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The CSIC partners with Rock Ledge Ranch-Living History Association. They are the fiduciary agent for the 501c3 while our application is pending.

The CSIC Board at Work:

July:



- Moved into our new space;
- Signed partnership with Rock Ledge Ranch allowing us to use their 501c3 until ours is approved
- Selected new board members
- Arranged for phones /internet to be connected
- Set up new bank account for the Center
- Researched insurance and met with agents to find the best price for Directors and Officers insurance and general liability insurance for the office.
- Discussed lease arrangements with Trinity UMC
- Prepared financial statements for 2011 audit
- Met with CPA to set up financial data for 501c3
- Developed marketing materials (flyers, brochures, business cards)
- Designed t-shirts for the CSIC to be available at the Powwow.
- Gathered silent auction /door prizes for Aug 18.
- Developed Safe Camp Policy for the CSIC
- Recruited vendors and exhibits for the powwow

August:

- Board attended reception for the Japanese Delegation from Colorado Springs Sister City Fujiyoshida with the CSIC Elders.
- Promoted CSIC at a booth at the Everybody Welcome fair
- Developed policy for working with community organizations that wish to have dancers, story tellers, and presenters. (This will allow us to provide a stipend for those who perform and bring a small amount into the Center).
- Welcomed 80 people who wish to be active participants
- Consider a variety of community member concerns
- Met with business leaders to invite them to be sponsors for the Powwow; Invited Vendors to the Powwow; invite head staff, exhibitors, and food vendors; create marketing materials. (The CSIC receives 25% of the admissions fees for the powwow).
- Met with El Pomar to develop a fundraising plans for the CSIC; recommendations for annual membership dues of \$10 per individual/family or \$5 for individuals over age 55 were made.
- Developed assignments for new volunteers
- Participated in video and docent training for Colorado Springs Pioneers Museum
- Coordinated events for Native American Month for November
- Developed plans for fundraising over the next several months



Gathering of the Spirits Drum Practice

Between 6 and 10 people meet to practice Saturday mornings 10:30am-12:30pm with President Jim Bear Running Montoya

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CSIC Happenings



Events and Dates to Remember

Sept 5: El Pomar: Induction of Duane M. Takaki (1947-2011) Milton E. Proby Cultural Heritage Room 5:30-7:30)
 Sept 8: Thick Dark Cloud: film at Pioneers' Museum with Walter Little Moon
 Sept 8: Powwow at the Denver Museum of Art
 Sept 9: Inipi Buena Vista lesmess@BuenaVistaCO.com
 Sept 15, 29 Tai Chi 10am—Noon at the CSIC
 Sept 15, 29 Gathering of the Spirits Drum practice
 Sept 14, 15, 16: Holly Berry Folk Art Festival at Rock Ledge Ranch
 Sept 15,16 Black Forest Heritage Days
 Sept 22: 3rd Annual Garden of the Gods Rock Ledge Ranch Powwow 10am Gourd Dancing; 1pm Grand Entry
 Oct 6: Harvest Festival at Rock Ledge Ranch (free entry) 10am-3pm
 Oct 20: Community Pot Luck Dinner (Door prizes; silent auction) 1pm-3pm
 Oct 20: Prisoner's Support Group Travels to Sterling (See flyer for participation in this event)
 Nov 1: Carlos Nakai at Stargazer Theater

Status of Colorado Springs Indian Center Funds:

Income:	
\$270.00: Cash donations since July 1 (includes \$217 from silent auction and door prize drawings on Aug 18).	
Available Funds:	\$1710.00
Expenses:	
August/Sept Rent/utilities:	\$600.00
Printing*:	
Newsletter (120 copies):	57.80
CSIC Marketing flyers (300 copies):	30.00
Postage to mail 100 newsletters:	65.00
Telephone/Internet:	99.00
Office Supplies:	30.00
Total Expenses since Aug 1:	\$881.80
* Printing is "at cost:" .01 B&W; .05 Color	
Total Available funds as of Sept 1:	\$828.20



Welcome New Member of the CSIC Board of Directors: Gary T. Thundercloud (Mohawk)

Gary was born on the Caughnawaga (now Kahnawake) First Nation Mohawk Reservation. The rez is located on the south shore on the west end of Montreal. His father was a high-steel working Catholic. And his mother, on the other hand, was raised the traditional Longhouse ways and her father was runner chief in his day.

Gary volunteered to serve in the American Air Force during the Vietnam era and joined the U.S. Coast Guard Reserves later.

He is a member of a variety of veterans clubs: The Royal Canadian Legion and the American Legion Post 38 (local). He achieved the highest position of command as commander for the Western States Command in the Royal Canadian Legion. He has served with the Security Lions Club since 2001. He received a B.S. degree in Telecommunications Electronics Technology from Colorado Technical University. And, he is the husband of local girl, Cheryl Lynn.

Gary has created a variety of options for fundraising including having CSIC help with parking at the Balloon Classic, and making proposals to various service organizations.

Policy for CSIC: Safe Camp

A Safe Camp is one in which women, children, and Elders feel safe and welcome. It is an environment where respect is shown to each other, and the safety of all is of greatest importance. In creating a Safe Camp the following are included in the Safe Camp:

Alcohol, drugs, disrespectful, threatening, or abusive behavior are not tolerated. Those who are under the influence of alcohol or drugs, or those who use abusive language or engage in threatening behavior will be asked to leave. People who have parole obligations will be welcome when those have been completed.

Children should not be left on their own. General liability provisions require that parents be aware of the whereabouts and behavior their children at all times.

The CSIC welcomes all who wish to learn about the culture and traditions of Native people, regardless of their enrollment status or heritage.



Welcoming the Delegates from Fujiyoshida



Board Members and Elders from the Colorado Springs Indian Center attended a reception for the Japanese Delegation from Colorado Springs Sister City Fujiyoshida, Japan, on August 3, at El Pomar. Sebrina Forrest (Mohawk) sang a song honoring the many visitors from Fujiyoshida who attended the reception and the festival the next day. Young people from the Colorado Springs Chorale sang in the garden. Fujiyoshida is the home of Mt Fuji. For over 500 years that city has held an Annual Fire Festival that honors Mt. Fuji. This year, Colorado Springs Celebrates 50 years as a Sister City with Fujiyoshida. The Colorado Springs Diversity Forum and the Japan American Society of Southern Colorado sponsored the reception to celebrate friendship and collaboration. Mayor Shigeru Horiuchi and wife Mayumi Horiuchi presented the City of Colorado Springs \$11,000 gathered by the people of Fujiyoshida to help those whose homes were lost in the recent Waldo Canyon Fire. The Taiko Drum performed at the reception and were a hit at the Everybody Welcome festival in American the Beautiful Park on Aug 4.



Sage Picking and Picnic in Buena Vista



The Native American Prisoners Support Group (NAPSG), led by Suzanne MacDonald of Buena Vista, provides sage bundles to Native American groups in prisons throughout the state of Colorado. The plant grows wild in the area, and an annual sage picking picnic has been held each year for years. Due to weather variations, the sage becomes ready to harvest at differing times which means that the day of the gathering is not chosen in advance, but decided upon according to conditions. The main purpose of the day is to gather enough sage for the next year. Volunteers then tie the sage into usable bundles and it is stored for use at a later time.



Long Soldier drives down from Wounded Knee to help with Sage Picking and the Buena Vista Inipi



Dr. Karen Medville, (Cherokee), who works with Native American youth in the Medicine Bear Youth Program at Southern Peaks Regional Treatment Center, shares cultural knowledge about the way that sage is burned in smudging ceremonies to keep out bad spirits, feelings, or influences, and also to prevent bad spirits from entering the space where a ceremony takes place.



This year, the sage was gathered at the rodeo grounds with Mt. Princeton in the background.



Thank you Les Mes-samer and Dr. Karen Medville for the story and photos.



Drumming, singing, story telling, blessings, dancing, praying, smudging and a talking circle are included in the activities. Every one enjoyed the good food, talking and laughing.



Everybody Welcome in America the Beautiful Park





3rd Annual Garden of the Gods: Rock Ledge Ranch Traditional Powwow September 22, 2012

30th Street @ Gateway Road (Garden of the Gods)
Call 719-578-6777 Wed-Fri for more information
<http://www.rockledgeranch.com/location>

Entrance Fee: Adults, \$8; Seniors 55+, \$5; Youth/Teen (6-17) \$4; 5 & under, and dancers with regalia free

HEAD STAFF



MASTER OF CEREMONIES: Eugene Redhawk (Mohawk)

ARENA DIRECTOR: Fred Gauna (Apache/Dineh)

SPIRITUAL ADVISOR: Austin Box (So. Ute)

HOST SOUTHERN DRUM: Andy Cozad and the Waterbird Singers — Gourd Dancers Kiowa Nation, Anadarko, OK

HOST NORTHERN DRUM: Plenty Wolf Singers

HEAD WOMAN: Elvira Sweetwater (Dineh)

HEAD MAN: Kenneth Sweetwater (So. Cheyenne/Osage)

HEAD GOURD DANCER: John Emhoola, Jr. (Kiowa/Arapaho)

COLOR GUARD: Sister Nation Color Guard

EVENTS: 10am-5pm

10am: Southern Drum & Gourd Dancers

12 Noon: Grand Entry

Friendship Dances:

Potato Dance / Two Step / Musical Chairs



INDIAN ARTIST VENDORS

(All Spaces \$75 until sold)
(food vendors closed)

NATIVE FOOD: (Indian Tacos, Fry Bread, Buffalo, Roasted Corn, Sausage, Hamburgers, Fresh Lemonade, and soft drinks)

EXHIBITS

Rocky Mountain Wildlife Foundation w/Wolves
When the Land was Sacred (Carriage House)
Flute Players: Eric Herrera; Eddie Three Eagles
Flint Knappers; Matoska Dancers; Birds of Prey
Morning Star Miniatures - Pony Rides (\$4)

Bring Your Own Chairs!!

PARTNERS AND SPONSORS



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This is a family event. Leave dogs (pets) at home. No alcohol or drugs will be tolerated. Treat people with respect. The safety of our people is essential. Please be considerate of Elders and parents & children. We are not responsible for thefts, or damages, or short funded travelers. No refunds!



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MEDIA ADVISORY – SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Free Denver Art Museum admission at American Indian cultural celebration

WHAT: One of the Denver Art Museum's (DAM) longest-running events, the 23rd Annual Friendship Powwow and American Indian Cultural Celebration features American Indian dancers, drum groups, working artists, hands-on activities, free general admission, vendors and more.

WHEN: Saturday, September 8
 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

WHERE: Denver Art Museum – Acoma Plaza
 On 13th Avenue between Broadway and Bannock.

COST: General admission is free to all visitors.

DETAILS: The DAM's Friendship Powwow is a celebration of the vitality of American Indian cultures. The DAM has among the most comprehensive American Indian art collections of any art museum in the country and was one of the first art museums to collect Native American art for its aesthetic value.



Schedule

10 a.m.: Gourd dancing begins.
12 p.m.: Powwow grand entry. Dance competitions include dancers in a variety of outfit styles.
11 a.m.–1 p.m.: Bead with local artist Denise Litz and friends.
10:30 a.m.–4 p.m.: Paint a Hopi tile with artists Crow Medina and Grams Castro.
10 a.m.–4 p.m.: Work with Walt Pourier of the *Strong Hold Society* on a community mural.
10 a.m.–4 p.m.: Design a mini skateboard.

Denver Art Museum

The Denver Art Museum is located on 13th Avenue between Broadway and Bannock streets in downtown Denver. Open Tuesday–Thursday, Saturday–Sunday 10 a.m.–5 p.m., Friday 10 a.m.–8 p.m., except the final Friday of the month January–October when the museum stays open until 10 p.m. for the Untitled event; closed Mondays, Thanksgiving and Christmas. Admission for Colorado residents: \$10 adults, \$8 seniors and students. Admission for non-Colorado residents: \$13 for adults, \$10 for seniors and students, \$5 for visitors aged six to eighteen, free for children under 6. General museum admission is free the first Saturday of each month, thanks to Target and the citizens who support the Scientific and Cultural Facilities District (SCFD). Additional ticket may be required for special exhibitions. The Cultural Complex Garage is open; enter from 12th Avenue between Broadway and Bannock or check the DAM website for up-to-date parking information. For more information, call 720-865-5000 or visit www.denverartmuseum.org.

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Native American Prisoner's Support Group

NATIVE AMERICAN PRISONERS SUPPORT GROUP, INC.

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A 501(C)3 CORPORATION REGISTERED WITH THE STATE OF COLORADO
AND THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Native American Song and Prayer Meeting
Sterling Correctional Facility
12101 Hwy 61
Sterling, Colorado 80751



PRISON VISITOR APPLICATION

The Fall 2012 event will be held on October 20th. This program will have two parts. Part one will be a brief (one to two hour) visit to the Minimum lodge. The main portion will be the prayer, drumming and song during the afternoon in the medium security portion of the facility. You are free to addend both portions or just the afternoon portion of the event. Attendees must be at least 18 years of age, and "off paper" (parole, probation, etc.) for a minimum of 3 years. We must receive this application no later than October 4th. Applications should be mailed to NAPSG or may be faxed to us at 719-395-9264, or e-mailed to lesmess@BuenaVista.com.

Required information:

Full Name _____

Date of Birth _____ SSN _____

Drivers license or Colorado ID number _____

Physical address _____

Mailing address (if different) _____

Phone number _____

Please list any regalia or other ceremonial items you plan to bring:

Signature _____ Date _____

Details of times and meeting locations will be sent to you as soon as you are approved.

Attendance at this event constitutes consent to search yourself and/or your vehicle.

This probably won't occur, but could.





**BLACK FOREST
HERITAGE DAYS
HONORING BLACK FOREST LOG SCHOOL
90TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION**

When: Sept. 15 - 10 am - 5 pm
 Sept. 16 - 10 am - 3 pm
 Where: Black Forest Community Hall
 CORNER of Shoup & Black Forest Roads
 Admission: FREE



Here are just a few examples of the many activities, displays and hands-on demonstrations that you will see throughout the two days that will make this a fun and educational learning experience for the whole family. See what it was like to live in Black Forest in the 1920s....


Inside the Community Club

- Fiber Arts, Quilting, Rug Braiding & Sewing
- Food Preservation and Period Kitchenware
- Children's Games, Knots & Lashings
- Millinery (Hats!) of the 20s and 30s
- Local historians will share their knowledge of our area's past
- The Log School "Now and Then" display
- There will be an opportunity to purchase personalized BFCF pavers in support of the new park
- Old Tools
- Family Gardening and the challenges of high altitude gardening

Outside in the Future

Log School Park

- Log Stripping Equipment & Two-Man Saw
- Soap Making
- Mountain Man - Flint use, Tomahawk, Furs & Apparel
- A Farrier & Roping Demonstrations/ Cowboy Attire
- Dutch Oven Cooking (Blackberry Cobbler)
- Animals typically kept by families
- Churning Ice Cream on Sunday
- Kid's games of the period & Corn Husk Doll making
- Free wagon rides

- This is a family event. Please, no pets. Bring chairs or blankets.
- There will be music— Guitar, Harmonica, The Crystal Hill Billys Blue Grass Band, Dry Creek Bluegrass Band, County Line Ramblers, The Black Forest Chorus and the Black Forest Community Church Choir.
- At the school they will celebrate a day in the life of the school children grades 1-8.
- Food, beverages and a variety of other items will be available for purchase.
- We are on  Find us at Friends of the Black Forest Log School and "Like" us.

Sponsored by the Black Forest Community Foundation



Holly Berry House Presents The 34th Annual

FOLK ART FESTIVAL

at Rock Ledge Ranch Historic Site

September 14, 15, 16

in the Beautiful Garden of the Gods Park

Friday noon-6 pm • Saturday 9 am-6 pm

Sunday 10 am-4 pm

- **EXPERIENCE** the work of 165 artisans from across the country. Featuring original, hand crafted and collectible fine jewelry, garden furniture, unique clothing, yard art, seasonal ornaments and decorations, extraordinary pottery and photography, fine art, gourmet food items, miniatures, glowing glass, county wood, antiques and...oh! so much more!

- **ENJOY** great food, foot stomping music and historic demonstrations in a tour of the amazing, fully restored Rock Ledge House.

- **STOP BY** the Blacksmith Shop and witness the Rock Ledge Ranch's legendary blacksmiths hard at work. Take time to visit the newly renovated Rock Ledge Ranch General Store.

- **MAKE** a silent bid on a beautiful quilted item at the annual Piecing Partners Quilt Auction and Boutique held in the Carriage House.

- **AND...REMEMBER** to purchase or renew your Living History Association membership and support your beautiful Rock Ledge Ranch!



Adults \$6 • Seniors \$5 • Children (6-12) \$2
 Tickets good for all 3 days

This annual event supports the preservation of Rock Ledge Ranch Historic Site, it's educational history programs and demonstrations and the purchase and refurbishing of the ranch historic artifact collections.



Carpool and Park at Rock Ledge Ranch 30th and GateWay Road



Advance Tickets
 Available at
Holly Berry House
 now right next door at...
2409 W. Colorado Ave.
 Enter through Needleworks

All first responders, with proper identification, and immediate family, will be admitted free of charge to all Rock Ledge Ranch Historic Site activities through 2012

