

"The tranquility and serenity of the Monument cannot help but impress all who stand and listen to its quiet beauty. Come and enjoy Colorado National Monument today."

Colorado National Monument Association

Join Us in Preserving Our National Treasure



Photographer Entries for the 2017 Colorado National Monument Calendar Due by February 17th



A Fond Farewell

By Denise Hight, CNMA Office Manager and Buyer

When I started working for the CNMA in May 1992, little did I imagine that I would still be here nearly 24 years later. But perhaps I shouldn't be surprised – as those of us who love Colorado National Monument know, this truly is a magical place. Working here has been one of the most enriching experiences of my life.

on a positive note, my daughter will be giving birth to her second child in a few weeks' time, and I plan to spend as much time possible with my grandchildren.

I would like to thank the people in the CNMA I have worked with over the years, the talented and enthusiastic CNMA board members, and the devoted NPS staff and volunteers. I have made many friends and I have learned from you all. And thank you to all the CNMA members. Your support is essential and your dedication to the monument is inspirational.

The CNMA is a wonderful group serving a worthwhile mission in partnership with the National Park Service. I know you will be a great team to lead the CNMA as the National Park Service enters its second century. I am proud to know you, and I will treasure the memories of my time with the Colorado National Monument Association.

Legendary Locals of Fruita

I feel so fortunate to have worked in such a beautiful setting with such amazing people. I can think of very few other jobs where I would have had so many opportunities to learn new skills as I have had here at Colorado National Monument. But now it is time to pursue a different path in my life. My parents' health is declining and I need to spend more time with them. My husband also has health issues due to his multiple sclerosis. On a positive note, my daughter will be giving birth to her second child in a few weeks' time, and I plan to spend as much time as possible with my grandchildren.

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Denise Hight's book, "*Legendary Locals of Fruita*", published by Arcadia Publishing, will be available the week of February 15. *Legendary Locals of Fruita* features more than 150 profiles of some of the people and institutions, both current and historical, that have contributed to Fruita's greatness since its founding in 1884, all illustrated by photographs. The chapter devoted to Colorado National Monument, "Monumental Marvels," includes profiles of a variety of individuals associated with Colorado National Monument over the years. There are three profiles of the monument's depression-era roadbuilders, including Harley Beeson, a 1931 Fruita Union High School graduate, who was one of nine area men killed in December 1933 by a collapsing rock ledge; Ottis Littlejohn who worked as a cook for the CCC in 1940 and 1941, and returned to the area in 2011 to reunite with his girlfriend after 70 years; and WPA worker Ray Green, the designer of the first map of the monument given to visitors. Green still resides in Fruita at age 103. To read more about these roadbuilders and others associated with the monument, purchase your copy by calling 858-3617 ext. 307 or 308, email info@coloradonma.org, or come up to the visitor center, open every day from 9AM to 4:30 PM.

News From the Park

Your Membership \$ at Work



In the fall of 2015, Colorado National Monument Association funded the mapping and recording of prehistoric and historic brush structures within Colorado National Monument. These wooden features possibly served as temporary shelters and platforms for the Northern Ute people and their predecessors. See photo above. Time, wind, and rain are taking their toll on these fragile resources, causing their collapse and loss. Lack of information limits the park's ability to protect, preserve, and interpret these

artifacts.

This project was completed by ArParkcheologist Curtis Martin, who developed a program to find and record these types of structures across Colorado. Over the month of November, his team provided high-resolution photographs, detailed drawings, and information on the construction style, construction materials, and the intended uses of the structures. As future funding becomes available, Park management will record additional at-risk structures to help us better understand the prehistoric and historic uses of the area as well as to help in the protection, preservation, and interpretation of these significant, unique, and fragile resources.

Tidbits:

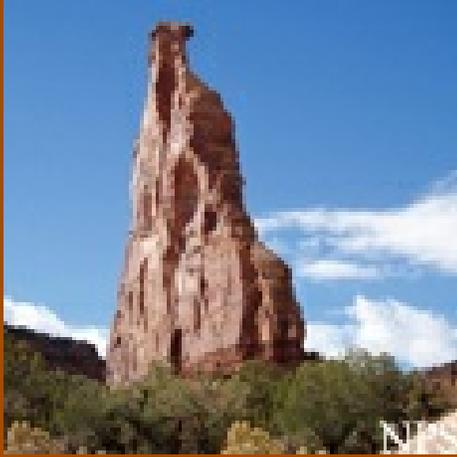
- Arlene Jackson, Chief of Education, Interpretation and Community outreach, and Volunteer Coordinator Lindsay Compton hosted an open house meeting for new and prospective volunteers on Saturday January 30 at the visitor center. It's not too late to become a volunteer. Call Lindsay for further information -858-3617, ext. 364.
- The monument has been awarded new funds for a Centennial year seasonal in Interpretation. It is not known at this time if the funds will continue beyond FY16.
- Installation of the new HVAC units in the visitor center has begun; it is likely to take two to three weeks. Once finished, we will have a MUCH better heating and air conditioning including zone controls.
- Congratulations to the Monument for more than 75 years of taking weather observations in the Monument. The Monument started collecting weather data on March 1, 1940. Monument staff received a certificate of recognition from John Kyle, of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Office in Grand Junction.



Just Arrived!

in the Colorado National Monument Association Bookstore to Commemorate the 2016 Centennial of the National Park Service! Featuring a hiking boot footprint and 2016 logo, this American made pottery mug is oven, microwave and dishwasher safe. In blue – kind of like the gorgeous night skies at Colorado National Monument. \$22.00.

Mark Your Calendar!!



On Friday, March 25th, the Colorado National Monument Association, in partnership with Rocky Mountain PBS, will premiere "Heart of the World", a special premiere at the Avalon Theater.

This is part of the NPS series celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the National Park Service and includes cuts from the four part Colorado series, which includes the Colorado National Monument and interviews with locals.

Details to follow.

New Memberships and Renewals, January 2016

Dakota - \$500

Chris and Russell Davies

Entrada - \$250

Deane George-Adis

Ted and Linda Koeman

Bruce and Pat Noble

Todd Young

Kayenta - \$100

Lynn Brownson

Dennis Ghiglia

Craig and Lauren Goodknight

Paula Gurak

Robin and Steve Heil

Edward Hurley

Tim and Laura Johnson

Marilyn McCurdy

Lawrence Peterson

Sarah Wynn and John Reber

Wingate - \$50

John and Denise Ahern

Kevin Braa

Georgeand Diana Humfeld

M Kavasch

Maggieand Ed Lipton

RebeccaFrank and George Orbanek

Colleen Stabolepszy

Chinle - \$30

Phil Amundson

Timothy Bernhardt

Alex andAnn Carter

Allan Conrad

Mary Coombs

Sherryand Dave Farny

Jan Gabin

Bud andKim Haupt

Ken andJan Henry

Gary andIrene Jessen

Nancy Keck

Michael McNeely

Dawn Morrow

Todd Overbye

Jeffrey Shuldener

Nancy Tanner

Susan Yeager

Ronald Young

A huge thank you to all of our membership supporters. You have made an investment in the future protection of public lands and the education of our children to appreciate the beauty around them and to work to be stewards of our incredible American landscape for generations to come.

Sincerely
Marilee Langfitt

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