



COLORADO PRESERVATION, INC.

## July 2018 Newsletter

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Dear Friends,

Summer is certainly upon us and I know for many of you that means spending time with family and friends, hitting the open road and exploring all that our great state has to offer. All of us have special places and communities that we have come to connect with that just seem to make us feel at home. They may be part of a long-standing Colorado tradition, tied to a special memory, or stem from a planned event, but these places help remind us who we are and where we came from. As you gear up for these trips take a moment to consider what it is about these places that call you back again or brought you there in the first place. For me, it is the places that are tied to a truly authentic experience, surrounded by the context and culture of a community that ring true. It is far too easy to take these places for granted and it is up to us to continually support and advocate for their perseverance.

Our July newsletter is peppered with stories of ways in which people have taken action. From a nonprofit working to save a ranch in Grand County that was a stop for the Georgetown Stage Line; to volunteers committed to saving the oldest Jewish Synagogue west of the Mississippi River in Trinidad; to contractors stabilizing a Brick Kiln near the entrance of Roxborough State Park – preservation is happening! One of the more recognized historic landmarks CPI has discussed over the last few months is Denver's own Larimer Square. This week CPI volunteers and staff took to the historic block to celebrate the 47<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Larimer Square becoming Denver's first Historic District. Under the canopy of lights we asked the public what brought them to Larimer Square, why this place important to them and how they would like it to advance in the future. You'll find their answers in the article below.

This theme of advocacy and public involvement is one CPI plans to expand during the 2019 Saving Places Conference. Historic Preservation is not about freezing a place in time, but about the reactivation of space, the fostering of creative development and vision, and the springboard for economic development, while reinforcing that authenticity of place, which brings you coming back again and again. Interested in learning more? Want to get involved!? Drop me a line at [jorrigocharles@coloradopreservation.org](mailto:jorrigocharles@coloradopreservation.org) and plan to join us the first week in February for our annual Saving Places Conference – there is no question you will leave renewed in your efforts and armed with the knowledge to make a difference in your community.

For our Past, Present and Future,



Jennifer Orrigo Charles  
Executive Director



# SAVING PLACES® CONFERENCE

## The Next Generation of Preservation: A Call to Action

**Monday - Thursday, February 4-7, 2019**

**Location: Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel**

**Our conference starts on Monday this year, so be sure to mark your calendars!**



CPI's Saving Places® Conference is a dynamic four-day event featuring high-quality educational content and networking opportunities for individuals interested in historic preservation. The event is designed to provide engaging, varied content that will equip attendees with the knowledge and tools they can integrate into their work and communities. The Saving Places Conference is funded in part by a History Colorado State Historical Fund grant.



**The 2019 Saving Places® Conference theme will be  
"The Next Generation of Preservation: A Call to Action"**

Every generation chooses what they save. How do individual communities deal with common issues? Priorities for the next generation of preservation will include re-winning past battles, addressing new pressures and constant development, fighting again for the historic districts of the 1970s and beyond, reconnecting with our public audience, reestablishing existing and making new connections with organizations and people, and recommitting to the cause. A call to action is **WHATEVER** the preservation needs are for each community.

### Request for Proposals is Open!



For over 20 years, CPI has provided essential training and networking opportunities to individuals who are working to protect our state's heritage. Each year the conference brings over 150 speakers and includes over 85 workshops, tours, and sessions which cover a variety of topics.

**Do you have an idea for a session that would better equip our attendees to build a future with historic places?** We want to hear from

**YOU!** [Click here to learn more about the session proposal process and to submit your idea.](#) Sessions should inspire, energize, and provide attendees with information to bring back to their communities.

**Spread the news!** Help us make this year's conference better than the last! Forward this email to your friends and colleagues to submit.

**Questions?** Contact Events & Development Director [Amanda Barker](#) at 303-893-4260 x 230

**Want to learn more?** Interested in seeing what a typical conference entails? [Click here to view the 2018 Conference program](#)



**Submit your proposals by 5pm Friday, August 17.**

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## Gov. Hickenlooper Announces Dana Crawford for Colorado's Top Citizen Award



DENVER — Monday, July 23, 2018 — Accessed from the [Governor's Press Office](#) — Gov. John Hickenlooper today announced the Vanguard Legacy award recipient of the 2018 Colorado Governor's Citizenship Medal (the Medal) is Dana Crawford. Modeled after the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the Medal is the highest honor bestowed upon Colorado citizens and organizations for meritorious contributions that strengthen the vitality of our state.

Gov. Hickenlooper and Quarterly Forum (QF) will present the Vanguard Legacy Medal, along with four additional to-be-named Medal recipients at The Event: Governor's Leadership Celebration on Thursday, Oct. 11, 2018, at the History Colorado Center.

"Dana Crawford highlights what citizenship means in Colorado," says Governor John Hickenlooper. "She pioneered the redevelopment of Larimer Square - Denver's original Main Street - and led the redevelopment and preservation of countless buildings in Denver and across our state. The Governor's Citizenship Medal is a tribute to the incredible impact Dana has made in Colorado, and I am honored to recognize her with the Vanguard Legacy Medal."

The Vanguard Legacy award is given to a business leader who has made transformational contributions to the community throughout his or her career. The redevelopment of Larimer Square was among the first of many significant preservation and redevelopment efforts Dana Crawford led. Since the 1960s, Crawford has redeveloped more than one million square feet of historic property in the city of Denver including the Oxford Hotel, the Acme Lofts, the Edbrooke Lofts and Cooper Flats Condominiums. The redevelopment of the Union Station Terminal, led by Crawford and partners, only further catalyzed the resurgence of Lower Downtown (LoDo) Denver. Now embarking on projects in Broomfield, Idaho Springs, Pueblo and Trinidad, Crawford's efforts and influence continue to spread across Colorado.

Crawford has been recognized with some of the state's top honors including the Colorado Business Hall of Fame, the Bonfils-Stanton Foundation Award known as "Colorado's Nobel Prize", and the distinguished Louise duPont Crowninshield Award from the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

In partnership with QF, Gov. Hickenlooper will co-host the celebration with Gov. Bill Owens. More than 400 of Colorado's community leaders are expected for the second annual formal event honoring the top citizens in Colorado.

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## 47th Anniversary of Larimer Square as Historic District



Thursday, July 26, marked the 47th Anniversary of Larimer Square becoming a Historic District. When Larimer Square was designated as Denver's first historic district in 1971 it became the inspiration for Denver's preservation movement and a national success story. Since 1967, Denver has designated 53 historic districts, helping to protect approximately 4% of the city's historic building stock. In addition to Larimer Square being designated an official historic district, 11 buildings within the block have been individually landmarked, giving them the highest level of protection and review within the City. Denver Landmark Preservation protects and ensuring the longevity and use of the city's historic and architectural treasures. In doing so, Landmark Preservation helps preserve the well-loved character of the city and its neighborhoods.

Colorado Preservation, Inc. staff and volunteers took to the street between 11:30 and 1:30 pm in "Celebrate Larimer Square" t-shirts to talk to the public and collect their impressions of this important historic block. Volunteers distributed "I love Larimer Square" stickers to bring awareness and support the preservation of this place for generations to come.



Here's some of what CPI volunteers heard from Larimer Square visitors:

"I'm a photographer from Dallas that moved here two days ago. I wanted to get to know the city so I started at Larimer Square. Many I know told me that I should come to Larimer because of the historic buildings and the charm...and that was enough reason for me."

"I enjoy it when historic preservation is used in the right places and Larimer Square is an example of just that. If you can't focus on historic preservation in Larimer Square, then what is the point in focusing on it anywhere else?"

A couple visiting Denver for the first time from Portland started their Denver experience at Union Station and were told by the information desk that Larimer Square was the place to start. "We love the area and were hoping to see more historic walking tours in order to learn more. We came here to see the things in Denver that tells the story of this place and what makes Denver different from other cities."

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## Nominate a Site to the Endangered Places Program

Do you know of a threatened or endangered historic building, site or cultural landscape in your community? Consider nominating it to CPI's Colorado's Most Endangered Places Program (EPP)! **Nominations are due August 20, 2018** and can be filled out [online](#) or [mailed](#) with the required attachments. For assistance in completing a nomination or for more about the program contact EPP Director [Kim Grant](#) at 303-893-4260 x 222.



Since 1998, CPI has worked with over 117 historic resources in 49 counties within every region of the state listed on the Endangered Places Program. Over the last 26 years, 46 sites have been saved and only seven lost with the remaining sites in various stages of progress.

Submitted nominations will be assigned to a professional reviewer who will contact the nominator, arrange a site visit, and complete a thorough evaluation. Nominations should provide basic contact and historical background information about the building or site and should address the nature of the threat as well as how CPI can help the community save it.

- Nominations are solicited throughout the year, but the August 20<sup>th</sup> deadline must be met for sites to be considered for 2019 listing.
- Selected sites are officially announced at the Endangered Places Program luncheon during CPI's Saving Places Conference.
- For more information on the program and frequently asked questions [click here](#).



**Nomination deadline – MONDAY, AUGUST 20, 2018**

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## Progress Continues on the 4Bar4 Ranch!

CPI listed the 4Bar4 Ranch as one of Colorado's Most Endangered Places in 2014. Since then, significant progress has occurred at the historic property near Fraser in Grand County. Over \$86,000 in funding has been raised to match a \$200,000 State Historical Fund grant awarded in August to Historic Fraser, Inc. (HFI), to restore the Ford Barn, one of two buildings on the site. The barn was carefully deconstructed and then lifted to remove deteriorating logs underneath, in order to pour a new foundation to help stabilize the building. In addition to securing grants from [History Colorado's State Historical Fund](#), HFI has received grants from The Sprout Foundation,



The Peter Grant Foundation, The El Pomar Foundation, The Grand Foundation and the Town of Winter Park. The community has also rallied to support the project at a very successful barbeque and Texas Hold 'Em Fundraiser held at Pole Creek Golf Course in late September. Stay tuned for updates as the project continues!

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## Temple Aaron Hosts Sold Out Bus Tour of Denver's Historic Synagogues



Over 50 people packed a bus on Sunday, July 15<sup>th</sup> for a tour of Denver's historic synagogues led by historian Dr. Phil Goodstein, to help raise funds to support the preservation of Trinidad's Temple Aaron (2017 EPP site). The tour left East Denver's 1951 Temple Emmanuel (listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2003) and visited sites across the metro area, from Shearith Israel (Tenth Street Shul) and the Gold Meier House on the Auraria Campus, to Congregational Emanuel's original location at 19<sup>th</sup> & Curtis and its second home in the spectacular Moorish-inspired building at 16<sup>th</sup> & Grape, to the imposing Beth HaMedrosh Hagdol in Capitol Hill at 16<sup>th</sup>

& Gaylord. There were numerous other stops as the bus roughly traveled the migration of much of Denver's Jewish community from the old West Side to east Denver. Funds raised from the tour will be used to support the effort to save and restore Temple Aaron, including the hosting of Rosh Hashana services on September 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. Rabbi Lewis Bogage of Denver will officiate, continuing a tradition of Rosh Hashana services that began in 1883! Those wishing to attend the Rosh Hashana services should RSVP at [info@templeaaron.org](mailto:info@templeaaron.org). While no one will be turned away, a suggested donation of \$36 will help cover the cost of food and other expenses.

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## Roxborough Kiln to Get a Facelift

In early-mid August, when the dog days of this hot summer are beginning to make you stir-crazy, you might consider a fieldtrip out to the Roxborough Kiln to watch CPI and the preservation team in action. Contractors from [Building Restoration Systems](#) (BRS) are about to embark on the structural stabilization along with archaeologists from [Metcalf Archaeology](#).

The historical kiln is located immediately north of the main (and only) entrance to Roxborough State Park and directly adjacent to the Community of Roxborough along Colorado State Highway 5.

Because of its historical significance and high traffic, the RAHS and the Roxborough Park Foundation aspire to stabilize the kiln structure and to interpret the site for visitors, allowing improved visitor access and encouraging a greater understanding of the historic resource.





The [Silicated Brick Company](#) began operations in 1904 and the Town of Silica grew up around the plant. The Silicated Brick Company played an important role in regional brick supply from 1900-1920, and contributed to the development of industry and rail transportation in the northwest region of Douglas County. The distinctive white bricks processed by the Silicated Brick Company were made from a mixture of ground lime rock and calcium silicates, quarried from the nearby hills directly to the south and west of the kiln. The bricks were placed on small railroad cars and pushed into a long steel boiler, where they were steamed under high pressure overnight. The bricks were not baked but steamed. Because of the intense processing of the blond bricks, ultimately, this particular industry did not survive.

This project, funded in part through a grant from [History Colorado State Historical Fund](#), will provide structural stabilization of the kiln based on the findings of a structural assessment. Without the kiln, the only remaining structure from the Town of Silica, a passing individual would never know or even imagine the rich history of this site and the fact that at one time, a whole town and manufacturing facility existed there!

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## Trinchere Railroad Depot Tour - August 4

The **Rocky Mountain Railroad Heritage Society** is proud to announce the return of one of the most interesting tours they have held. Trinchere is a very small town located South East of Trinidad. The population was eight persons in 2015, and we are not sure what it is today.

Trinchere has one of the most interesting museums in Colorado. Housed in the 1898 Colorado and Southern Railway depot with a large eclectic collection of Western Life as it was from the 1860's thru the 1980's inside. It is a private museum, and visitors are limited to under 30 persons. There is no admission, but you must let them know at least a week prior to visiting. **The family that owns this intriguing piece of historic Western Life, will open the museum on Saturday, August 4, 2018.**

There is no telling if the museum will still be there in a year or two, so if you want to see this rare historic icon, contact [Jim Jordan](#) at 303-961-5929 so he can provide you the particulars.



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## Take Action - Senator Bennet's Staff Holding Office Hours in Denver on July 31



Do you have a suggestion for an action Congress could take to help your family or community? If so, then I invite you to meet with Senator Bennet's Constituent Advocate, Kwon Atlas, on July 31. Kwon will be meeting one-on-one with constituents at 2914 Coffee (2914 W 25<sup>th</sup> Ave) in Denver from 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Please schedule an appointment to ensure a meeting time by sending an email to [Kwon\\_Atlas@bennet.senate.gov](mailto:Kwon_Atlas@bennet.senate.gov), 303-455-7600. Include a brief description of the issue you want to address, as this will help him assist you. Kwon will be holding a total of four sessions in the Denver Metro area in July and August.

**Denver County Session 1:**

Tuesday, July 24, 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.  
Blair Caldwell Public Library  
Large Conference Room  
2401 Welton St.  
Denver, CO 80205

**Douglas County:**

Tuesday, August 7, 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
James H. La Rue Library  
Shea B Room  
9292 S Ridgeline Blvd.  
Highlands Ranch, CO 80129

**Denver County Session 2:**

Tuesday, July 31, 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.  
2914 Coffee  
2914 W 25<sup>th</sup> Ave  
Denver, CO 80211

**Adams County:**

Tuesday, August 21, 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
Candis' Coffee Table  
236 E Bridge St  
Brighton, CO 80601

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## Preserving the Historic Road Conference Coming to Colorado

Don't want to wait until February Preserving the Historic Road is the leading international conference dedicated to the identification, preservation and management of historic roads. Join them in historic downtown Fort Collins as they celebrate 20 years of advocacy for historic roads and look to the future of this important heritage movement that began in 1998 with our first conference in Los Angeles.



Running from September 13-16, the 2018 conference promises to be an exceptional venue for robust discussion on the future of historic roads in the United States and around the globe. Don't miss Preserving the Historic Road 2018. [Registration is open!](#)

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