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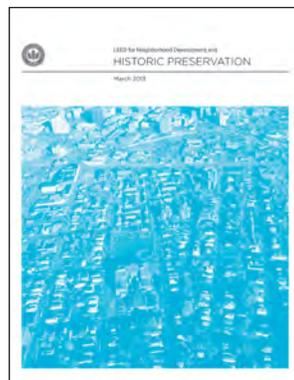
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WWW.PARKCO.US
- MAY 25, 2013
PARK COUNTY PRESERVATION
AWARDS CEREMONY
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TARRYALL SCHOOL
COUNTY ROAD 77
TARRYALL, CO
- JUNE 7, 2013
PARK COUNTY HISTORICAL
SOCIETY MEETING
6:30 PM
PLATTE CANYON COMMUNITY
CENTER, SHAWNEE
WWW.PARKCOUNTYHISTORY.COM

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LEED Recognizes Role of Preservation in Green Development

In March of this year, the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) released “**LEED for Neighborhood Development and Historic Preservation**,” which outlines the synergies between sustainable neighborhood development and historic preservation. This important document provides guidance for project teams interested in learning how to incorporate historic buildings into their sustainable development plans and preservationists looking to rehabilitate historic landmarks in a sustainable way.



“LEED for Neighborhood Development and Historic Preservation” demonstrates where the goals of green building and historic preservation overlap,

providing counter-arguments to the assertion that old buildings are not sustainable and should be torn down to make way for new construction.

Developed by the U.S. Green Building Council, LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) is an internationally recognized green building program that, “provides building owners and operators with a framework for identifying and implementing practical and measurable green building design, construction, operations and maintenance solutions.” LEED certification standards are designed to lower operating costs,

increase long term value, reduce waste, conserve energy and water, create healthier, safer spaces, reduce harmful greenhouse gas emissions, and qualify development for tax rebates, zoning allowances, and other incentives.

By recognizing that historic preservation is inherently green, the USGBC has taken a critical step toward promoting development that is economically sustainable, environmentally responsible, and respectful of the important role that historic buildings play in creating healthy communities with a strong sense of place.

The release of the new LEED guidance dovetails nicely with the launch of a new interactive website presenting the **Secretary of the Interior’s Illustrated Guidelines on Sustainability for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings**. Published in 2011, the Guidelines stress the inherent sustainability of historic buildings and offer specific guidance on “recommended” rehabilitation treatments and “not recommended” treatments, which could negatively impact a building’s historic character. Illustrations of both types of treatments are included. The Guidelines are designed to assist building owners in planning rehabilitation projects that will meet the Standards for Rehabilitation. To view the guidelines visit <http://www.nps.gov/tps/standards/rehabilitation/guidelines/index.htm>.

To learn more about sustainability and historic preservation visit the Park County Office of Historic Preservation’s Energy Efficiency & Sustainability page at <http://parkco.us/index.aspx?NID=471>.



Upcoming Events

- JUNE 18, 2013
SHAWNEE HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING
6:30 PM
SHAWNEE TEA ROOM
SHAWNEE
WWW.HISTORICSHAWNEE.COM
- JUNE 10-14, 2013
CLESSON CABIN HISTORICORPS VOLUNTEER PROJECT SESSION I
ALMA, CO
WWW.HISTORICORPS.ORG/CLESSON-CABIN/
- JUNE 17-21, 2013
CLESSON CABIN HISTORICORPS VOLUNTEER PROJECT SESSION II
ALMA, CO
WWW.HISTORICORPS.ORG/CLESSON-CABIN/
- JUNE 21, 2013
SOUTH PARK SYMPOSIUM
9 - 3:30 PM
FAIRPLAY SCHOOL
640 HATHAWAY
- JUNE 21, 2013
SOUTH PARK SYMPOSIUM
FIELDTRIP TO BUCKSKIN CEMETERY
3:45 - 5 PM
LEAVE FROM
FAIRPLAY SCHOOL
640 HATHAWAY

Letter from the Office of Historic Preservation

I'd like to thank all the wonderful people who joined us on May 18th for our guided walking tour of historic Alma. With over 60 participants, the event was our most successful tour to date and a fantastic way to kick off National Preservation Month. Throughout the month of May, communities throughout the United States will be celebrating the historic places that make a difference in our lives. Be sure to take advantage of the wide variety of upcoming opportunities to celebrate the rich historical and cultural heritage of Park County and Colorado.

Show your love for Park County's historic places by participating in the second annual This Place Matters contest; grab your smartphone and take a self



guided walking tour of historic Alma, Fairplay, or South Park City; attend the Park County Historic Preservation Awards at the Tarryall School on May 25; or visit the South Park National Heritage Area's new website and plan a day trip in the South Park. More information about these events can be found in this issue.

—Amy Unger



Smartphone Walking Tour of Historic Alma Available

In honor of Preservation Month, the South Park National Heritage Area and the Office of Historic Preservation have partnered to create a smartphone walking tour of the historic Town of Alma. The tour includes 20 buildings and residences constructed between the late 1800s and 1930s that represent the broad spectrum of Alma's storied history. Access the tour via the new South Park National Heritage Area website at <http://www.southparkheritage.org/walking-tours-0>.



South Park City Now Open

On Wednesday, May 15, South Park City Museum reopened. The museum's collection includes historic buildings and thousands of artifacts dating from the 1800s. Learn how settlers lived in the early mining towns of Park County and try out the South Park National Heritage Area's smartphone tour of the site. The museum is open daily from 9am to 5pm. After Memorial Day the site will be open until 7pm. Admission for adults is \$10, children can visit for just \$4 (no fee for kids under 6). For more information visit www.southparkcity.org.

Enter the Park County "This Place Matters" Photo Contest!



This year's National Preservation Month theme is "See! Save! Celebrate!" and we invite you to help us celebrate the places that make Park County truly unique by participating in the second annual Park County "This Place Matters" Photo Contest.

To enter, first download a "This Place Matters" sign from our website at <http://www.parkco.us/DocumentCenter/View/1112>, or pick one up at your area library or our offices. Then take a photograph of yourself (or your group) holding the sign in front of a place that matters to you. It can be a building, object, structure, site, or landscape—any place that you feel is important to the history of Park County and therefore worthy of preservation.

Email your photo to the Park County Office of Historic Preservation at historicpres@parkco.us, along with a

short paragraph explaining why this place matters to you. You can also mail your submission to P.O. Box 1373, Fairplay, CO, 80440 or drop off your entry in person at our offices at 1246 County Road 16 (Castello Ave) in Fairplay. You may submit more than one entry if you like.

The deadline for submissions is Friday, May 31, 2013. All entries will be submitted in a random prize drawing. Prizes will include t-shirts, framed historic photos, and more. Winners will be announced Monday, June 10, and all entries will be posted on the Park County website.

If you have any questions about the contest or need more information, contact Amy Unger at (719) 836-4292 or email historicpres@parkco.us. Help us discover the hidden gems in Park County and promote the places that truly matter to us all!



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- JUNE 22, 2013
SOUTH PARK SYMPOSIUM
9 - 3:15 PM
FAIRPLAY SCHOOL
640 HATHAWAY
- JUNE 22, 2013
PCHPAC MEETING
9 AM
UTE TRAIL RIVER RANCH
WWW.PARKCO.US
- JULY 5, 2013
PARK COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING
6:30 PM
PLATTE CANYON COMMUNITY CENTER, SHAWNEE
WWW.PARKCOUNTYHISTORY.COM
- JULY 16, 2013
SHAWNEE HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING
6:30 PM
SHAWNEE TEA ROOM
SHAWNEE
WWW.HISTORICSHAWNEE.COM
- JULY 17, 2013
WENDY'S WILDFLOWERS
9:30 AM - 12:00 PM
ALMA TOWN HALL
ALMA, CO
- JULY 20-21, 2013
FESTIVAL IN THE CLOUDS
ALMA, CO
- JULY 27, 2013
PCHPAC MEETING
9 AM
UTE TRAIL RIVER RANCH
WWW.PARKCO.US

Join Us on May 25 for the Park County Historic Preservation Awards Ceremony

The Park County Historic Preservation Advisory Commission is pleased to announce the winners of the 2013 Park County Historic Preservation Awards. The awards recognize individuals and organizations that have made a significant contribution to the preservation and interpretation of Park County's historic and cultural resources.

This year, six awards will be given to individuals who have made a difference in Park County. The winners are:

Former Park County Historic Preservation Advisory Commissioner **Rick Cluxton** for his contribution to the preservation of Park County's historic buildings.

Preservation contractors **Chris Petralia** and **George McQueen** for their window rehabilitation work at the Old Park County Courthouse.

John Tighe for his dedication to the preservation and appreciation of Park County's historic resources during his tenure as County Commissioner.

Owners **Charles and Margo Harding** and architect **Will Crago** for their dedication to the preservation and rehabilitation of the historic buildings at the Trout Creek/Annex/Settele Ranch.

Contractor **Jeremiah Lindberg** for his contributions to the preservation and stabilization of the Paris Mill.

The **Boys & Girls Club** for encouraging our young



Chris Petralia of Common Ground Preservation is one of the recipients of this year's Park County Historic Preservation Awards for his work restoring the Old Courthouse windows.

people to appreciate and preserve Park County's history.

The awards ceremony will take place Saturday, May 25, from 1-3 pm at the historic Tarryall School, 31000 County Rd 77. The public is encouraged to attend and help honor this year's award winners. Light refreshments will be served. Hope to see you there!

Symposium Highlights Many Aspects of South Park's Unique Heritage - June 21-22

On June 21 and 22, the South Park Symposium will feature presentations on a wide range of topics from Park County's infamous outlaws to raising bison in the South Park. During the two day event, hear local author Christie Wright discuss the historic murders featured in her new book, *South Park Perils*. Hear the story of the Espinosa Brother's bloody rampage in the South Park as told by Charles F. Price and listen to Gary R. Goodson Sr. bring the tale of the Reynolds Gang to life.

Dr. Susan Bender will present findings from the 12 year archeological study of the South Park undertaken by the South Park Archaeological Project, which uncovered a wealth of information about the area's earliest human inhabitants. Hear about the plans for the Como Depot and Hartsel Depot from Bob Schoppe, David Tomkins, and Scott Tate, and stay to watch the video, "Final Trip of the DSP&P Engine No. 9."

Listen to local historian and author Linda Bjorklund present stories from Fairplay's past uncovered during

the research for her new book on the town. Take in local rancher Monte Downare's talk about the raising of bison in the South Park or learn more about the South Park National Heritage Area from Executive Director Linda Balough.

A field trip to historic Buckskin Cemetery is planned for June 21 from 3:45 to 5:00. Cost of the tour is \$7 and includes admission to that day's presentations. Before you go, learn the history behind the tombstones from lifelong Alma resident Erik Swanson and photographer Sean Brubaker. Brubaker has been documenting the cemetery for the past four years.

The symposium will take place at the Fairplay School on June 21 from 9 am to 3:30 pm and June 22 from 9 am to 3:15 pm. Registration is \$10.00 for both days, \$5.00 for one day. A number of local organizations will also be exhibiting at the event. To access a registration form visit http://www.fairy-lamp.com/PCHS/Symposium_June_2013.pdf. Parking will be available at the school.

Summer Volunteer Opportunities at Clesson Cabin and Cline Ranch

Volunteering is a great way to get involved in historic preservation, expand your knowledge of history, develop useful skills, and help others. Develop hands on preservation skills as you help rehabilitate Alma's circa 1870s Clesson Cabin in June or learn more about the historic Cline Ranch as you help us secure ranch buildings and clear the main house and surrounding grounds of debris.

Clesson Cabin Rehabilitation

Session I: June 10-14 and Session II: June 17-21
Alma, CO

The Park County Office of Historic Preservation, the Town of Alma, the Alma Foundation, and the South Park National Heritage Area have partnered with the Denver-based nonprofit HistoriCorps to continue rehabilitation of the historic Clesson Cabin in Alma. HistoriCorps staff will lead volunteers as they restore historic wood windows and doors and chink and daub the log portions of the circa 1871 cabin.



Volunteers of all abilities and experience are welcome. The project will be managed and supervised by HistoriCorps instructors and is designed to optimize

learning opportunities. Camping space, tools, safety equipment, and meals will be provided by HistoriCorps. For more information visit the HistoriCorps website at <http://historicorps.org/clesson-cabin/> or contact Amy Unger at the Park County Office of Historic Preservation at 719-836-4292.

Cline Ranch Work Day

August 3
33255 Highway 285

Are you curious about the unusual Mission Revival style residence visible from Highway 285 between



Como and Jefferson? Learn about this unique 1930s era home and the surrounding property as you help the South Park National Heritage Area and the Park County Office of Historic Preservation preserve

the historic Cline Ranch. We will be taking the first steps toward preserving the ranch by securing the buildings and clearing the main house of debris. Volunteers of all abilities and experience are welcome. Lunch will be provided. For more information contact Erica Duvic, Projects & Grants Manager for the South Park National Heritage Area at 719-836-4273.

South Park National Heritage Area Launches New Website

The South Park National Heritage Area has launched a new website, located at www.southparkheritage.org, to share South Park's rich history and promote the region

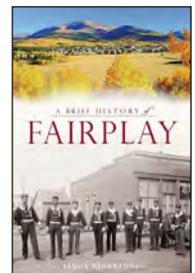


to visitors. The website offers a historical timeline that takes visitors on a trip through the events that created South Park and an

interactive map to help locate historical sites and other attractions. A mobile version of the website is available for those on mobile and tablet devices.

New Book on Fairplay's History Published

Local historian and author Linda Bjorklund has published a new book chronicling the history of Fairplay. Published by The History Press, *A Brief History of Fairplay* traces the town's history from prehistoric time to the early twentieth century. The book includes the story of Fairplay's early miners, infamous murders, historic 1873 fire, the arrival of the railroad, and much more. A great resource for anyone with an interest in Fairplay's rich history and the development of early mining settlements in the Rocky Mountains over the last 150 years. Bjorklund will be presenting at the South Park Symposium on June 21.



Behind the Facade: The Salt Works Ranch

In 1862, Charles L. Hall founded the Salt Works Ranch, one of Park County's earliest ranching operations. Hall arrived in Colorado in 1859, initially settling near present day Arvada. News of gold strikes soon lured Hall to California Gulch near Leadville, where he began prospecting and mining. During the winter of 1860-61, Hall survived a disastrous prospecting expedition in the San Juan Mountains. Several members of the group died due to starvation, exposure, and illness after the group lost their way near Silverton. Caught by a blizzard while searching for food, Hall wandered for fourteen days before his rescue. Mrs. Mary Melissa Nye, a widow and member of the rescue party, nursed Hall back to life and soon afterward became his wife. Together the Halls traveled to South Park looking for gold. However, it was another mineral that would provide a lucrative start for the newlywed couple.

South Park's salty marshes had long been used by American Indians as a source for salt. Early explorers recognized the high salt content of the area's wetlands as well, calling the area Bayou Salado (Salt Marsh). Used for domestic purposes and to process gold ore, salt was a valuable commodity in South Park during the 1860s. The railroads had not yet reached Park County and salt had to be hauled by wagon from Missouri. Hall saw a business opportunity and erected the Colorado Salt Works on Salt Creek near present day Hartsel.

The Halls homesteaded the land surrounding the



The Colorado Salt Works operated near present day Hartsel during the 1860s.



The impressive Second Empire style main ranch house, built circa 1872, still stands proudly at the Salt Works Ranch headquarters today.

works, building a simple log cabin that formed the heart of their cattle ranch. The Halls opened their home to travelers making the difficult journey across South Park, providing a hot meal and shelter from the cold winds that swept across the isolated area. The family entertained a wide variety of notable guests at the ranch as well as members of the Ute tribe.

In 1870, the Halls closed the Colorado Salt Works, focusing their energies on their mining investments and cattle ranching. Around 1872, they started work on an impressive two-story Second Empire style ranch house. Reportedly built by T.Y. Rippey, a ship carpenter, the home's French inspired design, high quality materials, and fine detailing reflected the success of the family's business ventures. The Halls constructed a number of additional ranch buildings at that time including a new barn, camp house, springhouse, ice house, and chicken coop.

In the winter of 1875, the Halls moved to Leadville where Charles continued his success as a mine operator and developer. The family eventually moved to Denver, but their three children, Minnie, Charles and Mildred, continued to spend summers at the Salt Works Ranch. When son Charles reached the age of 21, his father gave him a number of fine horses. The young man branded the horses with the "Heart-Six" brand, which is still used by



Charles Hall's Heart-Six brand.

the ranch today.

Members of the Hall family continued to own and operate the ranch after the death of Charles in 1907 with daughter Mildred and her second husband, Tom McQuaid, managing the ranch for many years. Mildred, a graduate of Wellesley College and the Boston Conservatory of Music, enjoyed a successful career as a stage actress in New York before returning to the South Park. In contrast, local rancher McQuaid was described as “tough and gnarled like the pines.” Over time, McQuaid established

a vast ranching empire that include seven ranches, fourteen brands, and more than 80,000 acres of land, with the Salt Works Ranch serving as his headquarters. When McQuaid died in 1965 at age 97, he was lauded as “a great legendary figure of the South Park Country.”

Descendants of the Halls continue to own the Salt Works Ranch today, which remains a working cattle ranch, offering natural pasture raised beef for direct sale to the public through the Heart Six Cattle Company (<http://www.heart6cattleco.com>).

Save the Date! High Country Old House Fair to be Held August 10 in Fairplay

Join us for the inaugural High Country Old House Fair to be held August 10 at the Fairplay School. Free and open to the public, the event will provide fairgoers with valuable information related to caring for older homes and appreciating their unique charm.

Educational presentations will cover topics such as making older homes energy efficient without

SAVE THE DATE
August 10

compromising the characteristics that make them special, repairing old log cabins and outbuildings, historic housing styles in the High Country region, repairing wood windows, Colorado’s state tax credit program for historic properties, Park County’s local historic landmark designation program, and rehabbing a home using HUD’s 203K loan program.

Skilled researchers will be on hand to offer advice on how to uncover the history of your home using public documents and online resources. Exhibitors will provide information targeted to residents interested in improving

their older homes and preserving the unique character of our mountain communities.

We will also be presenting a free screening of the documentary film, *The Greenest Building*, which examines the benefits of rehabilitating older buildings by asking the question, “Is a new building the most sustainable choice?”

The fair is made possible by a generous grant from the South Park National Heritage Area.

Interested in Exhibiting?

If your business or organization would like to be a part of the High Country Old House Fair, please contact Amy Unger at 719-836-4292 or historicpres@parkco.us. For this year only, exhibitor tables are available free of charge. Space is limited so contact us to reserve your space now!

Interested in Volunteering?

Volunteers are needed to assist with the fair. If you or your organization is interested in participating, give us a call at 719-836-4292.

Preservation Resources (for a complete list of resources visit our website at parkco.us)

Grants & Tax Incentives

Federal Historic Preservation Tax Incentives

<http://www.nps.gov/tps/tax-incentives.htm>

Colorado Grants and Financial Incentives

<http://www.historycolorado.org/archaeologists/grants-financial-incentives>

Practical Guidance

Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties

<http://www.nps.gov/tps/standards.htm>

Preservation Tech Notes

<http://www.nps.gov/tps/how-to-preserve/tech-notes.htm>

Preservation Briefs

Technical guidance on preserving, rehabilitating, and restoring historic buildings.

<http://www.nps.gov/tps/how-to-preserve/briefs.htm>

Preserving Historic Wood Windows

<http://www.parkco.us/DocumentCenter/View/1368>



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In 1999, the National Park Service recognized Park County as a Certified Local Government (CLG), a designation that allows the county to officially develop standards for the designation of local historic landmarks and establish a historic preservation advisory commission.

The Board of County Commissioners appointed and authorized the Park County Historic Preservation Advisory Commission to make recommendations for the identification, designation, and preservation of Park County's historic resources. The Park County Office of Historic Preservation was created to carry out this mission.

The Office of Historic Preservation staff is ready to help owners of historic properties extend the useful life of their property and preserve their piece of Park County history for future generations to enjoy. Staff assists with applications for local landmark designation; provides property owners with technical guidance and preservation expertise as they develop plans for their historic properties; assists with applications for preservation grants; and partners with organizations interested in preserving and promoting Park County's rich cultural heritage.

If you would like to learn more about what the Park County Office of Historic Preservation has to offer, contact Amy Unger, Preservation Planner, at (719) 836-4292 or email aunger@parkco.us. We look forward to hearing from you!