COLORADO SPRINGS PIONEERS MUSEUM

BY THE NUMBERS

2019
Your support and participation helped us make significant strides in upholding our organization’s mission this past year.

**YOUR IMPACT AT CSPM**

**108,821**
TOTAL VISITORS FOR THE YEAR

**TWO**
NEW STORY-RICH EXHIBITS OPENED AND WE UPDATED OTHERS

**INSPIRING MORE THAN 5,200 CHILDREN THROUGH OUR PROGRAMS**
FOUNDED IN 1896, THE CSPM WELCOMED MORE THAN 108,000 VISITORS. HOW DID THIS HAPPEN?

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

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS FAMILY FUN DAY
INAUGURAL HISTORY HAPPY HOUR
FOOD TRUCK TUESDAYS
COLORADO GROWN FAMILY FUN DAY

SILENT FILM SOIRÉE
INAUGURAL NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM
LECTURE SERIES
GIFT OF HISTORY BREAKFAST

We strive to create meaningful experiences.

Wow, such amazing history. The building inside and out itself is worth seeing, but the museum is great for the whole family. . . AND IT’S FREE!!

Visitor
For 150 Years

As Colorado Springs looks forward to commemorating its Sesquicentennial Anniversary, the Museum will unveil three permanent exhibits opening in 2019, 2020, 2021 to fundamentally reshape our understanding of the community’s compelling, richly diverse, and unique history.

EXHIBITS

We are Community Storytellers

We help make sense of the past to inform the present and inspire the future.

[DIS]INFORMATION: AMERICAN INDIANS THROUGH THE LENS OF ROLAND REED

I thoroughly enjoyed the exhibit [Dis]Information. It was well curated and thought provoking.

Tim C.

SESQUICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF COLORADO SPRINGS 2021

FINDING THE FACTS ABOUT GENERAL WILLIAM JACKSON PALMER

It’s always a great experience visiting CSPM with it’s various superb regional exhibits. We really enjoyed seeing the General Palmer exhibit, and the Van Briggle pottery display is the best in the country. This museum is a mandatory stop while visiting C.S.

Visitor

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.
Our collections help us tell important stories. Every year, we acquire new artifacts and archival materials in order to preserve this history for future generations.

The museum received a Tuskegee Airman Jacket owned by Franklin Macon who joined the military at age 19. Mr. Macon attended Bristol Elementary School and spent time as a young boy at Alexander Film where he learned to fix and later fly airplanes. This artifact is an example of conscious collecting and will be used in the upcoming 150th Anniversary exhibit.

Some additional items added to the collection are...

- Photos, Film, & Equipment from Alexander Film Co.
- Five Francis Drexel Smith Paintings
- 1950 Sky Sox Uniform Worn by Jerry Crosby
- Air Force Academy Uniforms from 1960-1970
- Jaycee Bolero and Chuckwagon Pants
- Plaster Cherubs from the Burns Theater
- Table from Ute Theater made by local artist
- Two Red Cross Uniforms from World War II
- Collection of Artifacts from Balloon Classic
- Stained glass from the Ute Theater
- Palmer High School Time Capsule, 1974-75
- Photos, Blueprints and Scrapbook of Sears Construction in South-Gate Opened 1958
- Sinton Family Collection: Photos, ephemera, correspondence related to early Sinton Dairy
- Polo Saddle & Boots of Raymond Lewis, Colorado College Graduate

The Starsmore Center for Local History acquired 81 new archival collections; including oral histories, photographs, and manuscript materials collected over 2.5 years for Una Familia Grande: the Conejos Neighborhood Project; and a series of contemporary American Indian portraits by photographer Shane Balkowitch, an artist featured in the [Dis]Information exhibit. Other donations include: an invitation to Julie Penrose’s reception honoring delegates of the 1923 Equal Rights Pageant; papers from the Colorado Springs Chapter of Hadassah, a Jewish women’s philanthropic organization; and numerous scrapbooks, diaries, ephemera and photographs from local families and businesses. Finally, additions were made to significant existing collections including: the Alexander Film Company, the Sinton Family & Dairy, the Dorr Family, and the Heinicke Family Collections. Photo: Francis Drexel Smith painting.
In July 2019, The Colorado Springs Pioneers Museum once again received one of the highest recognition available to any museum in the United States, accreditation by the American Alliance of Museums (AAM). Initially accredited in 1992, the CSPM must undergo an extensive evaluation every ten years in order to maintain that status. Accreditation is a mark of distinction signifying that the museum meets national standards and best practices for U.S. Museums. Through a rigorous process of self-assessment and review by its peers, the CSPM has shown itself to be a good steward of its resources held in public trust and committed to a philosophy of continual institutional growth.

We are impressed by the way the museum is seeking and responding to input from the community and incorporating that information into its exhibitions and program offerings—this is a great example of embodying the principles of diversity, equity, accessibility, and inclusion.

AAM Accreditation Commission
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
MARSHAL & E.J. SPRAGUE SCHOLARSHIP
FAMILY PROGRAMS

CSPM PROUDLY HAD THE LARGEST CLASS OF 30 JUNIOR DOCENTS THANKS TO THE GENEROUS SPONSORSHIP OF D.A. DAVIDSON, MCCARTY, BROWN & EDEN FINANCIAL ADVISOR GROUP.

Amy C.
I really enjoyed the new hands-on activities. The students were really engaged! Very appropriate for their grade and attentive to their questions. It was the perfect balance of education and entertainment.

John S.
Being a Junior Docent is a lot like getting a job except that it is a lot of fun. You have to apply, interview and learn, but you also get to hang out and make new friends, and the work is fun to do.

Sarah M.
This is an excellent opportunity for young teens in our community to get volunteer experience! They also develop a sense of pride because of their new-found knowledge of the history of Colorado Springs.
HONOR ROLL 2019
OF SUPPORT

207 VOLUNTEERS X 8,036 HOURS = ALMOST 4 FULL TIME STAFF

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