

2014 Fort Garland Museum Calendar of Events

May 10

The Bunker Site

Exhibit Opening and Presentation

2:00, Soldiers Theatre, Fort Garland, free

The Bunker Site, a Potential Old Spanish Trail Site

A traveling exhibit of the archaeological material found at the Bunker Site will open at Fort Garland. The site is believed to be a campsite along the Old Spanish Trail. Angie Krall, Forest Archaeologist with the Rio Grande National Forest will talk about the findings at this important site

May 24 and 25

Memorial Day Living History Encampment

All day, Fort Garland, \$5.00 admission (includes admission to museum exhibits)

Activities begin at 9am Saturday with the Flag Raising Ceremony. Throughout the weekend the Fort Garland Memorial Regiment and the Artillery Company of New Mexico will present activities and displays that depict 19th century garrison life at Fort Garland. On Saturday the Ladies of the Garrison will host an Afternoon Tea at 2 pm. At 7 pm on Saturday night the public is invited to the Regimental Ball with music provided by the New Mexico Territorial Band. Learn the dances of the mid 1800s while having a great time. Period dress is encouraged but not mandatory. On Sunday at 10 am, a non-denominational church service will be held in the Soldier's Theater. The event ends Sunday at 4pm with a Pass in Review and Retreat ceremony.

June 11

Friends of the Fort Business Meeting

6:00, the Fort Mess Hall

Program, 6:30, free

Ludlow Massacre

Dawn DiPrince, Director of the El Pueblo Museum, will present "The Children of Ludlow: Life in a Battle Zone, 1913-1914." 2014 commemorates the 10th Anniversary of the attack by the Colorado State militia on striking coal miners and their families. This event ended with the deaths of over 20 people, including children.

June 14

Ludlow Tour

8:00 am, meet at the Fort entrance

Fee charged

Tour of Ludlow Massacre site. The tour will be led by Barb Lovell-Reid. April 2014 is the 100th anniversary of the Ludlow Massacre. We will revisit the site along with several other historic sites in the area. They include a cluster of old mining towns that still retain some of their original buildings and the site of the Hastings mine explosion. You will hear the story of this important time in history and the tragedy that accompanied it.

June 19

Highway Clean-up

8:30 am.

Meet at the picnic tables 4 miles east of Fort Garland. There will be a delicious complimentary breakfast in the Mess Hall at Fort Garland for all participants following the clean-up

July 9

Friends of the Fort Business Meeting

6:00, the Fort Mess Hall

Program, 6:30, free

Old Spanish Fort

Amanda Cvinar, Archaeologist and Fort Garland Museum Educator will present an overview of this little known fort built in 1819 by the Spanish.

July 19

Spanish Fort Tour

8:00 am, meet at the Fort entrance

Fee charged

The Sangre de Cristo Pass was first discovered by de Anza in 1779 while pursuing the Comanches. It soon became a main thoroughfare route to Taos. The Spanish built an adobe fort in 1819 in order to keep any trespassers out of their territory. We will visit the site of this Fort and hear the fascinating history of this area.

August 1 & 2

Colorado Day(s)

Free admission

Celebrate Colorado Day at the Museum with free admission and a Colorado Trivia Contest.

August 13

Friends of the Fort Business Meeting

6:00, the Fort Mess Hall

Program, 6:30, free

Zebulon Pike and his influence in the San Luis Valley. Presented by Fred Bunch, interpretive ranger at the Great Sand Dunes NPS Park and local historian.

August 22

Friends of the Fort Appreciation Dinner

5:30, the Fort Mess Hall

Members of the Friends of the Fort are treated to a dinner prepared by the staff of Fort Garland Museum

Sept. 4

Highway Cleanup

8:30 am

Meet at the picnic tables 4 miles east of Fort Garland. There will be a delicious complimentary breakfast in the Mess Hall at Fort Garland for all participants following the clean-up

Sept. 10

Friends of the Fort Business Meeting

6:00, the Fort Mess Hall

Program, 6:30, free

The Japanese Americans of the San Luis Valley Presented by Mrs. Bessie Konishi, a Valley native from LaJara. Hear about the cultural and economic contributions of the Japanese Americans to the San Luis Valley.

Sept. 13 & 14

All day, \$5.00 admission (includes admission to museum exhibits)

Fort Garland Memorial Regiment Living

History Fall Encampment and Candle Light Tour

Throughout the weekend the Fort Garland Memorial Regiment and the Artillery Company of New Mexico will present activities and displays that depict 19th century garrison life at Fort Garland. At sundown Jack Rudder will lead a candlelight tour of the museum and tell stories of the ghosts that haunt the museum.

Colorado Plein Air Paint-Out

The Colorado Plein Air is known as the largest plein air event in the nation and local artists - professionals, amateurs, and youths - are invited to take part in this year's festival. Fort Garland is one of the registered locations to sign up and get your canvas stamped. Take advantage of the Fall Encampment to get a feel of how the fort once was during the mid 1800s. Refreshments for artists will be provided. There will be a juried exhibit of work painted during the festival that will open on Nov. 18 at the Denver Public.

December 6

Christmas Dinner and Silent Auction

5:30, the Fort Mess Hall

\$10:00, reservations required 719-379-3512

This is our largest fundraiser of the year. There will be live music, a fabulous dinner, and a silent auction. The public is invited, bring a guest and help us celebrate the holidays.

For more information on any of these events call the
Fort Garland Museum at 719-379-3512

Calendar is subject to change.