



COLORADO SPRINGS diversity forum

A FUND OF THE PIKES PEAK COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

To strengthen our community by promoting, recognizing and celebrating diversity and inclusion

Mission

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Vision

Everybody Welcome

A community where diversity is embraced and inclusion is a way of life

Goal

National recognition of Colorado Springs as an inclusive community by 2010

CSDF Background

The Colorado Springs Diversity Forum (CSDF) was established in 2005 by a small group of civic leaders who came together to explore the contribution diversity and inclusion can make to our community.

Our strategy is to build on the positive work and influence of the diverse cultures that contribute to the social and business structure of our city. We recognize that positive diversity practices enhance economic vitality, promote business success, and improve the quality of life for current and future citizens of Colorado Springs.

CSDF promotes the practice of inclusivity through education programs and networking opportunities. We recognize successful diversity practices with awards and we host an annual celebration of diversity and inclusion.

We offer a free Resource Guide for Small to Mid-Sized Businesses is a living document available in PDF on the CSDF website; a variety of current topics related to diversity and inclusion are presented at six general meetings each year; along with community partners quarterly workshops, seminars or speaker each. We coordinate roundtables with diverse populations to develop a strong membership network of relevant institutional, educational and community organizations with a common purpose surrounding issues of diversity and inclusion. CSDF builds relationships, communicates with, researches and aids in improving and promoting healthy diversity and inclusion practices within and related to our local government.

CSDF Inclusion Awards honor organizations that promote, recognize and demonstrate diversity and inclusion in both their internal operations and external civic engagement. The ideal candidates hold diversity and inclusion to the highest level of achievement.

Each August the Colorado Springs Diversity Forum, along with a multitude of community partners, hosts Everybody Welcome: A Celebration of Culture and Diversity to showcase the diversity of talented area performers, artisans, cultural craftsmen through distinct activities and exhibits, to educate the community wherein difference is looked upon as an asset and where curiosity and a desire to engage are the first response to difference.

The Celebration kicks off with the recreation of a vibrant slice of Colorado Springs history “The Cotton Club”. Followed by the festival, a day filled with performances from native ritual to modern dance, barbershop to hip hop, combined with a rich sampling of the sights, sounds, and tastes of the myriad of cultures that make up the whole of this community.

The membership of CSDF is comprised of representatives from public, private, nonprofit, and education sectors. Members of the Forum actively support the mission of the organization financially, with volunteer hours and in action. Our meetings and events are open to all those interested in participating.



2009 Everybody Welcome: A Celebration of Culture and Diversity
Schedule of Events

Free and Open to the Public

The Cotton Club

Saturday, August 8th

7:30p.m. – 10:30p.m.

Stargazer's Theatre and Event Center

10 S. Parkside Drive

Colorado Springs, Colorado, 80910

Opening Ceremonies for Everybody Welcome: A Celebration of Culture and Diversity recreates and celebrates a vibrant slice of Colorado Springs history, Fannie Mae Duncan's Cotton Club. The 2009 honoree, selected for his progressive work as a proponent of inclusion, is former City Council member Lee Duran.

Attendee's are encouraged to take a step back in time, don their Zoot-suits, hats and Cat-eye glasses, step into their dancing shoes and join in the fun...

6:30p.m. – 7:15p.m. VIP Reception

Suite ti featuring Ron Ivory
50's, 60's and 70's Jazz
Website: www.ronivory.com/index.htm
Email: getryte2it@yahoo.com
Phone: 303-344-9904

Dragons Wing Poetry
Website: www.peakradar.com/profile/detail/33
Email: poetswind@hotmail.com
Contact: Stacy Dyson

7:30 p.m. – 7:45 p.m. Welcome - Paula Miller and Jay Patel, CSDF Co-Chairs

7:45 p.m. – 8:15 p.m. Suite ti featuring Ron Ivory
50's, 60's and 70's Jazz
Website: www.ronivory.com/index.htm
Email: getryte2it@yahoo.com
Phone: 303-344-9904

8:15 p.m. – 8:45 p.m. Tribute to Lee Duran
Colorado Native Son
• Born in Trinidad, Colorado

- Raised in poverty
- US Marine
- Business leader
- Mentor

Public Organizer & Activist

- Member of the Colorado Springs Civil Service Commission
- Founding member, Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
- Founding member, Chicano Unity Council
- Colorado Springs first Hispanic City Council member
- Executive Board Member, Boy Scouts of America
- Vice President, League of Latin American Citizens
- Member of the GI Forum
- Board member, Operation S.E.R.

Visionary Leader

- Believed in a strong and supportive relationship between City and County Governments
- Fought for growth planning rather than resistance
- Pushed for greater attention to infrastructure
- Active in fighting for implementation of ERA
- Sought ways to improve effectiveness of criminal and correctional services
- Strove against reactionary nature of government
- Urged community to provide better services to indigent

Lee was, perhaps, one of the few in this town who could claim leadership of this great, amorphous thing we call the Hispanic community of Colorado Springs.

He knew firsthand that poverty wasn't the measure of a person's worth. His foremost desire was to empower those who came from humble beginnings to claim - no, to demand - equal treatment under the law.

Lou Gonzales
The Colorado Springs Gazette

The Hispanic community lost a one of its great leaders when Lee Duran passed away on Sep. 22 [2000]. I've known Lee since 1975, when we were both involved in organizations benefiting the Hispanic community. From Operation SER to LULAC, GI Forum & LABA (for those of you who remember). But it wasn't only the Hispanic community who benefited from Lee's involvement. Lee was active in all aspects of the community. He donated his time to the CO Springs Planning Commission in 1980, one of the few Hispanics ever to serve there.

Fred I. Collazo
in Hispania News

Lee Duran did not speak unkindly about others. He always tried to get one to understand the other's point of view. His personal word was as "good as gold!" If Lee said it - you can count on it!" He always showed respect for others. Lee did not have envy or jealousy toward others.

Rich Gonzalez
Elkton Mortgage Financial Services
in Hispania News

Sponsor recognition

Closing – Paula Miller and Jay Patel, CSDF Co-Chairs

Emcee – KKTU-11

8:45p.m –9:15p.m.

Tony Exum Group

As one of the most talented musicians in the Pikes Peak region Tony Exum, Jr. brings to mind the soulfulness of a David Sanborn, the sultry sounds of the late great Grover Washington, Jr. and silky smoothness of the late George Howard. Not a carbon copy of these greats but a distillation of those influences that formulates a unique approach to the saxophone and thus creating a voice of his own.

Website: www.myspace.com/tonyexum

Email: questions@tonyexumjr.com

Phone: 719-235-6582

9:15 p.m. – 10:30p.m.

George Whitesell and His All Stars Featuring Jill Watkins

Keeping alive the tradition of the classic Jump, Swing, R&B and blues bands of the golden era from the late 40's through mid 60's when "show bands" with a female singer were the rage.

Website: www.amusiccompanyinc.com/artists.html

Email: amy@amusiccompanyinc.com

Phone: 719-576-5945 / 719-237-9953

Contact: Amy Whitesell, A Music Company Inc.

Festival

August 15, 2008

10:00p.m. – 4:00p.m.

America The Beautiful Park

Showcasing the diversity of talented local performers, artisans, cultural craftsmen through distinct activities & exhibits, educating the community wherein difference is looked upon as an asset & where curiosity & a desire to engage are the first response to difference.

- *Due to the nature of the event performers and vendors are subject to change without notice*

Entertainment Schedule

10:00 AM Event Opening

Welcome – Paula Miller and Jay Patel,
CSDF Co-Chairs

10:20 AM Skean Dubh

(Pronounced, skeen doo) is one of the most enjoyable Celtic bands in the Rocky Mountain region. Their diverse repertoire spans centuries with fire-driven instrumentals, Scottish ballads, Irish pub-songs, Celtic folksongs, and gorgeous slow airs.

Website:

www.myspace.com/skeandubhgroup

Email: skeandubh@comcast.net

Phone: 303-703-1923

Contact: Lauren Douglas

**10:40 AM Brad Bearsheart Native American
PowWow**

Project Lighthouse Dancers from Monument/ Colorado Springs/Fountain area. We have young children to adults performing their dance styles and showing their regalia. We will have spectator participations song, and promote our non-profit group "Project Lighthouse". President Brad Bearsheart and dancers from all tribes around the area.

Email: bgbearshrt022@msn.com

Phone: 719-488-1775

Contact: Brad Bearsheart

11:00 AM Mizmar Madness

Mizmar Madness is a professional American Tribal Style Belly Dance troupe founded in 2005 and based in Colorado Springs. Their performance is a dynamic mix of dances styles from various regions and cultures. The eclectic costuming is a similar mix of styles. The troupe celebrates the joy of women who make dance an integral part of their lives. Mizmar Madness is joined today by dancers from the Springs Oasis Dance Troupe.

Website: www.mizmarmadness.com

Email: DTDiva555@aol.com

Contact: Deb Nejték

11:20 AM Tony Exum and Musik Theory

Musik Theory is A. Green and Tony Exum aka X the 13th Tone. A combination of positive, conscious lyrical content, community awareness, smooth saxophone and galaxy blasting beats is the formula. Ladies and Gentlemen, the New Edition to the hip hop movement...Musik Theory!!!!.

Website: www.facebook.com/pages/Musik-Theory/74164671443

Email: agreenmusik@gmail.com

Phone: 719-217-3442

Contact: Armed Green

11:40 AM Ne Kamali'i O'Hawai'i Hula and Hawaiian Music

Na Kamali'i O' Hawai'i and the musicians of Hawaiian Harmony are a performing Hawaiian Polynesian group here in Colorado Springs that has performed here in Colorado, New Mexico, California and Hawai'i. This group is 22 years old and many of the original dancers have children and grandchildren performing now. Hula is a way of expressing your aloha, love for all things around you. We dance our hula to perpetuate our culture and where our families our Ohana originated from.

Email: jkama12@hotmail.com

Phone: 719-232-3448/ 719-660-7413

Contact: Jeana Kama

12:00 PM Oluwaseyi Dance and Drum Ensemble

Oluwaseyi (AH- LOO-WASHAY) is from the Yoruban language that translates into "God made this". We are accompanied by Talking Trees Percussionists, and together we will

take you on an African journey that we hope you all will enjoy.

Email: oluwaseyi08@yahoo.com

Contact: Angela Boyce

12:20 Brazilian Capoeira

"Capoeira (pronounced cah-poh-WAY-dah) is a unique combination of martial arts, dance, acrobatics, and live music developed in Brazil during the African Slave trade. Brazilian Capoeira was formed in Colorado Springs in 2003. They opened the state's first full-time capoeira academy that year and is now one of the country's largest capoeira schools. Capoeira performers demonstrate the art form's fast kicks, daring acrobatics, and energetic music sung in Portuguese."

Website: www.capsprings.com

Email: info@springsdance.com

Phone: 719-635-1004

Contact: Anne Lauritzen

12:40 Heart Song – Heidi Cooper

1:00 PM The Indian Community of Colorado Springs Band

The Indian Community of Colorado Springs will take the audience to India, where dance and music pervade all aspects of life and bring color, joy and gaiety to a number of festivals and ceremonies. In fact, dance and music are tied inextricably to festivity of any kind.

Website: www.cosindia.com

Email: jayson1inc@hotmail.com

Phone: 719-440-0675

Contact: Jay Patel

1:20 PM Eddie Three Eagles

"A Colorado Springs native, Eddie Three Eagles is a Cherokee-Mescalero Apache renowned for his traditional Native American flute playing and singing. He is also a medicine man and shaman. His music is both spiritual and entertaining. Please enjoy his love for all things living."

Website: <http://www.onenationwt.org/>

Email: onenationwt@qwestoffice.net

Phone: 719-329-0251

Contact: Urban Turzi

1:40 PM Ballet Folklorico de le Raza Mexican Folk Dance

Email: bfdelaraza@hotmail.com

Phone: 719-683-2162

Contact: Connie Benavidez

2:00 PM The Indian Community of Colorado Springs Dance Group

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Email: jayson1inc@hotmail.com

Phone: 719-440-0675

Contact: Jay Patel

2:20 PM US Taekwondo Center

The U.S. Taekwondo Center has been educating people of all ages in Colorado Springs since 1986. Their friendly and experienced instructors teach so much more than just kicking and punching. Taekwondo improves minds and bodies by building confidence through knowledge. A better working body, a sharper, more focused mind, a stronger sense of self-confidence, more self-discipline and the ability to physically defend yourself are just some of the cornerstones the U.S Taekwondo Center instills. There are 3 locations serving the Colorado Springs area.

Website:

<http://martialartscoloradosprings.com/>

Email: dcock@familyblackbelt.com

Phone: 719-488-4321

Contact: Jay Lee

2:40 PM Conjunto Folkloricos Aire de Mi Tierra, Panama

Panamanian Folkloric Dance

Contact: Dalys Sanchez

Phone: 719-382-8399

Email: beitia37@aol.com

3:00 PM Big Jim Adam and Little John

Big Jim Adam is a country boy from a small town in southeast Kansas. He has had songs and performances placed in films and documentaries as well as cuts by Edgar

Winter. Big Jim plays festivals around the country and his album titled "Rock Island Line" stayed on the Roots music charts for 22 weeks.

John Stilwagen is originally from Long Island and moved to Colorado in 1993. In previous years he traveled with various bands across the U.S. and Canada. John has shared the stage with notables such as: Deanna Bogart, Jimmy Thackery, Ruthie Foster, Tab Benoit.

Together Jim and John combine down home country style blues with big city style.

Website: www.jimadamblues.com

Email: amucsiccompany@hotmail.com

Phone: 719-576-5945

Contact: Amy Whitesell

3:20 PM Zaneta Hadley Hip Hop dancers Tribute to Michael Jackson

ZHT Entertainment presents A Michael Jackson Tribute . The Marauder Pride Dancers, The HGK , The House of Z, and a team of dancers have come together to bring this tribute in remembrance of the King of Pop. Zaneta Hadley is the founder of ZHT Entertainment and she has been performing and bringing performers to the area for well over 9 years. She is a positive influence to the Colorado Springs community and will continue to bring young entertainers to the forefront of our community.

Email: zanetahadley@comcast.net

Contact: Zaneta Hadley

3:40 AM Crystal and the Curious

I'd like to introduce Crystal Bliss and Bob Tudor of the band Crystal and the Curious. Both Bob and Crystal have contributed their creative talents as artists and educators in our Colorado Springs community for many years. Today they bring you an eclectic mix of Mexican, Cuban and Brazilian music for your listening and dancing pleasure!Email:

purljazz@yahoo.com

Contact: Crystal Bliss Brandl

Cultural Villages

Cultural villages will feature food, native arts and crafts, games, story-telling traditional and cultural activities, music and dance, unique to the individual cultures represented in each village.

- African – coordinated by Oluwaseyi and Anabela Crooks

- Native American – coordinated by One Nation Walking Together , Eddie Three Eagles – Mescalero Apache tribe, Native American Taco Stand, Christine Almaraz, Chauilla tribe
- Asian – coordinated by Colorado Springs Indian Community, Colorado Springs Chinese Language School and the Japanese Go Club
- Caribbean – coordinated by Caribbean Blend Catering
- Hispanic - coordinated by El Cinco de Mayo, Inc.
- Polynesian – coordinated by Halau Pulama Mau Ke Aloha Ka 'Ohana 'Ilima O' Colorado

Children's Activities

Children can obtain their "Everybody Welcome: Passport" at the Colorado Springs Diversity Forum Information Booth or from one of the event mascots. Children can collect stamps in their passports at each of the identified Children's Activity Booths located throughout the event for entry in a prize drawing at the end of the day.

- African Village
- Asian Village
- Caribbean Village
- Catamount Institute, Environment
- Community Partnership for Child Development / Head Start , Games
- Cool Science, Science
- Girl Scouts of the Pikes Peak Region, Face Painting
- Hispanic Village
- Home Depot, Wood Construction project
- Kennedy Center imagination Celebration, Arts and Crafts
- Local Art Teachers, Arts and Crafts
- Native American Village
- New Vue Productions, Inc., Hula Hoops
- Polynesian Village
- United States Olympic Committee, Athletes
- YMCA of the Pikes Peak Region, Sports

Food

- Bertha's Soul Food Kitchen
- Caribbean Blend
- Colorado's Best Tamale
- Cornmasters
- David and Michelle's Hawaiian Shaved Ice
- Festival Cooking Demonstration
- Howard's BBQ
- L&L Hawaiian Barbecue
- One Nation Walking Together - Taco stand
- Peak Treats
- Pueblo Friendship PowWow Association

Booths

- AAA - California State Auto Assoc
- Addison Avenue Federal Credit Union
- All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church
- American Lazer Center
- Anabela's Dolls & Things

- Asian Pacific Development Center
- Assistance League of Colorado Springs
- Ballet Folklorico
- Bertha's Soul Food Kitchen
- Booz Allen Hamilton
- Caribbean Village - Caribbean Blend
- Centro de la Familia
- Cheyenne Village
- Citizens Project
- City of Colorado Springs
- College Invest
- Colorado Rocks
- Colorado Springs Branch NAACP
- Colorado Springs Business Journal
- Colorado Springs Chinese Language School
- Colorado Springs Independence Center
- Colorado Springs Independent
- Colorado Springs Police Department
- Colorado Springs Utilities- DELTA Team
- Colorado Technical University
- Colorado's Best Tamale
- Community Partnership for Child Development / Head Start
- Cool Science
- COPPeR/Smokebrush Foundation
- COPPeR/Smokebrush Foundation
- Cornmasters
- David and Michelle's Hawaiian Shaved Ice
- Dragons Wing Poetry
- El Cinco de Mayo, Inc.
- Everyday Democracy- Share PPIRIC
- Festival Cooking Demonstration
- Festival information / Check in Booth
- Festival Membership / Media Booth
- Festival Sales in Booth
- Filipino
- Gay & Lesbian Fund for Colorado
- Goodwill Industries
- Greccio Housing
- H&R Block
- Halau Pulama Mau Ke Aloha Ka 'Ohana 'Ilima O' Colorado
- Home Depot
- Howard's BBQ
- Imagination Celebration
- Inside/Out Youth Services
- J&K Alterations and Boutique
- Jackson Hewitt Tax Services
- Jan-Pro
- Japanese Go Club

- Keep Colorado Springs Beautiful
- L&L Hawaiian Barbecue
- Local Art Teachers
- Manitou Needful Things
- Mary Kay
- Mosaic
- Ne Kamali'I O'Hawai'i
- New Vue Productions, Inc.
- Oluwaseyi Drumming and Dance
- One Nation Walking Together - Taco stand
- One Nation Walking Together-Taco Stand
- Panamanian Arts and Crafts
- Peak Parent Center
- Peak Treats
- Pikes Peak Behavioral Health Group
- Pikes Peak Community College
- Pikes Peak Gay & Lesbian Community Center
- Pikes Peak Immigrant and Refugee Collaborative - share Everyday Dem.
- Pikes Peak Justice and Peace Commission
- Pikes Peak Library District
- Progressive Insurance
- Pueblo Friendship PowWow Association
- Southern Colorado Aids Project
- Stargazer's Theatre and Event Center
- Susan G Komen Race for the Cure
- TCF Bank - #28
- Tessa
- The Gazette
- The Native American & Alaskan Native Title VII Programs
- The Resource Exchange
- Tomboy Tools/Leadership Pikes Peak
- Town and Country Foods
- United States Olympic Committee
- University of Colorado at Colorado Springs
- University of the Rockies
- Urban Peak
- US Army
- US Census Bureau
- US Taekwondo Center
- USA Swimming
- Wallace Hall
- Women's Resource Agency
- World Arena
- YMCA of the Pikes Peak Region

Day of Event Media Opportunities

Point of contact: Jeannie Porter - 806-252-6222 or Dee Vazquez - 719-491-5882

The Cotton Club
 Saturday, August 8, 2009
 Stargazer's Theatre and Event Center
 10 S. Parkside Drive, Colorado Springs, Colorado, 80910
 Registration table

Everybody Welcome
 America the Beautiful Park
 Saturday, August 15, 2009
 CSDF Information Booth

Story Ideas and Contacts	
Cotton Club Stories	
Janice Jones performed in the Cotton Club at just 17 years of age, she sang with the house band, Jimmy Jules and the Diamonds from 1972-73. Original band members included Charles Julien (keyboards), Horace Butler (guitar), Micky White (bass) and Jimmy Jones (drums). Janice, now known as JJ Frazier, still lives in Colorado Springs.	JJ Frazier Email: fraziji@d11.org Phone: 719-520-2001 Juanita Martin – Friend Blackbeat Productions Phone: (719) 635-8888
Fannie Mae Duncan Biographer – Background on the Cotton Club	Kay Esmiol Phone: 719-265-8132
Lee Duran – Background and accomplishments	Dee Vazquez Community Relations Officer Pikes Peak Library District dvazquez@ppld.org 719-533-6333x1200
Entertainers	See contacts in above listing
Festival	
What is the cultural history/significance of your traditional music, dance, games, language...	Colorado Springs Indian Community Website: www.cosindia.com Email: jayson1inc@hotmail.com Phone: 719-440-0675 Contact: Jay Patel
How do communities observe and continue cultural traditions in today's world?	
What are the difficulties diverse populations face in Colorado Springs / Pikes Peak Region	Chinese Language School Website: www.cschineselanguageschool.org Email: info@cospdiversityforum.org Phone: 719-331-7588 Contact: Cynthia Chung-Aki One Nation Walking Together Website: www.onenationwt.org/ Email: onenationwt@qwestoffice.net

	<p>Phone:719-329-0251 Fax: 719-302-0271 Contact: Urban Turzi (Three Eagles)</p> <p>Oluwaseyi African Dance and Drum Ensemble Email: oluwaseyi08@yahoo.com Phone: 719-375-3034</p> <p>El Cinco de Mayo, Inc. Website: http://www.elcinco-cs.org/ Email: c.abeyta@live.com Phone: 719-255-3447 Contact: Carmen Abeyta</p> <p>Polynesian Culture Website: www.hawaiiialohahale.com Phone:719-510-4056 Contact: Maila Guttierrez</p>
<p>Follow a group of performers as they prepare for the event. *Out of respect for the time and privacy of the individual performers contact for these leads must be scheduled through event co-chairs</p>	<p>Shirley Martinez EEO Specialist Sr. , Human Resources Department Colorado Springs Utilities smartinez@csu.org 719-233-1465</p> <p>Veronica Frias Hewlett Packard vsfrias@gmail.com 719-596- 6166</p>
<p>Entertainers</p>	<p>See contacts in above listing</p>