



Red Feather Historical Society Gazette

Welcome, Explore, and Connect with Local History

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RED FEATHER LAKES 100 YEARS 1923-2023

- Help us Celebrate Red Feather Lakes 100th birthday in 2023.
- You can be a part of this celebration by volunteering to help with the planning and preserving 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



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RFHS ANNUAL DINNER & PROGRAM

June 2, 2023

Friday 5:30-8:30 pm

Registration 5:30 pm

Pot Luck Dinner - 6:00 pm

Bring a dish to share

At Chapel in the Pines Fellowship Hall

Pioneer, Western or Casual Wear



Annual Meeting 7:00

Program at 7:30

Entertainment

A HISTORICAL GLIMPSE INTO

THE LIFE OF PRINCESS (Tsianina) RED FEATHER

BY JEANNE CORBIN & MELODY PICKETT

Accompanied by Karen Courtney

Make Your Reservation by May 26, 2023

Limit 60 People - Members have priority

RESERVATION FORM ON PAGE 7

Red Feather Historical Society Board of Directors

- President: Pat Clemens
- Vice President: Caryn Hughes
- Treasurer: Mike Pickett
- Secretary: Rebecca Ekart
- Director: Lucille Schmitt
- Director: Michael O'Neill
- Director: Sue Wiese
- Director: Sue Stevens
- Director: Open

Thanks to the RFHS board members Fred Delano & Gordon Nuttall for all they have done to help make the RFHS a great organization.

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT
VOLUNTEER

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

RED FEATHER HISTORICAL SOCIETY 2023 SUMMER TOURS & PROGRAMS

***Co-Sponsored by the RF Historical Society with the RFL LIBRARY & POA**

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

For payment by credit card visit website redfeatherhistoricalsociety.org/

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

June 2 - Friday - 5:30 - 8:30 pm - RF HISTORICAL SOCIETY POT LUCK, ANNUAL MEETING & PRINCESS (TSIANINA) RED FEATHER program by Jeanne Corbin, Melody Pickett & Karen Courtney - Info on pages 1 & 3 - Reservations Required - Limit 60 - Members have priority on page 7 - RSVP by May 26

June 21 - Wednesday - 8:30 am - 3:00 pm - TOUR - FOX ACRES, SWANSON RANCH & CCC CAMP. Meet at the RFHS Robinson Cabin at 8:30 am to carpool. Bring water, sunscreen, sack lunch, wear hat and good walking shoes. Cost is \$10 for RFHS members & \$15 for nonmembers - Info on page 3 - RSVP by June 17 - Limit 30

June 23 - Friday - 9:30 am - 1:00 pm - HEART ROCK - 4 Mile Hike with Margie & Larry Caswell Meet at the RFHS Robinson Cabin at 9:00 where we will carpool or meet at Dowdy Lake day use area furthest N. parking. Bring water, sunscreen, sack lunch, wear hat and good hiking shoes. **Sign up on page 7 - Cost is \$10 for RFHS members, \$15 for nonmembers. RSVP by June 20 - Limit 20**

July 1 & 2 - Saturday and Sunday CRAFT FAIR - RFHS Cutlery, 100 year Quilt chances & 100 Year poster to benefit the 100 year celebration.

***July 15 - Saturday 1:00 pm - Program - WATER OF RED FEATHER LAKES by David Frydendall - Meet in the RFL Community Association (POA) building across from RFL Library - Info on Page 4 - FREE**

July 19 - Wednesday - 9:00 am - 2:00 pm RFL HISTORIC DRIVING TOUR with Pat Clemens. Meet at the RFHS Robinson Cabin at 9:00 where we will carpool to historic sites in the area. Cost is \$10 for RFHS members & \$15 for nonmembers - Info on page 4 - RSVP by 15 - Limit 30

***August 5 - 2:00 pm Saturday - Program “I REMEMBER WHEN” with people telling their stories of coming to RFL before the 60’s or stories told by parents and grandparents. Meet in the POA - Info on Page 4 - FREE**

***August 12 - Saturday, 10:00 - 11:30 am - Program - HISTORIC WOMEN OF RED FEATHER LAKES by Lucille Schmitt - Meet in the POA - Info on page 5 - FREE**

August 16 - Wednesday -8:30 - RFL HISTORY SITES TOUR - Meet at the Robinson Cabin to carpool. 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 4 - RSVP by August 12 - Limit 30

September 8, Friday, 8:30 am - 5:00 pm - THE MEADOW TOUR by Debra Hawkins & David Frydendall Meet at the RF Historical Society Cabin in RFL at 8:30 am to carpool. To attend this tour you must have read *The Meadow* by James Galvin. Cost members \$10, nonmembers \$15 - Info on page 6 - Sign up on page 7 - RSVP by Sept. 2.

September 16, Saturday, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm HISTORIC GLACIER VIEW by Lucille Schmitt We will tour several sites in Glacier View including the Currie Ranch, Adams cemetery, Batterson Barn and many others. Meet at Glacier View Office, Gate 8 at 9:00 am. Bring water, sunscreen, wear hat and good walking shoes. Cost members \$10 nonmembers \$15 - Info on Page 6 - Sign up on page 7 - RSVP by Sept 10 - LIMIT 30

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 members have priority due to limits by parking & other restrictions.

No pets are allowed on tours. When carpooling remember too reimburse the driver.



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.



Portraying Princess Tsianina (Red Feather) Indian concert singer

Jeanne Corbin has been involved in music all her life. Her father and mother had both taken piano lessons as children. Her father sang tenor in choirs and as a soloist nearly all his adult life, and music was a part of the family. She sang in church and school choirs throughout her middle school years through adulthood, played in bands from 4th grade through college and played in orchestras in high school and college. With dual degrees in music therapy and music education, she spent 20 years in the Texas public schools as a music therapist or elementary music educator, then 10 years in private practice, providing music therapy services, early childhood music and beginning piano lessons. Upon retirement, she and her husband Mike moved to Glacier View Meadows in 2008. They have two wonderful daughters, two great son-in-laws and three perfect grandchildren who live in eastern Kansas and Tennessee. Jeanne enjoys family times, leading the choir at Chapel in the Pines, volunteering for the U. S. Forest Service, hiking, snowshoeing, backpacking with Mike, and sewing when she gets time. Jeanne will be accompanied by Karen Courtney, pianist.



Princess Tsianina (Red Feather) Indian concert singer as she dressed for stage appearances in 1920.

Portraying Tribe Elder Melody Pickett

Melody is a mostly retired lawyer who moved to Red Feather Lakes with her husband Mike in 2017. She is involved in several organizations, volunteering for the Poudre Wilderness Volunteers, Royal Family Kids, Salty Sisters and runs the Red Feather Mall Thrift Store with lots of help. Mike and Melody were married in 1983 and lived in Arvada for 30 years. They have two married children, a boy and a girl, and 2 grand dogs.

DON'T FORGET TO MAKE A RESERVATION

FOX ACRES, SWANSON RANCH & CCC CAMP TOURS

June 21 - Wednesday - 8:30 am - 3:00 pm

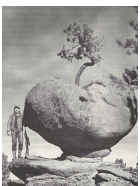


FOX ACRES - A Silver Fox farm was considered a good business enterprise to include in the planning for Red Feather Lakes. This actually began early in the development. The Fox Farm incorporation was dated November 1925. The plan was called a "Circle Ranch" and the capacity was for one hundred fox pairs. A manager from New York was hired. In the picture shown the cupola above the Fox House was for the manager where he could view the fox pens. <https://redfeatherhistoricalsociety.org/local-histories/personal-histories/john-stenzel-and-judith-stenzel-liebman-interview>



SWANSON RANCH - Nestled in that "beautiful little valley" is the 500-acre Swanson Ranch of today. Tucked into the hillsides within the ranch are two pioneer cabin sites that most likely were the homes of the earliest white settlers in the Red Feather area. One site overlooking a "second valley" has the remains of a sturdy one room cabin made of huge logs, and also the remains of an outbuilding or shed. The Swanson Ranch has a long history so check out the website for more [info.https://redfeatherhistoricalsociety.org/local-histories/historic-local-sites/swanson-ranch/](https://redfeatherhistoricalsociety.org/local-histories/historic-local-sites/swanson-ranch/)

CCC CAMP - started in 1935 and ended when WWII started. Many of the buildings can be found at its original site plus on ranches in the area. <https://redfeatherhistoricalsociety.org/local-histories/historic-local-sites/the-c-c-c-at-red-feather-lakes/>



HEART ROCK HIKE - June 23, 2023

Heart Rock as seen in *"Red Feather Lakes the first hundred years 1871-1971"*

Brett Snyder learned to hunt with his father, Don, in the Red Feather area. This heart-shaped rock is near Letitia Lake.

Led by Larry & Margie Caswell where they will talk about plants and geology along the hike.

Gifts for all Occasions by RFHS

Rada Cutlery and Kitchen Tools
"Red Feather the first hundred years" book
Postcards & Cards - RFL 100 Year Poster
Mark Your Calendar for 2023 Craft Fairs
Red Feather Craft Fair May 27 - July 1 & 2
Fire Days - September 2
Greening of Red Feather December 2

**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 15

Saturday - 1:00 - 3:00 - RFL POA

Join David for a presentation about the water in Red Feather, especially the private lakes; in Red Feather Lake 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.



RFHS HISTORIC DRIVING TOUR - Wednesday - July 19

Pat Clemens will lead you on a historic tour on how Red Feather Lake was developed & the sites that were first built in the 1920. Sites included will be 1st entry to RFL, RFL 1st buildings, Worley Well, 3 fireplaces, 2nd entry to RFL, plus many more with site pictures.



PROGRAM "I REMEMBER WHEN" AUGUST 5 - 2:00 POA - JOIN US

Share your memories of Red Feather Lakes in a community event ,
Celebrating the last 100 Years (1923-2023).

Tell your stories of the village and surrounding areas, share your photos or other artifacts,
that tell the story of your time in RFL with parents or grandparents.

All are invited to show, tell, listen and share.

Length of time for each presenter will be determined by the number of participants.

THE WOMEN OF RED FEATHER AND AREA BY LUCILLE SCHMITT

August 12 - 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 and others. Your stories and old-time memories are welcome.

RFL HISTORIC SITES TOUR - Wednesday - August 16, 2023 - 8:30

The RFHS will tour Parvin Lake, Log Cabin site, possibly the Ben Delatour Boy Scout Ranch, Goodell Corner, Manhattan Cemetery & site of the town of Manhattan.

Parvin Lake is actually a reservoir, which was created by Colorado's State Game and Fish Division in 1926. By damming Lone Pine Creek, Parvin Lake was developed and initially stocked with one million rainbow trout eggs. The lake opened for public fishing in 1945, with the hatchery closing in 1980 and reopening in 2003.

Manhattan is a ghost town located in Red Feather Lakes and became a mining town after discovery of gold in the area in September 1886. The town was founded as a gold mining camp, after a "rich strike" was discovered west of Fort Collins in September 1886 between the Seven Mile and Elk Horn creeks. This resulted in a rush of miners to the area along Manhattan Creek. The town was platted in 1887 and a post office opened in March of that year. Today only a few boards remain of the town that had the Ace of Cubs saloon, a hotel, a butcher, livery stable, blacksmith, and houses.

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THE MEADOW TOUR - September 8, 2023

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 carpool 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**

HISTORY OF GLACIER VIEW TOUR

September 16, 2023

We will tour several sites in Glacier View including the Currie Ranch, Adams Cemetery, Batterson Barn and many others.



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 2023 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.

The area known as Glacier View Meadows was part of the Currie Ranch which also included Crystal Lakes, Green Mountain Meadows, Hewlett Gulch and other larger parcels in the surrounding area. The building of the Currie ranch took about 50 years starting in 1906. In 1967 Currie sold the ranch to the Black Mountain Ranch, Inc. The group then sold it to Lee Stubblefield. In November of 1971, Don, Lucille, Cid, Rick and Sue Schmitt moved into the LOX house. Don leased the ranch from the group for his cattle operation. The family also operated Pine Ridge Stable. Lucille was the first on-site salesperson and caretaker for Glacier View Meadows with the office in the "Trophy Room" of the LOX house. The Glacier View development started in 1972. Just a start to the history with more to come by Lucille Schmitt.



**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?

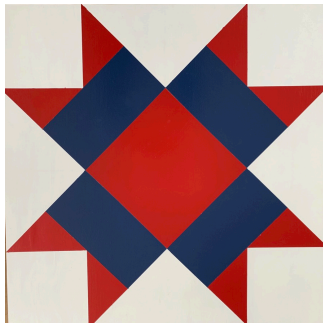
If you have or live in a "historical building" in the area, one which was built before 1950, the Red Feather Historical Society would like to include it in our Historic Site project. We will provide a sign to identify your historic site. Check it out on our website at redfeatherhistoricalsociety.org/local-histories/site-signage/

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RFL 100 YEAR COMMITTEE SUPPORTING CENTENNIAL PROJECT & ACTIVITIES



**Red Feather Lakes
100 Years 1923-2023
Celebration Rock**



Colorado Centennial Barn Quilt Block
Colorado became the 38th state in 1876
naming it the Centennial State.



**One Hundred Years
Poster
\$10.00**

RED FEATHER LAKES 100 YEARS/CENTENNIAL QUILT 1923-2023 DONATIONS SUPPORT 100 YEARS CELEBRATION OPPORTUNITY DRAWING



Wall Hanging or Throw Size 64"W X 48"L
Donated by "Meadow Mountain Quilters"
Suggested donations are \$2.00 each or 6
tickets for \$10.00
Drawing will be in September 2023

OTHER EVENTS IN RED FEATHER LAKES THIS YEAR PLUS MORE TO COME

RED FEATHER LAKES COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (POA)

Normal Craft Fairs planned May 27, July 1 & 2, September 2
Independence Day Events: July 1 & 2

Kids Fishing Contest at Ramona Lake - July 1st 8 am – Noon
Princess Reunion - July 1st Noon
Clydesdale team with Wagon Rides, plus Veterans' ride in parade
Parade Line up - 1:30 - Parade start time 2 pm
Reading of Veterans; names at Memorial approx. - 3:00 pm
FIREWORKS at Dusk
2nd Day Craft Fair July 2nd 10-3 pm
Pancake Breakfast July 3rd 7-11 am (Glacier Gals & Lions) Club]

RED FEATHER LAKES LIBRARY

May 22 - SEEC STEM Extravaganza - Ute Culture
May 27 - Library Friends Book Sale
June 7 - Reading/Writing Contest Winners Reception
June 9 - Library Friends Dinner
July 1 & 2 - Library Friends Book Sale
July 5 - Lunch & Learn
July 16 - Chapel in the Pines 60th Anniversary Celebration
August 2 - Lunch & Learn - Topic TBD
August 27 - David Wohl Concert - Debut of "Red Feather Anthem"

BE A PART OF RED FEATHER LAKES 100 YEAR CELEBRATION VOLUNTEER

SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS AND BUSINESSES

*"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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**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:

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:
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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 Donations and Expenses

MEMBERSHIP 6/1/23 TO 5/31/24 CATEGORY _____

#Members ____ Total Amount ____

June 2 Friday - Pot Luck, Annual Meeting & Speaker at Limit 60

#Attending ____ FREE

June 21 - Tour - Fox Acres, Swanson & CCC Camp \$10 Members \$15 nonmembers

#Attending ____ Total Amount ____

June 23 - Hike - Heart Rock \$10 Members \$15 nonmembers

#Attending ____ Total Amount ____

July 15 - Program - Water of RFL

#Attending ____ FREE

July 19 - Tour - RFL Historic Driving Tour - \$15 Members \$20 nonmembers

#Attending ____ Total Amount ____

August 5 - Program - I Remember When

#Attending ____ FREE

August 12 - Program - Woman of RFL

#Attending ____ FREE

August 16 - Tour - Parvin Lake - Other History \$10 Members \$15 nonmembers

#Attending ____ Total Amount ____

September 8 - Meadow Tour - \$10 Member \$15 nonmembers

#Attending ____ Total Amount ____

September 16 - Historic Glacier View - \$10 Member \$15 nonmembers

#Attending ____ Total Amount ____

CHECK # _____

TOTAL AMOUNT _____



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ANNUAL MEETING JUNE 2, 2023
RFL 100 YEARS EVENTS



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