

COLORADO SPRINGS PIONEERS MUSEUM 2023 TRANSFORMATION



SAM EPPLEY



Right inside the front door of the 1903 El Paso County Courthouse is a brass plaque with my father's name on it. The plaque was set in place in 1979 to mark the re-dedication of the building as the new home of the Colorado Springs Pioneers Museum (CSPM). Samuel M. Eppley served on the museum board at the time and was one of countless residents that worked to save the courthouse and move the museum. I feel great pride every time I see his name, and I also have a sense of responsibility for the ongoing success of the CSPM.

This annual report tells the story of an unusual and extraordinary year for the museum. Through the hard work and dedication of the CSPM staff, board members, volunteers, and supporters, we've remained focused on our mission amid the largest capital construction project since the 1970s. Even with our main building closed since last July, we've pursued our ambitious public outreach programs and engaged over 70,000 visitors in 2023. To do this, we moved into a new temporary home with brand new exhibits. In the main building we moved or protected every exhibit and storage area to make way for construction. We committed to creating vastly improved climate conditions to better preserve our sensitive collections. We also raised more than a million dollars—a record-breaking figure—to support these efforts and to expand how the CSPM can share Pikes Peak regional history for generations to come.

This 2023 Annual Report recounts a transformative year in the museum's 127-year history. Like my dad, I'm thrilled to be associated with the great work and ambitious goals of our regional history museum. My sincere appreciation to everyone that supports the museum's success.



Sam Eppley
Board President

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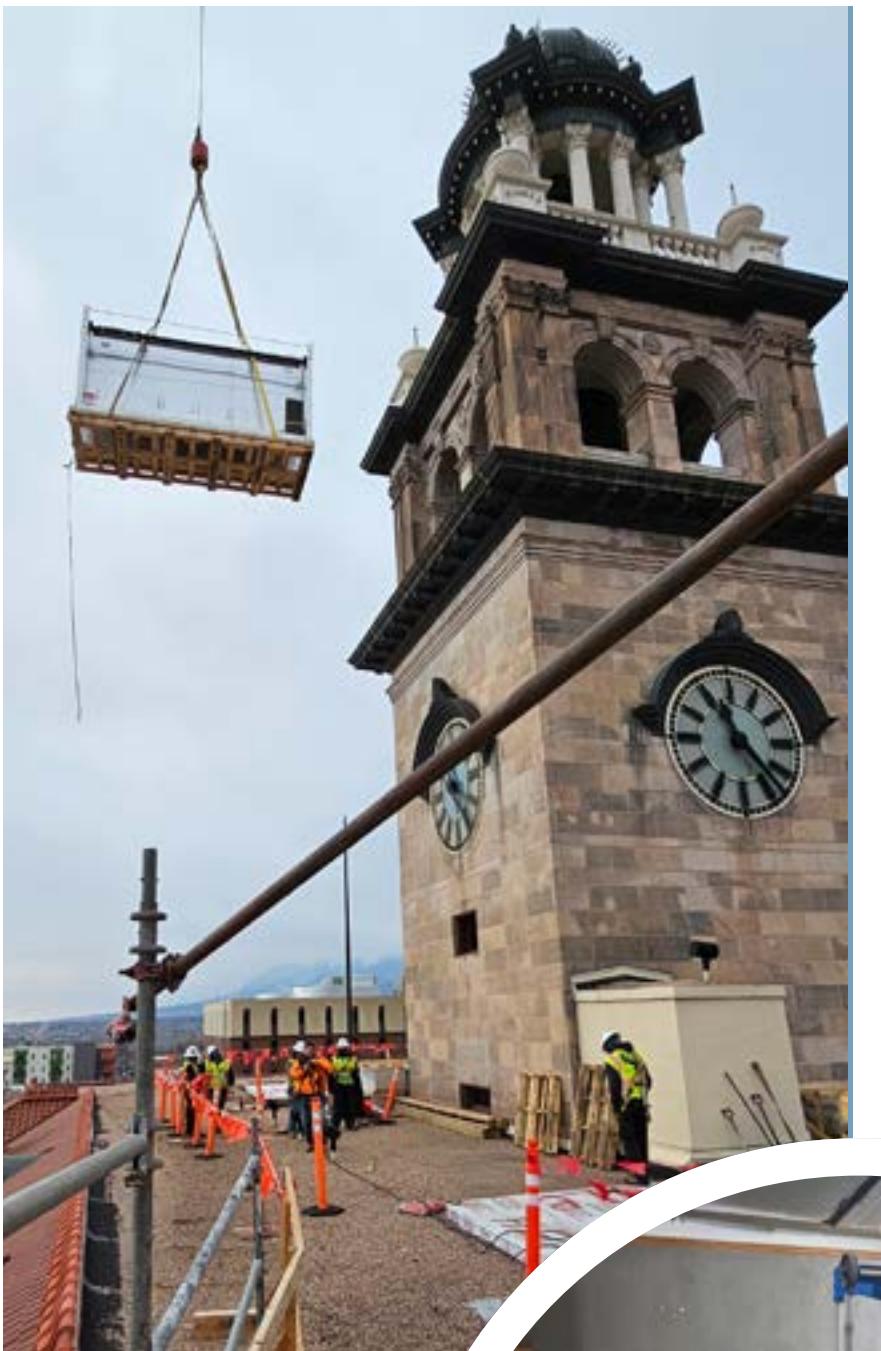
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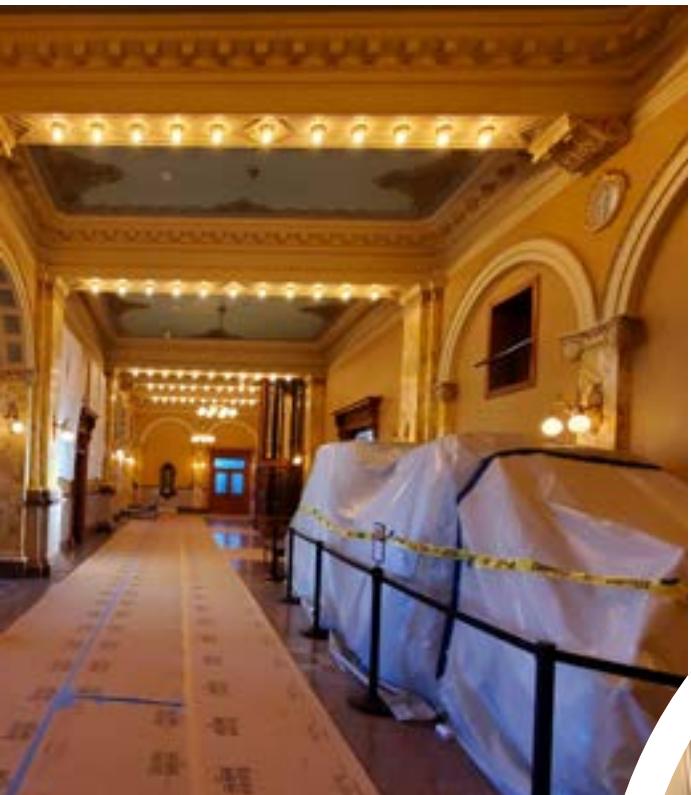


A HISTORIC PROJECT: BY THE NUMBERS



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This transformative endeavor is not just shaping the museum's future, but also leaving behind a lasting legacy for generations to come, ensuring that the vibrant history of the Pikes Peak region continues to inspire and educate. I'm excited that my children, and future generations, will have the opportunity to enjoy the museum just as I have, immersing themselves in the stories and treasures of our past."

*– Sarah McGuinness,
Past President, CSPM Board*



A HISTORIC PROJECT: BY THE NUMBERS

100%
of the historic 1903 El Paso County Courthouse was impacted by the HVAC Project



23,000
CONSTRUCTION HOURS



500+
archival boxes purchased for collection moves



\$6.5M
DOLLAR CAPITAL PROJECT

33
EXHIBITS, COLLECTION AREAS, AND OFFICES DEINSTALLED



6,500
feet of fire alarm cable installed

16 TONS
OF GRAVEL REMOVED FROM THE ROOF



7,450
OBJECTS MOVED



50
PROJECT PARTNERS



3
INDUSTRIAL HEATERS PUMPING HOT AIR INTO THE BUILDING DURING CONSTRUCTION

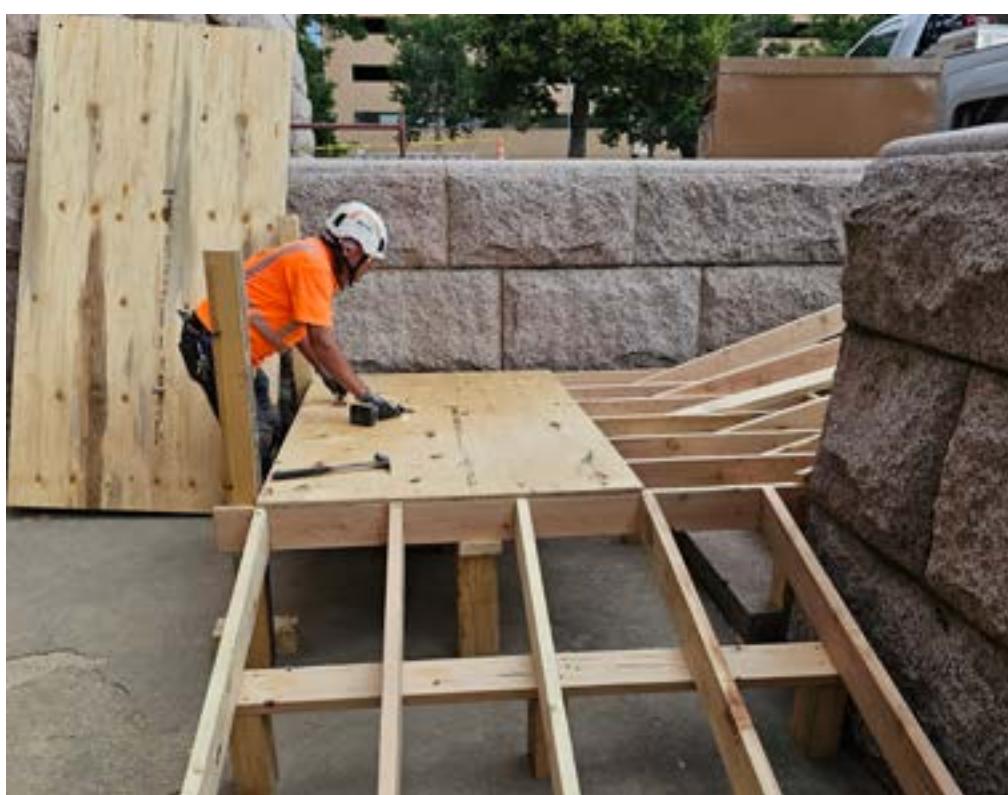
5.5 MILES
OF ELECTRICAL WIRING INSTALLED

ENCLOSURE
BUILT AROUND THE HELEN HUNT JACKSON HOUSE TO PROTECT IT IN PLACE

93
CUBIC FEET OF ARCHIVAL MATERIALS MOVED



A HISTORIC PROJECT: THE PROCESS



“HVAC is the main line of defense to preserve our collections. Keeping a consistent temperature and humidity is critical to us and it also makes our visitors comfortable.”

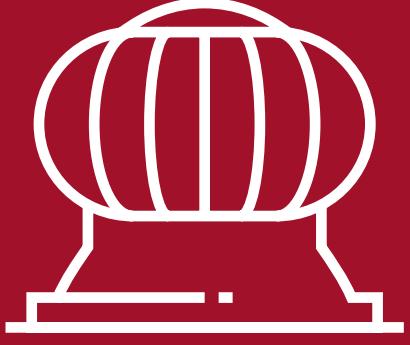
– Matt Mayberry, CSPM Director



A HISTORIC PROJECT: BY THE NUMBERS

18,000
LINEAR FEET OF
CONDUIT




52,000
pounds of ductwork
installed


\$1M
fundraised through
private donations

50
project
partners



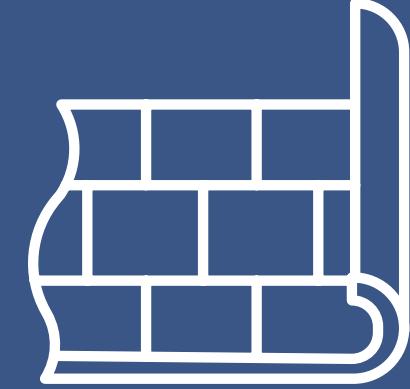
contributed
23,000
hours

60
gallons of
paint used




2,200
pounds of roof
hatches installed

340
ROOF CLAY
TILES
REMOVED &
REINSTALLED




5
months
OF CONSTRUCTION WORK IN 2023


ONE QUARTER MILLION-POUND
CRANE WITH A BOOM
REACHING
190 FT. HIGH


5,500
HOURS
from CSPM Staff to
protect our building,
our collections, and
our exhibits in 2023

**AND THE
WORK
CONTINUES...**

CONTINUING OUR MISSION: SEEING IT WORK

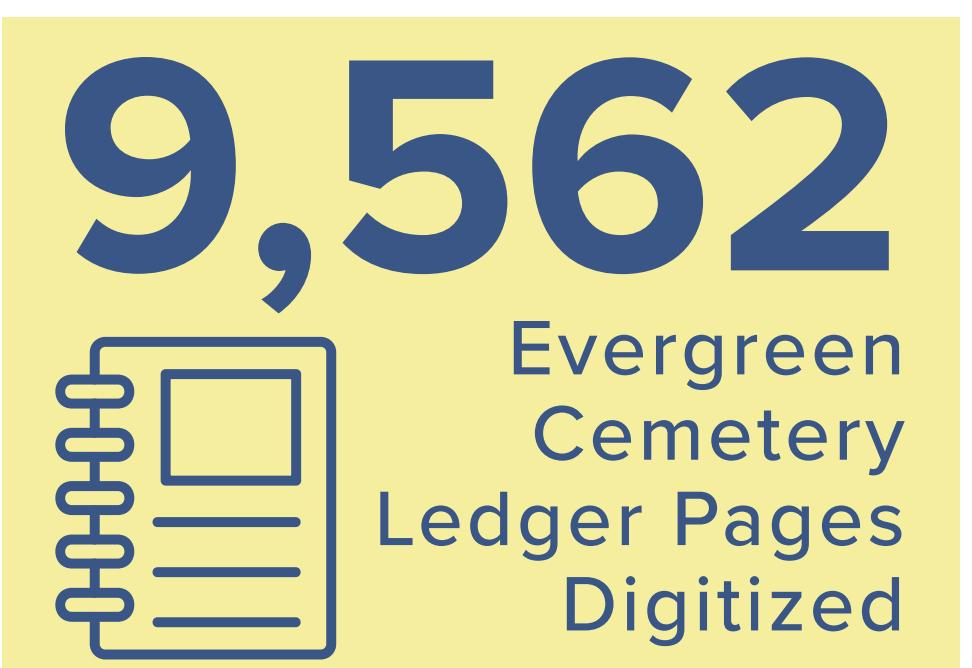


“During the closure of the museum building, CSPM Staff and Board wanted to maintain a presence by hosting our most popular programs out in the community. Our programs always draw attendees to engage with local history during a normal year, but we were blown away by the positive response we received.”

*– John Harner, PhD,
Programs Committee Chair*



CONTINUING OUR MISSION: BY THE NUMBERS

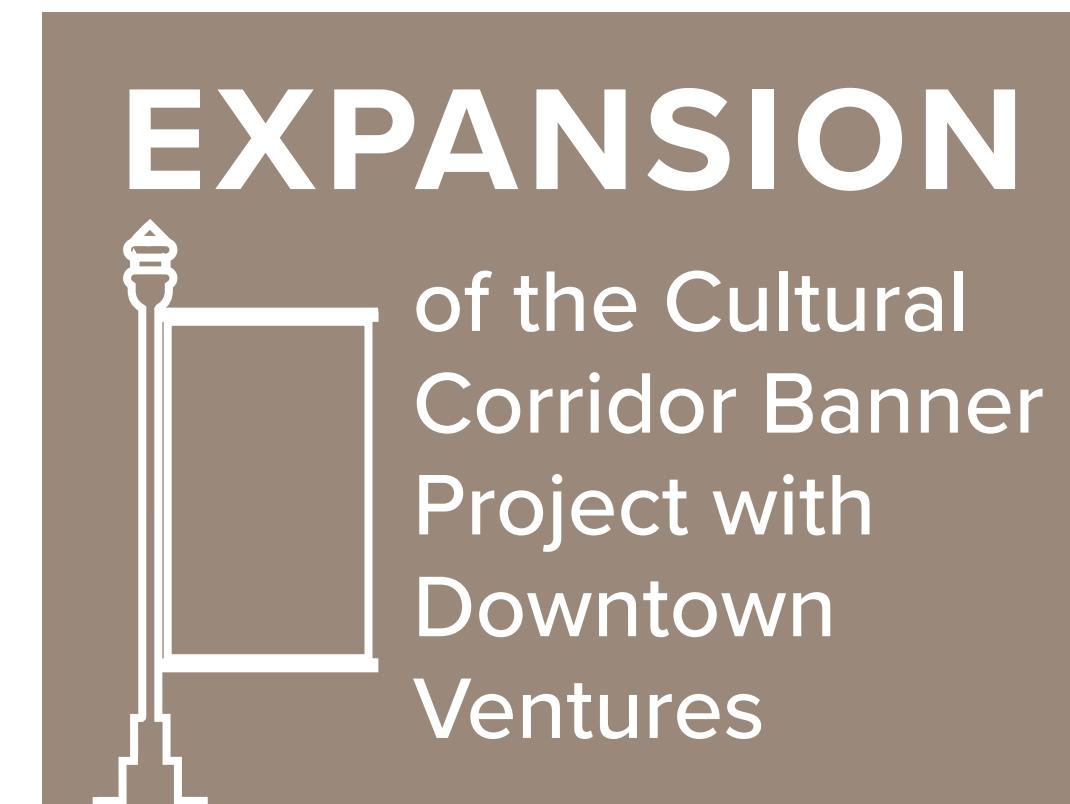
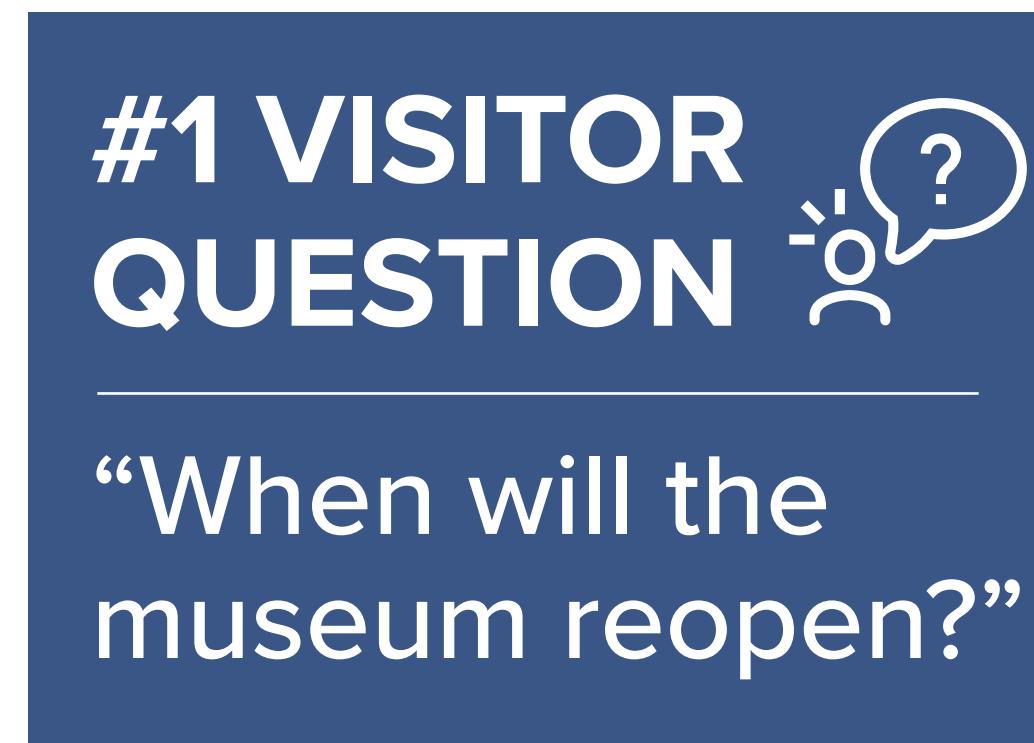


CONTINUING OUR MISSION: SEEING IT WORK



66 My 5 year old son and I attend the Little Learners Program! We're very impressed how seamless the transition to the CSPM Annex has been during the museum renovations.”

— Meghann Amerine,
Little Learner Parent



THANK YOU FOR MAKING AN IMPACT

THANK YOU

THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS
FINANCIAL SUPPORTERS WHO MAKE
AN IMPACT AT THE CSPM EVERY DAY!

\$50,000+

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\$25,000 - \$49,999

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In 2023, we raised
\$1.2 MILLION

from **667** supporters to
invest in the
MUSEUM'S MISSION AND TRANSFORMATION

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Project

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