. Bring face masks, water, sack lunch, sunscreen, wear hat and good walking shoes. Limit 10 cars, 20 participants. Info on page 3. Cost is \$10 for RFHS members only <u>RSVP by</u> June 15.
- July 15 Wednesday ROADSIDE GEOLOGY DRIVING TOUR BY MARGIE CASWELL 8:30 am 3:00 pm 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 5. Cost is \$10 for RFHS members only Limit 10 cars, 20 participants
- July Program Listen to Fort Collins history Podcast series "The Way It Was" by Erin Udell at your leisure. Free using your Podcast icon or google the Podcast and download app.
- *August 15 Saturday <u>Jack Van Ens Thomas Jefferson re-enactment:</u> this year, The Political Relationship of Jefferson (decentralized governing) and Abigail Adams (wife of second President John Adams) proponent of centralized governing. Meet in the RFL POA Building Free **Info on page 5**.
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- *August 22 Saturday 2:00 3:00 PM Jason Marmor "Alabaster in Northern Colorado" (slideshow) Meet in the RFL POA Building Free Info on page 5.

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.

Due to the virus and limits on tours, all tours are limited to members only.

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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.



RFHS Zoom Program "History Lost - History Saved" June 9 - Tuesday - 10:00 am

Using many images in PowerPoint, "History Lost - History Saved" has a multitude of examples of how, in Larimer County, we have saved many historic structures, but also lost a few. Included are early log buildings such as Auntie Stone's cabin in Library Park, Enos Mills cabin outside of Estes Park and the 1873 Pinewood School saved by the property owner. Those that we have lost include the Rustic Hotel on Colorado 14, the entire town of Manhattan, the Douty Mill in St. Louis outside of Loveland and the buildings at Namaqua, the area's first settlement. Through grants and volunteer effort, the Virginia Dale stage station, built in 1862, was restored and is still in use. The Eggers School was saved by former students.

Bio: Kenneth Jessen is in his sixth year teaching adult education for Colorado State University and up until recently, has contributed a weekly history column for the Loveland Reporter-Herald. Jessen also lectures for a wide variety of organizations and is now presenting his information online.

ZOOM INFORMATION

Zoom, a utility needs to be downloaded under " Zoom.us." It only takes a couple of minutes. Everyone should have a laptop & PC with a camera and a microphone. This is fun, and I ask for questions and it becomes interactive with people participating. Once I set it up, I will need an email list and an invitation will be sent out. As the meeting time approaches, users simple click on the link to "enter" the meeting

Gordon's tips for using Zoom:

- Install and do a test run of the app beforehand. Check the video. It takes a minute or two to download. Available for Mac, Windows and mobile/tablet (iOS and Android) https://zoom.us/support/download
- If asked, allow the app to access the microphone and camera. On Mac you might need to change the security settings.
- You can join with, or without video. Computer audio works well as long as you are in a quiet room.
- Hover over the lower row of the screen to show the controls. Audio, Video, Chat, etc.
- I prefer the matrix view rather than speaker view. Choose that in the top-right corner.
- It gives better video if you have the light source behind the computer (with the light on your face) rather than behind you. If you have a window behind you, close the curtains to block the light.
- It also helps to put the camera at eye level. That usually means raising up your computer 6-8".
- If you have limited internet access, turn off wifi on the other devices and computers in the house.
- Sometimes Zoom will lose the connection but is good at reconnecting. Be patient and don't exit the app.

RFHS TOUR - Wednesday - June 17, 2020 HISTORIC RED FEATHER AND AREA DRIVING TOUR

You will see historic sites and history inside your car using remote speaker access if social distancing is still in effect. All equipment will be sanitized with instructions on their use. Included in the tour will be a historic site map and remote receiver to be returned at the end of the tour.

RSVP by June 15. Limit 10 cars.







RFHS TOUR - PHANTOM CANYON PRESERVE - THE NATURE CONSERVANCY WALKING TOUR - Wednesday - July 15, 2020



The Nature Conservancy's Phantom Canyon Preserve represents an increasingly rare commodity in Colorado; an unfragmented Front Range land case and the Lathnact translation from the Great Plains into the Rocky Monta is a latenated and over 600 an impressive diversity of wildlife, more than 200 species of birds and over 600 species of plants. The Preserve harbors 1,120 acres of rugged granite canyon country carved by seven miles of the North Fork of the Cache La Poudre River, which flows through the Preserve. You will participate in a walking guided tour and experience several treats of nature.

RED FEATHER LAKES POST OFFICE AWARD

David Ferlic contacted History Colorado to apply for historical status of the Red Feather Lakes Post Office. After initially applying and being accepted for historical status, the historical society suggested contacting CSU's Dr. Payne to pursue the rather lengthy and tedious process. They enthusiastically accepted. You can find the report on the RFHS website at https://redfeatherhistoricalsociety.org/local-historic-local-sites/rfl-post-office/



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 our on our website at https://redfeatherhistoricalsociety.org/local-histories/site-signage/

The Coloradoan's history podcast is back for 2020 Fort Collins history Podcast series "The Way It Was" by Erin Udell Listen via computer or phone using a podcast app

The Life and Times of Polly Brinkhoff
The Holiday Twin Drive-In
The Tale of Annie the railroad dog
'The mother of all pandemics'

Just to mention a few of the 25 podcasts

RFHS Members & Historians Lost 2019-20

Additional information at redfeatherhistoricalsociety.org
Members & Past Members

Dave Doft
Lynn Fey
Herb Johnson
Bernie Shima

Are you new to the area and interested in the History of Red Feather Lakes? Schedule a Program &/or Driving Tour with remote receivers 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

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

PROGRAM - August 15, 2020

Jack Van Ens - Thomas Jefferson re-enactment:

"Thomas Jefferson's Rocky Relationship with Abigail Adams"

"Abigail Adams displayed strengths that qualify her as the most gifted of the Founding Mothers. She advocated women's rights, rarely wavered from strong convictions, wrote memorable prose and was a fair match for Thomas Jefferson's soaring intellect. Find out why she 'didn't suffer fools gladly,' including Jefferson, He will unpack his complicated relationship with Abigail and reveal why it burned hot, then turned frosty, before warming again in their sunset years."

RFHS TOUR - Wednesday - August 19, 2020 ROADSIDE GEOLOGY DRIVING TOUR BY MARGIE CASWELL

Margie will lead us on a driving tour of the geology in the area including Owl Canyon, McNey Hill, Eagle's Nest, Turkey Roost and other sites in the area. You will be able to identify the variety of minerals and rocks. A PowerPoint presentation before the tour will be considered unless social distancing is still in effect. If in effect we will be using remote receivers and wearing masks.









RFHS Program - August 22, 2020 - 2:00 pm RFL Library Stenzel Room "ARTISTRY IN STONE" THE COLORADO ALABASTER

"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."

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About the RFHS Website

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 tours and programs.
- You can make donations and become a member.
- · Products include the RFHS books, postcards, Rada cutlery

For example, to sign up for a tour, select the Tours 2020 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

Mark Your Calendar for 2020 For Craft Fairs where we will be selling our merchandise. Red Feather Craft Fair - July 4 Fire Days - September 5th Greening of Red Feather Dec. 5 & 6

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

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 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 Society is to have signs on historic buildings followed by a pamphlet for a historic walking tour. The following signs are to be in place this summer.

Project projected to be completed by 2021.



RED FEATHER LAKES VILLAGE
HISTORIC WALKING TOUR

Red Feather Lakes Early Post Office
Built in the 1920's

Designated by Red Feather Historical





Red Feather Lakes Trading Post
Built in the 1924

Designated by Red Feather Historical

"To serve is beautiful, but only if it is done with joy and a whole heart & a free mind." Pearl S. Buck 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 the form below to pay by check. Use the website to pay by credit card" for membership & tours 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:	
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Address (winter): City:	State:	ZIP Code:	
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MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES	RFHS NEEDS YOU!		
Individual \$15	WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO BE AN		
Senior Citizens (50 or over) \$10	EFFECTIVE ORGANIZATION PLEASE CHECK YOUR INTERESTS BELOW		
☐ Active Family (two votes) \$35	Board Member (serve a 2-year term)		
Commercial \$50		Cutlery & Merchandise Sales (set up, take	
Supporting \$100	I I	down, sell, inventory and ordering)	
Life \$1,000	│	(grant searching and writing)	
All Donations Welcome	│	ng of Red Feather Craft Fair	
Pay online at https://	- ☐ Historia	Historian (Organize/Catalog Historic Materials)	
redfeatherhistoricalsociety.org/product/	Archivi	Archiving/Preservation(preserving photos)	
membership/ Or	Historical Story Teller (Local History,		
		re-enactors, personal antidotes)	
Make check payable to RFHS Mail all payments to - Red Feather Historical Society	☐ Landso	☐ Landscape Plan - helping	
P.O. Box 565	Robins	Robinson Cabin (hosting & preservation)	
Red Feather Lakes, CO 80545	☐ Tours and Trips (set up/lead a tour or trip)		
For more information please contact:	1 —		
Pat Clemens 970-495-0560 or		Photographer - Tour and special events	
info@redfeatherhistoricalsociety.org/	websit	e/Newsletter (write & submit articles)	
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August 22 - Program - "Artistry in Stone" The Colorado Alabaster Industry #Attending ____ FREE



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ANNUAL MEETING JUNE 4, 2020



RED FEATHER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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In the state of COLORADO

TO PRESERVE OUR HISTORY FOR THE FUTURE