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Escape to our Landscape...

Steamboat Springs' Cultural Landscape

Re-creation Culture: Art Gone Wild

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Re-creation Culture: Steamboat Springs Arts Anniversaries

35th Steamboat Springs Arts Council

Founded by Eleanor Bliss, Carol Finnoff and friends with the mission to plan, produce, promote and support programs in the arts and humanities for the enjoyment, enrichment and education of residents and visitors in the community. Bliss came to Steamboat Springs in 1924 to study dance at the Perry-Mansfield Performing Arts School & Camp and fell in love with the beauty of the valley. Bliss and the Arts Council also can be credited with saving the Steamboat Springs Depot, a building on the national Register of Historic Places that will turn 100 in two years. The Depot is, and always has been the home of the Steamboat Springs Arts Council also houses an art gallery.

www.steamboatspringsarts.com

35th Steamboat Dance Theater

What started as a repertory company called The New Dance Group, is no longer new and eventually adopted the more formal name. In March 2007 they performed their 35th Annual Concert where 35 dancers presented 14 pieces of original choreography.

www.dancesteamboat.org

25th Steamboat Springs Writers Group

Nurturing local writers from all walks of life in the Yampa Valley for a quarter of a century Writers attend weekly meetings at the Depot to read their work, receive advice and encouragement, share experiences and celebrate successes. This group hosts writers' workshops throughout the year including "A Day for Writers" July 21, 2007.

www.steamboatspringsarts.com

25th Steamboat Community Players

Steamboat Community Players presents a varying number of popular community theater productions. Formed in 1972 under the auspices of the Arts Council, Steamboat Community Players is now an independent nonprofit organization. This active group of local actors and technicians attracts enthusiastic audiences to their productions.

20th Strings in the Mountains Music Festival

Founded by Kay Clagett, Betse Grasby and John Sant'Ambrogio, to bring World-Class music to Steamboat Springs, the music festival begun as eight chamber music concerts staged at the Storm Meadows Athletic Club. Today there are more than 80 concerts featuring more than 170 artists presenting a wide variety of classical and contemporary performances and youth and family productions. Most summer performances take place at Strings Festival Park, their third and final venue. They will celebrate their 20th Anniversary by featuring eight "Spotlight Concerts."

www.stringsinthemountains.com

15th Steamboat Springs Orchestra

Inspired by Strings in the Mountains, the mission of The Steamboat Springs Chamber Orchestra is to perform music for the residents and visitors of Northwest Colorado with an emphasis on community outreach, musician development, and music education for youth. The Steamboat Springs Youth Ensemble program provides opportunities for young performers.

www.steamboatorchestra.org

15th Literary Sojourn

With so many conferences for writers, it's inevitable that someone would come up with the idea of a similar format for READES. That someone was Chris Painter, director of the Bud Werner Memorial Library who approached local bookstore owners, Dick and Leslie Ryan about such a conference. They hoped for 75 attendees their first year and 150 signed up. For several years they've reached full capacity (500) weeks in advance. The list of past authors includes three Pulitzer Prize Winners and Six National Book Award Winners and Finalists. www.literarysojourn.org

10th Yampa River Botanic Park

Six acres, 40 gardens, 500 trees, the Yampa River Botanic Park opened to the public ten years ago and has since become one of Steamboat's finest treasures and a true work of art. Originally a hay meadow donated to the City of Steamboat Springs by Bob and Audrey Enever, the park is maintained by a full time staff and additional volunteers. The gardens make for a perfect backdrop for weddings, musical concerts or simply a colorful place to stroll or sit on one of its 27 benches. The park is accessible from the Yampa Valley Core Trail as well as US highway 40.

5th Emerald City Opera

Founder Keri Rusthoi fell in love with two things after college, Steamboat Springs and Opera. Although at the time, the two were mutually exclusive until 2003 when Keri brought professional professional opera to the Yampa Valley. The Emerald City Opera produces professional-caliber, classical opera in the heart of the Yampa Valley. Combining world-class artists from the esteemed opera houses of the world with local professionals, ECO promotes the vocal and performance arts at the highest level. The ECO offers two separate subscription concert series throughout the year and mounts a full-scale, complete opera production each August.

www.emeraldcityopera.org

Note: not quite there but almost... Perry-Mansfield Performing Arts Camp will celebrate their 94th year this summer!



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