



# **OUR VISION**

Breckenridge History is a community-supported, nationally recognized leader in local historic preservation, historical interpretation, and tourism.

# OUR MISSION

enhances our community's future by discovering, preserving, and sharing our diverse and extraordinary history.



# FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



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#### Dear friends and supporters,

This past spring, we started, quite literally, peeling back layers of history in the Alice G. Milne House on Breckenridge's Harris Street. One layer of newspaper led to several layers of wallpaper (floral patterns, a shiny gold hue, geometric shapes), more newspaper, crushed tin cans, and eventually, the original unmilled logs, rudimentary chinking, and the 1880 wood-shingled cabin roof (which was hidden under two other roofs). I imagine the McNamaras, the home's first residents, felling trees and erecting the original cabin as quickly as possible, with occasional snow flurries falling to remind them that winter would soon set in and they had better hurry up!

History is often like a treasure hunt, full of twists and turns, "aha" moments, and a bit of mystery. I see amazement on the faces of those who walk into the Milne House today - the same way I observe visitors' looks of awe after hearing Barney Ford's story, or a student's eyes light up after learning what an artifact was used for in the past (the chamber pot is always a popular one).

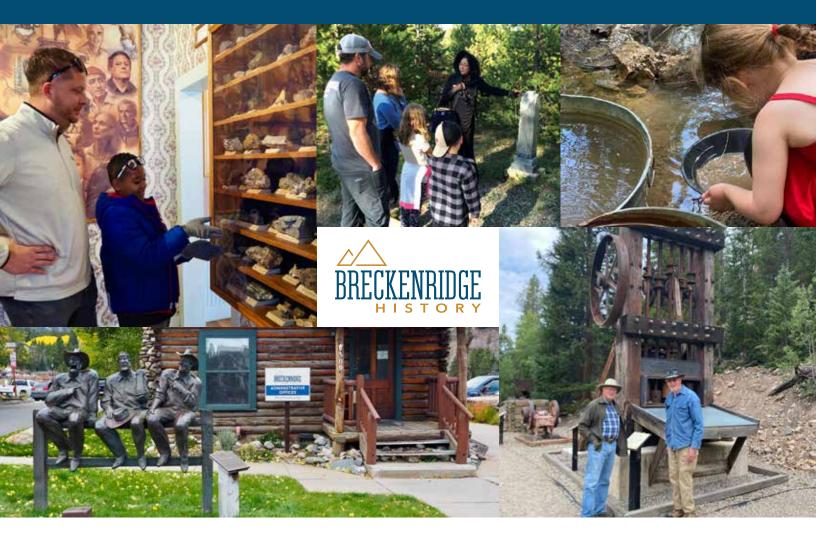
2022 was full of exciting projects, some surprises and many successes. I'm proud to share our preservation highlights, museum and guided tour updates, and archives accomplishments on the following pages.

Thank you for your support. It is absolutely essential to our mission.

Larissa O'Neil

Executive Director

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# WALK THROUGH HISTORY TOUR

"Have been coming to Breckenridge for over 50 years, but still learned more of the history of Breckenridge. Thank you."

"Julie was outstanding!
We loved her beautiful
costume and engaging
stories. We learned so
much and can't wait
to return! Julie
is an exceptional
historical interpreter!"

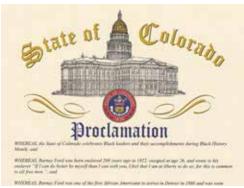
"We had a fantastic tour of Breckenridge.
Our guide June was the absolute best. She was enthusiastic, very informative, and proved herself to be a real historian."













#### 2022 HIGHLIGHTS

- Developed a new strategic plan for Breckenridge History that reflects our current priorities, long-term strategies and core values.
- Officially launched our new name, updated brand and website.
- Started the Milne Park Project to preserve two historic, town-owned buildings and complete site work for future use as a collections care facility, interpretive center and administrative hub.
- Completed a user-driven Barney Ford Museum virtual tour, with 17 exhibits that can be viewed by anyone with an internet connection.
- Partnered with more than a dozen local tradespeople and community supporters to preserve the popular Sallie Barber Mine headframe and ore bin.
- · Honored Barney L. Ford on the 200th year of his birth by installing a new permanent museum exhibit with artwork featured in the Rocky Mountain PBS film "Mr. Barney Ford," hosting a celebration at the museum on Ford's actual birthday, commissioning a Ford-inspired sculpture at the International Snow Sculpture Championships, and leading a school-wide Barney Ford presentation to Breckenridge Elementary students alongside a Breckenridge Social Equity Advisory Commissioner.
- Governor Polis declared February 1, 2022 Barney Ford Day to kick off Black History Month, and Representative Leslie Herod read the Governor's proclamation on the floor of the House of Representatives chambers directly under the stained glass portrait of Barney Ford.
- Received the Caroline Bancroft History Award for our work on the Barney Ford Legacy Project to authenticate and elevate the Barney Ford story regionally and nationally.
- Presented educational programs in the classroom, over Zoom and on our interpretive trails to more than 500 Summit School District students and local preschoolers.











- Supported regional and national efforts to designate the Camp Hale - Continental Divide National Monument.
- Received the Beselme-Orrell Heritage Award from the Mining History Association for the Washington Mine Milling Exhibit. Developed by long-time volunteers and historians Rick Hague and Rich Skovlin, the milling exhibit highlights how ore was milled and concentrated for final processing - from large chunks of rock to the consistency of fine sand. The Beselme-Orrell Award was established in 2013 to recognize outstanding achievements which have demonstrably contributed to the understanding and appreciation of our mining heritage.
- Updated our Breckenridge 1888 virtual reality experience with next generation headsets and captioning for improved accessibility.
- Launched a new archives website, breckhistoryarchives. org. Users can now search more than 1,000 digital records and download many archival resources, including public domain photographs, free of charge.
- Completed several important maintenance projects, including constructing a new deck at the Edwin Carter Museum, repainting the Briggle House, repairing exhibits at the Iowa Hill Hydraulic Placer Mine Interpretive Trail, replacing aging play features at the Highline Railroad Park and buttoning up the Giger Barn at the Lomax Mine.
- Extended the Breckenridge ski history exhibit, "Sharing Stories Through Objects," through 2023 due to its popularity. As part of the exhibit, visitors are encouraged to share their own Breckenridge Ski Resort memory or story.
- 20 professional history interpreters offered more than 1,400 museum days and guided tours to the public. Many of our frontline employees have been sharing local history for more than a decade.
- Celebrated a "Save" designation for the Reiling Dredge by Colorado Preservation Inc. The dredge was listed on the statewide Endangered Places list in 2014. A "Save" represents years of hard work to preserve the structure.

# BAWDY BRECKENRIDGE TOUR

"Jen is an incredibly charismatic guide and made my walk-through Breckenridge's seedier side so much fun and informative. She clearly has a passion for sharing local history and I couldn't have had a better experience. Thanks so much for sharing local lore and promoting interest in history. Thanks for what you do."

"Gail was an outstanding tour guide, historian, storyteller and just marvelous. I loved the tour! Thank you!"





#### HIKE HOME WITH A MINER

"Leigh, our guide, met us and took us on a journey.

It was wonderful and informative. We would highly recommend it."

#### HIKE THE GOLDEN HORSESHOE

"Jim did an excellent job of explaining the history of gold mining. We had a great, scenic hike where he thoroughly explained the history of the area."





#### **TOMBSTONE TALES TOUR**

"June was very friendly and knowledgeable. She did a great job and we enjoyed every moment of our tour."

### **EDWIN CARTER MUSEUM**

"Small and authentic museum, the 20 minute movie is a must see."





### **WELCOME CENTER MUSEUM**

"I really enjoyed the 60 Years of Breck Ski Resort History at the Welcome Center – it could have been 3 times the size and I still would have wanted to see more.

Loved the tour! Thank you!"

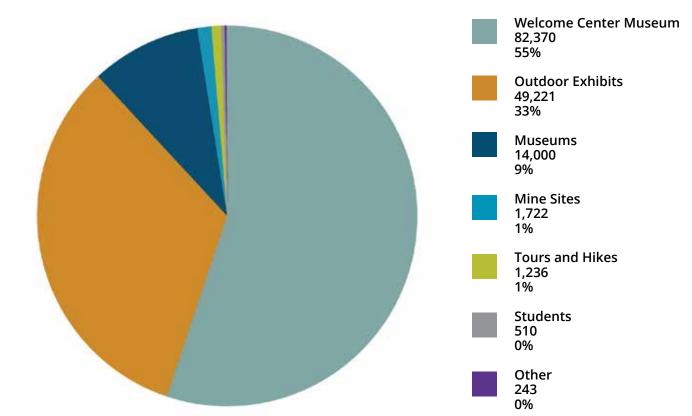
# **2022 FINANCIALS**

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Operations Grants	\$ 4,000
Town of Breckenridge Operating Support	600,000
General Donations & Other Income	7,512
Museum Donations & Tour Income	79,165
Merchandise Sales	2,647
n-Kind Income (Operations)	29,275
Total Operations Income	722,599
Completed Capital Projects Income Completed Capital Projects In-Kind Income	190,576 8,500
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 921,675
EXPENSES	
Business Expenses	\$ 43,417
Inventory	2,657
Museum & Site Facility Expenses	70,165
Program & Event Expenses	8,824
Payroll, Taxes and Benefits	514,805
Archives Expenses	30,298
In-Kind Expenses (Operations)	29,275
Advertising	13,639
Total Operations Expenses	713,080
Completed Capital Projects Expenses Completed Capital Projects Expenses In Kind Expenses	190,576 8,500
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 912,156
NET INCOME	\$ 9,519

#### **2022 VISITORS AT A GLANCE**



#### **2022 VISITOR DESTINATIONS**



#### **2022 OFFERINGS**

#### **MUSEUMS AND EXHIBITS**

**Welcome Center Museum Barney Ford Museum Edwin Carter Museum** Washington Mine and Milling Site **Breckenridge Sawmill Museum High Line Railroad Park** 

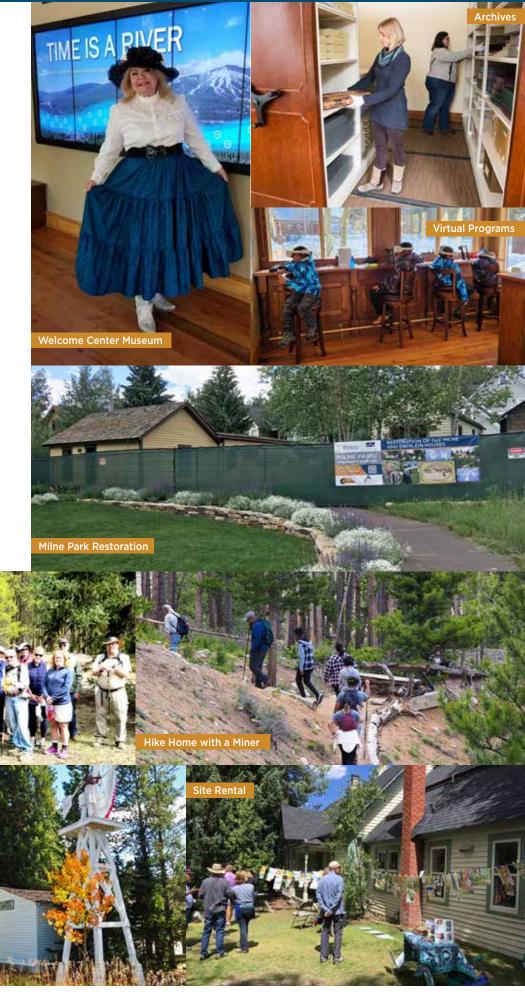
#### **TOURS AND ACTIVITIES**

Walk Through History Tour **Bawdy Breckenridge Tour Tombstone Tales Tour** Hike Home with a Miner **Hike the Golden Horseshoe Gold Panning at Lomax Gulch** 

#### **AND MORE**

High Line Railroad Park

**Breckenridge History Archives Student Tours Site Rentals Special Events** 



# GOLD PANNING AT LOMAX GULCH

"The tour guides
were both great. It
was very educational
and the guides were
knowledgeable and
engaging. So much
fun! My daughter had
a wonderful time and
is looking forward to
going back."

"Isaac was kind and patient with our littles. We all had a great time panning and even managed to find a few flakes."



# BARNEY FORD MUSEUM

"More people need to know about this story! Go and expand your understanding of an amazing person with perseverance."

"I absolutely love history so walking upon this house was awesome. Sherrie was very informative! Such a cool house to tour and learn about."

"An unexpected gem.
The staff is highly
knowledgeable and
friendly. Would highly
recommend a visit to
this house museum."

