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UPCOMING EVENTS

January 2017

- January 20th - Park County Historical Society monthly meeting. At 6:30pm located at the Shepard of the Rockies Lutheran Church.
- January 21- Sub-grantee Open House 10am- noon. Located at the Old Park County Courthouse
- January 21- PCHPAC in Old Courthouse at 9 am - noon

Park County Local Archives is open every Tuesday from 10 am -2 pm. Located in the lower level of the Old Park County Courthouse

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Letter from the Office of Heritage, Tourism & Community Development

In April 2016 I began work as the Executive Director of the SPNHA and the Director of Heritage, Tourism and Community Development. With a job title that long I knew I was going to be very busy. Yet despite the enormity of the job I was very lucky to be supported by the outgoing director, Linda Balough. Her years hard work have allowed me to build on a strong foundation. I am also fortunate in having two incredible staff members, Jennie and Julie that are truly dedicated to the preservation. As a symbol of this new excitement and dedication we are launching a new logo for the South Park National Heritage Area and will be doing much more to tell our unique story of culture and natural resources.

As a team we have achieved a wide-range of preservation goals and

are very excited about the prospects for 2017. We continue to make significant progress on the restoration of Paris Mill and we completed our continuing certification as a Certified Local Government. We completed both the State nomination and a master plan for the Tarryall-Cline Ranch; and a national nomination for the Buffalo Peaks Ranch (Guiraud-McDowell Ranch). The old Courtroom will finally see some restoration work with restored floors, stenciling and protective carpeting, and we look forward to sharing this space with more of our public through programs, exhibits and special events. We introduced the South Park



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London Mill: Tied to Park County and the Community

In Park County there are so many distinct and rich resources to learn about and that are in need of preservation. The London Mill is a beloved treasure for not only the Town of Alma, but for Park County and generations to come. The London mining company started in c.1870. This was a progressive mining company that wanted to revolutionize the processing of ore in the area. Before the London Mill was built the gold ore was sent all the way to Swansea, England to be processed. The first opening to the mine was on the north side of London Mountain. When the mine first started producing Gold the miners would get six ounces of gold to every ton of ore. The Mining Company installed a bucket system that went from the mine to the mill they built on Mosquito Creek.



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Upcoming Events

February 2017

- February 17th- Park County Historical Society monthly meeting. At 6:30pm located at the Shepard of the Rockies Lutheran Church.
- February 18- PCHPAC meeting in Old Courthouse at 9 am - noon

March 2017

- March 2- SPNHA application due date
- March 17th- Park County Historical Society monthly meeting. At 6:30pm located at the Shepard of the Rockies Lutheran Church
- March 18- Heritage Area Board grant review meeting
- March 18- PCHPAC meeting in Old Courthouse at 9 am - noon

April 2017

- April 3- SPNHA grant awards announced
- April 15- PCHPAC meeting in Old Courthouse at 9 am - noon
- April 21st -Park County Historical Society monthly meeting. At 6:30pm located at the Shepard of the Rockies Lutheran Church
- April 22nd- Beaver Ponds Earth Day Event

May 2017

- Cemetery Clean Up- TBA
- May 20- PCHPAC meeting in Old Courthouse at 9 am - noon

Meet the New Heritage, Tourism, & Community Development Team

Andrew Spencer , Director of Heritage, Tourism, and Community Development

Andy Spencer is originally from England but has lived in Colorado for the last 15 years. In 1988, shortly after graduating from the University of Lancaster (UK) with a degree in archaeology, he began working in interpretation at Penn State University. He has worked in a variety of leadership roles at the Minnesota Zoo, the Denver Zoo, Jefferson County Open Space and now Park County. Andy returned to school and gained a Master’s degree in Heritage Management from the University of Birmingham. He believes history belongs to everyone and he credits his success to great mentors, working as part of great team and a dogged determination to do his best. When not working Andy spends time with his family and trying to train his German Shepard.

Jennie Andrusin, Park County Projects and Grants Manager.

Jennie Andrusin graduated from Colorado State University with a degree in Cultural Anthropology. She lives in Alma and loves the mountain life style. Jennie appreciates the beauty of the area and is proud to protect and promote the many historic, cultural, and natural resources that Park County has to offer. She loves being involved with significant projects taking place to preserve the South Park National Heritage Area as well as having the opportunity to work



Jennie Andrusin, Julie Koomler, Andrew Spencer

with local organizations to positively impact the community. When she is not working you can find her outside enjoying the place she is grateful to live and work in.

Julie Koomler, Park County Preservation Specialist II.

Ms. Koomler comes to Park County from New Orleans; however she grew up in Indiana. Julie attained her Masters Degree in Historic Preservation from Ball State University. She has undergraduate degrees in Furniture Design and Interior Design. Julie is very excited by the diverse history in Park County. Julie enjoys working with Park County Historic Preservation Advisory Commission. PCHPAC has a rich-history based membership and cares deeply for the success of Park County historic resources. Julie has been thrilled to tour so many historic sites with such complex and strong historical roots. Some top favorites from this year have been- Paris Mill, Glen Isle, Wadley Ranch, McArthur Gulch. But most of all she loves the Tarryall-Cline Ranch. In her free time she enjoys hiking and being out in nature.

The Many Aspects to Historic Preservation: Section 106

Many people ask what Historic Preservation is? What do you do? Are you saving just a bunch of 'old stuff'?

I think these are very fair questions, because I didn't know much about preservation until I went to graduate school for it. Then I realized Preservation is in everything I love. Old houses, communities, historic materials, scenic by-ways, and so forth. One of the interesting aspects I have learned about is the process of Section 106. But it's a complicated thing Section 106 and I would like to try and explain it further.

Section 106 is the Federal review process when there is Federal funding or a Federal permit being issued to change, interrupt or alter a historic property or landscape.

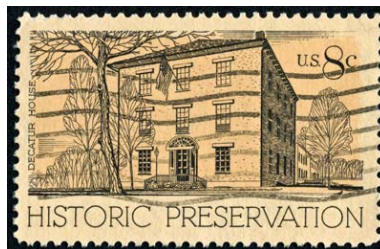
According to the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, the Section 106 process "requires federal agencies to consider the effects of projects they carry out, approve, or fund on historic properties."

Projects with less obvious federal involvement can also have

repercussions on historic properties. The construction of a cellular tower may require a license from the Federal Communications Commission and might compromise historic or culturally significant landscapes properties.

The Section 106 review process gives the opportunity to alert the federal government to the historic properties you value and influence decisions about projects that affect them. Protecting historic ranches, mining areas and so forth are paramount for Park County office of Historic Preservation.

Article by: Julie Koomler



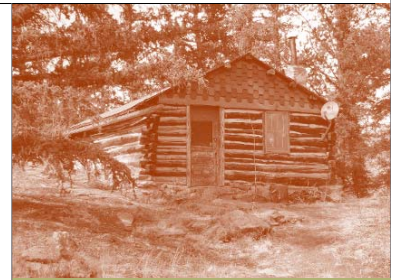
South Park National Heritage Area Awards \$100K in Grants

In 2016 the South Park National Heritage Area funded \$100,000 in grants to local entities. Ten grants were awarded to organizations completing projects which further the goals of the SPNHA. The projects ranged from: protecting natural resources such as rare high alpine plants, a variety of educational programs from historic to environmental, conducting research on resources in the SPNHA through herb-chronology, promoting Park

County's rich railroad heritage and much more.

We are very proud of all the accomplishments of the SPNHA sub-grantees whose work is the lifeline of the heritage area. To learn more about the 2016 grantees and to hear about the success of these projects from the organization representatives directly please join us at our open house on January 21st from 10am-12pm. We would love to see you!

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Did you know...

- Historic Tax Credits are a dollar for dollar reduction in the amount of tax owed to the government.
- Colorado's state historic preservation tax credits are transferable: You can sell them upon completion of your project!
- Selling credits can bring in additional funds for your project in either a cash match for a grant or a loan.
- Residential historic tax credits can lower your tax bill which can increase your tax refund.
- Residential Tax Credits need a project that is eligible and cost must exceed \$5,000- Capped at \$50,000
- Residential Historic Tax Credits extent of tax savings is 20% for qualified rehabilitation expenditures.
- Commercial Historic Tax Credits extent of tax savings is 25% of qualified rehabilitation expenditures for projects less than 2 million and 20% for qualified rehabilitation expenditures on projects over 2 million dollars.

Wilkerson Pass: A Great Place to Shop, Learn, and Explore

The Park County Office of Heritage, Tourism, and Community has begun managing the Visitor Center at Wilkerson Pass.

Nearly a quarter of a million people passed through or used the facilities at Wilkerson pass during the summer of 2016. We anticipate that number to grow and wish to promote the amazing resources available in Park County through this outlet. Through the sales of local merchandise, up-to-date trail maps and reference books ; we wish to promote the real Colorado experience.

Also available at Wilkerson Pass Visitor Center- snacks, water, and soft drinks. The 2017 season will bring more updates

and newer signage to teach all about the importance of protecting Park County's natural and cultural resources.



Wilkerson Pass promotes not only great views and information about Park County- There are bathrooms here too!

Historic Preservation Intern: Mason Miller

I have always been a firm believer that history tends to repeat itself and that if we know the past, we can have a greater chance for predicting what will happen in the future. This belief is what pushes me to follow my interests into the field of Historic Preservation. I have attended two Preserve America Youth summits, a program that teaches the importance of learning about the past, and preserving it for future generations.

The first Youth Summit I went on was to Estes Park and the Rocky Mountain National Park. We learned about how the population of elk is dissipating, and how Native American 'wikiups', a

temporary shelter, were being destroyed by tourists that didn't know what they were. My fellow peers and I attended some educational demonstrations then went to a town hall meeting where we proposed our ideas about how to fix the problems of that area. When the opportunity to work for the Department of Heritage, Tourism, and Community Development came through my schools work study program, I was quick to jump on the chance, because I would be able to work directly with the people that preserve the history of my home.

In my time here I have learned about hands on restoration and a great amount of information about local Park County history. I've helped

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with the restoration process of the old courthouse, and personally can't wait to see this once great courthouse brought back to its former glory. So that future generations can come and learn about its past and get an insight to what a historically rich and vibrant



Mason Miller at Wadley Ranch, Summer 2016

Behind the Scene at Paris Mill

Reaching as far back as the early 2010's- Clean-up, restoration, and construction at Paris Mill has been a passionate subject for Park County residents near and far.

Paris Mill Phase II



West Wing Dormers, Paris Mill c.2013

Construction was completed this past September, 2016. With many people curious to learn what has been happening at the site, but unable to see the details because this is a closed off construction zone- we wanted to share as many photos and as much information as we can of the progress at Paris Mill.

The South Wing Extension (gold precipitation wing) was



After summer construction, Paris Mill

successfully stabilized and secured.

We are so thankful for our contractors, Wattle and Daub. They have used their years of experience with historic structures to remain as sensitive to the true nature of this site.

Our contractors stayed within budget and were mindful of historic integrity. Contractors reused as much of the original timber beams as they could (that were not rotten) and reused materials from the west wing rehabilitation. Our architect and structural engineer were satisfied with the work done at the mill.



Coming Soon: A 1/2 inch scaled model of exterior plus interior views of the Paris Mill!

Article by: Julie Koomler



Measuring for a 1/2 scale model, Fall 2016





Boreas Pass Railroad Day, 2015

SPNHA Awards... continued

Funding for the SPNHA comes from the National Park Service and must receive congressional approval before it is disbursed. Applications for our 2017 grant cycle will be open on our website on January 2nd, 2017.

Please review the grant guidelines and feel free to contact Jennie Andrusin with any questions. jandrusin@parkco.us

Article by: Jennie Andrusin

22th Annual Boreas Pass Railroad Day, August 19th, 2017



Boreas Pass Railroad Days, 2015

London Mill: Tied to Park County and the Community

By 1942, the London mining company had produced over \$22,000,000 worth of gold according to the U.S Bureau of mines records. At their prime the London Mining Company operated four mills named the North London, London Extension, London Butte, and the American. The owner of the American mill has a rather interesting story. He was accused of tax evasion on all the gold he ever processed. The total amount of money he owed added up to about \$500,000. He proceeded to offer the investigating IRS agent \$200,000 and a personal "loan" of \$20,000. Needless to say, he went to prison for tax evasion and attempting to bribe a federal agent. After being released he was almost immediately diagnosed with tuberculosis, upon his death his nurse inherited the American. The London mining company was owned by a bigger organization, and that organization owned mines under different names. They owned three mills as the Vienna mining

company, three as the Rome mining company, and seven as the Berlin mining company. All of these mines ran along the great London gold vein which is said to be sixteen miles long.

If you're up Mosquito Pass hiking or taking in the lovely wildflowers- be sure to take in the view of the *Article by: Mason Miller* Lon-



London Butte, date unknown



Letter from the Office... from Pg. 1

Archaeological Initiative to curate our small, but growing, archaeological collections and to tell the nationally-important stories of South Park's archaeological past.

Perhaps most importantly we continue to leverage County funds through receiving grants for a variety of sources and support from the National Park Service – every dollar invested into preservation can result in a seven dollar investment in the community. Preservation is a major driver for our continuing economic growth both in that preservation makes the maximum use of scarce resources creates places of interest for our visitors. I hope that we will continue to preserve our amazing cultural and natural heritage, and, by sharing it with tourists, continue to make Park County an attractive place to visit.

~ Andrew Spencer

Mason Miller... continued from Pg. 4

building this is. I am grateful for the opportunity to have gone on site visits with my boss, Julie Koomler, the lead preservationist for Park County. On these site visits I learned how to assess a historical site and properly record our findings. The first site visit I went on was to the Wadley Ranch where we recreated a few pictures of the old ranch to see how it has changed from then to now. I also have a hobby of making necklaces, and when I told my boss about this she told me that they needed inventory for one of the tourism stops in Park County, and that they might be interested in buying some from me. Now some of my very

own necklaces are for sale at Wilkerson Pass Visitor's Center.

I am very appreciative for this opportunity to advance my knowledge in so many ways and to work with people that are so hard working and dedicated to preserving the great history of Park County.

~ Mason Miller



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

Local Organizations Park County

Local History Archives

(719) 836-4153

<http://www.parkcoarchives.org/>

Park County Historical Society

<http://www.parkcountyhistory.com/>

State Organizations

Office of Archaeology & Historic Preservation

(303) 866-3395

<http://www.historycolorado.org/oahp>

Colorado Preservation Inc.

(303) 893-4260

<http://coloradopreservation.org/>

Colorado Historic Newspaper Collection

[http://](http://www.coloradohistoricnewspapers.org)

www.coloradohistoricnewspapers.org

National Organizations

National Trust for Historic Preservation

<http://www.preservationnation.org/>

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 Briefs

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

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

Preservation Tech Notes

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

Preserving Historic Wood Windows

<http://www.parkco.us/DocumentCenter/View/1321>

National Center for Preservation Technology and Training

<http://ncptt.nps.gov/>

Sustainability and Historic Preservation

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



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In 1999, the National Park Service recognized Park County as a Certified Local Government (CLG), a designation that grants the county the ability to officially develop standards for the designation of local historic landmarks and establish an advisory commission dedicated to the preservation and rehabilitation of Park County's historic buildings and sites.

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. We can assist with applications for local landmark designation; provide property owners with technical guidance and preservation expertise as they develop plans for the repair, rehabilitation, or restoration of historic properties; assist with applications for preservation grants; and partner with organizations interested in preserving and promoting Park County's rich cultural heritage.

We look forward to hearing from you!