

MUSEUM MONTHLY

Monthly Newsletter curated by the Museum Services Administrator

MAY 2025

RAWLINGS HIGHLIGHTS FROM MAY



This quarter's museum services meeting was hosted by our very own Local History and Genealogy Department where Aaron gave an in depth tour of the objects in the archive. He even went as far as bringing out Kit Carson's will and historic photograph, talked with us about San Borne maps, and ended our tour with some play time on the microfilm machines! THANK YOU AARON! The tour was so informative and engaging. I hope to do it again!

HAPPENING NEXT MONTH



Rawlings

- Kids Crossing Art Show May 16 - June 30
- Pretty Plastic - Community Created Chihuly-Inspired Art May 30 - July 28
- SCEA Pride Exhibit June 2 - June 30

Giodone

- Pollinator Power: The Tiny Heroes of Nature

Lucero

- Ambari Elephants June 2

Pueblo West

- Art Exhibit: Debbie Phillips - From Natural to Abstraction June 2 - June 30

MUSEUM SERVICES STAFF HIGHLIGHT

Penny Jerman from Barkman has been working hard to figure out how to utilize space to host large exhibits. This month, she hosted a local elementary art show in the large community room for the first time. It looked AMAZING! Way to be innovative in finding new ways to display and for making valuable community partnerships.



DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that we have a digital archive?

Blake Hatton works to digitize photos and documents from the physical archive at Rawlings and you can use these files in your exhibits. The images are sized for our website, but you can request higher resolution images for printing by emailing him at blake.hatton@gmail.com.



*View the Digital
Collections Here*

MUSEUM RESOURCES YOU SHOULD KNOW

*View the
Exhibits Here*



Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service (SITES)

Sites offers free and paid exhibits to affiliate institutions. If you are interested and need a log in to download one of the poster exhibits, please reach out to me.

COMMUNITY PARTNER OF THE MONTH

Maria Smyer is the University Archivist at Colorado State University Pueblo and is in charge of collections, such as the Colorado Chicano Movement Archive and the Orman Collection. Maria graduated with a Master's degree from the University of Alabama from their College of Communication and Information Sciences. Previously, she worked in our very own Local History and Genealogy Department as the Hispanic Resource Specialist and had held a number of other roles within our institution. One exhibit for free loan that her institution has is an exhibit on the Chicano newspaper, La Cucaracha.



You can reach Maria by emailing her at maria.smyer@csupueblo.edu

BRANCH UPDATES

This space is available!

***Please share any updates with me.
I want to include the good work
you are all doing.***

ALYSSA'S PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

- **Pride and AIDS Exhibit:** Alyssa has reviewed all materials and created an exhibit now for loan.
- **Holocaust Marketing:** Alyssa has reached out to CR to get a save the date sent out to teachers so they are aware of when tour scheduling will begin.
- **Society of Rocky Mountain Archivists:** Alyssa has been named the next Director of Diversity and Inclusion. This is a volunteer position.
- **Website:** Michelle has finished the website! You can now access it in the portal under Committees.
- **Exhibits at Giodone:** Alyssa has reached out to Dianne at El Pueblo History Museum to see if we can bring their Salt Creek exhibit to the branch.
- **Hispanic Resource Center:** Aaron has ordered and received a rail system so we can continue exhibits on the 3rd floor. Alyssa is searching for Latinx artists for August.
- **CF&I Exhibit at Barkman:** Alyssa has submitted documentation to get the CF&I exhibit at Barkman for July.

UPDATES TO THE MUSEUM TOOLKIT

- **New Doc: June Links to Register:** This file is in the folder for Upcoming Professional Development. List can be found on next page with QR code to the links. I also included July dates since June is pretty sparse.
- **New Folder: Exhibit Photos:** Please share all photos of exhibits in this folder. Having photos for reports and grants could help us score some extra funding! I also just like to see your displays :)
- **Added for Check Out: 2 Magazines:** AASLH The Superpowers of Small and Seasonal Museums (2024) and AAM's May/June Edition Trust: Civility, Collaboration, Credibility, and Context (2025)
- **Added for Check Out: Tools/Interactive:** Utility Knives and Blades

PROF DEVELOPMENT & MUSEUM WEBINARS

Interpreting Winter Holidays with Your Community
June 12th, 1 PM, \$25

Say What? Demystifying Preservation and Conservation Terms with CCAHA's New Glossary
June 18th, 10 AM, FREE

How-To: African American Genealogy
June 24th, 10:30 AM, \$5

Deaccessioning History Collections
June 26th, 1 PM, \$25

MODS Metadata Object Description Schema
June 30th, 4 PM, FREE

Sanborn Maps
July 7th, 4 PM, FREE

How-To: Caring for Historic Clothing
July 8th, 12 PM, \$5

Museum Basics: Working with Communities as Partners
July 9th, 5 PM, \$25

Expanding Queer Narratives in Museums
July 10th, 1 PM, \$25

Smithsonian National Education Summit, "Together We Thrive: One Nation, Indivisible"
July 15th - 17th, ALL DAY (optional), FREE

Fixity + Bagit
July 21st, 4 PM, FREE

AZTLÁN FUTURES: Generational Healing through Art & Storytelling
July 29th, ALL DAY, FREE



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