



Red Feather Historical Society Gazette

Welcome, Explore, and Connect with Local History

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**ALL RFHS EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO STATE & LARIMER COUNTY
RULES - SOCIAL DISTANCING & MASKS WILL BE REQUIRED**

You are invited to join RFHS **PICNIC** at RFL Community Park Sponsored by Lions Club & Annual Meeting



June 4, 2021 Friday 5-8pm

5:00 PM - Picnic and games

**Bring your picnic or order something from
local food truck or restaurants.**

Participate in games or just socialize with others



7:00 PM - Annual Meeting in POA
Approval of 2020 annual meeting minutes
Budget report & budget for 2021-22
Voting Board member - Elections
General announcements

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Red Feather Historical Society Board of Directors

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- **Director:** (Opening)

RFHS ACHIEVEMENTS 2020-21

- Printed 1,500 newsletters and mailed to 80536 & 80545 zip codes via bulk mail and sent holiday newsletter to RFHS members.
- 120 members joined with several donations.
- Offered two historic tours of the area, had one Zoom & one in-person program.
- Partnered with RFL Library on one program.
- Updated the RFHS website redfeatherhistoricalsociety.org with the addition of tours, activities and pictures.
- All craft fairs were canceled and merchandise was sold online.
- Worked on Robinson Cabin landscape plan, completing historic equipment pads, walking path and seeding.
- Completed all historic site signs for Red Feather Lakes Village walking tour with a walking tour map and histories.
- Republished the 3rd edition of *Red Feather Lakes the first hundred years 1871-1971*.

**Thanks to the RFHS
board members for all
they did to help make
2020-21 a great year.**

**Volunteer Opportunities
for 2021-22 on page 7.**

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

**RED FEATHER HISTORICAL SOCIETY
2021 SUMMER TOURS & PROGRAMS*****Co-Sponsored with the RFL Library & RF Historical Society**

For payment by check, see 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 & PROGRAMS ARE SUBJECT TO STATE, LARIMER COUNTY & CD RULES & GUIDELINES - SOCIAL DISTANCING & MASKS WILL BE REQUIRED FOR ALL TOURS & PROGRAMS - YOU MAY CAR POOL IF YOU FEEL SAFE & COMFORTABLE DOING SO****June 4 - Thursday - 5:00 - 7:00pm - RF HISTORICAL SOCIETY PICNIC, SOCIAL, GAMES & ANNUAL MEETING - Info on page 1.****June 16 - Wednesday - 8:30 am - 3:00 pm - GEOLOGY TOUR & ROBERTS RANCH - Meet at Glacier View Office, Gate 8 at 8:30 am. Bring water, sunscreen, sack lunch, wear hat and wear hiking boots. Info on page 3 - Cost is \$10 for RFHS members only - Limit 10 cars.****June 22 - 7:00 pm - Zoom Program - PANDEMICS HISTORY IN COLORADO by Historic Larimer County - Check out History Now for other programs and events. Info on page 3.****July 21 - Wednesday - 9:30 am - 3:00 pm PHANTOM CANYON NATURE CONSERVANCY WALKING TOUR This tour may be canceled depending on directives having a tour due to the Pandemic. Priority will be give to those who signed up and paid last year if they rejoin. Meet at Glacier View Office, Gate 8 at 9:30 am. Bring water, sunscreen, sack lunch, wear hat and hiking boots. Info on page 4. Tour \$10 - money will be collected on the tour due to limited reservations available - Limit 7 cars, IF CANCELED A SUBSTITUTE TOUR WILL BE PROVIDED****August 18 - Wednesday - 8:30 am - 3:00 pm - HISTORIC TOUR OF MISHAWAKA, LUNCH & HISTORIC SITES IN LOWER POUDRE CANYON - Meet at Glacier View Office, Gate 8 at 8:30 am. Bring water, sunscreen, wear hat and good walking shoes. Info on page 5 - Cost is \$10 (Lunch not included) for RFHS members only - Limit 10 cars.*****August 21 - Saturday - 10:00 - 11:30 am - "THE COLORADO ALABASTER INDUSTRY" by Jason Marmor (slideshow) Meet in the RFL POA Building - Free - Info on page 5.****August 21 - Saturday 1:00-8:00 pm - LIVERMORE HALL SUMMER CELEBRATION - Info on Page 6**

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.
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 TOUR - Wednesday - June 16, 2021
GEOLOGY DRIVING & HIKING TOUR ROBERTS RANCH
With Margie & Larry Caswell & D. L. Roberts**

Margie and Larry will lead us on a tour of the geology in the area including McNey Hill, Eagle's Nest and Owl Canyon. D. L. Roberts will lead us on a hike into the Roberts Ranch where you will see Teepee Rings and Signature Rock plus many geology sites. You will be able to see and identify a variety of geologic formations, minerals and rocks on this tour.

Roberts family settled on this land in 1874 two years before Colorado was a state. Roberts Ranch is an American icon - a remnant of the days when one could strike out on his own in an effort to claim a piece of land out of sheer will and fortitude. Home to a working cattle ranch of 17,000 acres, the ranch has belonged to the Roberts family since they settled on the property, and it represents a dying breed of private land stewards with a conservation easements which mean it will remain open space in perpetuity. It is now in a charitable trust.



**History of Epidemics and Pandemics in
Northern Colorado
By Historic Larimer County
Zoom Program
June 22, 2021
7:00 pm**

The program covers the span of time from the historic Native tribes up to the present time with a special focus on the Influenza Pandemic of 1918-1920.

**RFHS Members, past members &
historians lost 2020-21**

Additional information at
redfeatherhistoricalsociety.org

**Ralph Hinst, Larry Hutchins, Nan Raybuck,
Judith Toliver & Eleanor Wyatt**

**We will miss you for all your
untold stories**

CHECK IT OUT



**FOR HISTORY & HERITAGE EVENTS IN
NORTHERN COLORADO
ZOOM PROGRAMS & MORE INFO ON**

History Now



meg@northerncoloradohistory.com

**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**

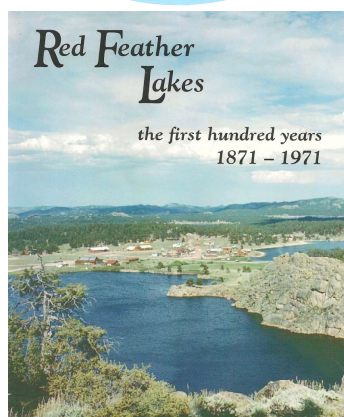


For info on times & places to meet see
Tours & Program on Page 2 - Register on Page 7

RFHS TOUR - PHANTOM CANYON NATURE CONSERVANCY WALKING TOUR - Wednesday - July 21, 2021 - Only a few spots still available



The Nature Conservancy's Phantom Canyon Preserve represents an increasingly rare commodity in Colorado; an unfragmented Front Range landscape and the last intact transition from the Great Plains into the Rocky Mountains. The Preserve is a refuge for 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 sites of nature.



Are you new to the area and interested in the History of Red Feather Lakes?

Schedule a Program and/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

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 2021

For Craft Fairs where we will be selling our merchandise.

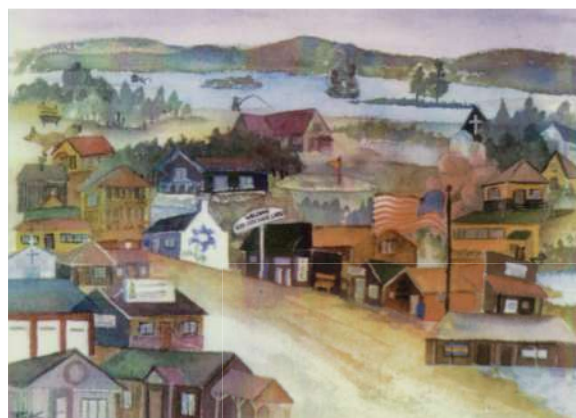
Red Feather Craft Fair - July 3

Fire Days - September 4

Greening of Red Feather December 4 & 5

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

The Red Feather Historic Project is complete with signs on buildings or at sites. You can pick up the Pamphlet pictured below from participating sites in RFL Village to find out the history.



A Walk Around Historic Red Feather Lakes



Red Feather Historical Society

P.O. Box 565

Red Feather Lakes, CO 80545

<http://redfeatherhistoricalsociety.org>

information: info@redfeatherhistoricalsociety.org

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RFHS TOUR - Wednesday - August 18, 2021- 8:30 am - 3:00 pm
MISHAWAKA by Gary Duvall & THE LOWER POUDRE with Jan Gueswel

On a spring afternoon in 1916, musician and motorcycle-traveling adventurer Walter S. Thompson was riding through the sparsely inhabited Poudre Canyon when he heard a song from the land too clear and powerful to ignore. The majestic mountain vistas and idyllic riverbank setting sang the notes of a sacred place and Thompson decided then and there to fulfill his dance hall dreams. Thompson homesteaded the property and spent the next several years building the Mishawaka Dance Hall by hand. Three years later, the Mishawaka was born and Thompson's wife and children were reunited with him in this Poudre Canyon paradise. The Mishawaka quickly earned its time-tested reputation as a destination for music and celebration beyond compare. Over the decades the Mishawaka's ownership changed hands, vacation cabins came and went, and countless performers took to the riverside stage. And like the river, the music flows on.

Jan Gueswel, who has lived in the Poudre Canyon since the 1960s, has a love of history and the Poudre and will tell us about Baldwin Tunnel, Egger and many other sites.

MISHAWAKA RESORT



RFHS Program - August 21, 2021 - 10:00 am RFL POA

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.



HISTORIC SITE SIGNAGE

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/>

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Designated by Red Feather Historical Society

About the RFHS Websiteredfeatherhistoricalsociety.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 2021 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.

The Red Feather Historical website is ever changing with added information yearly so be sure to check us out.

Landscaping at Robinson Cabin Historic Museum

Our outdoor landscaping plan is finally complete. A fence is up, walking paths and historical farming, mining and logging equipment donated by local families in the area is in place. Signage soon to come.

Still need equipment donations - Dump rack for haying, mining & logging equipment.

<https://redfeatherhistoricalsociety.org/local-histories/rfhs-museum/>



Livermore Summer Celebration

August 21, 2021

Schedule

12:30 Gate opens

1:00-3:00-Cow Pattie Bingo Game 1

2:00-3:00 - Kathy Garrison on Stage, Singer-songwriter, music is who she is.

3:30-5:30-Barely Getting' Bye on Stage, Dance Floor Available

3:30-5:30-Cow Pattie Bingo Game 2

6:00-8:00 - Brenn Hill - Award winning singer-songwriter of the American West

Plus Much More


<https://livermorecommunityclub.org>

Riding Plow



The single furrow riding plow was used to prepare a field for the next crop sometime after the harvest of the previous crop was completed. The plowing was usually done in the fall or sometimes in the spring when the frost was out of the ground and the weather was warmer. The soil turned was usually 6-9 inches deep and 12-16 inches wide depending on the operator's plow settings. Over time, plows became available with more blades when tractors became available. The plow displayed was used on the Maxwell Ranch for many years.

Donated by Mike & Dan Maxwell

 Red Feather Historical Society

Make A Difference

Volunteer

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

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

See page 7 for more details.



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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:

Phone Number:

Address (winter):

City:

State:

ZIP Code:

Phone Number:

Email (for business purposes only):

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

- | | |
|---|---------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual | \$15 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Citizens (50 or over) | \$10 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Active Family (two votes) | \$35 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial | \$50 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Supporting | \$100 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Life | \$1,000 |

All Donations Welcome

Pay online at <https://redfeatherhistoricalsociety.org/product/membership/>

Or

Make check payable to RFHS
Mail all payments to -
Red Feather Historical Society
P.O. Box 565
Red Feather Lakes, CO 80545

For more information please contact:
Pat Clemens 970-495-0560 or
info@redfeatherhistoricalsociety.org/

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)
- ☐ Landscape Plan - helping in signs & cleanup
- ☐ Robinson Cabin (hosting & preservation)
- ☐ Tours and Trips (set up/lead a tour or trip)
- ☐ Photographer - Tour and special events
- ☐ Website/Newsletter (write & submit articles)

DINNER, TOURS & PROGRAMS REGISTRATION FORM

Prices cover Museums, Donations and Expenses

MEMBERSHIP 6/1/21 TO 5/31/22 CATEGORY _____

#Members ____ Total Amount ____

June 4 - Annual meeting - Picnic in Lions Park

#Attending ____ FREE

June 16 - Tour - Geology Tour & Roberts Ranch \$10 Members only

#Attending ____ Total Amount ____

June 22 - Zoom Program - History of Epidemics & Pandemics

#Attending ____ FREE

July 21 - Tour - Nature Conservancy - Limited Reservations - Members only #Attending ____ Pay at Tour

August 18 - Tour - Mishawka & Poudre \$10 Member only

#Attending ____ Total Amount ____

LUNCH NOT INCLUDED

August 21 - Program - The Alabaster Industry in CO RFLPOA

#Attending ____ FREE



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**ANNUAL MEETING
JUNE 4, 2021**



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