

# TOWN OF MARBLE NEWSLETTER SPRING 2019

## **WOW WHAT A WINTER!**

While it is hard to quantify the exact amount of snow fall in Marble this winter, it is safe to say it can only be measured with a 16 foot tape measure!!

After three years of little of no snowfall in Marble, hopefully this year's snowpack will help fill our reservoirs and rivers and lower the fire danger this summer.

## **ADOPT A HYDRANT**

The Marble Volunteer Fire Department is asked for help from the citizens keeping the fire hydrants in town clear of snow this winter.

Please adopt a hydrant near your home so it is available in case of fire.

Thank you from MVFD!

## **DARK SKY INITIATIVE**

Marble Local Alex Menard is working on a Dark Sky Initiative that will help protect us from light pollution. He is currently taking donations to purchase a high powered telescope and kick-start an astronomy program for residents. If you want to help or have questions contact Alex @ 963-1141. Thanks to Alex for all his efforts this year organizing the walking tours, star gazing as well as his efforts to promote a weed mitigation program in Marble as well as promoting a dark sky initiative in town.

## **BUSINESS LICENSES**

Business License Applications will be mailed out to all Marble Businesses in the first week of April.

Please return your Business License Application to Ron as soon as possible after you receive it.

## **MESSAGE FROM MAYOR VINCIGUERRA**

Hello Marble! With so much going on in town these days, the Town Trustees and myself thought it would be beneficial to put a quarterly newsletter together that outlines some of the different projects and goals we are trying to achieve. There are also residents behind the scenes who put a ton of work into our little town who deserve a shout out and thank you. The newsletter is open to ideas, suggestions and updates along the way from townfolk and locals. Please participate!

The current board is hungry to take on the challenges and changes Marble is finding. Thank you fellow board members for your time and energy, I am very excited about the future and working with you all in maintaining our home and culture. Over and out.

## **TOWN COUNCIL HAPPENINGS**

In December of 2018 the Town was notified by the Colorado Division of Water Resources that a "call for water" had been put on the Crystal River by downstream water users with senior water rights. This action was due to the current drought conditions and lasted for a about two weeks. The Division has advised the Town to expect more calls in the future due to the drought. The Division advised the Town that a water augmentation plan was needed for Marble. This amounts to designating an appropriate amount of water to be released in case of a downstream call in the future. The town is diligently working with the Division along with Zancanella & Associates to develop a water augmentation plan.

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## **HUB HAPPENINGS**

The staff and board at the Hub has been busy this winter providing special programs and fun events for the Marble community.

Here is what we have going on in the next few weeks.

March 9th SNOTEL with Roaring Fork Conservancy 9:30am - 12pm

Participants will meet at the Hub to learn about snow pack and then carpool to the SNOTEL site on McClure Pass for a tour. More information can be found on their website.

<https://app.etapestry.com/cart/RoaringForkConservancy/default/category.php?ref=1626.0.274336844>

March 9th Cooking with Paige Gibbons

Come and learn how to make a North African Stew (Shakshuka) and bread with Paige. Meet at Marble Charter School Kitchen. 2-4 pm

March 16th St. Patrick's Day Potluck.

Join us for a traditional Irish Meal in honor of St. Patrick's Day. You are welcome to bring your favorite dish. Corned Beef and Cabbage and Irish Soda Bread will be provided. 12pm - 2pm at the Hub

March 23rd Marble Book Club 10am at the Hub

For this session members will be reading a book of their choice set during the revolutionary war period, or about the founding fathers. The discussion will focus on how the visions of our founding fathers had for the country our being implemented today.

March 30th Local Artist Highlight: Marble Lapidary work with Monique Villalobos. The Marble Gallery 10:30am to 11:30am in their Parking lot/outdoor studio. She will be

demonstrating all the tools and steps in Lapidary work.

The Hub has been busy with their winter programming, providing a way for people to get together throughout the winter. This winter they are focusing on local artists and art. They hope to continue this into the summer months with workshops, demonstrations and an emphasis on the creativity that abounds in Marble. They have several other projects they are hoping to get up over the coming year including a groomed cross country ski trail, skating rink, community garden and new outdoor space. They are always looking for interested volunteers and creative ideas.

## **CHOCOLATE HAPPENINGS**

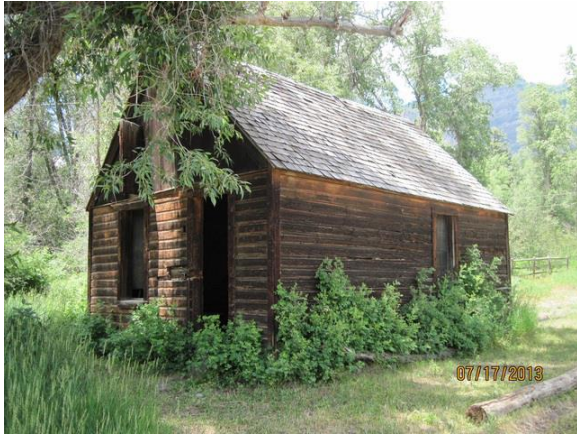
Chocolate, Chocolate and more Chocolate was the theme on February 9<sup>th</sup> at the second annual Chocolate competition at the Hub. Tracey Harris took top honors again this year with her Chocolate extravaganza creation.

## **AVALANCHE!**



**PLEASE BE CAREFUL IN THE BACK  
COUNTRY!**

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## **MARBLE JAIL**

The Marble Jail was recently placed on the National Registry of Historic Places by the United States Department of the Interior in 2016. To view the nomination check out the link below

<https://www.historycolorado.org/location/marble-jailhouse>

Thanks to Emma Bielski for her efforts with getting the Jail placed on the Registry!

In February of 2019, the Historical Structural Assessment (HSA) was completed by Peak Architecture and edited by Emma Bielski and Michael Owen. The town of Marble received a grant from The Historical Colorado Fund in the fall of 2017 to conduct the HSA. The completed HSA may be viewed on the Town's website. The town is currently accepting donations to help fund the project and the grant deadline is October 3, 2019. We will be applying for a match-based grant, meaning the town is responsible for raising 40% of the funds necessary to complete the project.

The preservation work is scheduled to begin in the summer of 2020. For more information and to donate please email Emma Bielski at, [emmabielski@gmail.com](mailto:emmabielski@gmail.com).



## **MARBLE CHARTER SCHOOL** **AMY RUSBY, PRINCIPAL**

The students and staff at MCS have been enjoying the wonderful snow this winter, in this beautiful place we live. Each week we have either Nordic skied, gone ice skating at the Darien Rodeo Ice Rink, snowshoed on Aspen Mountain with the Aspen Center for Environmental Studies, visited the Aspen Art Museum and then played in the snow at Wagner Park in downtown Aspen.

MCS wants to send a big thank you to Bob and Lisa Rue for their donation of hula hoops and time spent with all our students showing them what a good time can be had with hula hoops!

The MCS staff would also like to thank John Rutland for his commitment in helping every morning to remove snow at the school. Without his energy for shoveling snow, we would still be buried!

It takes a village and we are truly lucky and thankful for everyone that jumps on board to help our school!

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## **CHURCH HAPPENINGS**

### **MARBLE COMMUNITY CHURCH**

#### **JON STOVALL, PASTOR**

The church continues to make a difference in this beautiful valley. We just finished up with monthly 'community building' ski trips to Sunlight Ski Resort. Next we jump right into Lent, the 40 days leading up to Easter.

Other events and ways to connect with the church are below:

\* Winter Bible Study: Becoming a Romans 12 Christian continues on either Monday or Saturday of each week at 10am in the Fellowship Hall (whichever class best fits your schedule). POC: Rev. Gary Langley

\* Mission Contributions: this quarter monies collected in the Church's Mission Jug will go to 'Make a Wish'. Please give from your heart and make a child's dream come true. POC: Becky Bone

\* Pasta Dinner: Plan to join us in the Fellowship Hall for the annual pasta dinner fund raiser on Saturday, March 23rd at 5:30 p.m. The dinner will include: pasta, salad, dessert, and a drink. Cost is \$10 per person or \$20 per family. POC: Linda & Steve Menard

\* Holy Week:

\* Holy Thursday, 18 April, 6pm; a come & go...meditative, reflective time to pray...with music & communion.

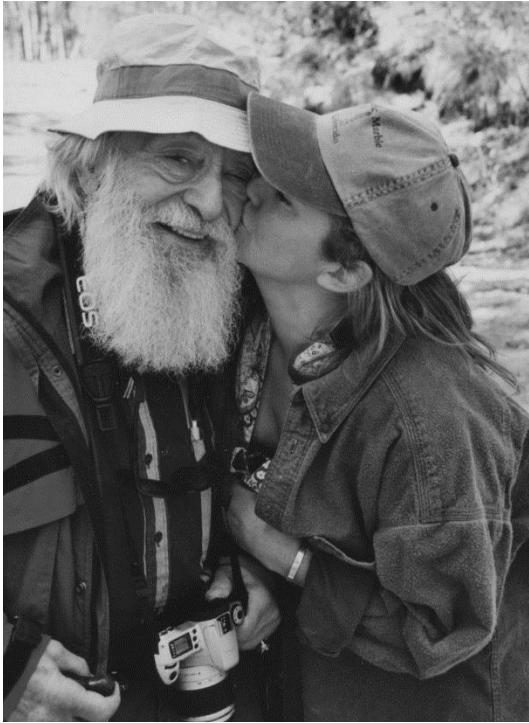
\* Good Friday, 19 April, 6pm; choir singing...with a short meditation.



\* Easter Sunday, 21 April, 10am; traditional Easter service.

Most, if not all, church members are very much involved in all aspects of this community. Our arms and hearts are wide open for you to be a part of this vibrant caring church.

Lastly, if you or you know someone in this community that needs assistance, please contact Jon Stovall, the pastor at 963-1464, and let's determine if we can assist.



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