



A Museum of
Contemporary Art

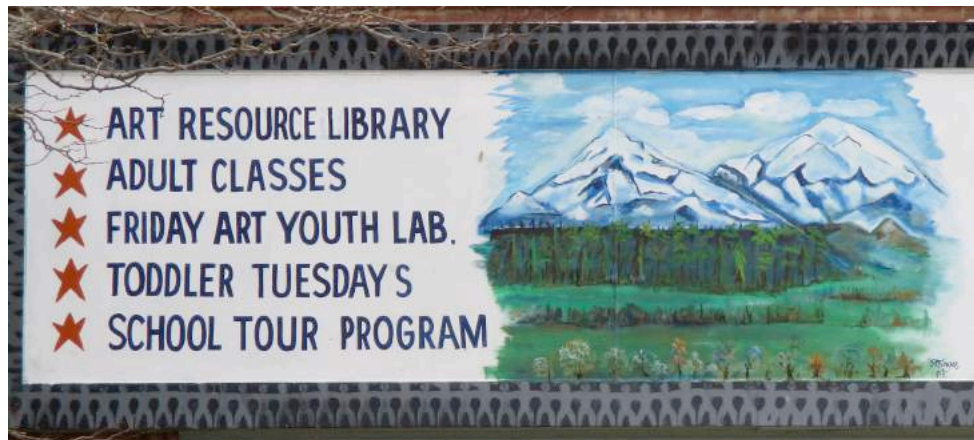
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Museum of Friends Biennial Report: January 2014 through February 2016

Introduction: These were exciting years for the Museum of Friends with 9 changing exhibitions on the ground level and three on the second floor. More community individuals and families became museum members, 67 to date. Funding was granted from major State and Federal sources including: The Colorado Creative Industries (twice); The Anschutz Family Foundation (twice); The Kenneth King Foundation; Bessemer Historical Society; The Laura Jane Musser Fund; Bar NI Fund; Walmart; Safeway; The City of Walsenburg and 25 individual donors, 2015, 12 in 2014. This support provided scholarships in the Friday Art Lab., low-cost "School-Tour" Programs for local k-12 children; outreach programs to the schools, and alternate sites.

These funds also helped to provide public programs with collaborative partners such as the Fox Theater; Rocky Mountain PBS; HULA (Huerfano and Las Animas Early Childhood Programs); The Sangre de Cristo Center for Youth; Las Animas and Huerfano County Developmentally Disabled Workshop; the Spanish Peaks Early Childhood Center and the Veterans Home. The *Made in Walsenburg Shop* helped to supplement the income of over 24 local artists and craftspeople while creating one new part time position "Gift Shop Manager." MOF continues to work with the SER (Senior Employment Resource) and had 3 trainees during this year. The in-kind support was the equivalent of \$24,757.00 toward payroll. Volunteers continue to be attracted to our facility for learning and enjoyment. In this last year alone 28 individuals helped to present programs, prepare for exhibitions, assist in children's and adult workshop. In January, 2016 History Colorado listed the museum's building "The Roof and Dick" as a certified Historic Property on the State Register.



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Tuesday – Saturday Noon to 5:00 p.m. (and by appointment)
School Tours available for K-12

Admission: \$5.00 for Adults, \$3.00 for Children
Guided Tours \$8.00
Please call for more information: 719-738-2858

2nd Floor Exhibitions:
Permanent Fine Art Collection, Paintings, Sculptures, Prints, Photographs, and Hawaiian Exhibition, *Love Letters, The Magic Marker Envelope Drawings, Robert Sutherland - Walsenburg Artist*

1st Floor Exhibitions:
Changing Exhibitions by Local and National Artists, Public Programs, Special Events, Adult Classes, Children's Art Lab, *Made in Walsenburg Shop*

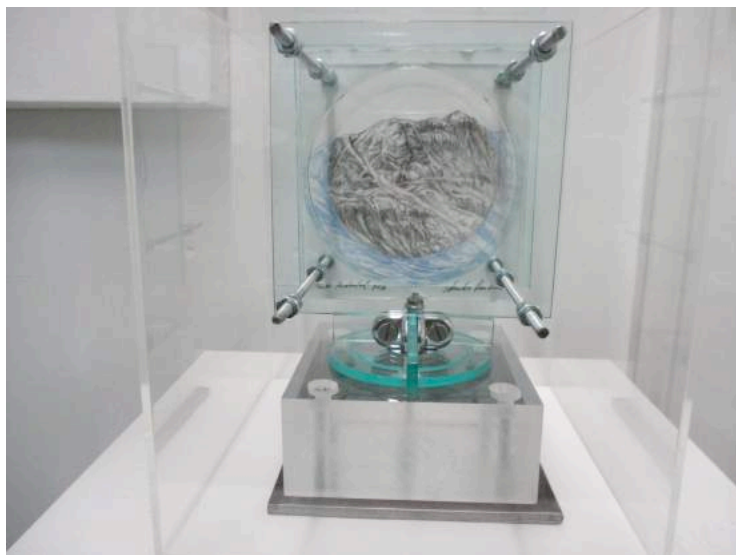
February 23rd through April 16th
Outside of Memory, A Contemporary View of the Horizon
Charles Parson

April 22nd through June 18th
The Earth Remembered II, Special Events on April 22nd

July 4th through October 1st
Art from Behind Bars
Artists in Prison

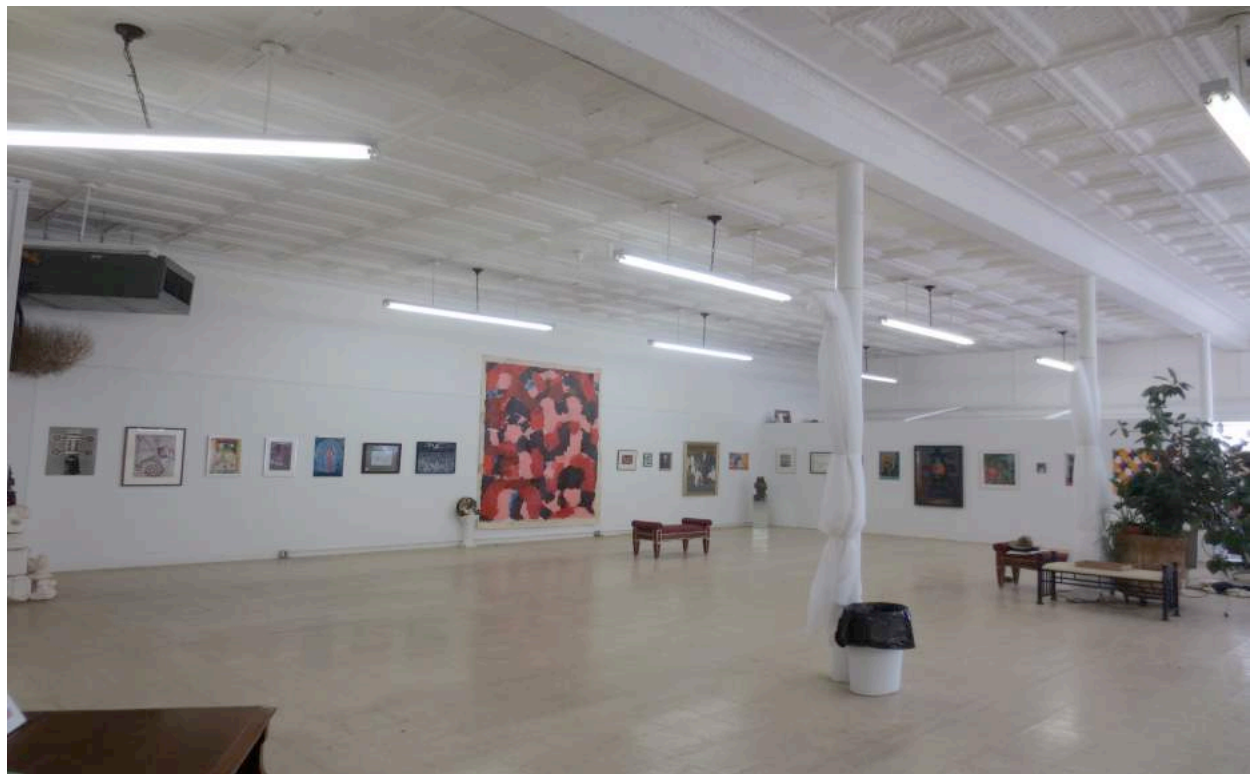
October 15th through December 30th
El Dia de los Muertos, Exhibition and Dance Performance
Visit: www.museumoffriends.org

November 15th through January 30th
Gift Shop Extravaganza Blow Out *Made in Walsenburg*
Hand Made Gifts for the Holiday Season



Charles Parson's Sculpture from the "Outside of Memory a Contemporary View of the Horizon, Exhibition February 23rd to April 16

El Dia de los Muertos 3rd Annual exhibit, 2015



Group Exhibition photo, fall 2015



Planet O Band and community event for El Dia de los Muerto, fall 2015



Dancer Frieda Lessar, in front of Ray Espinoza' Painting and lithograph



Local Artist Lana Wachterman with Denver's Ray Espinoza



Section of exhibition




Friday Art Lab student with mom at opening

May through October Drop City Events and Exhibitions, 2015

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The Heart of Downtown



DISCOVER THE ART HISTORY
 OF SOUTHERN COLORADO

Celebrate
Drop City 50th
 at 600 Main St.
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Current Exhibitions

- May 8 - July 31
Area Communes
 Group Photography Exhibit
- June 4 - Sept. 30
Myron Wood
 Photographs of Drop City
- June 4 - July 31
Paul Hildebrandt
 "Zometool" Construction
- June 12 - Sept. 30
Joseph White
 "Minis" Structural Drawings
- July 4 - Oct. 15
Criss-Cross
 An exhibition of works by the
 founders of Drop City
 Grand Opening Celebration catered by
 Go Ask Alys, Music by Planet O & DJ Darkat
- October 30 - Dec. 1
Día de los Muertos
 Group Exhibition, Music, Dance
- On-Going on 2nd Floor
Permanent Collection
 Hawaiian Exhibit

Special Programs Educational Events
 Panel Discussions Public Programs

The museum offers a variety of programs for children,
 adults and families throughout the year.

Please visit: www.museumoffriends.org for schedule.

Tuesday - Saturday, noon - 5pm
 Adults: \$6
 Seniors (65+): \$5
 Children: \$3 (under 6): Free
 Museum Members: Free





Opening event, July 4, 2015



Friday Art Lab with Criss-Cross show on view



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BRING HISTORY TO LIFE - GET THE WORD OUT
Celebrate Drop City's 50th Anniversary
FRIDAY ART LAB AS SERVICE LEARNING FOR THE WHOLE COMMUNITY

Exhibitions, Public Programs, Downtown Events

Children's Art Happenings

Build a life size Geodesic Dome with Recycled Materials FOR CHILDREN, AGES 5 THROUGH 18

MEETS EVERY FRIDAY: 1 pm to 3 pm

BEGINNING June 5th THROUGH DECEMBER 15TH

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE, FEE \$5.00 A SESSION, includes materials

REGISTER: 738-2858 OR INFO@MUSEUMOFFRIENDS.ORG

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EXHIBITIONS FOR ADULTS, CHILDREN, AND GROUPS:

- 1.) *Myron Wood photographs "Drop City"* June 4 thru July 31
- 2.) *Drop City Poster Contest 2015,* June 4 thru July 31
- 3.) *The Mini Series Drawings by Joseph White,* June 12 thru Aug 31
- 4.) *Criss-Cross exhibit Drop City Artists* July 4 thru October 15

Celebrate Drop City Events

Join MOF in celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Artists' Community Criss-Cross Exhibit opening July 4th, 4 pm to 11 pm

Music : "Planet O" - Refreshments: "Go Ask Alys Catering"

Public Programs: Films: *Drop City* and *Flashing on the 60's*:

July 2nd 5:30 pm, Fox Theater, Walsenburg

School-Tour Program for k-12, area schools curriculum based programs

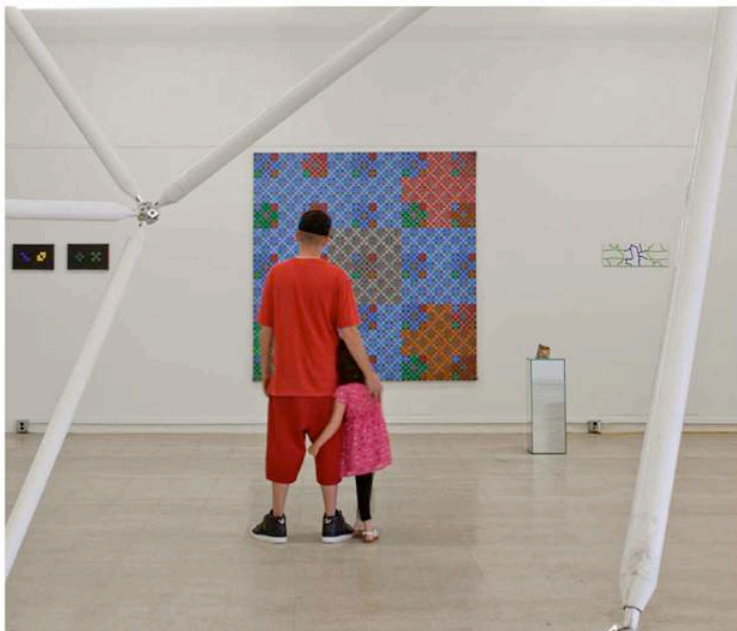
September 1st through December 15th. Call Maria: 738-2858

Planter Box Beautification Project, and *Made in Walsenburg* Gift Shop

Volunteers wanted!!! Please call Volunteer Coordinator Irene at 738-2858



Volunteers installing Richard Kallweit's sculpture, with artist, Elizabeth Hansen 2nd from the left and Richard Kallweit 4th from the left, July 2015

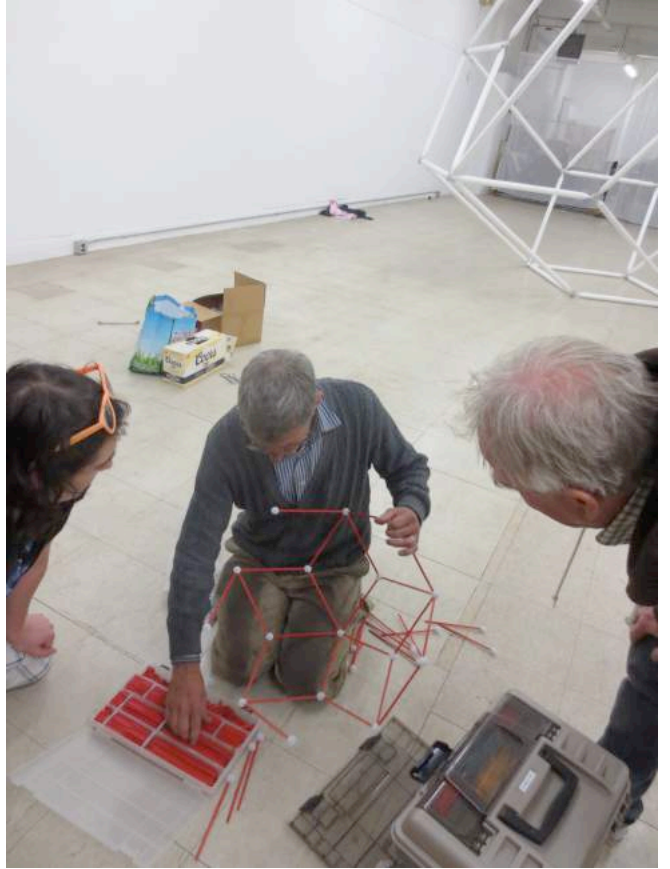


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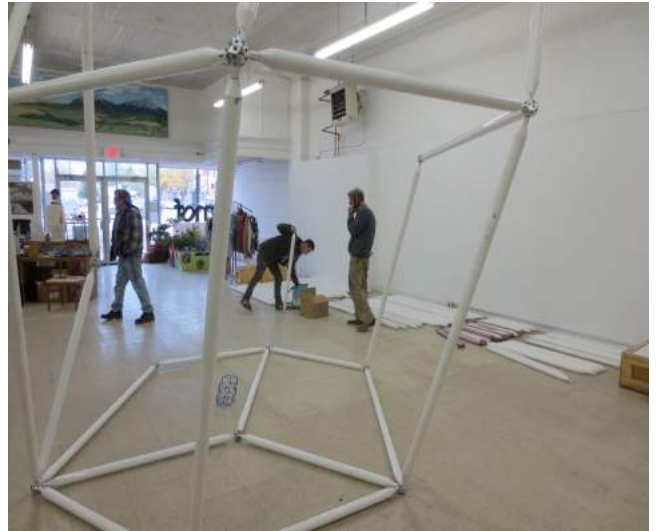
THEY AREN'T THE FIRST NEW YORK ARTISTS TO HEAD WEST IN SEARCH OF NEW OPPORTUNITIES. BUT BRENDT BERGER AND MARIA COCCHIARELLI-BERGER TOOK A BOLD LEAP WHEN THEY PACKED UP THEIR COLLECTION AND MOVED TO TINY WALSENBURG, COLORADO. NEARLY A DECADE LATER, THEIR MUSEUM OF FRIENDS IS THRIVING.

WORDS - IMAGES RON POLLARD

Article and photographs by Ron Pollard, "Modern in Denver", fall issue 2015



Volunteers helping Paul Hildebrandt install his Zometool, May, 2015





Visitors enjoying the Criss-Cross Show and Zometool, July 2015



Friday Art Lab in Joseph White Exhibit, 2nd floor, August, 2015



Friday Art Lab on Main Floor



Labor, Mining, Immigration - Contemporary Artists Interpret the On-going Struggle

Opening Dec. 19th from Noon until 7pm, remains on view until March 30th, 2015



The Permanent Collection may be viewed on the 2nd floor, entrance at 109 East 6th Street



Adamich, Berger, Cocchiarelli, Del Vecchio Maltese, Dyes, Gourfain, Hwang, King, Pulido, Racioppo, Raggio

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MUSEUM HOURS: Tuesdays - Saturdays, Noon to 5pm



“Artists talk on art” public program with Joseph Adamich, Pueblo Artist, December 19th
John Dyes photographs in upper right ,

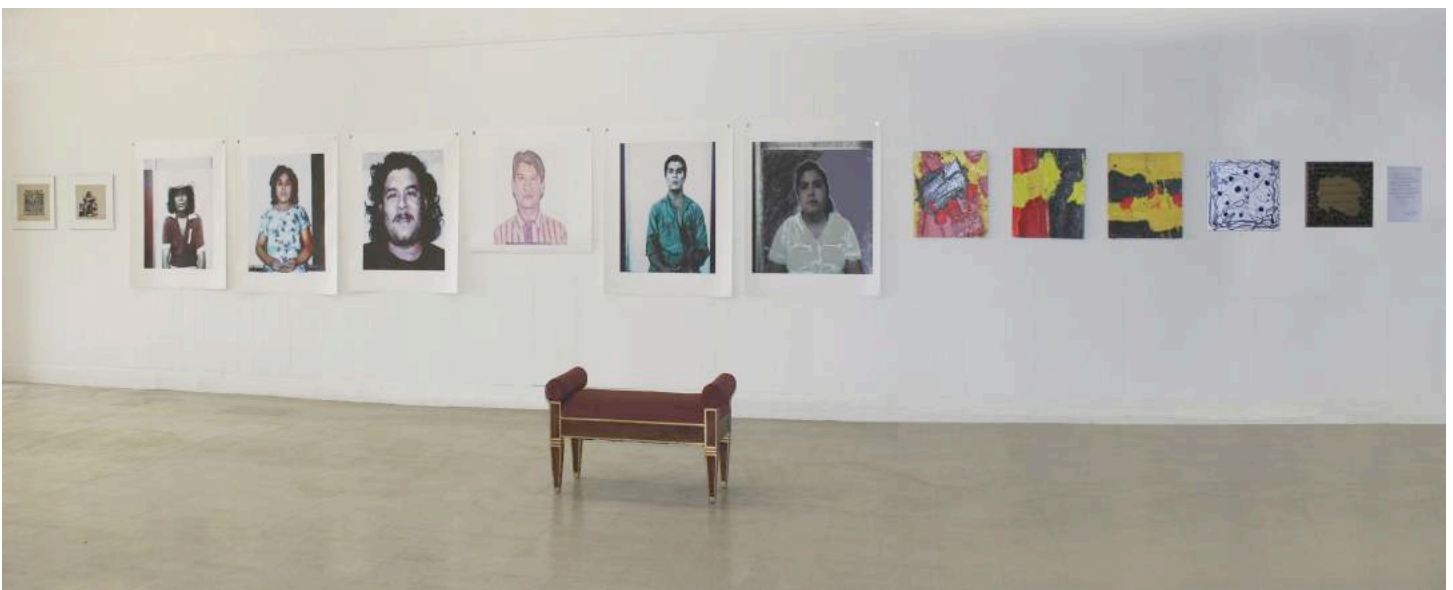
The Museum of Friends new exhibition December 19th 2014, extended thru April 15th 2015
Labor, Mining and Immigration, Contemporary Artists Interpret the On-Going Struggle.

Please join us for the opening of a new exhibition on Friday December 19th, from noon until 7 pm at 600 Main Street in the 1st level gallery space. This exhibition highlights the works of artists from many parts of the United States. The "Labor, Mining and Immigration" exhibition began as homage to those who lost their lives at Ludlow, and its surrounding areas one hundred years ago. As submissions from artists from many parts of the country were received, this exhibition has evolved into a statement about many timely national issues. Some artists in this exhibition explore the contemporary concerns of labor: minimum wage, illegal immigration, corporate, and safety and health related abuses in the work place. These are New York artists: Constance Del Vecchio Maltese, Larry Racioppo, Peter Gourfain and Connie Hwang who resides in Berkeley California. Reggio is a Trinidad artist, Joe Adamich from Pueblo, John Dyes, Texas and Billy King from Arkansas all responding to the courage exhibited by miners and the legacy of their labor through photographs, sculptures, mixed media and paintings.

The subject of immigration is relevant to another Berkeley artist - Guillermo Pulido, and Walsenburg's Brendt Berger and Maria Cocchiarelli. These artists are referential in their treatment of the subject matter and honor those who have made sacrifices.

The exhibition continues through March 30th and contains a lively public program schedule of films related to these topics. All will be shown on Thursday afternoons from 3 to 4 pm, followed by a group discussion. MOF welcomes high school students who are interested in these timely subjects. The first film viewing will be **January 15:** "Animas Perdidas" (Lost Souls) is the story of a young Latina filmmaker documenting the emotional journey of her uncle, a U.S. military vet deported to Mexico. With today's U.S. - Mexico border issue, Animas Perdidas helps explore national identity, and what happens after deportees are sent to a homeland they don't consider home. The other dates are: January 29th, (Triangle Shirt Waist Factory Fire), February 19th, (Labor and the State of the Union) and March 12th (Colorado Experience, The Smaldones). Please visit www.museumoffriends.org for more details.

During this exhibition the "School-tour" program will be available for students from RE1 and RE 2 grades 1st through 12 with age appropriate tours and curriculum materials. The Friday Art Lab will resume in the spring with the first session scheduled for May 1st. There are scholarships available and financial assistance for the "School-Tour" program. Please call 738-2858 for further information.



Guillermo Pulido's "Persona Non Grada" series portraits - central with group artists to the right



Museum Gift Shop “Made in Walsenburg” opened in fall 2014



Oliver Manufacturing, La Junta, Sponsored Workshop with curator Maria Cocchiarelli “Mural-Making, Community and At-risk Youth”, October, 2014

MEMBERS PREVIEW: June 5, 5 to 7pm OPENING: June 6



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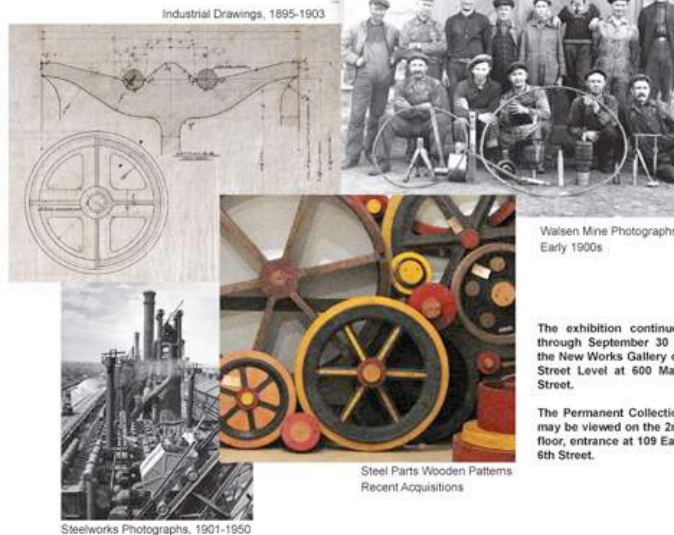
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Reimagining the Past at the Museum of Friends From the Collections of the Steelworks Museum and CF&I Archives Focus on Walsenburg



Industrial Drawings, 1895-1903

Walsen Mine Photographs
Early 1900s

The exhibition continues
through September 30 in
the New Works Gallery on
Street Level at 600 Main
Street.

The Permanent Collection
may be viewed on the 2nd
floor, entrance at 109 East
6th Street.

Steel Parts Wooden Patterns
Recent Acquisitions

Steelworks Photographs, 1901-1950

MUSEUM HOURS: Tuesdays - Saturdays, Noon to 5pm

PUBLIC PROGRAMS

Friday, June 20, 5:30PM to 6:30PM

Tim Hawkins, Executive Director of the Bessemer Historical Society, will speak about the exhibition and the collaboration with the Museum of Friends.

Thursday, July 24, 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM

Carolyn Newman, Historian will speak about Walsenburg in the time of the Coalfield Wars, recognizing the year of the Ludlow Centennial.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH - CALL 719-738-2858 TO SCHEDULE

School Tour Program

K-12 Discipline-based programs related to current Exhibitions on view Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from August 15th through September 30th and November 1st through December 15th. Pre- and post-visit materials included. \$3.00 per student.

Friday Art Lab

Community Planter Box Beautification Project

Meeting every Friday beginning May 30th through December 15th, 1 pm to 2:30 pm, youth ages 4 to 14 will explore architecture and social science with hands-on art activities. Fee \$3.00 per session, scholarships available. Register at info@museumoffriends.org

Toddler Tuesdays

10 AM – noon: Pre-school groups and caregivers, bring your toddlers to have fun in a creative environment. Admission is \$3.00 for one adult and one child. All materials included.

The Children's Response to Ludlow

Special Exhibition on the 2nd floor. Art K-8 from Peakview School, Walsenburg.

Date to be Announced - Mid-August

Victoria Miller, Museum Curator and Education Director for the Steelworks Museum, will speak about the educational components of the exhibition. Invitees will include educators, administrators and parents.

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School Tour Program with La Veta, 1st grade – 5th Grade, fall 2014





Gardner School, 5th grade Special School –Tour program on identity, fall 2014