**November Members Meeting & Program**

**WHEN:** Monday, November 13, 2023

* 6:00 pm Networking
* 6:30 pm Business Meeting – Upcoming programs & FAMs; Introduction of new members
* 7:00 pm Program

**WHERE:** The Haven Boutique in Cherry Creek, 257 Fillmore St, Denver CO 80206

**WHAT:** A live presentation of hat shaping and information about the millinery tradition of the west with the one and only Parker Thomas!

**PARKING:** Cherry Creek North On-Street Parking is metered 8:00 am-7:00

pm Monday-Saturday. Click [here](https://cherrycreeknorth.com/visiting-us/parking/parking-meters) for details.

**HYBRID:** Meeting will be in-person and available on Zoom:

Time: Nov 13, 2023 06:00 PM Mountain Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting -- <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86560704605>

Meeting ID: 865 6070 4605

**REFRESHMENTS:** Provide your own. Clear liquids only

**NOTE:** The Haven Boutique doesn’t have a lot of seating so if anyone can bring folding or lawn chairs that would be helpful.

Hats and the unique ability to shape them are a tradition in the American west. Parker Thomas is a part of that tradition. He comes from three generations of hat makers and shapers. An injury put an end to a promising football career but refocused Parker on the history and craft of hat making. “I remember the first time my grandpa showed me how to steam and shape a hat, I was intrigued and wanted to do more. The family aspect of this trade has always been an important part to me. Carrying on my family's tradition of custom hat making and shaping is why I get up in the mornings now.

Working at rodeos with my family showed me how rewarding it is to make custom hats for people just as unique as me. I love that a hat can tell a story about a person. It's hard to capture the full depth of a person, but a hat can be a fun way to tell your unique story.

I've shaped hats at the NFR Rodeo and also at Paris Fashion Week. I love the country, but I also love the city; I love hip hop music, and I can also get down to some country music too! Hats have helped me tell my unique story.”