

# Larkspur Historical Society President's Annual Report 2020

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## LARKSPUR HISTORICAL SOCIETY PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHTS FOR YEAR 2020

On March 5, 2020, Colorado experienced its first case of the novel COVID-19 virus. This case started the pandemic lockdowns and mandated protection guidelines in Colorado that significantly altered 2020 and, for historical societies and museum, essentially stopped most activity other than various *virtual*, occasional on-line historical get togethers. According to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, as of March 6, 2021, Colorado had experienced 435,762 COVID cases impacting its 64 counties with a total related 23,886 hospitalizations and 5,995 deaths. During this same time-period, Douglas County experienced 21,897 cases and 225 deaths attributed to the virus. This brief President's Annual Report provides what was accomplished and postponed by the Larkspur Historical Society in 2020, the year of the COVID-19 worldwide pandemic.

### Larkspur Historical Society (LHS) Financial Status

#### LHS Financial Ledger Status & Totals

	As of December 31, 2019	As of December 31, 2020	Year Over Year Status
Operating Ledger	\$2,528.13	\$2,555.13	
Reserve Ledger	5,000.00	3000.00	
Motion Identified Reserve Ledger: <i>Potential Greenland Interpretative Trail Signage</i>		2000.00	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$7,528.13</b>	<b>\$7,555.13</b>	<b>0.35% Increase over 2019</b>

### LHS Year End Membership Status

Year	Life	Individual	Family	Courtesy	Total	Summary
2018	18	10	3	5	36	6 Gain
2019	21	9	5	5	40	4 Gain
2020	20	9	5	5	39	1 Loss

**LHS 2020 In-person meetings:** January 10, February 14, March 13 (Larkspur Fire Department) and July 10 (Larkspur Community Park)

### Preservation and Public Education

- National History Day judging at Bear Creek High School
- Paul Brown Ranch identified as next historic ranch project
- Douglas County oiled the exterior of Crull-Hammond cabin and painted the window frames
- Contributed updates and historical stories for the Larkspur Chamber of Commerce newsletter
- Continued LHS Facebook and website activity
- Review of Larkspur Post Office Artifacts
- Larkspur Harvest Day Festival

### Administrative and Society Products

- Because of COVID-19 pandemic, 2019 LHS Board continued through 2020. 2019 LHS membership was held the same for 2020 with no dues-paying members requiring payment of dues for 2020.

### Participation / Working Events in the Name of the Society

- Penny Tree decorating in Larkspur Community Park
- Non-student attended Nation History Day participation on March 14

### Larkspur Historical Society Sponsored Events/Tours

- September 11: Riverside Cemetery tour guided by Garry O'Hara
- Jeff Broome presentation and Women's Suffrage presentations cancelled by Special Meeting of the LHS Board
- Reuter-Hess Reservoir and Trolley Museum tours cancelled by Special Meeting of the LHS Board

### **Larkspur Historical Society History Lessons 2020**

Jan: Larry S: *2019 Annual President's Message*

Feb: Morgan Paulk: *Glen Grove and Perry Park History*

### **Special Meetings**

A *Special Meeting* of the LHS Board was called by the president for May 22. A call for a quorum was positive. The meeting was held to evaluate what LHS projects needed to be held in abeyance for the pandemic. The primary activities held were the work for the Greenland Interpretative Trail, The History Information Cabin, Succession Planning, The Interactive Family Event at Prairie Canyon Ranch, 2020 public programs and 2020 tours.

### **Special Recognition**

In 2020, Larkspur Historical Society, the last remaining founding member of the Society, Ida May Noe. Ida May is interred at the Spring Valley Cemetery.

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### **Focal Areas for 2021**

1) Greenland Interpretative Trail; 2) Town of Larkspur Hist Revitalization; 3) Historic Information Cabin; 4) Timeline Update 5) Board and Website-Mastering. Succession Planning 6) Exploration and Implementation of Variable or Changed Meeting Times; 7) Tighter Chamber Linkage; and, 8) Ongoing New Member Acquisition.

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