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## **Historic Preservation Board and Public Art Commission collaborate to preserve Castle Rock history**

Art plays an important role in preserving history and heritage. For instance, a painting of a historic structure captures a point in time so generations to come can remember and enjoy.

The Castle Rock Historic Preservation Board and the Public Art Commission are working to preserve a piece of Castle Rock history by jointly sponsoring a painting of the Castle Rock Museum by a local artist.

The museum is on the National Register of Historic Places. Built in 1875, it was once a Denver & Rio Grande Western Railroad depot. The depot was built from rhyolite quarried in Castle Rock.

"We're thrilled that the Historic Preservation Board and the Public Art Commission were able to partner to support the Castle Rock Museum with this commemorative painting," said Historic Preservation Board Vice Chair Desiree LaFleur.

Artist Cindy Welch, who has lived in Castle Rock for more than 30 years and painted a number of local historic buildings, is painting the museum.

"This project represents a great collaboration between the Public Art Commission, the Historic Preservation Board and the Castle Rock Museum, and furthers the commission's long-term plan of enhancing community character and promoting public art initiatives through partnerships," said Public Art Commission member Susan Paulsen.

The original watercolor painting of the museum will be unveiled at the opening of a new temporary Continental Divide Raceways exhibit at the museum on Saturday, May 18. The painting will be permanently displayed at the museum.

Postcard print keepsakes of the painting will be given out at the historic trolley tours on Saturday, May 11. Additional postcards and limited edition signed prints will be available for purchase at the museum. Welch is donating 10 percent of all sales of the prints to the museum. For more information about the Castle Rock Museum's Historic Preservation Month activities, visit [castlerockhistoricalsociety.org/calendar](http://castlerockhistoricalsociety.org/calendar).

The Historic Preservation Board works to protect and preserve the history of Castle Rock through recommendations to Town Council for designation of historic structures as landmarks. The Public Art Commission identifies priorities and goals concerning the

acquisition of art for public buildings and parks within the Town of Castle Rock.

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