

# Downtown Spotlight

## Don't Forget to Buy Local!

This is a time of change, and difficult decisions. Our desire to meet as a membership in our monthly general meeting is strong, and the monthly meetings are greatly missed. Yet we are concerned for the safety of the membership, and meeting together now will make many members fearful. Due to the current status of restrictions in place in our community, the board of directors for the Pueblo Downtown Association has decided to not have a meeting in August. We will work towards having a meeting on September 24th should restrictions change. We, like all of you, are hopeful for more positive news in dealing with the virus. We want to see your faces and renew those friendships we have through the Pueblo Downtown Association. Looking forward to seeing all those smiles again!

Change can generate great new ideas, and add different perspectives on our lives, both professional and personal. Some of the businesses hit hardest by the closures and limited customer interaction have been incredibly creative. They have created new ways to stay afloat and, in some cases, have prospered during these difficult times. Congratulations to those businesses that have made lemonade from lemons. The Downtown Association

encourages all the membership to make every effort to support our local businesses when they need it the most. It is true not all the things we want to buy are available locally, that is expected, but most of what we want is available locally! We encourage every Pueblo resident to change their mindset to buying locally before considering getting it online. So many of our neighbors were forced to close. Now they are open and need the support of the community.

It is true that sometimes you can find good savings online vs. locally. That little bit of savings can help us forget that your **online dollars spent do not support the Pueblo community**. We forget the online purchase does not help maintain roads, provide essential services such as police and fire, or any of the other services we enjoy in this great city. The tax dollars received by the city from buying locally are the means to keeping this city great and even make it better!

Please think locally when purchasing your items or services and support our business neighbors and Pueblo. Please make every effort to find those things you want here, locally. Your money spent locally is HUGE for your community.

## Board Officers Announced

In the July 16th board meeting the following board members were appointed officers in the board. T.J. Wright—President, Mike Carlisle—Vice-President—Membership, Nicole Valdez—Vice-Presi-

dent—Promotions, Alexandria Romero—Treasurer. The Secretary duties will be handled by the Executive Director. Thanks to Tammy Fesmire for her many years of service as our Secretary.

Left to right:  
T.J. Wright  
Mike Carlisle  
Nicole Valdez  
Alexandria Romero



# Downtown Happenings

## Sangre de Cristo Arts Center

210 N. Santa Fe Ave. Admission \$10 adults, \$8 children & seniors (65+). Arts Center members always free Open Wed.-Sat. 10 a.m.-noon and 1-3 p.m. Advance timed tickets are required, even for members at [sdc-arts.org](http://sdc-arts.org); masks must be worn for 3 and over. For the latest information visit [www.sdc-arts.org](http://www.sdc-arts.org).

### Art Exhibits

Through May 9, 2021: *Inspiration: Dale Chihuly, James Mongrain and Vintage Venetian Glass from the George R. Stoemle Collection*

Through Sept. 30: *Fumio Sawa: Meditations on Truth and Beauty*

Through Nov. 28: *Difficult History*

Through Jan. 17, 2021: *Line + Shape + Color + Noise*

Through Dec. 6: *A Spirit of Tradition*

Through May 9, 2021: *Art Glass from around the Region*

### Buell Children's Museum

Through Jan. 9, 2021: *Adventures in Art From Pyramids to Printing Presses*

### Special Events:

Friday, Sept. 4: 11 a.m.-7 p.m. | Rent Day/First Friday Art Walk (free)

Wednesday, Sept. 9: 10 a.m.-12 p.m. | Sensory Friendly Morning

Saturday, Sept. 12 – 10 a.m.-3 p.m. | Community Access Day (free admission except White Gallery – ½ price)

## Pueblo Heritage Museum

Victoria & B Street. [www.theheritagecenter.us](http://www.theheritagecenter.us) In the 1924 Denver & Rio Grande Western Freight Depot near historic Union Depot and the Railway Foundation Museum. Exhibits of historical, cultural groups of southeastern Colorado. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tues.-Sat. Adults \$6, Senior & Military w/ID \$5, 6-12 \$4, Heritage Center members and under 5 free. 295-1517 or website for tours and information.

Ongoing: 100 Years of Scouting, celebrating the Rocky Mountain Council's history in Pueblo.

Digitized Tours: Ladies of the Night tours now available via smartphone. Check the website or stop by the gift shop for tickets.

## Pueblo County Historical Society Research Library

[www.pueblohistory.org](http://www.pueblohistory.org) 543-6772. 203 W. B Street, 2nd floor. Learn about the history of Pueblo, Southern Colorado, the people who called it home and the businesses they built. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tues.- Thurs., 10 - 1 Fri. or by appointment.

## Impossible Playhouse

1201 N. Main St., 542-6969, [impossibleplayers.org](http://impossibleplayers.org), & on Facebook. Available for community rentals, call 542-6969.

## Pueblo Convention Center

City Center Drive & Main. For information about events or to book space call 542-1100 or online [puebloconventioncenter.com](http://puebloconventioncenter.com).

Aug 21-23 Just Between Friends Consignment Sale

Sept 10 Pueblo Chamber Business During Lunch

Memorial Hall is still closed at the moment.

*Note these events are published so that businesses in the area will know who will be in the area. We encourage retailers and restaurants to make these folk feel welcome in the area.*

## People also find us on the Internet!

[PuebloDowntown.com](http://PuebloDowntown.com)

July page views 316 Unique visitors 181

[PuebloParadeofLights.com](http://PuebloParadeofLights.com)

July page views 112 Unique visitors 105

We provide links to member websites from ours; if we don't have yours, send it to us & we will gladly add a link to your site.

## Steel City Theatre Company

241 S. Santa Fe Ave., Ticket information [www.steelcitytheatre.org](http://www.steelcitytheatre.org) or 994-8298.

The Stage Door Patio – opens Thursday, August 27 (taking reservations now) Sept. 3, 4, 5, 6 at 7:30 p.m. A Midsummer Night's Dream

## The Pueblo Arts Alliance

Find maps and information about news and activities in the Creative Corridor at [PuebloArts.org](http://PuebloArts.org), follow on [facebook.com/PuebloArts](https://facebook.com/PuebloArts), [facebook.com/PuebloCreativeCorridor](https://facebook.com/PuebloCreativeCorridor) or call 242-6632 or 855-543-2430.

Pueblo Arts Alliance will be hosting a "The Fight: a Retrospective of Social Justice in Pueblo" show with a guest panel of curators on Friday, September 4.

The Art Hub 410 roof replacement will soon be in full swing and is expected to be completed by the end of September.

Congratulations goes out to Bernice Barnes for her recent promotion to President of Pueblo Art Guild!

Stop by The Downtown Bar, during business hours, to view the "Survey of Life and Land" art show by Mo Keenan-Mason and Steve Mason. The show will be available for viewing from August 12 through September.

Join The Party People & Theatre of Mystery for "The Corona Killer Murder Mystery" on August 13, August 14, August 15, August 21, or August 22. Please RSVP by calling 719-582-1490.

Join Pueblo Heritage Museum for a Women's Suffrage drive "Past" parade on August 22 from 10 to 10:30 a.m.

The Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests have teamed up with Colorado Creative Industries and will be providing one large and 70 small holiday trees for the U.S. Capital 2020 Holiday season. They are asking for hand-made, by Colorado Creatives, ornaments to adorn the tree. All entries need to be dropped off to the Pueblo Arts Alliance by August 21, 2020 no later than 1 p.m. Size and theme specifications: 4" x 6" up to 9" by 12" please do not add logos to the ornaments. Suggested themes are Smokey Bear, uniquely Colorado, agriculture, wildlife, plants/flowers, recreation, mining, water, dinosaurs and fossils, and places we love. More information can be found at <https://www.uscapitolchristmastree.com>

Impact Youth Initiative has teamed up with City of Pueblo Parks and Recreation for a beautification project at Vinewood Park. Look for more details soon!

Impact Youth Initiative and Pueblo Libraries are wrapping up "Making Change." This was a five week course offered virtually with the option of borrowing a laptop and hotspot to attend.

Pueblo Arts Alliance Studios is working diligently to offer smaller studio spaces! Rent ranges from \$165-\$2000 a month. If you are looking for a creative space give them a call at 719-242-6652.

## Memorial Hall

S. Main & Grand. 866-722-8844. [pueblomemorialhall.com](http://pueblomemorialhall.com). Tickets on sale now.

## El Pueblo History Museum

301 N. Union. Call 583-0453. Mon., Wed., Fri., Sat. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Thurs. 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Sun. 12-4 p.m. \$5 adults, \$4 seniors, children 6-12, students with ID. "Family Saturdays" children 12 & under—free. For docent-led tours for groups of 10 or more, contact the museum office at least one week in advance.

## Center for American Values

101 S. Main, Riverwalk level, 543-9502. Sign up for event reminders at [americanvaluescenter.org](http://americanvaluescenter.org). Open 10-4 daily, free to visit. World Trade Center Steel memorial at Center's entrance is a powerful reminder of the everyday heroes who gave so much on that tragic day. Main Gallery features "The Portraits of Valor," an inspiring collection of 140+ portraits of America's greatest heroes, the Medal of Honor recipients. Center is proud to be the only location outside the Pentagon where the portraits are on public display. Center also provides its nationally acclaimed HIP Character & Leadership Education at no cost, call for information or to schedule field trips or organizational visits. All Medal of Honor books & DVDs are on sale, a perfect inspirational gift for graduates, veterans or anyone who loves the community & country.

## Business & Technology Center

3rd & Main, Lobby & Atrium areas

Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Artwork by local artists. Art is for sale.

# Downtown Happenings

## Special Events

**Wine Tasting on hold until further notice**, Fridays 4-6 p.m., Saturdays 1-4 p.m. 4 different wines each day. 80/Twenty Wines. Cheese from Springside Cheese.

**Downtown Social Shuffle**, Wednesdays 6:30 p.m., 5K run or 2 mile walk. Meet at Senate Bar, 219 S. Grand Ave.

## 5th & Main Art Gallery

 Historic Federal Building

### SRDA

220 N. Union Ave, call 553-3445 for information about all events. Programs, exercise equipment and fitness classes for seniors at all ability levels. Bicycle rentals and share program is open to all Mon.-Fri. 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Closed until Covid 19 rules relaxed. Recreation Dept. is currently CLOSED due to Covid - 19. No classes or activities are happening at this moment. Startup depends on when SRDA reopens. Also, all outside activity startup, like AARP - Driver Safety classes will be determined by their national office. Call our Center for more information at (719) 553-3445. For Matter of Balance information please call Jane at 719-543-0100.

## Rosemount Museum

14th & Grand, 545-5290. [rosemount.org](http://rosemount.org). This 126-year-old Victorian mansion built by prominent Pueblo businessman John A. Thatcher for his family. The 37-room, 24,000 sq. ft. home was completed in 1893, on Pueblo's northern edge. Thatcher's youngest son Raymond was the last family member to live in the home. When he passed away in 1968 the home became a museum. Over 85% of the furnishings and artifacts are original to the John Thatcher family. Open Tues.-Sat. Tours begin at 10 a.m.; last tour of the day begins at 3 p.m. Closed major holidays. To book a group tour contact the museum.

## Pueblo Ice Arena

 1st & Grand, 553-2730, [coolicepueblo.com](http://coolicepueblo.com)

Call for information on birthday parties and skating lessons. Punch cards available! \$35 includes 10 admissions, 10 skate rentals and 5 free visits.

All activities have not resumed, please call or check website for information.

## Paint n Bubbly Social Art & Wine Studio

223 N. Santa Fe Ave. [www.paintnbubbly.com](http://www.paintnbubbly.com)

Space available for parties, reunions and more—with or without a painting party.

## Pueblo's Riverwalk

[puebloriverwalk.org](http://puebloriverwalk.org) Explore the Historic Arkansas Riverwalk in beautiful Downtown. Enjoy a drink and a great meal on the patio of one of our Riverwalk restaurants. Go to our website for information or call 719-595-0242. Stay up to date on Riverwalk happenings by following @puebloriverwalk on Facebook and Instagram.

Check out the winter schedule for boat operations at [puebloriverwalk.org](http://puebloriverwalk.org).

## Small Business Development Center

121 W. City Center Dr., Suite 150., 549-3224. [www.coloradosbdc.org](http://www.coloradosbdc.org). Email SBDC@pueblocc.edu.

The Southern Colorado SBDC has many live virtual and on-demand virtual classes on their website! Register at [www.southerncoloradosbdc.org](http://www.southerncoloradosbdc.org). They are free classes for business owners and entrepreneurs.

SBDC CEO Leading Edge- Aug. 18 – Oct. 13, 2020- \$100- Register at [www.southerncoloradosbdc.org](http://www.southerncoloradosbdc.org)

**Graffiti Hotline**  
**553-2501**

**Put it in your phone!**



## Pueblo Downtown Association

Dates for upcoming membership meetings. Locations, times, programs are subject to change. For sponsorship information for other meetings, call Margaret Ward-Masias at 543-7155.

August – canceled

Sept. 24, 11:45 a.m., Angelo's Pizza-Riverwalk

Oct. 22

Nov. 21, 8:30 a.m.



## PDA Office Hours:

Monday & Tuesday 1-5:30 p.m.

Wednesday - closed

Thursday & Friday 1-5:30 p.m..

## Convention Program

The Pueblo Downtown Association has a program aimed at getting conventioners into downtown retailers. The Association will present \$10 Downtown Dollar certificates to most conventions which come to the Convention Center. The "Dollars" feature the names of all of our retail and restaurant members, giving the recipients a wider choice for shopping and spending in the area. Redemption instructions are printed on the certificates. Call Margaret at the Downtown Association office, 543-7155 for information.

## Matching Funds Available for Sidewalks, Outdoor Security Cameras

It's time to make needed repairs and improvements to your property. If your sidewalks are deteriorating, we can help. The Pueblo Downtown Association has created a pool of matching funds for sidewalk replacement for its members we will match two percent per year of paid membership up to 10 years, or 20%, of the job cost. There is a \$1,500 cap on the match.

We provide a of match for the installation of outdoor security cameras. The match is two percent for each year of paid membership up to 10 years. We cap the match at \$1,000, but we also will provide an instant \$20 match to any member even a brand new one. One other condition of the match is that you agree to provide access to the record if the police department requests it.

## Convention Center Display Case schedule for 2020

August – Sangre de Cristo Arts Center

September – Angelo's Pizza

October – Pueblo Welcome Center

November – 80/Twenty Wines

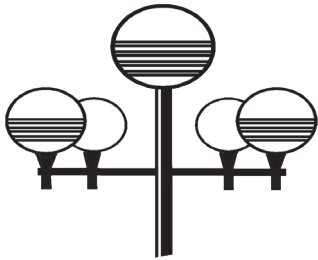
December – Rosemount Museum

January 2021 – Re/Max of Pueblo

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## Communication Is a Two-Way Street

These interesting times we are in provide an opportunity for better communication as a membership. We would love to hear from you, the membership, regarding anything that pertains to the membership. You can contact us by phone at 543-7155, or email at [office@pueblodowntown.com](mailto:office@pueblodowntown.com).

Even though we are not mask to mask, we can still share our thoughts and ideas. You hear from us through the newsletter, now we need to hear from you. Your feedback is vital to the strength of the organization. We want to do what is right for the Association. We can only do well for the membership when the membership communicates their thoughts. Obviously, we cannot please everyone's idea of how a thing should be done, but we can use that feedback in making great decisions as a board. I must reaffirm to all the readers, our current board of the Downtown Association understands their responsibilities and they are committed to making good decisions for the membership of the Association.

Here is the test! If you are reading this, you are now challenged to ACT! and send us your opinion. We know you are busy, but it will take 10 minutes tops! Send it to [office@pueblodowntown.com](mailto:office@pueblodowntown.com)

We are seeking your feedback on the very newsletter you are reading. Will you answer some questions? Please let us know your thoughts on the following questions-

1. Should we eliminate the printed, physical, mailed-to-you newsletter and go to an electronic version that would be sent to your email address?
2. Approximately what percent of the newsletter do you read?
3. What parts of the Newsletter do you enjoy reading?
4. What things are not included in the newsletter you think would be good for the membership.

Thank you in advance for your response.

## Coming Soon, "Spotlight" on Members

The "Walk Through Time" feature on page 6 was an excellent monthly piece written by Margaret Ward-Masias. It is too good to replicate and it would be a discredit to Margaret for me to try. Maybe we can bribe her to write some more of these pieces later.

Instead of the Walk Through Time piece, we have this idea of "Spotlighting" the different members of the Association. Many of our members cannot get away from their business to attend the general meetings; yet are contributors to the Association and our various causes. It will be a way for the entire association to meet the membership. Over the next months we will be reaching out to you to ask you these questions and print them in the Newsletter. You can send in your answers to the questions before we reach out if you want and we will print them sometime. If you

want to email them, along with a picture to [office@pueblodowntown.com](mailto:office@pueblodowntown.com), that would be most helpful!

There are 4 questions we will ask everyone to help us get to know them better.

1. What brought you to Pueblo, or if you are a native, what keeps you in Pueblo?
2. What is the elevator version of your business and your role in it?
3. What is your specialty product or service that we should know about?
4. What is one positive thing you have gained from the 2020 pandemic?