

Guide Line

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President's Message

In last month's issue of the *Guide Line*, I noted member concerns about Denver's Civic Center Park. They were distressed in seeing the amount of urban camping on the grounds, the trash build-up, the visible misbehavior by the campers, and the damage being done to the centerpiece of Mayor Speer's "City Beautiful." No sooner had the newsletter arrived in your inbox, that Denver closed off Civic Center Park to begin restoration. Good for the city.

FAM Tours are probably more important to us now that we are emerging from the cover of COVID-19. Send your ideas to Education Committee Chair <u>David White</u> 303-868-0023.

Thanks for attending the gatherings online July, August, and September. Tom Jensen's computer skills kept us all connected. (Thanks, Tom!) J. Mark Blaising's facilitation is resulting in some informational sessions. (Thanks, Mark!)

Like many businesses and organizations, the COVID-19 Pandemic has caused Rocky Mountain Guides Association to alter its means of operations. We are now gathering virtually via ZOOM for our monthly meetings. To join in on the meetings without using a video connection, you can use your phone connection. You will first need to have the Zoom mobile app installed on your smartphone. Check out the easy directions https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362193joining-a-meeting

RMGA members need to determine in what ways the organization is beneficial to them, then join to actualize that vision. Please email your ideas and thoughts about the <u>BODMEETINGS</u> future direction of the organization to <u>rmgapresident@rockymountaintourguides.com</u>.

- Mike Pearl, President, RMGA

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FROM THE EDITOR

Deadline for submissions for the November *Guide Line* is **Thursday, October 28.** Future contributions should be emailed to *Guide Line* editor Eileen Pearl at <u>rmgaeditor@rockymountaintourguides.com</u>. If anyone has photos to share, please send them along with either a short description and/or names.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Membership Committee

Submitted by Mike Pearl, Membership Committee Chair

RMGA welcomes new Members! Do your part to improve and expand RMGA's knowledge base by increasing our membership roster. Invite tour guides to RMGA's next gathering on Zoom. Send their contact information to Membership Committee Chair <u>Mike Pearl</u> so that they can be included on the Zoom Meeting Invitation.

Nominations Committee

No submission this month.



No submission this month.

Public Relations Committee

Ninth in a Series on the history of RMGA written in preparation for the RMGA 20th Anniversary in 2013; originally published in June, 2013.

ANOTHER EARLY RMGA MEMBER: MAROLYN KINNIE

Although born in Kansas, Marolyn Kinnie calls herself a Colorado Native! During the Depression, her father found a job in Colorado, so she arrived with her family at the age of nine months. Marolyn had a great life growing up as one of 8 siblings. A graduate of West High School, she had a scholarship to the University of Denver (DU). She was one of the "Tramway Tech Kids" – meaning she lived at home but was a college kid who went to DU, traveling to school on public transportation. Some of her DU classes were held downtown near where the Sheraton Hotel stands today.

Marolyn's major was Interior Design in the Art Department at DU. Vance Kirkland, one of Colorado's most famous artists, was head of the Art Department at the time. Although she did not have a class with him, she did breathe the "rarified air" around him!

Marolyn's husband was drafted and sent to Germany. She was able to follow him at the end of the war. When her daughter was two-years-old, Marolyn worked until her twins were born. She used her art degree to create sculptures and also did some fiber work: weaving artistic designs in the "80s. Returning to Colorado, she worked temporarily at Fashion Bar, Southwest Plaza. The Manager's wife went to the International Guide Academy and encouraged Marolyn to go, too. It sounded interesting and Marolyn followed her advice. Disappointingly she was unable to find a job the first year. Once she got started, she was glad she made the decision to attend IGA. She can remember when a guide could work steady with all the conventions coming to town. "Sometimes there would be 12 - 18 buses lined up at the Convention Center. Then things began to change, and after 9-11, things changed again."

Marolyn did not join Professional Guides Association of America although she knew others involved there like Kay Willson, Doug Bowen, Don Fox, Ruby Hale. She heard there was a plan to form a new organization, the Rocky Mountain Guides Association. Membership was a good way to know where the jobs were.

One of Marolyn's contributions to RMGA was to work with Ruby Hale on the first version of the Guide Certification test. She also served as Vice-President of the Association.

Like all guides, Marolyn has stories to tell. One passenger on a bus tour asked her the elevation of the mountain the Eisenhower Tunnel runs through. She didn't know but said she would find out by the next day. She called other tour guides, tunnel personnel, and libraries—to no avail. She had to tell her passenger the next day, she did not know. Within a few days, a guide told her she knew the answer to the question about the Eisenhower Tunnel, "you can buy a post card with the tunnel information on it at any tourist shop!"

Marolyn is rightfully proud of her daughter who lives in Evergreen and her identical twin sons who both live in California. She has five grandchildren, ranging from 12 years-old to the eldest who majored in Math and Physics and is getting a PhD in Canada.

Marolyn said she doesn't look for work anymore but is happy when it comes her way. She is looking to get back to her art again and is planning to take a class in Calligraphy.

Even though she found an abundance of work by being a member of RMGA, it is the friendships made through the years that have been important. Marolyn is also appreciative of the credentials and credibility provided by RMGA. Her favorite thing about RMGA? "*I love the newsletter!*"

Well, **Marolyn**, this is your month to be a star in the RMGA *Guideline* newsletter. Congratulations on being one of our Founding Members who has stayed 20 years!

Written by Mary Thompson, 20th Anniversary Chair, RMGA President [Mary passed away in 2014.]



In honor of Historic Denver's fiftieth anniversary, their 50 actions for 50 places campaign helped identify the places and spaces that the Denver community feels are worthy of preservation attention in the coming years

The list is now out!

Highlights include the Aztlan Theater, the remarkable residence of African American attorney Irving P. Andrews, Sakura Square, the area where Denver's Chinatown once thrived, the AIDS Memorial Grove, Denver's longest running watering hole, My Brother's Bar, and a collection of mid-century modern homes designed by Cliff May in Harvey Park.

Click <u>HERE</u> to learn more and to check out all 50 sites.



Tom Jensen continued to represent RMGA at the Pawnee Pioneer Trails Scenic Byways collaboration. This collaboration between CDOT, Downtown Colorado, Inc., and local representatives is working to bring new vitality to the byway and enhance coordination for partners.

A rendezvous was held in Ft. Morgan on September 16th to bring together the interested parties. Four focus areas have been identified: Birds (wildlife & natural resources), Bikes (gravel riding, Pedal the Plains), Buildings (historical sites, bridges, human structures), and Businesses (restaurants, motels, convenience stores, etc.). A four-hour FAM of east or west portion of the byway was provided for those not familiar with the route. Participants were to identify lack of signage, signs needing to be replaced, partnerships, ideas, and opportunities for improvement.

At the conclusion of the rendezvous it was decided that the collaboration has four objectives:

1. Partners

Who owns the project? Who works in the regional space?

2. Places

What is a Byway – historic features, scenic, off the beaten path? How do the stories and sites connect?

3. Promotions

Who is the Primary Market – tourist and locals; how do you shape the content?

4. Projects

What is for the locals/ what is for the tourist? What is the return on investment?



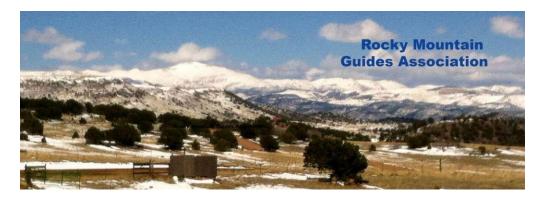
U.S. Travel and Tourism Economics

Total Colorado traveler spending in July 2021 was \$2.1 billion, up 1% from July 2019. This is the first positive % change in 16 months.

Since January 2020, Colorado has lost \$11 billion in travel spending. The COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in \$667.8 billion in cumulative losses for the U.S. travel economy through July 2021.

In July 2021, travel spending tallied \$98.5 billion and reflected a drop of "only" 6% below June 2019 levels, a significant improvement from earlier months. Every week that travel bans remain in place for the U.K., E.U. and Canada, our economy loses \$1.5 billion in spending, which would support 10,000 American jobs.

RMGA Facebook Group



The RMGA Facebook group at <u>https://www.facebook.com/groups/RMGAssoc</u> is active once again. Members can post an item of interest to share with the other members. Perhaps it is a photo from your last tour, fall colors in the Rockies, a shot of you quarantining at your kitchen table, or a pet that has become part of your family. This will be a quicker way to communicate among members.

Be sure to subscribe to our Facebook group. It is <u>not</u> limited to only Members. Invite your friends.

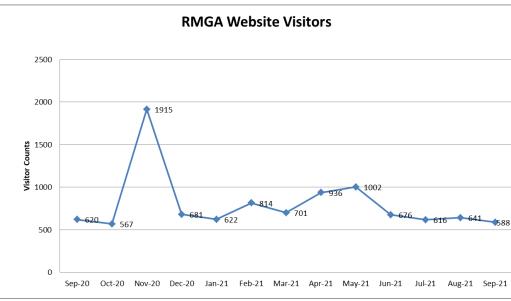
Website Committee

What's New on the Members Only Page?

These updates have been made to the website since the September report: • Added September Guide Line

Monthly Visitors to the RMGA Website

The monthly visitor to our website remains constant. As of September 26, the September count is 588.



YouTube Channels

The recordings of the Zoom monthly member meetings and programs are now available on YouTube. Because one of the benefits as a member is access to the research materials presented at the meetings, these recordings are only available if you have the link. The link is under 2020 or 2021 Program Reviews on the Member Only page. For many programs there is also a link to the PowerPoint slide deck or other reference material.

Now if you were not able to attend a program, you can view the business meeting and the program.

E-mail distribution

The distributation of e-mails continues to be done on a temporary basis. If anyone is sending the e-mail blasts. contact Pearl interested in out Mike at rmgapresident@rockyountaintourguides.com. The contact list is current with the membership roster. If you are not receiving e-mails please contact Tom Jensen @ rmgacommunications@rockymountaintourguides.com.

Facebook

Be sure to join the RMGA Facebook page, <u>https://www.facebook.com/groups/RMGAssoc</u>. You'll find postings of upcoming events, industry happenings, and photos. Our Vice President, Mark Blais has been posting the pictures he takes while wandering around Denver. He has some unusual shots. All members are welcome to send in their pictures or postings, too.

Upcoming Industry Events

Submitted by Tom Jensen



NO CHAT DATE HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED

IF ONE IS SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER AN E-MAIL WILL BE BLASTED



2021 Colorado Governor's Tourism Conference



The 2021 Colorado Governor's Tourism Conference has moved! The conference will now be held at the Pueblo Convention Center Nov. 4–5, 2021.

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Several RMGA members have already signed up. Contact Tom Jensen regarding housing.

2021 Gov Con is Going Hybrid

To meet the ever changing landscape and accommodate for individual comfort levels of attendees, this year the CTO is offering two options for the Colorado Governor's Tourism Conference: in-person or virtual.

Our virtual portion of the conference builds on last year's innovative online-only event, offering attendees the chance to stream select sessions and interact with online attendees via our interactive virtual platform. Our in-person conference will offer you the chance to dive deeper with conference speakers and panelists while mingling with fellow colleagues and amazing sponsors in downtown Pueblo.

In-person attendees will have access to all sessions and the virtual platform, where they can watch any sessions they might have missed. Virtual attendees will have access to watch up to four keynote sessions, and eight out of the 16 breakout sessions. Both attendees will have sessions available for 30 days after the conference.

As part of the CTO's commitment to health and safety, COVID-19 vaccine verification is a requirement for all in-person attendees; additionally, masks will be mandatory for all staff and participants in indoor settings, and conference areas will be set up with social distancing in mind.

We look forward to re-connect, re-focus and re-energize with the industry in Pueblo! Please make sure you register today!

Register Now >>

2022 Conference

The CTO has postponed its plans for 2021 GovCon in Snowmass as The Westin undergoes renovations but save the date as GovCon will be in Snowmass Sept. 20–23, 2022, in a beautifully updated space.

Tour Colorado Meeting

November 3rd, 2021

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2:30- 4:30 PM El Pueblo History Museum Pueblo, CO

All are welcome! Tour Colorado members, guests and attendees of the Colorado Governors' Conference.



Southern Colorado Tourism Summit

Tentative Date Oct 13th - Oct 15th, 2021

This may be rescheduled to be before or after the Governor's Conference. Watch for e-mails.

For the itinerary and additional information see https://socotourismsummit.com/

Doors Open Denver

Doors Open Denver 2021 will take place **September 27 through October 17**, featuring 10 sites never before offered during DOD. The 2021 event includes **virtual tours, in-person tours and archived virtual tours**. As with last year's event, this year's largely virtual format means that you can easily participate in more than one virtual tour, and even experience them ALL if you like. **See the complete lineup here and register beginning August 30!**

https://denverarchitecture.org/events-programs/doorsopendenver/

ORGANIZATION ACTIVITIES

Submitted by Mike Pearl, President

Rocky Mountain Guides Association represents professional tour guides in the Rocky Mountain Region to tourism-related organizations. Several RMGA executive board members and committee chairs will attend the Colorado Governor's Conference on Tourism, November 3-5, in Pueblo. Their participation in conference events will give visibility to the role of professional tour guides in the tourism industry.

RMGA Facebook Page

Another way for members to communicate with each other is the RMGA Facebook page. Find it at <u>https://www.facebook.com/groups/RMGAssoc</u>. It's a great place for members to post pictures and tidbits of information that we all can use.

RMGA Leadership Opportunities

Members are encouraged to volunteer to lead these committees:

- Certification (Must have the RMGA Colorado Certification)
- Email Blasts

The Board of Directors is seeking a Secretary. Contact any Board member with your interest.

December Holiday Celebration

While December seems far away, it's time for us to plan for the RMGA December Holiday Celebration! Do you want an in-person event? (Where?) Do you want to meet via Zoom, like we did last year? What party activities do you want to use this year?

Send your ideas for a December get-together to Treasurer <u>Wendy Pickering</u> (217-621-1960) or to any other Board member.

Are You Colo-Ready?

Preparing our guests for touring in Colorado is an important part of our stewardship of what we all like best about our home state. Check out the Colorado Tourism Organization's quiz and video to get you started: <u>https://www.colorado.com/quiz</u>. You may want to bookmark this page so you can find an easy refresher. How do you incorporate the Care for Colorado Principles into your tour experience? Send your thoughts to the *Guide Line* Editor.

NFTGA LEADERSHIP MEETINGS AND TOURISM

Submitted by Mike Pearl, President

RMGA is a member of the National Federation of Tourist Guides (NFTGA), a collective of local tourist guides associations and guilds across the US. From time to time, RMGA Members receive notices from NFTGA via our email Blast system.

• NFTGA leadership has decided to postpone its biennial conference set for January 26-28, 2022 in San Antonio, Texas. Following is NFTGA President Ellen Malasky's announcement:

Putting on a national conference entails a great deal of work by an all-volunteer conference committee. The San Antonio committee has been hard at work and had developed an exciting, fun-packed and educational program. We want the conference to be as successful and well-

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attended as possible. Looking at the current barriers – namely the uncertainty surrounding Covid-19 and the problems that it presents, the conference committee, with the agreement of the leaders of our NFTGA member associations and the NFTGA Board, has decided to postpone the 2022 Conference to January 2023. We will be able to enjoy many of the activities they had planned in January 2023 in San Antonio.

However, we are excited to announce that we will still have a few necessary and exciting events happening this January, just virtually. First, as our bylaws require the election of a new board at a delegates meeting, we will hold a delegates meeting via zoom on Wednesday, January 26 at a time to be determined. Secondly, on Thursday, January 27, we will introduce the new board and then have our planned keynote address by **RICK STEVES**! Exact timing and details will be communicated within the next few weeks.

For those who signed up for the conference, we will refund the registration fee, or you can leave it for the 2023 conference. The January 27 event will be FREE and we are hoping that as many of our association members will attend as possible. We will be sending out registration information in mid-November.

We are sad not to be able to see everyone in January in 2022 but believe that by postponing the conference for a year, we will have even more to celebrate in 2023!

To see resources for tour guides, go to NFTGA's Guide Resources.



Pawnee Pioneer Trails Scenic Byway

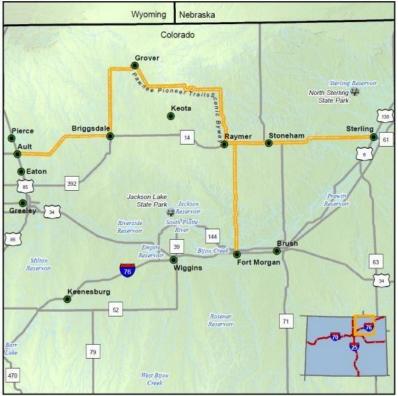
An Alternative Tour

The Pioneer Pawnee Scenic Byway is a nice alternative to the usual mountain drives. The Byway provides a strikingly different landscape, as you drive through one of the last remaining short grass prairies in the state. The vast expanses may seem barren, but it is actually teeming with wildlife such as coyote, mule deer, prairie dogs, and raptors. Over 400 species of plants including cottonwood trees, prickly-pear cactus, soaptree yuccas and wildflowers create a myriad of textures. One sees towns once so hopeful when they were platted that are now almost ghost towns, proud towns that no longer exist. Travelers to this region will see the importance of agriculture, where oil and gas are extracted, wind turbines, and perhaps a footprint of a piece of our national defense system.

The Byway lies entirely in the Colorado Piedmont. This is an area that that has been carved out of the high plains by the South Platte River and its tributaries. For over 30 million years, debris from the eroding Rocky Mountains was carried by streams and wind onto what is now eastern Colorado,

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burying an ancient shallow sea and its shorelines. This level surface extended far into Kansas and Nebraska. Today, what remains of this surface is called the "high Plains." However about 5 million years ago, the South Platte River and its tributaries began cutting through the mountain debris, reaching deep into the old sea bed, exposing diverse geologic features from all eras. This is the Colorado Piedmont. The Colorado Piedmont is lower and more rugged than the surrounding plains.



From the west, the Byway begins in Ault (<u>A</u> <u>U</u>nique <u>L</u>ittle <u>T</u>own) named after Alexander Ault, a Ft. Collins grain merchant located along a siding of the Union Pacific Railroad. Liberty Park displays a statue of Ault's Congressional Medal of Honor and Purple Heart winner Pfc. Joe P. Martinez, for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty on Attu, Aleutian Islands on May 26, 1943. Pfc Martinez is also honored with a statue on the Colorado State Capitol grounds.

Continuing east, the byway passes through Briggsdale and turns north to Grover.

During the boom times of the early 20th century, Grover built a new school, electric and water plants. It boasted a newspaper, two daily trains, several church groups, an opera house, hotel and an attorney. The primary attraction is the Grover Museum in the original 1887 depot. This first generation two-story railroad depot may be the only surviving example its type in Colorado. During Prohibition, so many men in Grover began bootlegging, the townswomen banded together and elected all women to local offices to drive the bootleggers out of town.

The Byway leads through the Pawnee National Grassland to the Pawnee Buttes. These roads are gravel so caution should be used during bad weather. The grasslands are not one contiguous plot of land, but rather individual parcels. If you are doing any hiking, it is important you know if you are on public or private land.

There is no cell phone service, so be sure to download/print a map before you leave. The roadways are mostly marked. The Pioneer Pawnee Scenic Byway Commission is working to get better signage, especially those signs that mark it as a Scenic Byway. Start with a full tank of gas, a spare tire, drinking water, food, and appropriate clothing.

Hiking at the Pawnee Buttes is available. There is a 1.5 mile trail from the trailhead to the base of the west butte. The east butte is on private land. There are vault toilets at the trailhead as well as picnic tables.

Pawnee National Grassland is known to birders for having over 260 species of birds. The U.S. forest Service does produce a Birding Tours brochure obtainable from the U.S. Forest Service website. There are 193,000 acres of short-grass prairie with great opportunities for spotting numerous species of birds and wildlife including pronghorn antelope, mule deer, coyotes, swift foxes, snakes and prairie dogs. The wildflowers are abundant from early summer to autumn. In late summer, the sunflowers and prairie coneflowers rise above the buffalo, gamma, and wheat grasses.

The "off road" portion of the byway ends at New Raymer. The first town of Raymer was abandoned within 6 years of being founded. A second time the town was platted. As the name Raymer was similar to Ramah (a village east of Colorado Springs), the new Post Office was called New Raymer. As you walk or drive the streets you can see the former bank, grocery store, or filling station. These are all awaiting preservation by the Friends of New Raymer. As all over this region, water is so scarce that New Raymer homes did not receive running water until 1969 when a well was dug.

Back on Hwy 14, at the Prairie School, a small country school with a waiting list because of the high quality of classes, you can continue east to pass through Stoneham before arriving in Sterling or head south to Fort Morgan. In Stoneham the streets are named for rocks (Granite, Marble, Glint, Agate, Boulder, and Slate).

It is interesting to note that the original land speculators for New Raymer, Keota, and Stoneham were women. They sold their land to the Lincoln Land Company, land speculators who developed much of the land in Nebraska, Kansas and NE Colorado. The Lincoln Land Company advertised Raymer as being part of "The Rain Belt." Thus, being east of the 100th meridian which is the unofficial divider of the humid East and arid West, homesteaders were led to believe there was sufficient rain fall to grown crops.

Sterling is an important city in Northeastern Colorado. It was the junction of the Union Pacific and Burlington Railroads. It was founded by families from Tennessee and Mississippi.

Heading south to Ft. Morgan you continue to pass through the undulating hills covered in grass in a wet year or weeds in a dry one. Because of the importance of agriculture, both are keys to understanding this part of Colorado. Ft. Morgan is named for the military post established in 1864 to protect the mail, telegraph routes and stagecoach passengers traveling through Colorado Territory along the South Platte branch of the Overland trail. A must see is the Rainbow Bridge spanning the South Platte River. It is one of the longest rainbow arch designs in the U.S. and the only example west of the Mississippi River.



Ft. Morgan has the only operating sugar factory in Colorado. It is the boyhood home of Glenn Miller. It is a commercial and retail hub for all of Northeastern Colorado.

Around the turn of the last century, the economic driver for many of the towns in Northeast Weld County was the Colorado - Wyoming Railroad (a subsidiary of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad) which ran from Sterling to Cheyenne. Contributing to the settlement of the region when it opened in 1887, the line and settlers were codependent. Livestock, cream, eggs, and grain were shipped to market; coal lumber and other freight were shipped into the booming towns. Called the "Prairie Dog Express" or "Prairie Dog Special" by the locals, it connected the towns of Hereford, Grover, Sligo, Keota (as in the History Colorado Center), New Raymer, Stoneham, Willard, Buckingham, and Sterling. Many of these are on the Scenic Byway Trail.

In the 30's, the drought and Dust Bowl began in the midst of the Great Depression. The towns failed; people moved. Both range and farmland lay barren. After the failure of many farms, the U.S. government purchased parcels of marginal land which became the Pawnee National Grassland. The survivors began to use, "scientific" farm and range conservation practices to minimize erosion. These are the farms and ranches you see today.

Resources:

DOT Pawnee Pioneer Trail Webpage

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https://www.codot.gov/travel/colorado-byways/northeast/pawnee-pioneer-trails

Michael Stanley Bison Canyon Ranch New Raymer, Colorado 720-550-3322 archhunt@yahoo.com bisoncanyonranch.org

Michael Stanley is an excellent a step-on guide. Michael's great grandparents homesteaded in 1911. He has a ranch located within the Pawnee National Grasslands where he can do Guided Nature Tours for \$10/person, Bison Hunts, DIY hunts for Mule Deer and Pronghorn. He manages the Bison, Nature Tours and Hunting while his brother continues the cattle operation.

USFS Canyon Lakes Ranger District

2150 Centre Avenue, Building E Fort Collins, CO 80526 970-295-6700 (Visitor Info)

Sterling and Logan County Tourist Information Center

102 N. Riverview Rd Sterling, CO 80751 (970) 522-8962 johnsonm@logancountyco.gov

Fort Morgan Area Chamber of Commerce

300 Main Street Fort Morgan, CO 80701 970-867-6702

Colorado Welcome Center at Fort Collins

3745 E. Prospect Road Fort Collins, CO 80525 970-491-3966

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

Monday, October 4, 2021 (10:00 am) (Meeting via ZOOM; email Webmaster Committee Co-Chair <u>Tom Jensen</u> for an invitation)
Monday, November 1, 2021 (10:00 am)
Monday, December 6, 2021 (10:00 am)
All Members are welcome and invited to attend.

MEMBERS MEETINGS

Monday, October 10, 2021 (6:30 pm) Monday, November 8, 2021 (6:30 pm) Monday, December 13, 2021 (6:30 pm) – Holiday Celebration!! (Meetings via ZOOM; an invitation to attend will be emailed to Members)

PURPOSE of the ROCKY MOUNTAIN GUIDES ASSOCIATION

The nature of the business and activities of this Corporation is educational and the objects and purposes thereof to be transacted, promoted, or carried on are TO PROMOTE THE HIGHEST DEGREE OF COMPETENCE AND PROFESSIONALISM AMONG PERSONS WHO ACT AS TOUR GUIDES AND TOUR MANAGERS/ DIRECTORS, TO PROVIDE ETHICAL AND PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AGAINST WHICH ALL TOUR GUIDES AND TOUR MANAGERS/DIRECTORS ARE MEASURED, and, in pursuing said basic purposes,

- 1. To hold meetings and familiarization ("FAM") trips for the improvement and continuing education of its members;
- 2. To provide opportunities for the exchange of experiences and opinions regarding tour guides and tour managers/directors and their profession;
- 3. To provide a forum for development and promotion of common professional interests and concerns of tour guides and tour managers/directors;
- 4. To cooperate with other related and non-related organizations in a common endeavor to promote the profession of tour guiding, tour management and tour directing and to promote the public awareness of said profession. *Articles of Incorporation,* Rocky Mountain Guides Association

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