



FOUR RINGS



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Our Mission

The mission of the Denver Firefighters Museum is to preserve the history of the Denver Fire Department and firefighting through the collection and preservation of artifacts, documents and photographs. The purpose of the Museum is to educate the public about fire safety and the history of firefighting in Denver from its inception to the present.

by Bob Vallero

We are almost half way through our Legacy for the Century Campaign and I want to thank each member who has contributed. In the near future, you will receive a personalized acknowledgment thanking you for your gift, along with an invitation to the ceremony where the Board will present the endowment to the museum. For those who have not yet made their gift, it is not too late. Remember, I will donate an extra dollar for every individual who contributes \$50.00 or more. Here is your chance to become a lasting part of our Museum's future. Simply complete the contribution form in this newsletter and mail your contribution as soon as possible.

I want to congratulate one of most energetic and long time volunteers, Dan Farley for being selected by the

Department for the James Lacefield Humanitarian Award for 2007. This prestigious medal, named for one of the Department's most enthusiastic volunteers, is awarded to a member for outstanding service to the community in the name of the Denver Fire Department. It was especially fitting that Dan was selected in a large part because of his activities at the Museum. Dan recently retired and will be around the Museum even more in the coming years. Congratulations Dan!

The Board of Directors is seeking dedicated and committed individuals to join. The job of the Board is to provide support and governance for the successful operation of the museum. As members, each one of us has a stake in the reputation of our Museum. A partial list of

qualifications for a member of the Board is as follows:

Responsibilities of a board member:

1. *Interpret the museum's work and values to the community, represent the museum and act as a spokesperson.*
2. *Attend at least 50% of board meetings, committee meetings and events.*
3. *Maintain a membership in the museum at level that is meaningful to me.*
4. *Make a personal financial contribution at a level that is meaningful to me.*
5. *Act in the best interests of the museum and excuse myself from discussion and votes when I have a conflict of interest.*
6. *Abide by all policies implemented by the board.*
7. *Stay informed, ask questions, request information and participate in making decisions on issues, policies and other board matters.*
8. *Work in good faith with the staff and other board members as partners toward the achievement of our goals.*

If you have an interest in providing guidance and direction to the museum, please contact Angela Rayne, Executive Director, or myself for an informational packet.

Director's Digest

by *Angela Rayne*

This has been an exciting year for our educational programming. First, we received a grant from FEMA to fund our educational program both in the Museum and in the Denver Public Schools (DPS). We hired Tracy Tisher to coordinate our Museum education program and Melanie Beaton for the DPS classrooms portion.

Tracy developed a monthly story time called *Firehouse Tales for Tots* that allowed her to teach fire prevention through a non-threatening format to toddlers. She added to that a monthly family series entitled Second Saturdays that united the Colorado Historical Society and the Molly Brown House Museum with historic themes. Interactivities grew

and rotated and a scavenger hunt was added to our self guided tour and discovery tour.

Melanie developed the curriculum for the school presentations and took full charge. The children, teachers and DPS all loved her. So much so, that when we received our FEMA grant for 2008-2009 for \$133,090.00, DPS offered to fund our matching costs! Which of course means we are off to DPS again this school year.

This year a wonderful organization, The Max and Victoria Dreyfus Foundation, Inc. came to our rescue for the matching funds. Their generous donation of \$5,000.00 allowed us underwrite the cost of reaching 1,334 children! Their funds pulled us through and allowed us to reach a

total of 5,743 school children in DPS classrooms and 3,286 children at the Museum! It was amazing. Everyone at the Museum wishes to thank The Max and Victoria Dreyfus Foundation, Inc., Denver Public Schools and FEMA for helping us keep our community safe.



Visitors Services

by *April Legg*

As a rather new member of the DFM team, I want to introduce both myself and the visitor services department to all of you.

I came to the museum about seven months ago after having just completed my graduate studies abroad. My research focused on the applications of Podcasting in museums. While at school, I gained many insights into New Media applications for museums specifically Web 2.0 technologies.

One of the goals for the visitor services department is to use these technologies to increase

public awareness and more importantly, create a forum for visitor involvement and discussion. This year, several new elements have been added to the museum's online presence.

The first project was to create short videos of visitor interviews and post them online. We now have our very own channel on YouTube where participating visitors can see their videos and share them with friends and family. These videos can also be viewed by anyone interested in the museum.

Be sure to check out the 'Video Guest Book' at:

www.youtube.com/user/denfiremuse

We also maintain a page on MySpace. This social networking website will allow us to make 'virtual friends' online and keep them updated with all the Museum's events and goings on! Become our friend at: <http://www.myspace.com/denverfirefightersmuseum>

You can find links to all of our Web 2.0 projects on our website www.denverfirefightersmuseum.org

Event Flyer

Fun at the Fire House

A Community Open House & Street Festival
Denver Firefighters Museum



Saturday, August 2, 2008

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

1326 Tremont Place, Denver

www.denverfirefightersmuseum.org

303-892-1436

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Pets are not allowed!

Calendar of Events

Special Events

Movie Night at the Museum

Watch the Museum come alive with Movie Night at the Museum the first Saturday of each month. This old fashioned family night includes soft drinks, popcorn and the movie for \$5.00 per person. 4:00 to 6:30 p.m.

April 12—Arsenic & Old Lace Antique Road Show

Enjoy tea and crumpets while our expert antique appraisers uncover the stories and reveal the true value of objects brought in by visitors. Reservations required. \$10.00 per object/ 2 item maximum. 2:00 to 6:00 p.m.

August 2—Fun at the Fire House

Our annual safety fair offers kids of all ages the chance to try their hand with a fire hose, escape from a smoky room, ride on a fire truck, try on firefighter gear, and maneuver through the fire safety obstacle course. Firefighters from across Colorado join the celebration to demonstrate firefighting and rescue techniques. And, our community partners who share our commitment to children and family safety, will line the streets with information booths. Free. 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

September 20—Annual Wine Tasting & FUN-draiser

Please join us for our truly fun and worthwhile annual fundraising event. This themed party pairs wonderful wines and fine foods with live entertainment and a live auction. \$50.00 per person. 6:00 to 10:00 p.m.

October 25- Firehouse Ghosts

Bring your sleeping bag and learn why at this Fire House things still go bump in the night. This old fashioned sleepover includes a traditional fire house spaghetti dinner, ghost stories, Halloween crafts, spooky movies and a ghost tour of haunted Old Fire Station No. 1. The evening is appropriate for all ages. \$25.00 per person. 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m.

Member's Events

May 10— Member Month

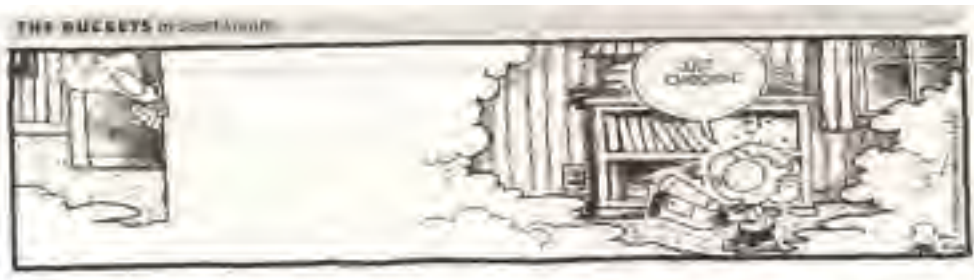
Historic Fire House Tour with Lunch, Behind the Scenes Tour of Historic Station No. 1, and more! Reservations required.

June 15—Father's Day Spaghetti Dinner

Spend Father's Day with your children at the Museum! The day begins with a social hour and photos with Dad on the fire trucks. A traditional spaghetti dinner follows and the day ends with a Behind the Scenes tour. Reservations required. \$12.00 per person. 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

December 13— Holiday Member Open House

Enjoy a tour of Old Station No. 1, sweet treats, a craft for children, and a visit with Santa. 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.



Event Flyer

Firehouse Tales for Tots

10:00 to 10:30 a.m.



Join us for story time at the station on the first Wednesday of every month! Fun, fire-themed books accompanied by finger plays, action rhymes, puppetry, and a craft. Ages 2-6.

Jan 2, *Curious George at the Fire Station* - Activity: Coloring Sheet
Feb 6, *Clifford the Firehouse Dog* - Activity: Clifford Valentines
Mar 5, *3 Little Firefighters* - Activity: Lace Bunking Coat
Apr 2, *Fire Truck!* - Activity: Fire Truck Picture Frame
May 7, *Even Firefighters Hug their Moms* - Activity: Mother's Day Card
June 4, *Firefighter Frank* - Activity: Make your own Fire Helmet
July 2, *No Dragons for Tea* - Activity: Tea Party Picnic
Aug 6, *The Fire Cat* - Activity: Cat in the Tree Rescue Toy
Sept 3, *Firefighters A to Z* - Activity: F is for Firefighter Coloring Sheet
Oct 1, *Poinsettia and the Firefighters* - Activity: Halloween Craft
Nov 5, *Fireman Small, Fire Down Below* - Activity: Firefighter Badge
Dec 3, *The Night Before Xmas at the Firehouse* - Activity: Ornament

Volunteer View

Making a Difference!

Sometimes in an organization there is a group of volunteers that stand out among the rest. The Denver Firefighters Museum has two. The first, affectionately self proclaimed, the Piano Builders, the second, also self proclaimed, the Red Hot Chicks.

The Piano Builders are retired Denver firefighters and a few other "gentlemen" from other fire departments. They maintain the almost one-hundred year old building, build out exhibits, work on storage mounts, assist with research requests, and generally keep me on my toes! The group consists of Charlie Brown, Chuck Holderness, Dan Day, Dan Farley, Jeremiah Herderich, Jerry Michals, and Mark Borland. Their hard work every Tuesday from 9 am to 3 pm is the back bone of the Museum.

The second group, the Red Hot Chicks, might surprise you. They consist of a group of ladies that followed the Director, Angela Rayne, from her last museum - Deborah Darnell, Jacquie Dadmun, Josie Hoover, Kay Johnson, Mary-Ann Thaxton, Nancy Clough and Sue McCutchan. They are not married to firefighters, have no fire service experience and until four and half years ago, no desire to learn about the history of fire-fighting in Denver or the Denver Fire Department. As they say, "you've come a long way baby!" They work

on Mondays from 10 am to 3 pm on collections care re-housing and cleaning objects, mounting, labeling, tagging, and organizing. They work on exhibits displaying equipment, interpreting objects, and creating text labels. They are the ones that bring the history and objects alive to the visitors. They are indeed, Red Hot Chicks.



Volunteers of the Month

The Museum wants to acknowledge the following volunteers who were Volunteers of the Month for 2008.

January	Jerry Michals
February	Charlie Brown
March	Mark Borland
April	Nancy Clough
May	Dan Day
June	John Williams
July	
August	
September	
October	
November	
December	

Introducing Fire Corps!!

The Denver Firefighters Museum is proud to announce that we are now a registered Fire Corps. What is Fire Corps? Fire Corps is a locally driven Citizens Corps program that allows community members to offer their time and talents to their local Fire and EMS departments. Fire Corps serves as a gateway to information for and about Fire and EMS department programs and meets a citizen's desire to serve, as well as support a department's needs. This means, we are looking for volunteers in four areas! First, is Public Education which focuses on fire safety and prevention for the community. Second, is Community Events which brings fire safety and awareness to the community. Third, is Fire Apparatus and Maintenance which helps maintain and preserve Denver Firefighters Museum's historic structure and apparatus. The last area is HAM Radio Operators which use communication to help communities in emergencies. If you would like more information or to volunteer for the Museum Fire Corps, please call the Museum at 303-892-1436.

Volunteer View

Volunteer Opportunities

The Denver Firefighters Museum has always believed that volunteers are very special and valuable resources. We also recognize that without volunteers, we could not offer the quality and variety of programming that we do. If you have a special talent you would like to share or one of the following descriptions piques your interest, please consider volunteering your time with us.

Visitor Services: The Museum gift shop is looking for volunteers to greet visitors, collect admissions, offer directions and memberships, and help customers find merchandise. Volunteers must enjoy working with the public, have great customer service skills and possess the ability to handle cash and credit card transactions. The position is available Monday through Saturday; shifts vary.

Training is provided, and at least an eight-hour-per-month commitment is requested.

Exhibit and Production: Volunteers are requested to help with the painting of the upstairs exhibit hall. The position is available on Tuesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. No experience is necessary. Lunch is provided.

For more information on volunteering, please contact Angela Rayne at 303-892-1436 or by email at angela@denverfirefightersmuseum.org

Legacy for the Century

One hundred years ago, the building that houses the Denver Firefighters Museum was built as Denver Fire Department Station No. 1. City leaders at the time never imagined that its legacy would continue on today as the Denver Firefighters Museum. What makes it a legacy is not only that we tell the story of the Denver Fire Department from its inception to the present, but that the mission of its firefighters continues with the teaching of fire safety and prevention to the community.

In 2009, the Denver Firefighters Museum's building will celebrate its 100th anniversary. The Denver Firefighters Museum will mark the occasion with a Legacy for the Century Campaign. Our goal is to establish an endowment of \$50,000 by 2009 to support the preservation of the building for the next century. Interest on the endowment will be used yearly to provide for the ongoing care and maintenance of the historic 1909 fire house without touching the original investment of \$50,000.

Your gift of \$50 or more qualifies you as a member of the Legacy Society. It is only with your support, that we can sustain our world-class museum in a well maintained, preserved building. Your participation is vital to this effort. Please join us in celebrating the Denver Firefighters Museum's 100th anniversary and send your contribution today. It's not to late, please join today!

Yes! I want to support the Legacy for the Century Campaign!

\$50 \$75 \$100 Other _____

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Collections Corner

During the nineteen-fifties, the Denver Fire Department was involved in three disastrous fires. The first was on February 17, 1951 at the Denver Athletic Club. The second fire was on March 29, 1952 at the Miller Furniture Company, the third fire happened at the Hungarian Flour Mills on October 26, 1952, the topic of this article. All off-duty firefighters were called back to work when a one million dollar fire swept through 325,000 bushels of wheat and grain. Thousands of tons of water were poured into the grain as firefighters worked the hoses from the tops of box cars, from the roofs of adjoining buildings and the tops of aerial ladders. Hindered by thick smoke, firefighters fought the blaze through the afternoon and into the night. Rescue Squad search lights were brought in to help see through the dense smoke. Crowds were kept back as firefighters expected the walls to collapse under the pressure of water-soaked grain. The heat of the fire and the danger of grain exploding kept firefighters from the interior of the building. After two days of battling the fire, the blaze was finally under control. The three alarm fire ultimately sent over seventy firefighters to Denver General Hospital.



Educational Programs



Lazy summer days? Not at the Museum! We've been busy with visits from children and families from all parts of the world as they enjoy dressing like firefighters, crawling through our "Plan for a Safe Escape" house, or spending quality time together reading fire books in our children's activity gallery. For more family fun, don't miss our upcoming events **Fun at the Firehouse** (Saturday August 2nd) and **Fire Prevention Week** (Saturday Oct. 11th). Both events will be filled with fun family activities, take-home sheets, presentations and more. Our education programs are so HOT, we may keep summer going all year round!



Hot Topics:

New Family Gallery Guides!

Let Squirt be your guide through the Museum's exciting hands-on activities for children! Our new family gallery guides help you explore each floor of fun while giving you helpful information and tips about your visit. These new guides are free and can be picked up at the start of your journey through the Museum!

Calling All Kids at Heart: Education Volunteers Needed!

We need outgoing individuals to help make a difference in the lives of children. Education volunteers assist with various hands-on activities and crafts during annual events at the Museum like "Fun at the Firehouse," family free day events, or to help out with regularly scheduled school tours. Help make a child's experience a memorable one as you teach lessons for a lifetime. If you are interested in learning more about educational volunteer opportunities at the Museum, please contact Tracy Tisher at (303) 892-1436 or tracy@denverfirefightersmuseum.org.



Firehouse Tales for Tots

Join us for story time at the station! Fun fire-themed books accompanied by finger plays, action rhymes, puppetry, and more. Each story ends with a fun activity/craft! Ages 2-6. First Wednesday morning of every month. 10 to 10:30 a.m. Free with paid admission.



Wee Wednesdays

Don't forget to reserve your child's spot in our popular six week playdate fire safety series for children aged 2-5 years. The fall session runs on Wednesdays from Oct 1st-November 5th. \$5.00 per child per class or \$25.00 for the six week session. Classes fill up quickly so call 303-892-1436 to make your reservation today!

Kids Activity Corner

Firefighters wear special clothing that helps protect them when fighting a fire. Circle 4 items a firefighter wears while fighting fires.

"We make a living by what we do, but we make a life by what we give."-Winston Churchill

Museum Store

Hot for Summer!

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Guys Keep the Sun out your Eyes with a DFD Ball Cap \$12.95



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Artifact Donations

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James Reilly—DFD Work Schedules, Big Hammers	Jerry Michals—Red Phone, DFDFCU Matchbook
	Thelma Lee Neville—Bunkers, Uniform Shirts, Helmet, Clippings

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Invitation to Join the Denver Firefighter Museum

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