History Colorado creates a better future for Colorado by inspiring wonder in our past.
Your support means our sites are Colorado’s prime travel destinations!

2017–18 engagement
551,345
in our programs and visits to our museums and historic sites

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Thank You!

One of the best things about a new year is that it brings a welcome opportunity to look back at what you—our generous supporters—have helped us accomplish over the past year. As our state and our world see such rapid change, it’s vital that our organization be a catalyst for progress. Using Colorado’s unique history, together we can empower a broader audience to help shape the future.

Extending our commitment to telling Colorado’s stories in authentic ways, we opened the Center for Colorado Women’s History at the Byers-Evans House Museum, held programs for tens of thousands of schoolchildren statewide, and mounted exhibitions like Borderlands of Southern Colorado and Zoom In: The Centennial State in 100 Objects. We awarded grants to fiscally responsible initiatives that preserve the heritage of communities across the state. And through neighborhood memory projects like We Are Colorado, we’re adding many more perspectives to the stories we share.

This summer we created Colorado’s first State Historian’s Council, whose members help us carry the narratives of the state to the forefront. We’ve expanded our board to increase its breadth of experience and statewide representation. And, we’re proud to have added Daniel L. Ritchie, chancellor emeritus of the University of Denver, to spearhead a five-year strategic plan for our museums, education programs, collections, philanthropic outreach, and preservation services.

Read on to see some of what we’ve accomplished thanks to thoughtful contributors like you—our generous supporters, the citizens of Colorado, the legislature, and our State government officials. As a nonprofit charitable organization and State agency, we rely on your support to make it all happen, and we hope you know how excited we are by the opportunities these partnerships present. We can’t do it without you!

Steve W. Turner, AIA  
Executive Director and  
State Historic Preservation Officer

Cathey M. Finlon  
Chair, Board of Directors

We thank Robert Musgraves for his two years of service as History Colorado board chair. Bob’s insight and leadership saw us through a key time of transformation.  
—Cathey M. Finlon

History Colorado Board of Directors and Leadership
As of June 30, 2018

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The Year In Review

• Selected exhibitions at our sites:
  - Backstory: Western American Art in Context
  - History Colorado Center
  - Organized by the Denver Art Museum in partnership with History Colorado
  - Sponsored by The Sturm Family Foundation
  - The Bell Rings: Pueblo’s Historic High School Rivalry
  - El Pueblo History Museum
  - Borderlands of Southern Colorado
  - El Pueblo History Museum
  - Carrying the Torch of Liberty: Colorado Women’s Work in World War I
  - Byers-Evans House Museum

For more about these and our other exhibitions, go to HistoryColorado.org/museums.

El Movimiento: The Chicano Movement in Colorado
History Colorado Center
Sponsored by the Abarca Family Fund and AARP

Play Ball! A Celebration of America’s Game
History Colorado Center

Zoom In: The Centennial State in 100 Objects
History Colorado Center
Presented by Colorado State University

Our We Are Colorado initiative began gathering and sharing stories from the diverse communities of Colorado with a neighborhood memory project in Denver’s Globeville-Elyria-Swansea neighborhood.

Governor Hickenlooper declared March 21 “Center for Colorado Women’s History Day” with the grand opening of the Center for Colorado Women’s History at the Byers-Evans House Museum.

The center focuses on scholarship, programs, lectures, and exhibits that expand the collective knowledge of the history of women in Colorado.

Fort Vasquez reopened with a new look and new exhibits and programs. This site of an 1835 fur-trading fort held historic trade weekends and living-history days through summer and fall.

Riders at the Georgetown Loop Historic Mining & Railroad Park® totaled more than 169,000, who enjoyed one of the most spectacular and educational train rides in the state.

The State Historical Fund outreach team traveled the state to promote grant opportunities for local historic preservation projects and share guidance for organizations preparing an application.

The History Colorado Center, Fort Vasquez, and El Pueblo History Museum held professionally taught Hands-On History educational programs for thousands of grade schoolers and middle schoolers. And in a Saturday series, families explored history, art, and culture through activities and live performances in the exhibits.

With Trinidad’s emergence as a thriving arts community, the Trinidad History Museum launched its Creatives in Residence program to provide a space for artists to create and share their talent.

Colorado Women’s History at the Byers-Evans House Museum. The center focuses on scholarship, programs, lectures, and exhibits that expand the collective knowledge of the history of women in Colorado.

The History Colorado Center held a closing feast for the 19th Annual Sand Creek Massacre Healing Run, a yearly run from the site of this 1864 tragedy. The museum hosted 120 runners, elders, and dignitaries from the Northern and Southern Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes.

The 31st annual Colorado Centennial Farms awards brought the total to 581 families honored for owning and operating their farms or ranches for 100 years or more.

The Bruja Brew Fest brought Colorado craft brewers and cider makers to the gardens and placita of El Pueblo History Museum, with proceeds benefiting the museum’s education programs.

The Program for Avocational Archaeological Certification, offered by the Colorado Archaeological Society and our Office of the State Archaeologist, made archaeology more accessible to Colorado citizens.

The Ute Indian Museum Lecture Series featured insights into conservation, treaties, and public land use from tribal perspectives.

Staff finished relocating all offsite artifact collection storage to Denver so items can be better cared for and made accessible for research and use.

The History Colorado Center provided Saturday Low-Sensory Mornings to families who prefer a lower-sensory museum environment, with attendance limited and sounds turned down.

A San Luis Valley Day partnership with the Fort Garland Museum & Cultural Center busied valley residents to El Pueblo History Museum to view the Borderlands of Southern Colorado exhibit, attend a lecture, and enjoy a day of activities and entertainment.

Representatives of the Northern Arapaho, Northern Cheyenne, and Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma viewed 150 Sand Creek Massacre artifacts in an ongoing tribal consultation toward a future exhibition.

Staff hosted a Curation Alliance Forum for more than 35 museum, local, and State agency participants who hold or would like to hold State archaeological or paleontological collections.

History Colorado has a balanced budget and continued revenue growth this year. Attendance is up from previous years, and for a third consecutive fiscal year there have been no audit findings.

“As a teacher I was so impressed with the knowledge and engagement of our tour guide and the wealth of information my students came away with.”

—Comment left after a History Colorado Center field trip, April 2018

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Byers-Evans House Museum director Jillian Allison joined History Colorado leadership, guests, volunteers and community members in the ribbon-cutting for the new Center for Colorado Women’s History.

Our Tours & Treks enrich and enliven Coloradans’ understanding of their history.
July 1, 2017–June 30, 2018

School Program Participation

86,596

students participated in History Colorado’s statewide K–20 programs

- 2 million photographs
- 200,000 artifacts
- 12 million archival documents

History Colorado’s Collections

Total historical items about 15,000,000

- 2 million photographs
- 200,000 artifacts
- 12 million archival documents

Every year, the State Historical Fund receives a portion of state tax revenues generated by limited-stakes gaming in the towns of Black Hawk, Central City, and Cripple Creek. For 25 years, the fund has been one of the most significant forces behind the preservation of Colorado history and a catalyst for strengthening communities statewide.

For more information, go to h-co.org/SHFgrants

Thank you, citizens of Colorado, for your support of the State Historical Fund.

For a more detailed financial summary, go to h-co.org/2018financial

Number of grants awarded indicated by numbers on the map. Projects affecting multiple counties are not shown.
Thank You…To Our Most Dedicated Members

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Judy & Herbert Allen
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Lois Gaul
Lynne & Jack Guyton
Ilene Johnson
Frank & Monty Kugeler
Carole & Jim McCotter
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Pamela & John Moye
Darlene & John Phair
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Colorado! Members
Colorado! membership engages givers in the long-term vision of History Colorado while deepening their connection to Colorado’s past, present, and future. Colorado! members receive invitations to exclusive events to meet leading historians and thought leaders and enjoy unparalleled access to History Colorado’s collections and programs.

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Volunteer Council Executive Committee
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In 2017–18:
670 volunteers
more than 37,087 hours of service
monetary value is $993,194

Society 1879
Society 1879 recognizes those who include History Colorado in their estate plans. These gifts help preserve Colorado’s historical treasures for future generations. A well-planned gift can support the organization’s future while helping families achieve financial goals such as lowering their tax liability.

Deceased
Anonymous (17)

Liaisons
Gloria Anderson
Elaine Davis
Emma Davis
Ed Ellis
Ani Frost
Kathleen Haller
Dale Hayhurst
Ellen Hertzman
Cheri Jones
Mary Kay Kisseberth
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Rae Wiseman

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Tributes
Gifts received in honor of:
Byers-Evans House Museum Staff
Pinney Creek Chapter, NSDAR
Danny Mann
Deborah & Robert Myman
Nancy Leonard
Lynn Luhnow
Staff of History Colorado
Cheyenne Johnson & Chad Gilliland
Steve Turner
Sail & Jim Chabin

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“It is very important for us to preserve the longevity and the history of Colorado so people understand where we came from.”
—Christine and Clayton Powers

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