



TOWN OF MARBLE

The Marble Wetlands

Starting on October 10th, Trout Unlimited and the Town of Marble managed the remediation efforts of the Marble Wetlands slag pile. The hired contractor spent just over one week clearing slag debris from the access road and toe of the pile, installing a culvert under the road for proper runoff flow, spreading mulch and native seed, as well as installing fencing around the pile and restoration area. All of this work is for the safe recreation of our community and those who come to enjoy it.

In the August edition of this newsletter, a detailed description of the history and plan for remediation was given. However, Crystal Valley Environmental Protection Association, the key organization who began the important work of finding groups to take on the task of this clean up and conserving it was left out and we are sincerely apologetic for that. CVEPA, Crystal Valley's most important ally and stewards, were the ones who got wind and pursued the acquisition of these donated lands. They know the importance of these wetlands on the health of the entirety of the Crystal River. We also would like to acknowledge the folks at Trust for Land Restoration for securing the property. Please see their articles in the Clear As Crystal on their website, <https://cvepa.org/marble-wetlands> for excellent information.



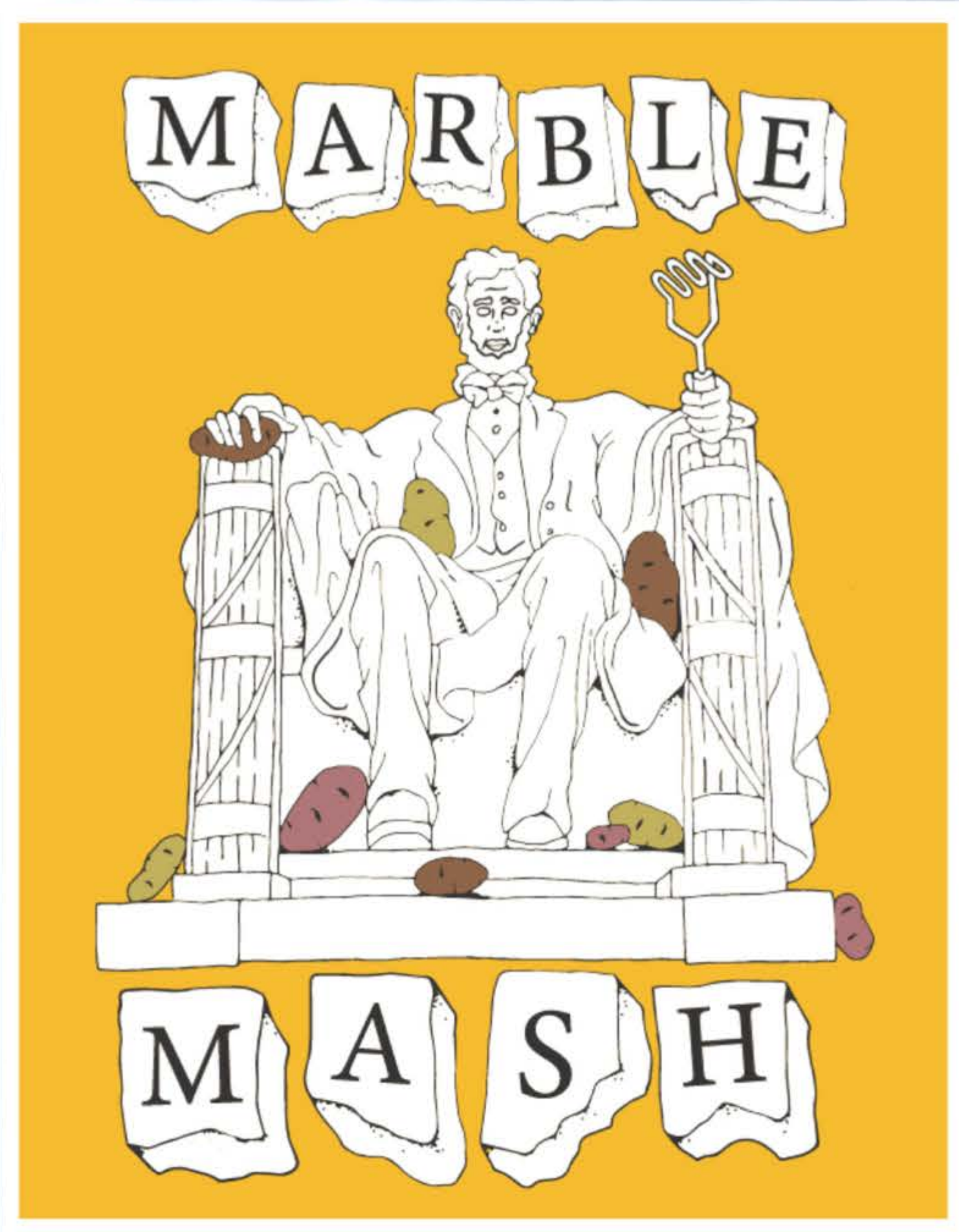
Parks Update

Safety is the number one concern for the Parks and Recreation Committee. This summer, an inspection by Aspen Tree Service tagged many large cottonwoods for removal. The cottonwood to the right of the stage has been cut down and a cluster near the entrance is on deck. It is sad to see trees come down but the damage from a dead tree falling is exactly what the Parks Committee is trying to prevent. The other major concern is the integrity of the marble walls of the old mill. An effort to keep visitors from climbing on the walls or getting too close, is being addressed by installing fencing around hazardous areas. Roaring Fork Outdoor Volunteers along with Colorado Rocky Mountain School spent a day working in the park, taking down the privacy fence on the west end of the park as well as eradicating noxious weeds.

The amphitheater seating project is officially underway. Greg Tonozzi has been working on the marble risers for the benches and they are staged in the park ready for placement. For the first tier of seating to be set, the excavation of the cottonwood stump and a little shaping of the natural bowl in front of the stage, is being addressed now. Forewarning, it's going to look messy for a while but when its done it will be marvelous. Thanks to Colorado Stone Quarries for gifting and cutting the slabs for the bench tops!



100 Year Anniversary of the Lincoln Memorial



The annual Potato Day celebration in Carbondale took place the 1st of October this year. The theme was Marble!

Celebrating the 100 year anniversary of the Lincoln Memorial, built with marble sourced from what is now the Colorado Stone Quarry. All the local school districts including, Marble Charter School, were asked to decorate floats for the parade to celebrate this anniversary. The parade drove down Main Street and ended at Sopris Park where music, vendors, and food including pit roasted potatoes were thoroughly enjoyed.

MARBLE JAILHOUSE PRESERVATION

The Marble Jailhouse preservation project will begin its first phase of preservation work next spring, 2023. Phase One will cost a total of \$38,000 to complete and \$18,000 has been secured already. A great many thanks go out to the Aspen Valley Land Trust, Town of Marble, and Colorado Stone Quarries for getting us this far. This phase will include the most essential component of the preservation effort; the structure itself needs a foundation to assure it will remain for another one hundred years. The building remains intact in the same spot it was built in 1901. For a new foundation to be installed the building will need to be moved allowing for the excavation work, construction of the foundation, and pouring the concrete. In addition, the ground surrounding the Jailhouse needs to be graded, angling away from the building and a French drain will need to be installed. The grading and drainage system will be done to assure that water will flow away from the building, so that the original wood materials can remain preserved.

The town of Marble needs your help in preserving this historic treasure in town. We need to raise \$10,000 more to complete this critical phase of preservation work and are asking our valley wide community for this support, from residents and business alike please help us reach this goal. Thank you so much for your continued support and interest in the town of Marble's continued efforts to preserve its historical treasures. For more information, please contact Emma Bielski at emmabielski@gmail.com or mail contributions to the Town of Marble, with the word Jailhouse written in the memo, to the address 322 West Park Street, Marble Co. 81623. Thank you again for your support we are so excited to complete this preservation project with your help.

-Written by Emma Bielski



MarbleFest 2022



If you were in Marble the 6th and 7th of August hopefully you experienced some of the music and magic that exploded from the Mill Site Park. It's no easy job being on the volunteer committee of a two day event like MarbleFest. Not knowing what to expect and hoping that the year worth of planning and organizing will be enough to put on a good show and keep all safe. With rave reviews from most everyone in the community, MarbleFest will live on! Thank you Marble Fire for keeping watch and being in attendance!

Lead King Loop Update

The Lead King Loop Stakeholder group has reached their final recommendations for the Town of Marble, Gunnison County, and the US Forest Service. The recommendations include parking management, a reservation system, education, enforcement of existing and future regulations, noise ordinance, pedestrian and bike trail construction, and managing OHV use. For all the information in detail, go to the town website, find the Lead King Loop quick link on the homepage. www.townofmarble.com

Campground closed



Til next year!!

Marble Town Meetings

take place in the Fellowship Hall of the Community Church every first Thursday of the month at 7pm. Come join in the fun and stay informed. The next one is November 3rd, 2022

Community Potluck

Sponsors: Carbondale Fire District, the Hub, Marble Charter School, Marble Community Church, & Slow Groovin' BBQ

Saturday, Nov. 12
Marble Fire Station
Gather 5:30 p.m. Dinner 6:00 p.m.

Turkey by Slow Groovin'

Bring a dish (and serving utensils) to share.
Turkey, table service & drinks provided.
Join us for dinner and stay for Bingo to benefit the 7th & 8th grade trip

For more information, contact Terry, 963-1455
No reservations required.