



Red Feather Historical Society Gazette

Welcome, Explore, and Connect with Local History

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RFHS ANNUAL DINNER, MEETING & PROGRAM

June 6, 2025

Red Feather Lakes Community
Association (POA) Friday 5:30-8:00 pm

Registration 5:30 pm

Potluck Dinner - 6:00 pm

Bring a dish to share

Annual Meeting 7:00 pm

Entertainment 7:30 pm



Line Dancing with Rene Lee
Music by Tom Peacock
Western or Casual Wear with
Dancing Boots or Shoes

Make Your Reservation by
June 1, 2025

Limit 50 People -

Members have priority

RESERVATION FORM ON PAGE 7



ARE YOU PASSIONATE ABOUT HISTORY?

Volunteer position needed for the Robinson Cabin

- Tasks to maintaining and preserving the Red Feather Robinson Cabin, includes cleaning the cabin before local events such as:
- craft fairs, decorating for the seasons and ensuring the cabin's historical integrity by organizing and labeling historical artifacts donated by local families.



Libby & Bill Jefferson

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

RED FEATHER HISTORICAL SOCIETY 2025 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 & donations.

For payment by credit card visit website redfeatherhistoricalsociety.org/

For more information contact Pat at info@redfeatherhistoricalsociety.org/

May 24 - Saturday - 9:00 am - 4:00 pm - **MEMORIAL CRAFT FAIR** - RFHS Cutlery & Other Merchandise at a booth in the POA & Robinson Cabin Tours

June 6 - Friday - 5:30 - 8:30 pm - **RF HISTORICAL SOCIETY POTLUCK, ANNUAL MEETING at the POA 58 Firehouse Lane with ENTERTAINMENT BY RENE LEE** - POA Dinner at 58 Firehouse Lane - Reservations Required - Members have priority - register on page 7 - **RSVP by June 1 - Limit 50**

June 14 - **VIRGINIA DALE OPEN HOUSE** - Saturday - 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. Theme: "Celebrating Restoring the Past"

June 18 - Wednesday - 8:45 am - 3:00 pm - tour of **THE MUSEO de las TRES COLONIAS, HOLY FAMILY CHURCH & SUGAR BEET PARK**. Meet at Glacier View Office, Gate 8 to carpool. Bring water, sunscreen, sack lunch, hat and good walking shoes. Cost is \$15 for RFHS members & \$20 for nonmembers - Info on page 3 - **RSVP by June 15 - Limit 30**

*June 21 Saturday - 1:30 pm - program "**COLORADO'S STRANGEST**" by **Kenneth Jessen**. - Meet in the RFL Community Association (POA) building across from RFL Library - Info on Page 3 - **FREE**

July 5 - Saturday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm - **INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATION CRAFT FAIR** - RFHS Cutlery & Other Merchandise at a booth in the POA & Robinson Cabin - Fireworks at dusk

*July 12 - Saturday - 2:00 pm - program **HISTORIC BUILDINGS & ARCHITECTURE OF FORT COLLINS** by **Meg Dunn** - Meet in the RFL Community Association (POA) building across from RFL Library - Info on Page 4 - **FREE**

July 16 - Wednesday - Tour of **VEE BAR RANCH & LARAMIE TRAIN DEPOT** 8:30 am - 3:00 pm - Meet at Glacier View Office, Gate 8 to carpool. Bring water, sunscreen, sack lunch, hat and good walking shoes. Cost is \$15 for RFHS members & \$20 for nonmembers - Info on page 4 - **RSVP by July 11 - Limit 30**

August 20 - Wednesday - 9:30 am - 3:00 pm **LIVERMORE & RANCH HISTORIES** - Meet at Livermore Hall to carpool. Bring water, sunscreen, sack lunch, wear hat and good walking shoes. Info on page 4 - Cost is \$15 for RFHS members only - Info on Page 4 - **RSVP by August 12 - Limit 30**

August 30 - Saturday - 9:00 - 4:00 - **FIRE DAYS CRAFT FAIR** - RFHS Cutlery & Other Merchandise at a booth in the POA & Robinson Cabin Tours.

September 6, Saturday, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm **HISTORIC GLACIER VIEW** by **Lucille Schmitt**
We will tour several sites in Glacier View including the Currie Ranch, 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. **Free to Glacier View Residents and members - Info on Page 5 - Sign up on page 7 - RSVP by Sept 1 - 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.

Tour participation requires signing a release form. All members have priority due to limits on parking & other restrictions. No pets are allowed on tours unless supervised.

When carpooling, remember to 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.





Entertainment Rene Lee * Line Dance Instructor



Who is René Lee? She is a true Colorado native; her mother, Juliana Jo Sloan Miller and grandmother Julia Swan Sloan were all born in Fort Collins. Her father, Lafi Miller, was an active member of the RFHS who helped get the Robinson Cabin moved to its present location. The Millers owned and operated the Miller Manor Dance Studio in Fort

Collins and René was a part of their business through her childhood and teens. Day and night there were classes, music and fun. The other part of life for René was her horse, Buck. They went all over town and country daily. Special days were spent moving cattle with her grandfather, Art Sloan. René likes to say, "I'd rather dance than eat but must eat to dance. DARN!" René spends much of her time now as the Secretary/Treasurer at the Livermore Community Hall where she danced and enjoyed meetings with her parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins and community members as a child. René is trying to keep those traditions alive at LCH.



June 21, 2025 - Program

"COLORADO'S STRANGEST" by Kenneth Jessen.

Time 1:30 pm - Red Feather Lakes Community Association Building (POA)

Colorado's Strangest is a highly illustrated talk about unusual events and people in the state's history including Packer who dined on his five companions. "Soapy" Smith was probably state's greatest con artist with his bar of soap scam. Punes, a burro, worked the mines in the Fairplay area and was buried on the main street as a tribute to these hardworking animals. A cold winter led to the construction of a large ice palace near Leadville. These stories, including hair covered trout, are all a fun part of this presentation.

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

July 12, 2025 - Program -

Historic Buildings and Architecture in Fort Collins by Meg Dunn

Time 1:30 pm - Red Lakes Community Association Building (POA)

Learn about several of Fort Collins iconic historic buildings as well as how the city is continuing to grow and develop today in this presentation on historic buildings and architecture in Fort Collins (originally created for elementary school classes but a nice "tour" for all ages).

July 16, 2025 - Tour 8:30 am - 3:00 pm

VEE BAR RANCH & LARAMIE TRAIN DEPOT

The Vee Bar Guest Ranch is a family owned dude ranch. The ranch is owned by Kelly & Lisa Cole and Brent and Kari Kilmer. Brent and Kari operate the ranch. This family-owned dude ranch had a diverse history. The main lodge was constructed in 1891. It soon became a stage coach stop and post office. More of its recent history includes being a buffalo ranch and a government school for boys.



The Laramie Railroad Depot was built in 1924 to replace the town's original Union Pacific Depot/Hotel, which was destroyed by fire in 1917. It served as Laramie's Union Pacific passenger depot until 1971 and as an Amtrak depot until 1983. In 1985, the Union Pacific Railroad gave the Depot to the Laramie Plains Museum, which then transferred ownership to the Laramie Railroad Depot Association in 2009.

Wednesday - August 20, 2025 - 9:30 am - 3:00 pm

LIVERMORE & RANCH HISTORIES HANSEN RANCHES PLUS OTHER HISTORIC SITES



Livermore History

In 1863, two miners, Adolphus Livernash and Stephan Moore, built a cabin on the North Fork of the Poudre River. The large area surrounding their claim was named Livermore from the combinations of their names. Russell Fisk purchased Moore's claim in 1871 and built a log hotel and store. In the late 1870s or early 1880s, Fisk built a large frame "Livermore House" as he called it, to replace the log hotel. At this time the road crossed the North Fork of the Poudre River right at the hotel site where all travel had to go through Livermore to the upper Poudre until 1920. In 1890, the road was moved to its current location 1/4 mile north of the Fisk House, which caused it to go out of business. William Brelsford built the new Livermore Hotel, general store and livery barn as seen in the picture on the top left. In 1904, a big flood washed out the hall and livery barn. The Livermore Hotel is now a private residence.



Hansen Ranch

"In 1871, the ranch was homesteaded by two brothers, Horace and Charles Emerson. They first bought cattle, built an irrigation ditch with the cooperation of their neighbors and planted trees. Eventually they married and built homes along the ditch (picture on top right). They bought other ranches. Horace's daughter Dorothy married a Sackett and they lived in the house originally built for her father. It burned in 1933 so they built a low brick house with a red roof, which still stands today and can be seen through the trees. The Hansens bought the ranch in 1940. They hired Lowell Cope as the ranch manager. Ed Hanson and his wife Marilyn moved to the ranch in 1960. Over the years they added to their holdings by acquiring the Fanning Place, Griffith Ranch and part of the Elliott Ranch. The Hansen Ranch is still in operation with their sons, wives and grandchildren.

More information can be found in "Among These Hills" by the Livermore Woman's Club.

Proceeds from the Livermore Tour will be donated to the Livermore Hall

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HISTORY OF GLACIER VIEW TOUR - September 6 - 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

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

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.

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



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 2025 Craft Fairs
 Memorial Craft Fair - May 24
 Independence Day Celebration - July 5
 Fire Days - August 30
 Greening of Red Feather - December 6

NEW TO RFHS WEBSITE

redfeatherhistoricalsociety.org

Webmaster - Gordon Nuttall

Mountain Social Service Organizations and Clubs

Women of Red Feather in Robinson Cabin

Newsletter & Reservations

The Red Feather Historical website is ever-changing.



Historic Larimer County connects people to places by promoting historic preservation through community collaboration, advocacy, education, and interpretation
meg@historiclaramercounty.org



A Walk
 Around Historic
 Red Feather
 Lakes

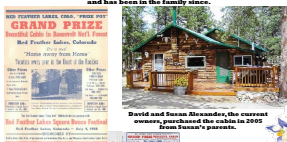


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Do you wonder about some of the buildings and their history in the RFL Village? The Red Feather Historic Project is complete with signs on buildings or at sites. You can pick up the pamphlet pictured from RFL Community Library to find out the history.

HISTORIC SITE RAFFLE CABIN 1928-2018

Cabin was built by Dick Brown in 1928 and suffered in 1950. It was purchased by Lloyd and Lawrence Brown in the 1950's and has been in the family since.



Designated by Red Feather Historical Society

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/

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**OTHER EVENTS IN RED FEATHER LAKES, GLACIER VIEW,
LIVERMORE AND THE SURROUNDING AREA**

RED FEATHER LAKES LIBRARY Community Events Calendar

<https://redfeather.colibraries.org/library-calendar/> Register at the Library to receive weekly events & news.

RFL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION EVENTS

Craft Fairs May 24, July 5, August 30 - 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Bingo Most Saturday nights - June - August - 7:00 pm

JULY 5 – INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATION (SATURDAY) ARTS AND CRAFTS FAIR

KID'S FISHING CONTEST - BAR-B-QUE – PARADE & FIREWORKS AT DUSK!

JULY 6 – (SUNDAY) BINGO – 1:00 PM - Annual Meeting 3:00 PM

MOUNTAIN GALS "Social and Service Organization"

Meets on the 2nd Wednesday each month

Time: Refreshment - 1:00 Meeting - 1:30 - Program 2:00 in RFL Community Association Building (POA)

GLACIER VIEW - Web Site: www.gvmecology.com for more information. Mountain Living Lecture Series

All of our mountain community neighbors are invited to attend.

6:30 - 7:30 - Glacier View Mary Keller Community Room at (Gate 8) 1414 Green Mountain Drive, Livermore

LIVERMORE HALL ACTIVITIES <https://livermorecommunityclub.org>

July 12 & 13 - Christmas in July Arts & Craft Fair (Pending)

LIVERMORE WOMANS CLUB

Check out their website for future programs. <https://livermorewomansclub.org/>

VIRGINIA DALE - information "Virginia Dale Community [Club.org](https://www.club.org)" or Sylvia at 970-495-1828.

Saturday June 14 - 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. Theme: "Celebrating Restoring the Past" See Website for activities

**YOU CAN MAKE PURCHASES ON LINE USING YOUR CREDIT CARD
ON THE RFHS WEBSITE redfeatherhistoricalsociety.org**

- Click on the Purchase menu at top-right, choose the items you want to purchase, and pay using credit card.
- You can make donations and become a member.
- You can sign up for tours and programs.
- Make dinner reservations.
- Products include the RFHS books, postcards, Rada cutlery.

For example, to sign up for a tour, select the Tours 2025 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.

**VOLUNTEER - SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY
ORGANIZATIONS AND BUSINESSES**

Mountain Social & Service Organizations & Club Flyer Link
<https://redfeatherhistoricalsociety.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/04/Community-Social-Organization-Flyer.pdf>

**RED FEATHER HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEEDS YOUR
SUPPORT**



*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 register and pay by credit card (page 6)
MEMBERSHIP IS FROM JUNE 1, 2025 to MAY 31, 2026

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

- ☐ Individual \$15
- ☐ Senior Citizens (50 or over) \$10
- ☐ Active Family (two votes) \$35
- ☐ Commercial \$50
- ☐ Supporting \$100
- ☐ 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)
- ☐ Social Media Marketing Coordinator
- ☐ Historic Photos & Written Stories of RFL
- ☐ Historian (Organize/Catalog Historic Materials)
- ☐ Archiving/Preservation (preserving photos)
- ☐ Historical Story Teller (Local history, re-enactors, personal anecdotes)
- ☐ Greening of Red Feather Craft Fair
- ☐ Robinson Cabin (hosting & preservation)
- ☐ Tours and Trips (set up/lead a tour or trip)
- ☐ Photographer - Tours and special events
- ☐ Website/Newsletter (write & submit articles)

DINNER, TOURS & PROGRAMS REGISTRATION FORM - Prices cover Donations and Expenses

MEMBERSHIP 6/1/25 TO 5/31/26 CATEGORY _____	#Members ____ Total Amount ____
June 6 - Friday - Potluck, Annual Meeting & Entertainment Register by June 1	#Attending ____ FREE
June 18 - TOUR - Museo de las Tres - \$15 members \$20 nonmembers	#Members ____ Total Amount ____
June 21 - PROGRAM - Colorado's Strangest by Ken Jessen	#Attending ____ FREE
July 12 - PROGRAM - Fort Collins Historic Buildings History by Meg Dunn	#Attending ____ FREE
July 16 - TOUR - Vee Bar Ranch/Railroad Museum- \$15 members \$20 nonmember	#Attending ____ Total Amount ____
August 20 - Livermore & Ranch Histories - \$15 members only	#Attending ____ Total Amount ____
September 6 - Glacier View Tour - Free to GV Residents & RFHS Members only	#Attending ____ FREE
CHECK # _____	TOTAL AMOUNT _____

RED FEATHER HISTORICAL SOCIETY
NEWSLETTER
TOURS & EVENTS 2025



ANNUAL MEETING JUNE 6, 2025

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY



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