

Hartman Castle Preservation

It has been a busy summer for the Hartman Castle Preservation team

May

- Table at the Gunnison County Chamber's Summer Forecast event
- Emailed out our first newsletter

June

- Attended the Crested Butte Chamber's After Hours, hosted by the Gunnison Valley Community Foundation
- Created two main street window displays: Treads and Threads' window and the Crested Butte Museum's window
- Presented to the Gunnison Cattlemen's Association board
- Presented at the 130th Anniversary Annual Banquet of the Gunnison County Stockgrower's Association
- Presented a Hartman Castle slide show to the Crested Butte Rotary
- Applied for the Gunnison Car Show Grant

July

- Participated in the Crested Butte parade and had a booth
- Board members participated in the Cattlemen's Days parade and had a vendor table at all three rodeos
- Received necessary approval from the County for commercial and mixed-use of Hartman's Castle
- Set up a booth at the AAUW's *Art in the Park* event

August

- Four days of filming with the Rocky Mountain PBS *Colorado Experiences* film crew
- Submitted Hartman Castle for *Colorado Endangered Places*
- Worked at the Gunnison Car Show and High Octane Craft Fair
- Slide show presentation at the Palisades Senior RV Park
- Received approval for Hartman Castle to be on *Colorado Gives* platform
- Slide show presentation for the Gunnison Golf Course Fish Fry dinner guests

Throughout the summer, we have led numerous tours at the Castle and continued to work on fundraising.

Summer 2024 recap

Rocky Mountain PBS Filming

The Rocky Mountain PBS *Colorado Experiences* film crew came to town! They spent four days filming the locals involved with the preservation effort at the Castle and the Pioneer Museum. They also fell in love with the project and even asked to be shown the site of the ill-fated LaVeta Hotel.

Check out their short video on [Instagram](#) or find our link to it on Facebook. The show's anticipated release date is November 7, 2024. Once aired, the show will be available worldwide via streaming.



Crew members getting ready



Received County Approval

Not since the 1980s has the Castle been approved for commercial use

Transforming the Castle into a vibrant public space is a key step in shaping a unique opportunity for our community. However, bringing this vision to life required overcoming several land use challenges. One crucial issue involved splitting the parcel we were purchasing from a larger property. The 2.5 acres we are acquiring, including the original wood frame ranch house, a utility block building, and the Castle, will provide space for essential elements like snow storage and parking and allow for the creation of beautiful gardens. Additionally, we had to change the property's zoning from residential to commercial and mixed-use to enable us to host events.

Over the past year, we have met with Gunnison County Planner Hillary Seminick and her team. We were fortunate to have the support of Michael Kraatz, Jerry Burgess, and Matt Hutson of SGM Engineering, along with Jody Reeser of J Reeser Architect, who guided us through the process on behalf of Hartman Castle. The county has approved our application for a land use change and setback variance, allowing the project to move forward from a permitting standpoint.

A huge thank you goes out to our volunteers; and to Hillary Seminick and her staff, the Gunnison County Planning Commission, and the Gunnison County Board of Adjustments.

Thank you, thank you, thank you

To all of our generous donors

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To all who helped to give us more exposure and played a significant role in preserving Hartman's Castle. Your support has made a lasting impact.

- We could not have participated in the parades and Cattlemen's Days without Chris Klein and Audrey Dirksen representing Alonzo and Annie Hartman, Polly Oberosler as our roper/cow-girl on the floats, and the additional help from Mike Callihan and Tim Williams.
- Christopher Klein Construction for bringing float materials to Crested Butte, providing us with the flatbed trailer to use as a float and the truck to pull it. Also, thank you to Robert and Denise Lovato for driving our floats for both parades.
- Gunnison's Treads and Threads for giving us their Main Street window for a Hartman display for June.
- Crested Butte's Museum for giving us their Elk Avenue window for a Hartman display, in place from May to October.
- Darrah Miller and Deb Callihan for dressing both the window displays.
- Off Center Design for the banners.
- Deb Callihan, Darrah Miller, Pamela Williams and Polly Oberosler for tending to the tables at the various events.
- Dove Graphics for various campaign materials
- Dr. Duane Vandenbusche for presenting his slide show at numerous events.
- Pioneer Museum and Larry McDonald for sharing their knowledge and a vast collection of historical material.

Back to Hartmans' Beginnings: Embracing their Ranching Heritage Stockgrowers Association

The Hartman Castle Preservation Corp. Board was the featured presentation at the 130th Gunnison Stockgrowers Association Annual Banquet. The banquet committee also featured Alonzo Hartman, the second president of that organization, in the program, with numerous photos of Alonzo as a cattleman, rancher, and one of Gunnison's earliest settlers.

Cattlemen's Days

Hartman Castle Preservation board members presented to the Cattlemen's Association board and requested exposure during Cattlemen's Days. They granted our every request: We were awarded a 30-second spot on the Jumbotron, a vendor booth, a place in the parade, and the placement of two articles to be written by board member Polly Oberosler.

Thank you to both the Gunnison Stockgrowers Association and the Gunnison Cattlemen's Days for the opportunity to share our vision for preserving the Hartman Castle.

GUNNISON CAR CLUB AWARDS GRANT TO HARTMAN CASTLE PRESERVATION

We are thrilled to announce that Hartman Castle Preservation was awarded a generous grant from the Gunnison Car Club and Show. The Gunnison Car Club, a local non-profit, stands out for its unique mission: its efforts benefit other non-profits. The dedicated volunteers of the Car Club work tirelessly to organize their annual Car Show, raising funds through business solicitations, individual donors, and show fees. The event significantly boosts the local economy, turning what might otherwise be a slow weekend into a booming one. Local businesses sponsor and support the show, which benefits the entire community. The funds raised are then allocated to local charities, making a tangible difference in our area.

As part of the grant award, we joined the fun and assisted the Car Club with their Car Show. We helped with registration on Friday night and Saturday morning. We also set up a booth at the Car Show and across the street at the High Octane Craft Fair.

This grant is evidence of the impact of our mission and the hard work of the Car Show's dedicated team, volunteers, and supporters. The Car Club was so invested in preserving Hartman Castle that its members even scheduled a tour! We are deeply grateful to the Gunnison Car Club for believing in our vision and their generous support.

Notably, the Gunnison Car Show was the first organization to provide a grant to Hartman Castle Preservation. Once the castle is purchased and restored, it will stand as a testament to the area's heritage and contribute significantly to the local economy. The expected influx of heritage tourists will further enhance our community's prosperity. We at Hartmans look forward to one day being a Car Show sponsor!