



Red Feather Historical Society Gazette

Welcome, Explore, and Connect with Local History

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Pat Clemens, Editor
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YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN RFHS FOR OUR ANNUAL MEETING & SPEAKER

June 3, 2022 Friday 5:30-8:30pm



**PUT ON YOUR
WESTERN DUDS**



5:30 pm - Potluck

(bring something to share)

Coffee, Tea & Lemonade provided or BYOB

6:30 pm - POA Annual Meeting

7:00 pm - Speaker John Hafnor

John Hafnor will discuss his debut novel and latest book, *Lakota Cowboy*. See page 3



RFHS ACHIEVEMENTS 2021-22

- 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 three historic tours in the area, had one Zoom & two In-person programs.
- Partnered with RFL Library on programs.
- Updated the RFHS website redfeatherhistoricalsociety.org with the addition of tours, activities, obits, oral histories & pictures.
- Participated in 2 craft fairs selling merchandise.
- Completed Robinson Cabin landscape plan with 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.

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Red Feather Historical Society Board of Directors

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**Thanks to the RFHS
board members for all
they did to help make
2021-22 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 2022 SUMMER TOURS & PROGRAMS

***Co-Sponsored with the RFL Library & RF Historical Society**

For payment by check, see reservations form on page 7.

Prices cover Museums, Donations and Expenses

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 FOR MASKING - SOME MUSEUMS MAY REQUIRE MASKS

June 3 - Friday - 5:30 - 8:30pm - RF HISTORICAL SOCIETY PICNIC, ANNUAL MEETING & GUEST SPEAKER - Meet in the POA for Potluck dinner, Annual Meeting, & Speaker - Info on pages 1 & 3 - RSVP by May 28

June 11 - Saturday - Virginia Dale Open House

June 15 - Wednesday - 8:00 am - 3:00 pm - BEE FAMILY FARM & HIGH PLAINS MUSEUM - Meet at Glacier View Office, Gate 8 at 8:00 am. Bring water, sunscreen, sack lunch, wear hat and wear good walking shoes. Info on page 3 - Cost is \$10 for RFHS members & \$15 for nonmembers - Info on page 3 - RSVP by June 8

***July 16 - Saturday 1:00 pm - Program - “*From the Mayflower to the Rockies With Stops in Between*” by Brian Carroll - In the RFL Community Association (POA) building across from RFL Library - Free - Info on Page 4**

July 20 - Wednesday - 8:00 am - 4:00 pm ESTES PARK MUSEUM, STANLEY HOME & HYDRO PLANT Meet at Glacier View Office, Gate 8 at 7:30 am to car pool. Bring water, sunscreen, sack lunch, wear hat and good walking shoes. Tour \$15 for RFHS members, \$20 for nonmembers. Limit 24. Info on Page 4 - RSVP by July 13

***August 13 - Saturday - 10:30 - 12:00 am - Introduction to Genealogy by Carol Stetser - Meet in the RFL POA Building - Free - Info on page 4**

August 17 - Wednesday - 7:30 am - 4:00 pm - NICI SELF MUSEUM & GRAND ENCAMPMENT MUSEUM Meet at Glacier View Office, Gate 8 at 7:30 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 - Info on Page 5 - RSVP by August 12

September 9, Friday, 8:30 am - 5:00 pm - THE MEADOW 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. More info on page 6. Cost members \$10 nonmembers \$15 - RSVP by September 2

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.

All tours are for members have priority due to limits by museums, parking & other restrictions.

For payment by check, reservations form on page 7.

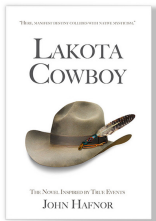
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**Have you not signed up for a tour because it was hard to hear?
We now have tour guide wireless receivers with earbuds for you.**





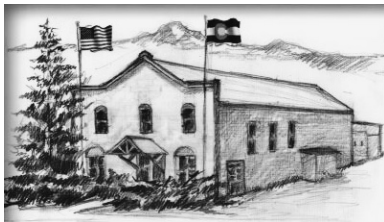
HISTORICAL DINNER SPEAKER June 3 - John Hafnor will discuss his debut novel and latest book, *Lakota Cowboy*. He'll share the back story of researching and writing a historical novel. Here is how publisher Speaking Volumes Press presents the book:

"In these pages you'll ride with **the last open range cowboy and the last nomadic Native American**. This unsentimental and moving portrait is sweeping in scope but intimate in detail. The easy-reading pages are in fact a deep cultural dive into two societies once thought of as irreconcilable. Inspired by true events, *Lakota Cowboy* the novel is your eyewitness encounter with the winning, and losing, of the American West."

RFHS TOUR - Wednesday - June 15, 2022, Bee Family Farm & High Plains Historical Museums

The Bee Family Centennial Farm Museum is the historic preservation of an original homestead founded at the start of development of Northern Colorado. It has been maintained as an active family farm since 1894 and is designated a "Centennial Farm" by the State of Colorado Department of Agriculture and the Colorado Historical Society. In 2002, the farm was placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

140 acres Of the original 160-acre farm, 140 acres has been placed in a conservation easement and sold to Colorado State University. 10 acres has been retained for the museum site. The historic farm facility is operated as a nonprofit enterprise providing an educational resource for the region to document and celebrate the agricultural history of Larimer County and Northern Colorado. The Farm Museum invites visitors to tour the farm and participate in planned activities surrounding the farm's history and family heritage. Thousands of artifacts including farming equipment, cars, wagons, living necessities, letters, diaries, pictures and the homesteads themselves have been organized and preserved dating back to 1894. Visit Website for more information. <http://www.beefamilyfarm.com>



Old Nunn Municipal Hall constructed in 1933-1934 as a Civil Works Administration Depression-Era project, the two-story building of painted concrete housed the police station, fire department, and town clerk. Community dinners, school activities, and various other family gatherings took place in the building. No longer used as a town hall, the High Plains Historical Society transformed it into a museum in the year 2000.

CHECK IT OUT



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

History Now

by Northern Colorado History

meg@northerncoloradohistory.com

CALL FOR PERSONAL MEMORIES & PERSPECTIVES

The Red Feather Historical Society and the Red Feather Lakes Community Library are looking for your impressions of 2020. If the pandemic and/or the wildfire evacuations moved you to journal, keep a diary, write about the disruptions, or think about how it affected or changed your life on the mountain, please share as a way of documenting these events for our historical record.

Send contributions to info@redfeatherhistoricalsociety.org to include them on our website and in the RFHS archives in the library.

RFHS Members, Past Members & Historians Lost 2021-22

Additional information at
redfeatherhistoricalsociety.org

Libby Jefferson, Donald Schmitt, Roger Appeldorn,
Richard Robinson, Marcene Braa, Diane Weixelman, Rae
Sanders & Alice Brodhead

We will miss you for all your told & untold stories

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 2022

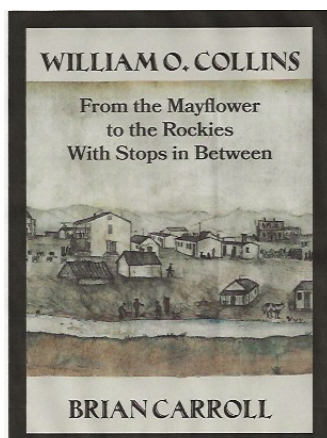
For Craft Fairs where we will be selling our merchandise.

Red Feather Craft Fair May 28 - July 2

Fire Days - September 3

Greening of Red Feather December 3

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

PROGRAM "From the Mayflower to the Rockies With Stops in Between" by Brian Carroll**Saturday, July 16, 2022, at 1:00 - 3:00**

What are the origins of the name for the city of Fort Collins, Colorado? Is the namesake for the city worthy of recognition, and how would he fare when judged relative to truthfulness, fairness, building goodwill, and benefitting others? Brian Carroll will discuss these questions and others about our city's namesake as covered in his recent book, "William O. Collins, From the Mayflower to the Rockies, With Stops In Between."

Brian Carroll has been a resident of Fort Collins since 1996. He retired as a Special Agent with the FBI and moved to Fort Collins after his last assignment in Chicago. Post retirement he established a security consulting firm, provided instruction for the FBI and U.S. State Department in an Anti-Terrorism Program working with countries experiencing terrorist threats, and was an adjunct professor with University of Denver's University College Security Management Program. Brian is a volunteer Master Naturalist with the city, and a volunteer docent with the Fort Collins Museum of Art. Brian lives with his wife Vicki and three daughters and four grandchildren are all Fort Collins residents.

RFHS TOUR - Wednesday - July 20, 2022**Estes Park Museum & Hydro Plant & Stanley House**

Estes Park has one of Colorado's longest histories as a destination community, which continues today. From its naming and widespread publicity in the 1864 *Rocky Mountain News* to millions of annual visitors, the allure and enjoyment of Estes Park remains across generations.

Nestled at the foot of iconic Longs Peak, Estes Park's story of Native American tribes, homesteaders, entrepreneurs, and artists is unique to Colorado. With the formation of Rocky Mountain National Park in 1915 and the incorporation of the Town in 1917, Estes Park hosted a number of notable individuals such as Isabella Bird, Enos Mills, Eleanor Hondius, and F.O. Stanley.

The Stanley Home Museum History***The Stanleys' Summer Cottage***

Much of the fall and winter of 1903-1904 were given over to planning and constructing the Stanleys' new summer home. The house the Stanleys settled upon was largely designed by F.O. Stanley himself. Its high foundation, imposing front entrance, Greek Doric columns, and classic ornamentation are an unmistakable part of the Federal-inspired Colonial Revival style that graced almost every structure that F.O. and his twin brother ever built.

The Stanleys' roomy "cottage," with its 5,240 square feet on three levels, was at once elegant but simple. The second, or main, floor was the largest of the three. It opened off a long, 40-foot veranda and into a large, illuminated front hall. Facing the front door was an impressive and airy central staircase leading to a landing and then continuing up on each side of the rotunda to the third floor above.

F.O. had his private space as well. To the left and slightly below the house, Stanley built a two-story carriage house and workshop. The lower level contained his billiard table, the upper level was the garage and his workshop. Here he would spend time playing his favorite game, making his famous violins and crossbows, or just plain tinkering about.

Clearly the grandest house in Estes Park, the Stanleys' new home in the area called "Rockside," would be enjoyed by Flora and F.O. in the coming 36 years. In its early years, the home was the site where Mr. Stanley's genius would be employed to set the tone for the evolution of modern Estes Park and for the millions of visitors to come.

**PROGRAM - Intro to Genealogy - Saturday, August 13 10:30-12:00 By Carol Stetser, Genealogist**

If you have ever thought about tracing your family history, this is the presentation for you. Intro to Genealogy will introduce you to various aspects of genealogy such as record keeping, essential documents and online and offline resources. We'll even talk a bit about DNA, one of the biggest game changers in genealogy over the last few years. Carol Stetser is an avid genealogist and a longtime member of LCGS. Over the years, she has served in various positions for the Society including everything from Corresponding Secretary to Vice President. She has taught Intro and Intermediate Genealogy classes for years and is presently volunteering via one-on-one sessions at the Poudre Valley District Library. One of her favorite parts of genealogy is helping folks learn to delve into their own family history.

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RFHS TOUR - Wednesday - August 17, 2022

Nici Self Historical Museum & Grand Encampment Museum

The **Centennial Depot**, also known as the **Nici Self Historical Museum**, was built in 1907 for the Laramie, Hahns Peak and Pacific Railway in Centennial, Wyoming, United States. In addition to railroad services, the depot housed a post office and, at times, a grocery store. The depot was operated by the Union Pacific Railroad until the early 1970s. Demolition was proposed, but the depot was purchased by the Centennial Valley Historical Association, which moved it a short distance to its present site. It is operated as the Nici Self Museum.



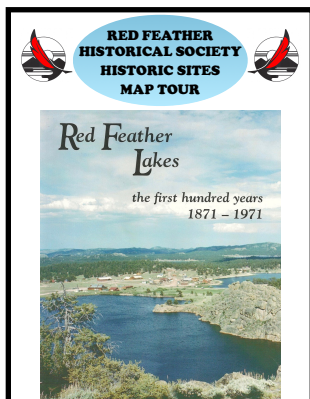
The **Grand Encampment Museum** is the “GEM” of Southern Wyoming. It is located in Encampment, Wyoming. The GEM has a rich collection of over a dozen historical buildings filled with artifacts representing the timber, mining, and agricultural history of the Encampment valley at the turn of the 20th century.



THE MEADOW TOUR - September 9, 2022

Meet at the RFHS Robinson Cabin in Red Feather Lakes at 8:30 am. We will leave promptly at 9:00 am and return by 5:00 PM. **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: \$10 each, nonmembers: \$15 each only if not full. RFHS members have priority. Register on Page 7 - RSVP by September 2**



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

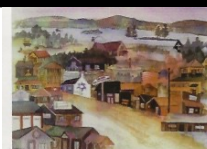
Available upon request:

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



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

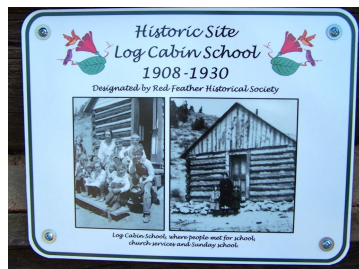
Did you wonder about some of the buildings and their history in the RFL Village?

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

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/>



For info on times & places to meet see
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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 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.

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 are in place.

RFHS still needs equipment donations - Dump rack for haying, mining & logging equipment.

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



Wood burning log of Historical Society cabin by Mibby Lewis



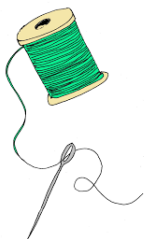
Help us Celebrate Red Feathers Lakes 100th birthday in 2023. You can be a part of this celebration by volunteering to help with the planning and preserve history in RFL by sharing your historic pictures and stories of buildings or people in the Red Feather & surrounding area with the Red Feather Historical Society.



A thread of purpose should run through our lives so that something of significance will link the years together. ~ Stanley J. Weyman

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.



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

**For membership & tours complete the form below to pay by check or use
the website to pay by credit card (page 6)**

MEMBERSHIP IS FROM JUNE 1, 2022 to MAY 31, 2023

RED FEATHER HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP FORM

Please complete the following fields:

Name:

Address (summer):

City:

State:

ZIP Code:

Phone Number:

Address (winter):

City:

State:

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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)
- ☐ 100th Year Celebration help
- ☐ Historic Photos & Written Stories of RFL
- ☐ Historian (Organize/Catalog Historic Materials)
- ☐ Archiving/Preservation(preserving photos)
- ☐ Historical Story Teller (Local History, re-enactors, personal antidotes)
- ☐ Greening of Red Feather Craft Fair
- ☐ 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 6/1/22 TO 5/31/23 CATEGORY _____

#Members ____ Total Amount ____

June 3 Friday - Pot Luck, Annual Meeting & Speaker in POA

#Attending ____ FREE

June 15 - Tour - Bee Family Farm & High Plains \$10 Members \$15 Nonmembers

#Attending ____ Total Amount ____

July 16 - Program - Mayflower to the Rockies

#Attending ____ FREE

July 20 - Tour - Estes Park Museums - \$15 Members \$20 Nonmembers

#Attending ____ Total Amount ____

August 13 - Program - Introduction to Genealogy

#Attending ____ FREE

August 17 - Tour - NS & Encampment Museums \$10 Member \$15 Nonmembers

#Attending ____ Total Amount ____

September 9 - Meadow Tour - \$10 Member \$15 NonMembers

#Attending ____ Total Amount ____

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TOTAL AMOUNT _____

RFHS members have priority for Society events; nonmembers pay an additional \$5 per tour.



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**ANNUAL MEETING
JUNE 3, 2022**



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