



UPCOMING EVENTS

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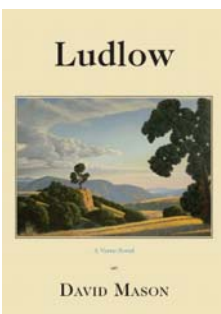
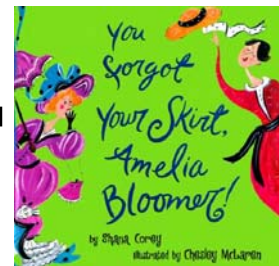


**Saturday, Mar 15 | 1:30pm | *A Needle Pulling Thread*
White Glove Tour**

Join us on the third Saturday of every month through April for a special behind-the-scenes look at our newest exhibit *A Needle Pulling Thread: Selections from the CSPM Quilt Collection*. [Read more...](#)

Saturday, Mar 29 | 10:30am | Children's History Hour

Come join us in celebrating the end of Women's History Month as we read *You Forgot Your Skirt, Amelia Bloomer!*, make a craft, and play in our new children's exhibit Journey to Pikes Peak. \$1 suggested donation per child. Appropriate for children ages preschool-3rd grade. [Read more...](#)



**Saturday, Apr 12 | 2pm | *Ludlow*: Dave Mason
Pikes Peak Regional History Lecture Series**

\$5 suggested donation, Free for members
Colorado's Poet Laureate David Mason joins us for a discussion of his verse novel *Ludlow* followed by a book signing in recognition of the centennial anniversary of the 1914 Ludlow Massacre. [Read more...](#)

Every Saturday | 12 noon | WINDOWS INTO HISTORY

Hear the stories of the Pikes Peak Region and tour the fascinating exhibits of CSPM on Saturdays at noon. Volunteer docents lead 30-minute tours every Saturday. No reservations required.

See all of our upcoming events by visiting:
<http://www.cspm.org/calendar-of-events/>

NEWS & NOTES

How is Your Museum Doing?

State of the Museum:



The sun keeps shining on the Colorado Springs Pioneers Museum! The Museum has, in recent years, taken the initiative to update and upgrade all of the CSPM's galleries and exhibits. This hard work and our accompanying efforts to expand programs and marketing activities led to a 25% increase in our walk-in visitation in 2013. We're very pleased to say that our private support also grew last year. In both of these areas, the Colorado Springs Pioneers Museum is bucking national trends that show steady or declining attendance and donations at museums.

Board Consolidation

On February 22, the Friends of the CSPM membership gathered and approved final consolidation of the Friends with the Colorado Springs Pioneers Museum as an independent 501(c)3 nonprofit. The Museum is now well on its way to becoming more self-sufficient as a public/nonprofit museum with annual municipal appropriations, as well as, strong private giving support. The consolidation of boards over the past year has streamlined decision making and provided the opportunity for Museum leadership to develop a clear path forward.

Funding

Your generous support of the Colorado Springs Pioneers Museum continues to accelerate the Museum's development and expand our nonprofit capacities. Private giving accounted for over 25% of our 2013 revenue. With municipal funds rebounding from post-recession cutbacks, the increase in CSPM's total revenue, emboldens our efforts to draw more people into an ever deeper connection with the Pikes Peak Region. For more information look in our Annual Report to be released later this month.

Exhibits and Programs

In the past two years, over 70% of our exhibition space has changed. These improvements are not only necessary for the success and appeal of the installed exhibits, but are also important for keeping our Museum experience engaging and relevant for our diverse audiences. If you haven't been in lately, make plans now to see *A Needle Pulling Thread: Selections from the CSPM Quilt Collection* before it closes, April 19. Also, our newest children's exhibit, *Journey to Pikes Peak*, has been a huge hit with kids of all ages. Other exhibit changes you can look forward to seeing this year include: *Ludlow: Perspectives on a Massacre (April)*, *The Midas Touch: The Partnership of Penrose & Tutt (June)*, and *City of Sunshine: Health in the Pikes Peak Region (December)*.

Strategic Vision

The Colorado Springs Pioneers Museum board has recently completed development of our latest strategic plan. The plan defines an outline for the future of the Museum. Our ambitious goal is to be *THE source for igniting curiosity and inspiring discovery among every resident and visitor of the Pikes Peak Region*. We aim to make history impossible to

ignore. The CSPM will be brimming with activity, excitement, and energy in the coming years. Look for more details on our plans for CSPM 2023 coming soon.

History In the News

Children's Gallery Opens (Gazette)

Max the marmot will lead them through the new gallery, where they'll first stop at a "train station" to "buy" a train ticket and learn how long it would take to get from Boston to Colorado Springs. [Read more...](#)



Unique Daylight Saving Time experience (Gazette)

Luckily I don't have to worry about a clock as complicated as the unique antique that runs the huge four-sided clock in the 158½-foot-tall tower of the Colorado Springs Pioneers Museum. [Read More...](#)

Colorado Springs Pioneer Museum traces local history (Mountaineer) The building itself is part of Colorado Springs' history, having served for almost 70 years as the El Paso County Courthouse that was built in 1903, during a prosperous time in the Pikes Peak area, following the gold find at Cripple Creek. [Read More...](#)

Rock Ledge Ranch Living History (Gazette)

The 91-year-old Dillie recalls vividly her life there from 1946-53 and she has shared her memories in the new book "Rock Ledge Ranch (As I knew it) The White House Years" published by the city. [Read More...](#)

Mission Work



Attention Students Entering Grades 6-12! Apply Today to Make History This Summer

Do you love history? Are you looking for a rewarding challenge this summer? Enthusiastic students entering grades 6 through 12 are invited to apply for the summer 2014 Junior Docent program. Junior Docents in the program become educators for the summer, introducing visitors from around the globe to the unique history of the Pikes Peak region.

[Click here for more information and to apply now!](#)

JUNIOR DOCENT PROGRAM—APPLY NOW!



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