



Updates, Announcements, and Events from Partner Organizations



NATIONAL WESTERN STOCK SHOW

- As reported this past month, the January 2021 show has been postponed to January of 2022. We are working however to produce a virtual “Coors Western Art Show and Sale” and our “Catch-A-Calf” program this January so we can have some activity related to the NWSS. We will also be serving in the community as a staff with a plan we call “16 Days of Service” and are organizing non-profits in Denver where we can serve as part of this program. We will concentrate in GES as we look for opportunities to serve.
- The complex is struggling to book any events due to the rules of the pandemic. The shows we had booked through the balance of the year are now fearful of being shut down if they move ahead. As a result, we are struggling financially as one might imagine. We continue to try and raise funds as a 501c-3 non-profit and look forward to Colorado Gives Day as another opportunity.

NATIONAL WESTERN AUTHORITY

- **Panel on food system resilience.** The Authority hosted a virtual panel on food system resilience, bringing together national and Colorado-based experts. Watch it anytime on our [YouTube channel](#).
- **ESGBA.** The Authority regularly attends meetings of the Elyria Swansea Globeville Business Association; at the October meeting, the Authority provided an update on programming and partnerships in progress.
- **Colorado Farm & Food System Response Team.** A major third round of funding was announced on October 20 for farmers, farmers markets and others, to be administered by the statewide

response team. To date, the fund has provided more than \$370,000 to producers and intermediaries 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.

- **Community investment fund.** The Community Benefits Committee of the National Western Center Authority Board is meeting in small groups with community organizations and Denver City Council members to discuss opportunities and options for the future community investment fund.

NATIONAL WESTERN CONSTRUCTION

- See the PowerPoint presentation from NWCO.

COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY

- CSU students participated in RiNo CRUSH Walls, and painted the east side of the McConnell building, which will eventually connect to the Hydro building on the CSU Spur campus. The design is reflective of the five types of sustainability and will be visible on-site for the next year.
- CSU broke ground on the second of our three buildings in September and will break ground on the third in October. CSU Spur will share a groundbreaking video on October 27. Construction continues, on-schedule, on the Vida building at Spur.
- CSU and Dumb Friends League hosted the 7th annual Animal Health Clinic on October 3 in partnership with Focus Points Family Resource Center. CSU students and veterinarians worked alongside veterinarians from DFL to examine and vaccinate nearly 200 pets from the surrounding communities.
- Water in the West is scheduled for November 18-19 (virtually) – tickets are live. Speakers include Gary Knell of National Geographic Partners, and former presidential strategist David Axelrod.
- CSU welcomed new CSU Extension Director Parker McMullen Bushman, who was previously Vice President of Community Engagement, Education, and Inclusion at the Butterfly Pavilion.
- CSU Extension has provided more than 300 STEM kits to families in neighborhoods surrounding the future Spur campus. Kits were distributed through nearby rec centers.
- Plans to build an outdoor garden at Bruce Randolph School have resumed, with completion of the gardens expected in Summer 2021. The garden is being built in partnership with The Big Green and will provide students the opportunity to bring healthy foods into their school cafeteria, learn entrepreneurial skills, and connect the gardens into their existing coursework. The coinciding work for CSU to create an Ag Tech Pathway program with Denver Public Schools is also underway.
- CSU hosted its second BioBlitz program with four days of collecting flora and fauna samples from the South Platte River – partners included Denver Zoo and Butterfly Pavilion. The work will

provide a baseline to be referenced in the future as restoration efforts continue on the river as part of the National Western Center plans.

- The Youth Action Team wrapped up its first year and developed a future internship program. Several students will work at the CSU System office this Fall, and the internship program will launch in Spring 2021.
- The CSU System is in the process of hiring an Education Director for the CSU Spur campus, with the position anticipated to begin in January 2021.

DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURE AND SCIENCE

NWC and Community Partnership:

- On Saturday, October 3, approximately 100 families with 176 pets “drove through” the annual joint pet health clinic in the Focus Points area hosted by Colorado State University and Dumb Friends League Solutions Pet Resource Center to receive free vaccines, vet exams, and pet supplies. DMNS staff joined the amazing event at Swansea Recreation Center providing donated pet collars, supplies, and carriers as well as museum vouchers and discounted Dogs! A Science Tail exhibition tickets to the families.
- DMNS partnered with CSU to offer three “Scientists in Action” events for more than 2,300 students at the start of this semester. All sessions can be watched [here](#).
- August: Scientists in Action: Combating COVID-19
- September: Scientists in Action: Horses Helping Humans
- October: Scientists in Action: Vets and Their Pets
- DMNS partnered with Rocky Mountain PBS and the Colorado Department of Education for “Colorado Classroom,” [educational programs](#) targeting kindergarten through third grade students who are learning from home. DMNS created 5 episodes, which will rerun on Fridays at 8am through December 18.

Opportunities and Events with DMNS:

- The Denver Museum of Nature & Science is [open](#)!
- 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
 - The Art of the Brick is open
 - Discovery Zone opened on September 28 featuring new ways for your kids to safely have fun. Limited capacity and intermittent closures for cleanings. Timed tickets required.
 - Wednesday, October 28, 60 Minutes in Space
 - Wednesday, November 11, Virtual Tour of the Universe (Family Edition)

Saturday, November 14, Space Odyssey Reimagined reopens with new experiences, activities, and exhibits. Timed tickets required.

Thursday, December 3, "Black Faces, White Spaces": A Conversation with Carolyn Finney

- SCFD Community Free Days and Free Nights
- Friday Evening Hours: The Museum is open on Friday evenings from 5-10 p.m. through October 30
- 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](#).
- Virtual Science Academy in your classroom, award-winning, two-way interactive experiences brought directly to you – [Scholarships available!](#)

HISTORY COLORADO

- There are no updates for October 2020