Your support and participation helped us make significant strides in upholding our organization’s mission this past year.

**YOUR IMPACT AT CSPM**

- **112,383**
  - Total visitors for the year
  - The highest visitation record in our long history

- **THREE**
  - New story-rich exhibits opened
  - And we updated others

- **INSPIRING MORE THAN 5,100**
  - Children through our school groups

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**EXTERIOR RESTORATION PROJECT**
FOUNDED IN 1896, CSPM REACHED OUR HIGHEST VISITATION RECORD IN 2018.

HOW DID THIS HAPPEN?

WE VALUE OUR VISITOR EXPERIENCE AND DEVELOP PROGRAMS THAT CONNECT WITH OUR SURROUNDING COMMUNITY.

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS FAMILY FUN DAY
SANKOFA CULTURE DAY
FOOD TRUCK TUESDAYS
COLORADO GROWN FAMILY FUN DAY

SILENT FILM SOIRÉE
DIG DAY
LECTURE SERIES
GIFT OF HISTORY BREAKFAST

286 EVENTS WEDDINGS, CORPORATE...and more

We strive to create meaningful experiences

Barbara M.
For Over 50 Years

Helen Hunt Jackson’s original house and furnishings have been on display at CSPM for over fifty years. For 2018, our exhibit team created a fresh interpretation of her life, work, friendships, influences and family with an interactive digital display of documents and photographs.

LEAGUE OF WIVES: VIETNAM POW/MIA ALLIES & ADVOCATES

"Exhibits are rotated frequently and the current one on Vietnam POW and MIAs and the service wives and families who never gave up supporting and trying to bring them back is very powerful." — Martha B.

A HOME OF ONE’S OWN: THE LIFE OF HELEN HUNT JACKSON

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STORY OF US: THE PIKES PEAK REGION FROM A - Z

This exhibit continues to evolve as we add new themes to tell our community’s history. We developed new themes and are on track to install 5 new themes in 2019 including: “S” for Sankofa, “C” for Current/Loo Art, “E” for El Paso County Courthouse and “M” for Murals.

FRANCIS DREXEL SMITH: A LEGACY ON CANVAS

"So brilliant and eclectic. The displays were all interesting and informative. Honestly, I haven’t enjoyed a museum so thoroughly in as many years as I can remember." — Harry C.

PIKES PEAK COMMUNITY COLLEGE: 50 YEARS
OUR COLLECTION HELPS US TELL THESE IMPORTANT STORIES. EVERY YEAR, WE ACQUIRE NEW ARTIFACTS AND ARCHIVAL MATERIAL IN ORDER TO PRESERVE THIS HISTORY FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS.

The museum received two separate donations of Air Force materials, including...

- A 1960s ERA FLIGHT SUIT
- A KOREAN CONFLICT RADIO HEADSET
- A WWII FLIGHT HELMET

Additional items added to the collection are...

- WOODMEN OF THE WORLD MONUMENT
- THE COUTURE’S DYE KETTLE
- POTTERY FROM HIBBARDS
- AN ADAMAN BACKPACK
- A COLORADO SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL CADET UNIFORM
- TWO GEORGE BANCROFT PAINTINGS
- JALISCO DRESS AND JALISCO/VERACRUZ DOLLS
- STAINED GLASS FROM THE UTE THEATER
- FURNITURE, FURS, AND PAPERS FROM FANNIE MAE DUNCAN

The Starsmore Center for Local History acquired 90 new collections, including oral histories related to CSPM’s League of Wives: Vietnam’s POWs/MIAs Allies & Advocates exhibit, the Conejos Neighborhood Project, the League of Women Voters, and the El Paso County Courthouse. Other collections include film reels from the Alexander Film Company, materials from the Dorr family, Helen Cogswell Trostell papers and artwork, and numerous scrapbooks, ephemera and photographs. Additionally, the museum continues to grow the Heinicke collection with generous donations from the family.
In December 2018, the exterior restoration of the 1903 El Paso County Courthouse was completed. The preservation activities focused on addressing roof leaks, restoring badly deteriorated decorative stonework, cleaning, and rehabilitation of masonry elements, metal repairs, and painting and treatment of doors and windows. This project was made possible by our generous funders including History Colorado - The State Historical Fund, Gates Foundation, Boettcher Foundation, Downtown Partnership, the Ralph Giddings Charitable Trust, City of Colorado Springs Capital Improvement Project funding, and many individual donors.

With the exterior improvement project completed, the Museum Team is already looking ahead to interior improvements for collection storage and expanded exhibit space.
WE INSPIRED OVER 5,000 CHILDREN WITH STORIES ABOUT OUR COMMUNITY AND THE PIKES PEAK REGION. OUR PROGRAMS GIVE US AN OPPORTUNITY TO PRESERVE AND SHARE OUR CULTURAL HISTORY WITH THE NEXT GENERATION.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

- SCHOOL GROUPS
- JUNIOR DOCENTS
- FAMILY PROGRAMS

CSPM PROUDLY AWARDED THREE SCHOLARSHIPS TO JUNIOR DOCENTS

JOE F.
I enjoyed this field trip very much, and I feel that our students really enjoyed it as well. They came away discussing what they learned, and I believe there are many connections that can be made to what we are learning in the classroom. Field trips like this one foster an interest in the field of history, and I think that’s great to do at such a young age.

SUSAN B.
We do this field trip every year and in my ten years of coming to the museum, you improve the experience each year. thank you.

DEBORAH F.
My child truly enjoyed being a Junior Docent this year. She would light up every time I picked her up when she would tell me her experience during her shift. She loves history very much and was happy that she had the opportunity to volunteer this summer.
THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS FOR HELPING MAKE 2018 A SUCCESS

117 VOLUNTEERS x 8,102 HOURS EQUAL TO ALMOST 4 FULL-TIME STAFF

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