

Castle Rock Town Council
100 S. Wilcox St.
Castle Rock, CO. 80104
10 July 2015

Dear Mr. Mayor, Town Council and Town Manager,

2014 was a very good year for the Society and Museum. The Director has provided a report on all the activities and operation of the Museum in accordance with our contract. Here's a bullet point list of what's going on with CRHS:

- The 7th annual Historic Trolley Tour (in cooperation with you, the Town!)
- Walking tours and community programs
- Fascinating monthly historical programming at the Library
- Fund raising member initiating projects with the Board
- Website and monthly newsletter with historic articles of Castle Rock

CRHS invites all members of Town Council to visit the museum either individually or as a group. We always make special arrangements for tours by groups. We opened the 1965 Flood. Exhibit in May. A smaller rhyolite exhibit remains on display.

Please enjoy our monthly historical presentation at the Library on the second Thursday of the month from 7:00-8:00 pm. The history of Lockheed Martin in Douglas County is the most recent example of our programs.

You are always invited to visit the Museum. It is open Wed., Thu., Fri., from noon to 5:00. Saturday from 11:00 - 4:00 pm.

Thank you again for your support! We look forward to seeing you!
Dorothy Kelly
President, Castle Rock Historical Society

Castle Rock Historical Society and Museum Report, January – June 2015

The devastating 1965 Flood is the major exhibit currently on display at the museum. This is the 50th anniversary of the flood which occurred on June 16th 1965. Fourteen inches of rain fell in four hours and the resulting wall of water destroyed all the bridges in Castle Rock. Pictures, film and personal stories illustrate the impact to the local area. The impact of this disaster was felt along the Front Range all the way to Nebraska. It led to the building of the Chatfield reservoir to protect Denver from such future disasters. The flood was also the theme of this year's May Trolley Tour. The museum conducted five full capacity tours with the trolley. Our monthly speaker program recorded the remembrances of those who lived here during those challenging days. A smaller version of our prior exhibit on the Castle Rock story of rhyolite remains at the museum. We also hosted a small exhibit on Russellville, the first settlement in Douglas County.

The summer downtown Historic Walking tours have begun and the June tour attracted a huge crowd. People from outside the community as well as newcomers want to learn about the origins of Castle Rock.

The Castle Rock Museum has continued to attract visitors from the local area, 24 states and 5 foreign countries. Many new residents to Castle Rock come to the museum to learn about the history of the community. Special events, school visits and instant technological access continue to help visitors find the museum. We appreciate access to the Town website has been a great resource for publicizing our events.

The Society was awarded a State Historical fund matching grant for \$52,000 to replace the roof and provide climate control for the museum in August 2014. The design and engineering work is underway. Plans will shortly be submitted to the State for approval. We appreciate the help and consultation of the building department.

A former railroad tool shed which was part of the Denver & Rio Grande depot was donated and moved to the museum grounds in November. The tool shed was made from a wooden railroad boxcar and was used to store explosives needed by the railroad. The shed was fortified and placed in its permanent location in March by restoration contractors. The remaining tasks are to be completed as an Eagle Scout project.

We continue to enjoy the services of talented volunteers. Our volunteers restored photographs, conducted tours and helped us participate in community activities like the Car Show.

Operating expenses for the first half of 2015 were \$43,800.00. The funds are principally used for salaries, utilities, maintenance, exhibits and training. Other funds which support the museum come from donations, gift shop sales, recycling and donated services. We also maintain reserve funds to provide for unexpected issues.

Angie DeLeo, Director, Castle Rock Museum