



Animas City School 1904

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Annual Meeting Collections Report November 10, 2020

Collections Fiscal Year 2020

New Accessions

- ◆ As of November 1, 2020, we have taken in 7 new accessions this year.
- ◆ 7 are in the regular permanent collections, and 0 are in the education collection.
- ◆ These new accessions contain approximately 23 new individual objects.
- ◆ 6 of the new accessions have been fully cataloged, photographed/scanned, and permanently housed. Only 20.07 needs to be photographed.
- ◆ Our current database has 28,292 items, which means we have added 62 items in the last year.

Older Accessions

- ◆ The main backlog accession that we have been processing is 10.05. This is the 5th collection accepted in 2010. We hope to make it available electronically to a couple of our catalogers, so they can continue some regular collections work. This is a huge digital accession of photographs, documents, and maps centering on the Bayfield area. They arrived on old zip discs (similar to floppy discs). I worked on downloading and converting these files to workable formats. Now, Susan is remotely sorting and numbering them before the other catalogers can fill out the additional information for our catalog forms. I also added a ton of documentation that will assist everyone in doing this research remotely.

Online Exhibits

1. Votes for Women
2. The War with Nature: 1918 Influenza Pandemic
3. Quilts of the Animas Museum
4. Pumping Iron
5. A Brief History of Electricity in Durango
6. Zaidee Rockwood Perkins' Wedding Dress
7. Play Railroad Bingo!
8. A Timeline of Local History
9. The Joy Cabin
10. The Vulcan Foundry
11. The Peterson House

HVAC/CalSteel

- ◆ After spending the summer with 80-90 degree temperatures in the Collections Area, CalSteel started the replacement of our whole system on the last days of September 2020. In total, workers were here for 5 days over two weeks. They finished construction in the first week of October. The system was immediately operational. A final walk through occurred on 10/29/2020.

Past Perfect

- ◆ The Collections inventory has continued off and on during our closure period. This inventory will help us convert the current database to the new PastPerfect database. This is definitely going slower with a lack of volunteer support, but it is still underway.

Awards

- ◆ We were awarded the Josephine H. Miles History Award, which comes with \$1,000 in award money. We turned in the necessary paperwork to History Colorado. We are still waiting on the check. As a final note of pride, while the Bancroft award was specifically for rural communities, the Miles award put us in direct competition with organizations from all size communities in the state, and we still came out on top. They specifically noted that the council liked how the community came together for the project, citing the donations from the Elks, DAR, etc. We set out thank you letters to all people and organizations who contributed to this successful project.

Grants

- ◆ Finished the \$500 grant from CWAM (Colorado/ Wyoming Association of Museums) to digitize 37 of our cassette tapes. We are having them digitized at the Silverton Museum. All \$500 went to the Silverton Museum. The final report was submitted in spring 2020.
- ◆ Finished the Greenwood Fund provided by the Denver Foundation for \$1,500 for archival supplies. In January, we spent this money at Gaylord Archival. Most of this went to supplies that better house our photo collections, such as photo slips in various sizes, tissue paper, and Tyvek. The Final Report was submitted in June 2020.
- ◆ The final report for the 2019 Ballantine grant was submitted in the summer of 2020.
- ◆ The 2020 Ballantine grant was submitted in the summer, and we were granted \$2,500.
- ◆ CH CARES Humanities Relief Fund was a grant opened in the summer of 2020. I applied for \$8,500 worth of relief funds for our payroll. We were awarded just shy of \$7,927. These funds were added to the Operations account and used for the August and September payroll expenses. I submitted the final report in early October 2020 with the accompanying payroll documentation they required.
- ◆ The CHRAB Archival grant is put out by the Colorado Historical Records Advisory Board for \$500 archival supplies. This funding is provided by the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC). They will be giving out at least 9 grants.
- ◆ GAP Fund is an opportunity by the Energize Colorado non-profit to help small businesses and nonprofits get through the COVID-19 pandemic effects. They are offering a chance to reimburse us for lost revenue from being closed all these months. They will not pay for anything that is already reimbursed by the PPP grant \$10,284.27, EIDL grant of \$2,000, and CH CARES I turned in a grant for nearly \$10,969.84 in lost revenue from our inability to collection museum admission fees, gift shop purchases, museum memberships, and cancelled fundraising events. The 2nd round of applications ended on October 26, 2020, so we will see how it goes.

- ◆ IMLS Inspire! for Small Museums is a grant for up to \$50,000 for Collections specific activities and project over a two year period. The 2020 grant is due on November 16th, and I am planning of submitting a grant that will help us continue our PastPerfect conversion.

Paid Staff

- ◆ Amber Lark as Collections Manager

Collections Volunteers

- ◆ Susan Jones
- ◆ Chuck Williams
- ◆ George Johnson
- ◆ Carol Schmudde
- ◆ Ed Horvat
- ◆ Amanda Vodicka
- ◆ Pam Dyer
- ◆ Gay Kiene
- ◆ Nancy Henry
- ◆ Carolyn Bowra
- ◆ Megan Reid

Total Collections Intern and Volunteer Hours in 2020 = 735