



Updates, Announcements, and Events from Partner Organizations



NATIONAL WESTERN STOCK SHOW

- The National Western Complex continues to be closed at code Red. There are no future bookings at this time.
- Those CAC members that would like to buy stock show merchandise for their Christmas gifts should go to nationalwestern.com! We have more than 50 items for purchase.
- Fundraising continues for our Legacy building. We are nearing the 80 million mark, with the goal of 100 million to help fund the NW Center buildings and the Legacy building.

NATIONAL WESTERN AUTHORITY

- **GES-focused newsletter.** The National Western Center will launch a GES-focused email newsletter, in English and Spanish, focused on community benefits, emerging programs and events, and ways to get involved with future phases of the redevelopment. All CAC members are already signed up; anyone may sign up or amend their email preferences by visiting nationalwesterncenter.com and selecting “newsletter signup” at the top of the page.
- **Colorado Farm & Food System Response Team.** More than \$1.63 million was awarded in December in a major third round of funding via this team, made possible by the Colorado Department of Agriculture and CARES Act funds. To date, the fund has provided more than \$2 million to producers, intermediaries, and processors across

Colorado, focusing on the needs and opportunities of small and mid-size growers, beginning farmers and ranchers, veteran farmers, farmers of color, LGBTQ+ farmers, and female farmers — producers who are often underserved by public programs and projected to bear the brunt of the crisis’s impact. The National Western Center staff is taking the lead on managing the fund as part of the response team.

- **Operations plan.** Per the framework agreement the Authority has developed its operations plan for 2021 and presented it to the board on Dec. 17. To request the ops plan, contact Liz Adams at l.adams@nationalwesterncenter.com.
- **Volunteering.** This fall/winter, some National Western Center staff members have been lending a hand with GES food box distributions and ESL classes.

NATIONAL WESTERN CONSTRUCTION

- Please see the construction update for December 2020.

COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY

- CSU will launch the “Spur of the Moment” Podcast in January 2021, featuring guests working within the areas of food, water, and health.
- All buildings at CSU Spur are now under construction with foundations being poured and walls coming up. The CSU Spur campus is on-schedule and on-budget, with Vida and Terra being complete and open to the public in early 2022, and Hydro being complete in Fall 2022.
- The CSU System team continues to work to create an Ag Tech Pathway program with Denver Public Schools, which will pilot at Bruce Randolph School, and through working with nonprofit partners.
- A garden buildout is funded and underway for the school with an indoor hydroponic garden (Teens for Food Justice), and an outdoor learning garden (Big Green); expected completion in Summer 2021.
- The Youth Action Team, CSU’s effort to bring together National Western Center partner organizations and connect youth in a meaningful way to the project, continues.
 - The students developed shadow day programs in late 2020.
 - CSU System will welcome at least two students as interns in Spring 2021.
- The CSU Spur Education Director, the first hire for CSU Spur, has been selected and will begin in January 2021.

- The CSU Spur Water in the West Symposium was held virtually on November 18-19. More than 300 people attended, and speakers included David Axelrod (of Obama administration and CNN), Gary Knell (National Geographic Partners), Sec. Vilsack, Justin Worland of TIME, and more than a dozen other experts from across the country.
 - 2021 Water in the West is scheduled for Nov. 3-4
 - The Symposium will be available online in the coming months. It's available to attendees for 90 days post-Symposium and then openly available after that.
- CSU Spur continues to work on exhibit build out and with a variety of stakeholders involved, including a teacher taskforce made up of formal and informal educators from across the state.

DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURE AND SCIENCE

- DMNS is working with National Western to create a virtual experience for kids. A link to a pre-recorded show hosted by rodeo clown Justin Rumford will be emailed to the stock show distribution list on Saturday, January 16, during what would have been the 2021 Stock Show. Justin will lead the kids through a home-based scavenger hunt and other activities. Plans for the show include featuring special clips from DMNS, History Colorado, and CSU's Cam the Ram.

Opportunities and Events with DMNS

- The Denver Museum of Nature & Science is open! <https://www.dmns.org/visit/plan-your-visit-reopening/>
 - Our promise to you is an unwavering commitment to safe, inclusive spaces for all who visit the Museum.
 - A separate dated and timed ticket is required for General Admission, some regular exhibitions, and all special exhibition. Please visit our website to check availability on these experiences.
- Visit us at www.dmns.org to learn more about the events below.
- *Special Exhibitions:*
 - *Dogs! A Science Tail* is open through January 3
 - *The Art of the Brick* is open through January 31
- Discovery Zone is open, featuring new ways for your kids to safely have fun. Limited capacity and intermittent closures for cleanings. Timed tickets required.
- *Space Odyssey Reimagined* is open with new experiences, activities, and exhibits. Timed tickets required.
- SCFD Community Free Days and Free Nights
- Friday Evening Hours: the Museum is open on Friday evenings from 5-10 p.m.

- The museum continues to provide free virtual opportunities to *Watch, Do, and Teach* for all ages at DMNS@Home including those listed below, visit www.dmns.org/learn/dmns-at-home.
- *The Institute for Science & Policy* hosted virtual series' on COVID-19, and the impacts of introducing wolves to Colorado. Watch these compelling series for free at <https://institute.dmns.org/events/>.
- In support of the amazing work educators are doing this year, the Museum is offering more scholarship support for [ExciteEd programs](#). For a limited time, all schools qualify for a minimum of 50% off programs offered virtually, sent to your school, or at the Museum. All programs must be completed by 2/26/2021. To claim the 50% scholarship, enter DMNS50 at check-out when booking online at www.learning.dmns.org or call us. If your school has a Free or Reduced Lunch rate of 50% or higher, call 303.370.6000 to access a 100% scholarship.

HISTORY COLORADO

- History Colorado will be introducing rolling micro-grants starting in January of \$5000 with a 50% match. This can be for anything preservation related.
- There will also be a rolling Planning Grant of \$15000 which will be for anything relating to preservation project planning (getting CDs, materials matching, etc.). The new 2030 State Historic Preservation Plan is focused on preservation as a tool of sustainable development and will be out by Spring 2020.