



### Updates, Announcements, and Events from Partner Organizations



#### **NATIONAL WESTERN STOCK SHOW**

- NWSS is seeking emergency funding from the state legislature with HB1262. We received an 11-0 vote in the Agriculture Committee and has moved on through the Appropriations committee. This will allow us the rehire staff that have been laid off and prepare for the 2022 show.
- The complex is booked heavily in the fall, as the promoters are assuming no more masks, or social distancing will be in place. We hope that becomes a reality.
- We continue to fight OK City for cattle exhibitors. Some feel Colorado is negative towards agriculture. We will continue to compete as we near January.

#### **NATIONAL WESTERN AUTHORITY**

- **Authority Board update.** We are grateful to Gabby Acevedo of Elyria-Swansea, who has served as a member of the National Western Center Authority Board of Directors for about a year. Gabby resigned from the board this month due to new career commitments. Gabby is one of two GES residents appointed to the board by Mayor Hancock, and we will work with the mayor's office on the process to replace Gabby on the board with a resident from GES.
- **New Agrarian Program.** The National Western Center has joined with the Santa-Fe-based Quivira Coalition to expand Quivira's "New Agrarian Program" in Colorado. In this apprenticeship program, skilled ranchers and farmers across the West partner with Quivira to host annual apprenticeships in regenerative agriculture. This year, the

National Western Center and Quivira Coalition will hire a grant-funded, full-time position to expand the program to ranches and farms in northern and central Colorado. Learn more: <https://nationalwesterncenter.com/new-agrarian-program/>

- **Food for Thought.** In the latest episode of our interview series Food for Thought, we talked with Sarah Wentzel-Fisher, executive director of Quivira Coalition, about connecting experienced ranchers with new and beginning ones through their mentorship program. Listen at: <https://nationalwesterncenter.com/food-for-thought/>
- **Riverfront and historic buildings.** New pages on our website showcase the future riverfront, and the historic buildings and assets on the campus. Check them out at:
  - <https://nationalwesterncenter.com/experience/the-riverfront/>
  - <https://nationalwesterncenter.com/experience/historic-buildings/>

## NATIONAL WESTERN CONSTRUCTION

- Please see the attached document for National Western Center construction updates.

## COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY

- CSU Spur is hiring several positions – find more information on the positions available at <https://www.csuspur.org/jobs/>.
- Students in the Introduction to Agriculture class at Bruce Randolph School planted the new Big Green garden at the school in early April. The CSU team continues to work on connectivity to agricultural curriculum with the district, and to CSU Spur.
- Starting this fall, the CSU Spur Scholarship will be available to incoming first year students from 80216 enrolled at any of the CSU System institutions: CSU, CSU Pueblo, CSU Global. Find out more about the scholarship and support the scholarship here: <https://www.csuspur.org/scholarship/>
- The topping out ceremony for the Terra building at CSU Spur took place on April 20; the livestream video is available at the [CSU Spur YouTube channel](#).
- The Youth Action Team, an effort to bring together National Western Center partner organizations and connect youth in a meaningful way to the project, will launch its second cohort this summer.
- As a result of the work of last year's Youth Action Team, the CSU System is also currently recruiting two high school students from Bruce Randolph to participate in a paid internship program.
- Sign up for an upcoming tour of the CSU Spur campus and view construction progress on all three CSU Spur buildings at <https://www.csuspur.org/construction/>
- The Spring BioBlitz occurred in mid-April (to be continued in early-May) and includes CSU, the Denver Zoo, Pinyon Environmental, and other partners.
- The Water in the West Symposium 2021 will be hosted November 3 and 4 and will be a hybrid format, offering virtual and in-person.

- [Working committees](#) from across the three CSU System campuses are working toward the CSU Spur opening in January 2022, when Vida and part of the Terra building will be open.

## **DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURE AND SCIENCE**

### Opportunities and Events with DMNS

- Visit us at [www.dmns.org](http://www.dmns.org) to learn more about upcoming events and exhibits
  - Connect to DMNS events from home:
    - Sunday, May 9 at 4 p.m., *The Bone Wars of The Late 1800's*
    - Sunday, May 12 at 7 p.m. *Indigenous Film: An Evening with Terry Jones*
    - The museum continues to provide free virtual opportunities. Find upcoming virtual events here: [https://www.dmns.org/virtual-offerings/?ref=DMNSHomePage\\_FeaturedGridItem&cta=btn1](https://www.dmns.org/virtual-offerings/?ref=DMNSHomePage_FeaturedGridItem&cta=btn1)
- Summer Camps get brains and bodies moving after a day of remote learning! Campers will learn and play as they experiment, create, build, and ask questions while developing a passion for science in sessions led by experienced educators. Weekly sessions run June 7– August 13, 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Scholarships are available (flyer with more details attached).

## **HISTORY COLORADO**

- There no updates from History Colorado.