

The High Grade



Induction Banquet Final Approach

Our new venue for the October 23rd National Mining Hall of Fame Induction Banquet will offer guests a truly memorable evening. The date and times remain the same, but we will now be holding the celebration at the Westin Denver International Airport! This hotel with ballroom facilities is striking in appearance and ambiance. Its design suggests wings and repeats the tent-shaped peaks in place at the airport.

Program for the evening:

6:00—7:00 Cocktail Hour

6:00—8:30 Collectable

*Minerals & Fine Art Silent
Auction*

7:00—8:30 Dinner

8:30—10:00 Hall of Fame

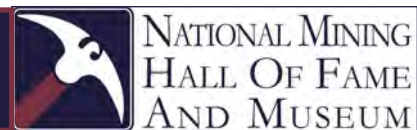
Induction Ceremony

10:00—12:00 After Party

Tribute to Volunteers

As the nation continues to emerge from its COVID-induced slumber, one of the lingering effects seems to be a shortage of people wanting to work. Frontline workers in healthcare, food processing and grocery stores have been in the headlines for the past year. The NMHFM has its own frontline workers that kept going through the height of the pandemic, and with the help of our fantastic volunteers, they delivered a successful summer season.

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Induction Banquet 2021, *continued*

The evening will begin with a cocktail hour starting at 6:00 p.m. which will be held in the Grand Foyer. Guests will be able to browse our silent auction items, as well as conveniently placed catalogs of the items.

The catalog of collectable minerals from Collector's Edge and

from online will become the starting bids on the evening of the event. In-person bidders will have the final opportunity to win the items on display during the banquet.

In person bidding will continue until just before the Induction Program begins, about 8:15. This

All bids received are for the item itself, and if shipping is required the bidder will be responsible for covering that additional cost.



The 2019 National Mining Hall of Fame Induction Banquet was the last time we gathered together in person to usher in the newest members of the hallowed hall.

fine art donated by Priscilla Nelson is available for viewing and online bidding beginning September 27th. To view it at that time, visit www.mininghalloffame.org/events.

We will continue the online bidding until midnight on October 21st. The high bids

is your chance to get some super deals on those minerals or paintings that will put the finish on that room you are redoing.

For online shoppers who want to be certain they won't be outbid at the banquet, the first paid bid of 125% of the retail value will secure the item. It will not then be displayed during the live event.

National Mining Hall of Fame Induction Banquet 2021 Dinner Menu

Salad Course:

Pear & Arugula Salad with goats cheese, walnuts and honey vinaigrette

Entrée Course (Choose One):

Grilled Filet Mignon, truffle whipped potatoes, asparagus, red wine jus
Pan Seared Salmon, garlic sautéed spinach, blistered grape tomatoes, white wine
Vegetarian: Wild Mushroom Ravioli with garlic parmesan cream sauce

Dessert Course:

Salted Caramel Cheesecake with chocolate sauce and toffee crunch

Induction Banquet Tip #1

When purchasing your Induction Banquet tickets, please let us know your choice of entrée! Also please advise us of any dietary restrictions. Either call or email Landry Harris (719) 486-1229 or landry@mininghalloffame.org.

Highlighting this year's festivities are the traditional awards being handed out by emcee Dr. Barbara Arnold. Our technical production



2021—A Year of Contrast

The contrast between the summer of 2020 and this year is remarkable. The COVID-19 pandemic had a major impact on tourism in 2020. Although the pandemic is still present in 2021, with the delta variant becoming increasingly prevalent, tourism has rebounded amazingly.

Last year, the museum and hall of fame were closed to the public from mid-March until mid-June. The gift shop reopened to the public five days a week during May. The Matchless Mine reopened Memorial Day weekend, as usual, but only five days a week until it closed for the season in mid-August due to the hoist house's historic preservation project. The museum and hall of fame reopened six days a week from mid-June until mid-August, then seven days a week until the end of October, and finally five days a week through the end of the year. The museum had only 10,027 visitors, 53% of the 2019 number. Matchless Mine admissions during 2020 totaled 1,892, only 45% of the 2019 level.

This year, we had our best June and July admissions numbers to the museum and hall of fame



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since before 2011, and our best August since 2012. From January through August, we had 15,074 visitors, an 11% increase over 2019. The Miners' Pick gift shop sales were higher for April through August than they had been since 2013, with a 59% increase for the year over 2019. Not only were people ready to travel again in 2021, but they also had money to spend!

A continuing impact of the pandemic was a very tight labor market. We were not able to hire as many summer employees as needed, so it was a struggle to keep the museum and hall of fame open seven days a week. We could only open the Matchless Mine five days a week, even though demand was high enough to keep it open daily.

So far in 2021, admissions to the Matchless have totaled 2,456, which is 75% of the 2019 level.

Each of our staff put in many extra hours, this summer performing more than their own jobs, and with the help of our extraordinary volunteers, we were able to make it through the summer season. The staff of the National Mining Hall of Fame and Museum looks forward to the day when the pandemic will be history. We send our thoughts and best wishes to all those who have been affected in any way by COVID-19.

Induction Banquet Tip #2

Reserve your banquet rate room NOW at the Westin DIA by visiting the Events Page on our website:

www.mininghalloffame.org/events

Our room block offers a savings of about 50%, but is limited!!!



Facility Rental Events

August was a busy month for the NMHFM with a few small events taking place. On August 17th, the National Mining Hall of Fame and Museum hosted the Heritage Tours group from Kansas. The museum was one of the group's many historical stops throughout their Colorado bus tour.

A group of 50 seniors used the Hennebach Wing for a pizza party lunch, followed by a self-guided tour of the museum. Their Leadville stop was a nice change of pace and gave them the opportunity to refresh themselves before heading onto their next stop.

Induction Banquet Tip #3

If you called in your reservation and we didn't take your order for the entrée, please shoot us an email to let us know your choice.

See the menu on page 2 of this newsletter.

Send your entrée choices or any other banquet questions to

Landry@mininghalloffame.org.

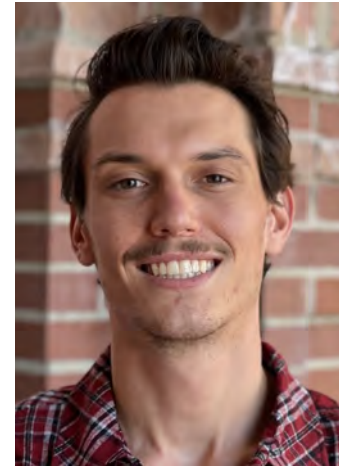
On August 30th, the National Mining Hall of Fame and Museum had the special privilege of hosting the Colorado Attorney General, Philip J. Weiser, and his legal team in our Hennebach Wing. With our mining focus, it was an appropriate place to hold a public meeting on funding of proposed reclamation projects.

This event was not only successful for the museum, but for the Attorney General's office as well. The event was attended by a legal team of approximately 30 people, with another 15 local residents sitting in.

The NMHFM helped arrange a lunch buffet for this group, and the museum was able to remain open to visitors during that timespan.

Over the past two years the National Mining Hall of Fame and Museum has been a desirable location for events, big or small! We were the venue for a memorial service, association meetings, board and business meetings, a writing workshop, open forums, birthday parties, scavenger hunts and SO MUCH MORE!

The Museum can be rented out as a whole, but the most frequently



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used rooms for smaller events are the Hennebach Wing and the Moolick Library/Board Room.

To inquire about any upcoming special needs you may have for a big or small Leadville event, please contact our Events Manager, Landry Harris, at Landry@mininghalloffame.org, or call him at (719) 486-1229. We are looking forward to hosting your next event!



Let's Paint Leadville Workshop Success



Jordan Bennett
Curator
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Henninger, of the Aspen Art Museum, showed everyone how to make a color wheel with our watercolors.

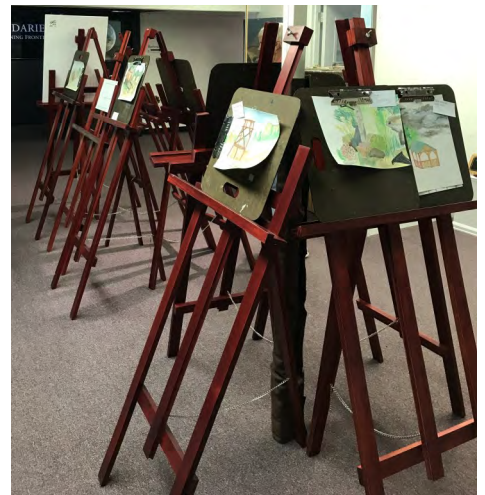
On Saturday, August 21st, the National Mining Hall of Fame and Museum, in collaboration with the Aspen Art Museum, hosted a free plein air watercolor painting workshop that was open to the public. The term “plein air” means painting in the open air. Painting outdoors helps to hone observation skills and connect to the natural environment in a personal way.

We had a beautiful day Saturday and fourteen attendees made it to our workshop. They had the choice of painting on the NMHFM’s balcony, grass lawn, at the Matchless Mine, or another location of their choosing. We wanted to give our guests the freedom to paint wherever nature inspired them! After painting finished, we all met back at the museum for lunch. We then gave

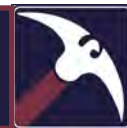
our guests the opportunity to display their art in the museum. Over half of our guests chose to do so and we were proud to have them on display! The attendees were then invited into the museum with free admission, to visit our other exhibits.

We would like to thank Annie Henninger of the Aspen Art Museum and of the Rural Arts Connect Research Program for coming to lead this event and providing our guests with the necessary supplies, watercolor techniques, admission to the museum, and motivation to let nature inspire their art. We were happy to participate in the Rural Arts Connect research, whose goal is to bring art opportunities to communities. We also want to

thank our guests to the workshop for spending their Saturday with us in a forum of connection and conversation. This workshop was made possible by an Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) Museums for America Award.



Museum guests were able to view the final masterpieces from the workshop in the week following the event.



Volunteers Make their Mark

The summer of 2021 has been unprecedented in many ways. The NMHFM owes a great deal to its volunteers for helping us get through this busy season with happy visitors and a big sigh of relief. To all of our volunteers, we want to say **THANK YOU** for giving us your time, expertise and smiling faces!



Volunteer, historian and retired geologist Fred Mark at a previous National Mining Hall of Fame Induction Banquet.

In the next couple of issues of *The High Grade*, we will be featuring some of these volunteers, and this quarter we bring you Fred and Sandra Mark.

Fred Mark has been generously donating his time and talents to the NMHFM for many years. He has helped with everything from showing children how to pan for gold

to identifying mineral specimens that have been hiding in closets for far too long.

Fred is a geologist (retired, he says) and a historian who has done an extraordinary amount of research on mining, especially in the Leadville Mining District.

Before the summer tourist season started, Fred undertook a project that provides benefit to the entire Leadville community, and to those visitors who want to experience even more of the local mining history.

Fred created a site: www.routeofthesilverkings.org that includes a summary of the history of 34 sites and structures along a 21-mile driving route in the Leadville mining district. A map of the route in cartographic or illustrated format can be downloaded or viewed. The route can also be followed virtually with real



Fred Mark teaching the kids about gold panning at a Boom Days celebration.

time GPS location in Google Maps, Avenza and Global Mapper Mobile formats. The site also includes a guide to the geology and mineral deposits along the Mineral Belt Trail.

Fred did not charge the community anything to create this visitor experience, but performed the work and put it into the public domain at his own expense.

Over the past few months, Fred has been working with Curator Jordan Bennett on the much anticipated scenic panels that will soon be installed on our balcony. The panels provide orientation to our visitors, identifying specific mountain peaks and historic sites for those enjoying the view.

If that wasn't enough, Fred even consented to working out at the Matchless Mine on numerous



On Our NMHFM Summer!

occasions this year, ringing up admissions on an archaic cash register!

Fred's wife Sandra, also a retired geologist, recently joined the National Mining Hall of Fame & Museum's Board of Directors.

As part of her commitment to the Board, she is serving on two



Volunteer, Board Member and retired geologist Sandra Mark at a previous National Mining Hall of Fame Induction Banquet.

committees. One of Sandra's tasks has been spending afternoons at the museum, interviewing visitors as they leave, to help develop a future vision for the museum. "It is gratifying to record positive, enthusiastic reviews of their museum experience from virtually every visitor, as well as learning what exhibits are the most enjoyable," said Sandra about her work.

Sandra spent part of her summer working as a Visitor Services Representative at the museum's Summer Entrance. She greeted visitors, sold admissions and helped to direct people through the museum. Her hands-on experience as one of the staff gives her a unique insight into the daily life of this museum.

Both Fred and Sandra have volunteered to help us during numerous events. Most notably, they can usually be found staffing one of the wine tables during Spirits in the Shaft. Each February the museum hosts a wine, beer and whiskey tasting event that brings in a good portion of our operations fundraising dollars. During the



Sandra Mark serving wine at the 2020 Spirits in the Shaft fundraiser.

Induction Banquet Tip # 4

For an alternative to driving to DIA, check into parking at Union Station and taking the A Line Commuter Rail for the 37 minute train ride.

2018 event, Sandra presented a talk about ancient methods of winemaking in the country of Georgia. Her travel to the Caucasus was inspired by family history in the region.

Fred and Sandra have literally gone the extra mile for the NMHFM. While they spend most of their time in Leadville during the winter months, summers are spent primarily at their farm in Hotchkiss, Colorado. For every 7-hour round trip they have made from the farm, and all their generosity of time and spirit, we are grateful to these two for helping us come through another busy summer in Leadville.

"Fred and Sandra are always enthusiastic, full of interesting information about geology and mining, and fun to talk to. They are wonderful volunteers and we value them greatly," observed Executive Director Steve Whittington.

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Induction Banquet 2021, *continued*

team, BCC, will be simultaneously showing the inductee videos in person, and broadcasting the ceremony live on social media channels.

Our inductees this year are Dr. Richard L. Bullock, Gary J. Goldberg, Harry M. Parker and Raja V. Ramani; and the Prazen Living Legend of Mining Award will be presented to Liz Arnold. We are looking forward to adding their photos and stories to the walls of the Hall of Fame alongside giants like Guggenheim, Tabor, Hoover, and Nobel.

Following the dinner and ceremony, guests may pick up their purchases from the silent auction and head home, or join the night owls who will continue to celebrate at



The silent auction is a great ice-breaker and this year we are offering the opportunity to obtain some extraordinary collectable minerals and art!



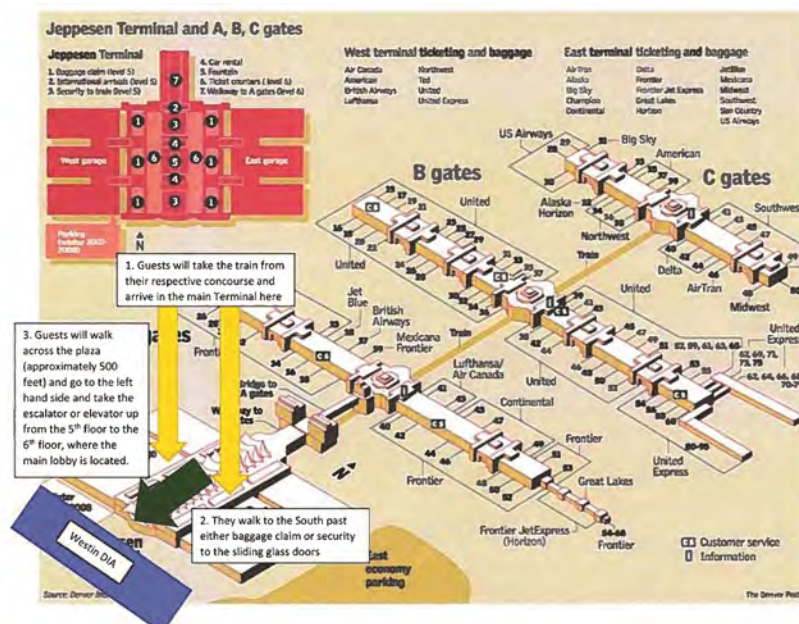
The After Party offers a less formal setting in which like-minded people can relax and have good conversations with friends and associates.

the After Party. Events manager Landry Harris says that attendees at the After Party can expect:

- ◆ The fun will continue well after the ceremony ends.
- ◆ A grand time with some background music.
- ◆ Great conversations.
- ◆ Time to relax.
- ◆ And a complimentary cocktail.

Induction Banquet Tip #5

If you are flying into Denver International Airport for the banquet, simply follow the map for the short walk from baggage claim to the hotel.





2021-2022 Events Calendar

OCTOBER

Saturday, October 23rd 6:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. National Mining Hall of Fame Induction Banquet—Westin Denver International Airport, 8300 Pena Boulevard, Denver, Colorado
 10:00 p.m.—midnight After Party
 Tickets \$250 each, Young Professionals \$125 each
 Purchase tickets online at www.mininghalloffame.org/events
 For sponsorship opportunities email:
Landry@mininghalloffame.org

*"I'm so glad I live in a world where there are Octobers."
 L. M. Montgomery, Anne of Green Gables*

February Date To Be Determined Spirits in the Shaft Returns!!!
 Join us for this annual favorite!
 Voted "Best Event" in Leadville
 The theme for 2022 is "Wild Wild West"
 Watch for more details to come on our website at:
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Funding Sought for Children's Interactive Exhibit

The NMHFM is undertaking a fundraising campaign to create a new children's bilingual (English/Spanish) interactive mining exhibit. Tax-deductible donations from our loyal members will augment support from foundations and corporations for the exhibit.

With funding from The Summit Foundation and the FLSmidth international engineering firm, M. Catton & Co., a museum exhibit design company, worked with museum staff members to develop a pre-conceptual design package for the exhibit. The package includes color sketches, a preliminary script, and a price tag of \$415,058. The goal is to redesign and configure first-floor museum gallery spaces (ca. 809 sq. ft.) into an engaging, educational, and kid-friendly exhibit. The exhibit will explain key take-home messages identified in our 2019 interpretive plan. These include how:

- ◆ Mining and minerals are fundamental to our quality of life.

- ◆ Technological innovation and expertise are essential to mining success.
- ◆ Today's mining industry is committed to safety and environmental responsibility.



The exhibit will also encourage visitors to think of careers in mining, metallurgy, geology, engineering, and associated fields as safe, high-paying, and



important for sustaining our society, now and in the future.

The NMHFM's staff is working to develop exciting new exhibits to increase post-pandemic attendance and income back to 2019 levels or better. The proposed

exhibit is a central pillar of that effort because it will attract more families with children to visit and will help us fulfill our mission for a larger and more diverse audience. Depending on the success of the fundraising campaign, installation will occur as early as the summer of 2023. We anticipate an opening date for the exhibit of October 2023.

You can support this exciting exhibit endeavor by donating to our ColoradoGives.org fundraising page at <http://coloradogives.org/MiningExhibitForKids>. Once you have created a ColoradoGives.org donor account, you can choose to donate immediately or you can schedule your donation to occur on ColoradoGives Day, December 7th. By donating on December 7th, the NMHFM will be eligible for great cash prizes and your donation may be augmented by the Community First Foundation.





This fall, get in the mood for changing colors! As the leaves change outdoors, our gift shop is featuring earthy colors inside as well!



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NATIONAL MINING
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Museum location:

120 W. 9th Street
P.O. Box 981
Leadville, CO 80461
Phone: 719-486-1229

Matchless Mine & Baby Doe's Cabin:

1.25 miles east of the museum on 7th Street
Phone: 719-486-1229
Season: June thru September

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“Tell the story of mining, its people, its importance to the American public, and to society’s sustainability.”

A federally chartered non-profit, located in the famous 1880s silver boomtown of Leadville, Colorado at the top of the Rocky Mountains, the National Mining Hall of Fame and Museum is a monument to the memory of the men and women who pioneered the discovery, development, and processing of our nation's natural resources. We also look forward to many more successes and the advanced technology that will drive the nation's mining industry in the future.

Known as the “Smithsonian of the Rockies” and the “Premier Showcase of American Mining,” the National Mining Hall of Fame and Museum was established in 1987. Our museum houses 25,000 square feet of interactive and informative exhibits showcasing our collection of mining’s colorful past, present, and future. Come in and discover why mining matters to you!



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