

ART & CULTURE

Community Vision – Foster visual, educational, and performing art opportunities that preserve our cultural identities and enhance our quality of life.

Art and Education Programs

There are a wide variety of art and cultural educational programs available in the region. Most of the five counties exhibit rich cultural diversity through public events, museums, national monuments, national parks, music festivals, theater, and performing arts. Previous editions of this Index have listed some of the programs located in the region, a sampling of which is offered below. Our challenge in tracking these programs has been that there is no central entity or association that can provide consistent data regarding the types of programs and the numbers of participants.

Fortunately, the Colorado Tourism Office (CTO) has recently launched a study of cultural tourism that addresses issues similar to ours. As part of the study, the CTO is developing indicators that address heritage tourism and our general cultural health. These indicators will address the depth, breadth and quality of cultural and heritage oriented activities and policies, and will be tested in five regions in the state, including southwest Colorado. A final report on this work is scheduled to be available near the end of 2008. A web page with a summary of this program for 2007 is located at http://www.colorado.com/static.php?file=industry_partners under the link “Heritage Tourism Program Major Initiatives Catalogue”. We expect to be able to report on these findings in the next update.

These are some of the programs that were previously identified. Check back for more information after 2008.

Archuleta County - Art and Cultural Education Programs		
Community	Facility/Location	Program
Pagosa Springs	Chimney Rock Archaeological Center	Guided tours for school groups and general public
	Upper San Juan Historic Museum	Exhibits, tours for school groups and general public
	Rocky Mountain Wildlife Park	Zoo, exhibits, trail rides
	Fred Hartman Art Museum	Exhibits

Dolores County - Art and Cultural Education Programs		
Community	Facility/Location	Program
Dove Creek	None available	

San Juan County - Art and Cultural Education Programs		
Community	Facility/Location	Program
Silverton	Miner's Union Theater	Theater performances
	San Juan County History Museum	Exhibits, school group programs
	Mountain Studies Institute	School groups, teacher workshops, classes for the general public

La Plata County - Art and Cultural Education Programs		
Community	Facility/Location	Program
Durango	Durango Arts Center	Arts Force (after school elementary program)
		Creativity Festivity
		Artist Professional Development
		GOAL (Teenage Girls Arts and Leadership Program) partnership with Women's Resource Center
		Very Special Arts for adults with disabilities
		Docent Education Program
		Durango Film Festival at various locations
		Durango Inkslingers
		Animas Music Festival at various locations
		Durango Lively Arts Theatre
	Applause Theatre	Children's performing arts programs
	Durango Chorale Society	Children's singing program
	Fort Lewis College Concert Hall	Variety of performances throughout the year
	Fort Lewis College Amphitheatre	Outdoor performances and events
	Fort Lewis College Center of SW Studies	Exhibits, demonstrations, lectures
The Dance Center at the Smiley Bldg.	Dance classes for adults and children	
Children's Museum of Durango	Exhibits, workshops, school groups	
Animas History Museum in Durango	Exhibits, lectures, school outreach, school groups, docent education	
Music In the Mountains	Three-week summer classical music festival	
Abbey Theatre	Independent, foreign, and classic films, lectures, events	
Diamond Circle Theatre (Strater Hotel)	Melodrama theater	
Dance In the Rockies	Dance classes for children	
Bayfield	History Museum	Early planning stage
Ignacio	Southern Ute Museum	Exhibits, programs for school groups and the general public
	Southern Ute Tribe	Dance ceremonies

Montezuma County - Art and Cultural Education Programs		
Community	Facility/Location	Program
Cortez	Cortez Cultural Center	Art classes, evening programs, Native American dances
	Crow Canyon Archaeological Center	School groups, families, travel programs, teacher workshops, loan kits, outreach trunks for schools
	Mesa Verde National Park	School groups, teacher guides, interpretive programs, and materials
	Hovenweep National Monument	School groups, teacher guides, interpretive programs, and materials
Towaoc	Ute Mountain Tribal Park	School groups and general public guided tours
Dolores	Anasazi Heritage Center	Exhibits, tours for school groups and general public, loan kits, teacher workshops
	Galloping Goose Historic Museum	Exhibits, tours for school groups and general public
Mancos	Town of Mancos	Annual fiddlers contest

Historic Preservation

One way we preserve our cultural identities is by recognizing and understanding the physical connections to our past that have created the communities of today. The following indicators track progress that has been made in recognizing and preserving historically important resources and places.

A historic preservation program is an organized effort to assist in recognition and preservation, usually by providing a way to place a property on a register of historically important structures and places. Listing a property on a historic register raises awareness of the property’s historic significance and offers the opportunity to plan development in a manner that promotes, rather than destroys, our legacy.

During the time the Index has been tracking this indicator, three (La Plata, Montezuma and San Juan) of the five counties have enacted historic preservation programs, and six communities have created historic preservation programs for their town.

# of Communities with Adopted Historic Preservation Legislation					
Year	Archuleta	Dolores	La Plata	Montezuma	San Juan
2007	1	1	2	4	1
2004	1	1	2	4	1
2002	1	1	1	2	1

Source: Colorado Historical Society website www.coloradohistory-oahp.org/publications/pubs/1568.pdf

No new data was available on the percentage of recorded sites that are considered eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. This data comes from a report produced by the Colorado Historical Society, which has not yet been updated. Only San Juan and Montezuma Counties have new sites recognized for their historic significance and placed on the National Register. La Plata County and the town of Silverton are in the process of conducting large scale cultural resource surveys for their jurisdictions, which will result in new entries to the database for cultural resources in the region. Bayfield is also in the process of conducting a small cultural resource survey.

Number of State Grants Received / Total Dollar Amount						
Year	Archuleta	Dolores	La Plata	Montezuma	San Juan	Total
2006	1/\$11,892	3/\$58,288	10/\$704,815	10/\$750,111	1/\$5,000	25/\$1,530,106
2004	1/ \$10,000	3/ \$273,853	5/ \$550,817	8/ \$464,056	1/ \$106,794	18/ \$1,405,520
1993	0	4/ \$26,891	3/ \$21,000	1/ \$2,440	2/ \$77,500	10/ \$127,831
Cumulative Total of Grants Funded / Cumulative Dollar Value						
2006	6/\$182,182	20/\$774,512	58/\$3,131,955	106/\$4,877,460	41/\$2,746,618	231/\$11,712,727
1993-04	4/ \$128,584	18/ \$743,976	41/ \$2,439,262	83/ \$3,193,861	28/1,502,567	174/ \$8,008,250
Number of State Tax Credits Claimed / Total Dollar Amount						
2006	0	0	1/\$2,194	0	0	1/\$2,194
2004	1/ \$50,000	0	0	0	0	1/ \$50,000
1999	0	0	2/ \$90,432	0	0	2/ \$90,432
1994	0	0	1/ \$15,003	0	0	1/ \$15,003
1993	0	0	1/ \$31,126	0	0	1/ \$31,126
Total	1/ \$50,000	0	5/\$138,752	0	0	5/ \$188,755

Data sources: Pagosa Springs and Durango Planning Offices for Tax Credit information
 Colorado Historical Society Website www.coloradohistory-oahp.org/publications/pubs/1576.pdf

There are two state programs that demonstrate the amount of money committed to historic preservation in our region; a state income tax credit based on the costs of preservation work, and a grant program to support historic preservation projects. The figures below show increased investment in historic preservation in the region via the grant program while very little has been done to take advantage of the tax credit program.

# of Sites Eligible for the National Register*						
Year	Archuleta	Dolores	La Plata	Montezuma	San Juan	Total
2004	175 / 2,032 9%	374 / 2,122 18%	1,043 / 5,986 17%	5,055 / 18,782 27%	57 / 623 9%	6,704 / 29,545 23%
2000	39 / 1764 2%	154 / 1848 8%	300 / 4,265 7%	772 / 15,179 5%	22 / 163 6%	1,287 / 23,419 5%
# of Sites Listed on the State or National Register						
2007	6	8	16	40	7	77
2004	6	8	16	36	6	72
2000	6	6	16	33	5	66
1999	6	6	15	32	4	63
# of State or National Register Sites Removed or Demolished						
2007	0	0	0	0	0	0
2004	0	0	0	0	0	0
2000	0	0	1	0	0	1

Source: Colorado Historical Society website www.coloradohistory-oahp.org/programareas/register/directory.htm

* no new data for 2007

Since 1993, over \$11.7 million in state grant funds have been committed to our region via the State Historic Fund. Montezuma County has received the largest amount of funding, probably reflecting the high concentration of archaeological sites and the various public parks and conservation areas in the region. The tax credit program requires administration through the Denver-based office of the Colorado Historical Society, unless local government agrees to provide the administrative service. At this time, only Durango and Pagosa Springs provide administrative services.