24th Annual Festival of Trees

The 24th Annual Festival of Trees runs November 17-26 at the museum. Bring the whole family to see the beautiful trees, take your holiday card photos, and enjoy the various events of this annual Steamboat tradition. Yampa Valley Bank and Steamboat Ace Hardware are our presenting sponsors and generously underwrite all of the costs for the museum’s primary fundraising event.

This family-focused, pre-holiday tradition transforms the museum into a sparkling forest of uniquely decorated holiday trees by creative local organizations, businesses, artists, and more. This year, we are thrilled to have over 25 sponsoring businesses and decorating groups. We would like to thank all of the decorators and local business sponsors who make this event possible.

Museum members are invited to a special VIP night for members with hors d’oeuvres, wine, and live music on Wednesday, November 21 from 5:00-6:30pm. We will host all local area seniors for cookies, cider, and live music at the Senior Tea on Tuesday, November 20 at 2:00pm and 3:00pm. We hope families will take advantage of holiday family photo opportunities while touring the trees and will attend special events such as Pioneer Christmas Story-time for Kids on Saturday, November 24 at 11:00am. With the generosity of our sponsors, all Festival of Trees events are FREE for all Routt County residents! Don’t miss the splendor and fun at this year’s Festival of Trees.

2018 Festival Schedule:

- Nov. 17-26
  Viewing daily: 11:00am-5:00pm
- Monday, Nov. 19
  Sponsor Night: 6:00pm
- Tuesday, Nov. 20
  Senior Teas: 2:00pm & 3:00pm
- Wednesday, Nov. 21
  Museum Members’ Night: 5:00-6:30pm
- Thursday, Nov. 22
  Closed for Thanksgiving
- Saturday, Nov. 24
  Pioneer Christmas Story-time for Kids: 11:00am

Members’ Night in the Trees – You’re Invited!
Wednesday, Nov. 21
5:00-6:30pm

Don’t miss this very special evening for members during the 24th Annual Festival of Trees. Come enjoy complimentary refreshments and live music while mingling in the beautiful trees. Don’t miss the fun!
Honor Roll of Routt County

One hundred years ago, the war to end all wars concluded and shortly after, the national American Legion and local Post in Steamboat Springs was formed. In its newest exhibit, the Tread of Pioneers Museum honors the individuals from Routt County who served our country in World War I and highlights local American Legion history.

Nearly four million Americans of all backgrounds entered military service in World War I, either voluntarily or through the draft. In Routt County, service numbers exceeded Uncle Sam's requirements, due in part to a large contingency of foreign-born immigrants, or children of foreign-born immigrants living in the county at the time who were from the Baltic States. These community members were ready to fight for their homeland and prove their loyalty to the United States. In addition, many local native-born sons were eager for a chance to see the world or felt the call to serve.

The Tread of Pioneers Museum and the American Legion invite the public to this collaborative exhibit that pays tribute to the courageous citizens from Routt County who served in World War I. The exhibit is on display Oct. 3, 2018 through May 2019.

“Not only did they serve their country, they came back and served their community.”-Jim Stanko local veteran, historian, and VFW & American Legion Post 44 member

For the approximately 1,000 men from Routt County who served, the war was a great adventure, for some an unwelcome detour in their lives, for others a nightmare. Those men who did come home safely returned to operate and own successful businesses, serve as mayor and County Commissioners, volunteer in local community organizations and clubs, and much more.

The Tread of Pioneers Museum is proud to partner with the local American Legion Post, and all of our local veterans, to remember and commemorate those who so selflessly served our country to protect the values and freedoms that society holds dear. We hope you will join us in this remembrance.
Meet Rachel Pozzo!

My name is Rachel Pozzo, and I am a new intern at the Tread of Pioneers Museum! I am working here in Steamboat through the Episcopal Service Corps, which partners with nonprofits throughout the country. I graduated from Truman State University in 2016 with a BS in History. Before coming to the Tread, I interned at the Buffalo Bill Center of the West and worked in the archives. There, I cataloged and processed collections. This experience is coming in handy with the work Emily and I are doing on the Steamboat Pilot photo collection! Working at the Tread has been great so far. The staff has enabled me to jump right into projects, and I have learned so much already. In addition to the Pilot collection, I have been working with digital photo collections, school groups, and more. I am from St. Louis, but I am enjoying Steamboat immensely. I love the laid-back feel of the town, and of course the gorgeous mountains! I am looking forward to getting to know the community and to what the rest of the year has in store!
#GiveTogether on Colorado Gives Day!

Colorado's largest one-day online giving event is coming up and we need your support. On Tuesday, December 4, 2018, thousands of donors will #GiveTogether to support Colorado nonprofits like ours. Colorado Gives Day is an annual statewide movement to celebrate and increase philanthropy in Colorado through online giving.

**Donations can be prescheduled!**

Beginning November 1, donations can be scheduled ahead of time to make sure the value of your gift is increased by the additional state and local incentive funds available on Colorado Gives Day. Go to the local platform yampavalleygives.org to support the museum any time between November 1 to December 4. Your support helps us continue to preserve and share the rich history and heritage of Routt County.

**Additional Tax Credits**

As a bonus, the Tread of Pioneers Museum is now a Colorado Enterprise Zone Contribution Project. This means that a member/donor who makes a contribution to the museum of $250 or more, may claim a Colorado income tax credit of up to 25% of the amount of his or her donation. This dollar-for-dollar credit against Colorado state income taxes can be claimed by the donor in addition to any federal or state income tax deductions.

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**Arnold Barn Project**

Museum Executive Director Candice Bannister and Curator Katie Adams stand in front of the historic Arnold Barn on Oct. 18, 2018 just after it was moved to its new location on the knoll below the Steamboat Grand Hotel. The barn will now be preserved as a symbol of our rich ranching heritage. The Tread of Pioneers Museum is a proud partner on the barn project, as Bannister served on the Save Arnold Barn committee since its inception in 2015.