



Everybody Welcome

COLORADO SPRINGS
diversity forum

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EVERYBODY WELCOME: A Celebration of Culture and Diversity Week 2011 MEDIA KIT

VISION

EVERYBODY WELCOME

MISSION

connect include engage

VALUES

Integrity, Justness, Individuality, Courage, Perseverance, Teamwork

Obtained goal of National recognition for Colorado Springs as an inclusive community by 2010

*First Place Winner of the National League of Cities
2010 NBC-LEO City Cultural Diversity Award*

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CSDF Background

CSDF was founded in 2005 by a small group of civic leaders who came together to explore the contribution diversity and inclusion can make to our community.

Our strategy is to build on the positive work and influence of the diverse cultures that contribute to the social and business structure of our city. We recognize that positive diversity practices enhance economic vitality, promote business success, and improve the quality of life for current and future citizens of Colorado Springs.

The membership of CSDF is comprised of representatives from public, private, nonprofit, and education sectors. Members of the Forum actively support the mission of the organization financially, with volunteer hours and in action. Our meetings and events are open to all those interested in participating.

CSDF promotes the practice of inclusivity through education programs and networking opportunities. We recognize successful diversity practices with awards and we host an annual celebration of diversity and inclusion.

We educate our community on a variety of current diversity and inclusion topics at general membership meetings, quarterly workshops, seminars and speakers and conferences. We coordinate roundtables and dialogue with diverse populations to develop a strong membership network of relevant institutional, educational and community organizations with a common purpose surrounding issues of diversity and inclusion. We offer a free Resource Guide for Small to Mid-Sized Businesses. CSDF builds relationships, communicates with, researches and aids in improving and promoting healthy diversity and inclusion practices within and related to our local government.

Each August the Colorado Springs Diversity Forum, along with a multitude of community partners, hosts *Everybody Welcome: a Celebration of Culture and Diversity Week*. This celebration connects our community to the area's historic champions of diversity and inclusion; includes education on best practices and celebrates businesses and organizations demonstrating and promoting diversity and inclusion in internal operations and civic engagement; and engages the community by showcasing the diversity of area performers, artisans, cultural craftsmen through distinct activities and exhibits, educating the community wherein difference is looked upon as an asset and where curiosity and a desire to engage are the first response to difference.

In 2007, Colorado Springs Diversity Forum set a goal to achieve National recognition of Colorado Springs as an inclusive community by 2010. We set the National League of Cities, City Cultural Diversity Award as the measurement for that goal. In March of 2010 the City of Colorado Springs won First Place, National League of Cities NBC-LEO 2010 City Cultural Diversity Award for the 2009 Everybody Welcome: A Celebration of Culture and Diversity!

In March of 2010, Colorado Springs Diversity Forum was selected as a partner in Sister City 50th Anniversary Celebration! In August 2012, the Colorado Springs Diversity Forum will partner with the City of Fujiyoshida, City of Colorado Springs, Japan America Society of Southern Colorado, and Colorado Springs Sister City Committee to celebrate 50 years of friendship and collaboration. The 2012 Everybody Welcome: a Celebration of Culture and Diversity will feature a re-creation of the Yoshida (Fire) Himatsuri Festival, considered one of Japan's most unique historical commemorations.

Diversity is Good Business. Diversity is its Own Reward

Connect: Individual Membership in Colorado Springs Diversity Forum is a powerful experience, one we can share with others. CSDF provides opportunities for its members to develop interpersonal skills, express their individuality, and support one another's unique contributions to our community. Becoming an individual member of CSDF makes a statement about the strength of your values and the importance of having a voice. Every achievement and celebration becomes a personal accomplishment. Each challenge becomes a personal investment in our communal future.

Include: Business Membership in Colorado Springs Diversity Forum provides many rich rewards. Every business in the Pikes Peak region shares the same talent pool, the same benefits and concerns, the same cultural landscape. CSDF provides a forum for discussion and a platform for community dialog on diversity. On this basis, Forum members are better able to plan the human and financial resources necessary to reach their goals and objectives. The stronger CSDF is the stronger our community is, and the better positioned to compete in the global marketplace.

Engage: Sponsorship of Colorado Springs Diversity Forum initiatives underscores the importance of what CSDF brings to the region. Large and small entities alike make powerful allies for diversity in every aspect of community life and in every enterprise. CSDF initiatives reach into all parts of the community, drawing participation across social, cultural, and generational lines. Individuals come to know your organization through the CSDF lens, improving their understanding of your commitment to the community: we lift each other up when we partner to discover and celebrate our diversity. Every cent of your sponsorship is invested in doing just that.

2011 Schedule of Events

August 7th-13th, 2011

Details and ticket information for all events can be found at www.cospdiversityforum.org

Everybody Welcome: A Celebration of Culture and Diversity connects the Colorado Springs community to our history of inclusivity, includes the many facets of our community to engage in dialogue, education and celebration of the rich diversity in our community

FESTIVAL

Sunday, Aug. 7, 2011

Time 10AM - 4PM

Location America the Beautiful Park

FREE family event!



Roz Otsuka Photography

Bring a lawn chair or blanket and enjoy this showcase of the diversity of talented local performers, artisans, cultural craftsmen through distinct activities & exhibits, to educate the community wherein difference is looked upon as an asset & where curiosity & a desire to engage are the first response to difference.

FEATURING DIVERSE & CULTURAL:

PERFORMANCES on two stages!

Enjoy Maori cultural dance by Pacific Pride and Island Hearts, East Indian dance by the Colorado Springs Indian Community, Senegalise performance by Dallo, African drumming and dance by Oluwaseyi, Halau Ilima, Hawaiian dance, Brazilian & African Samba by Chris Sadeh. Take your turn on stage to learn some of these cultural dances. Groove to the the music of Colorado Springs Indian Community Band, Special Blend, Suga Bear and the Showtime Band, and Lipstick Voodoo and many more...

CONTINENTAL VILLAGES exhibiting local cultural groups, support groups and products for sale.

CHILDREN S PASSPORTS: take a FREE trip around the world and get your passport stamped for completing cultural activities at each continent. Enter a drawing for PRIZES!(up to 16)

ETHNIC FOOD representing a variety of cultures - available for purchase. SOME VENDORS ACCEPT CASH ONLY

CLOSING CEREMONIES

CITY PROCLAMATION in observance of Everybody Welcome: A Celebration of Culture and Diversity Week, August 7th through 13th, 2011

ANNOUNCE 2011 EVENTS

EVERYBODY WELCOME: A CELEBRATION OF CULTURE AND DIVERSITY 2012 featuring the FIRE FESTIVAL in honor of our 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF OUR SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP WITH FUJIYOSHIDA, JAPAN!

Meet students from Fujiyoshida, Japan!

Sample the 2012 Event with performances by: Brian Garner and Kashiwa Ninjutsu Dojo, Sue Davis and Classical Japanese Dancers, Taiko Society

FESTIVAL BOOTHS apply today! [DOWNLOAD APPLICATION](#)

VOLUNTEER AT EVERYBODY WELCOME! [DOWNLOAD SIGN-UP FORM](#)

PERFORMANCE STAGE

- 10:00 AM Oluwaseyi – African Dance
10:25 AM Mizmar Madness – Tribal Belly Dance
10:50 AM Halau Ilima – Hawaiian Dance
11:15 AM Matoska Dancers – Native American Performance
11:40 AM Colores Unidos Dance Group – Mexican Dance
12:05 AM Children's Prize Drawing
12:25 PM Pacific Pride and Island Hearts – Maori Dance
12:45 PM Conjunto Folkloricos Aire de Mi Tierra, Panama- Panamanian Dance
1:10 PM Warren Epstein – Diversity Play
1:35 PM Cris Sadeh & Luciana de Silva Traditional Brazilian Carnival Samba
2:00 PM CS Indian Community – Indian Dance
2:25 PM Attitudes Dance & Performing Arts School – Tap – Hip Hop
2:40 PM Children's Prize Drawing
2:50 PM Closing Ceremony – Council Member Bernie Herpin
Taiko Society
Brian Garner and Kashiwa Bunjimkan Ninjitsu,
3:15 PM – 4:00 PM Sue Davis and Classical Japanese Dancers

BAND STAGE

- 10 am Saptak – Diwali Band
11 AM Special Blend
12:30 PM Children's Prize Drawing
12:45 PM Suga Bear & the Showtime Band – Funk, R&B, Motown
2:15 PM Lipstick Voodoo – Funk, Latin Jam, Motown

Main Stage



10:00 a.m. Oluwaseyi Drum and Dance Ensemble is an up and coming, Colorado Springs based dance and drum company, whose Yoruban name means, "God made this". Oluwaseyi teach and perform traditional rhythms from Senegal, Senegambia, Mali, Ivory Coast and Guinea West Africa.
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10:25 a.m. Mizmar Madness is a professional American Tribal Style Belly Dance troupe founded in 2005 and based in Colorado Springs. Their performance is a dynamic mix of dances styles from various regions and cultures. The eclectic costuming is a similar mix of styles. The troupe celebrates the joy of women who make dance an integral part of their lives. Mizmar Madness is joined today by dancers from the Springs Oasis Dance Troupe.
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10:50 a.m. Halau Ilima

Presents Polynesian Dance based on the traditional style of the Ilima Hula Studio of Honolulu. founded by Na Kumu Luka and Louise Kaleiki in Oahu in the 1950's. "Kumu" Celina Gutierrez-Denton was entrusted with the task to perpetuate the traditions of the award-winning "Ilima Hula Studio" in Colorado. Award-winning Keiki hula dancer Christian 'Koapaka' Gutierrez of the Colorado rootlet discovered his talent in music, singing, playing and teaching guitar, ukulele and leads the "Ilima Band" and other bands of Colorado Springs. Halau has been featured in the Colorado Springs Channel 13's "Good Morning Colorado" multiple times. They perform in various annual events such as the Springspree, Diversity Forum, Denver Dragon Boat Festival, Knights of Columbus the LDS and Villa Sport Lu'au, and Asian Pacific Heritage Month celebration in various military installations. Performs in various occasions such as weddings, birthdays, anniversaries, meetings, school & office functions, etc. Halau sponsors annual Hula and Ori Tahiti workshops since 2006.

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11:15 a.m. Matoska Dancers

11:40 a.m. Colores Unidos Dance Group was originally established in 1991 with the purpose of introducing young girls and boys to the art of traditional Mexican dancing. Since that time, Colores Unidos has had well over 100 members and has performed at venues such as the Colorado State Fair, various Cinco de Mayo festivals, senior centers, schools, the Fine Arts Center, Colorado State Prison and others. Colores Unidos is currently under the direction of Mary Vigil, an original member of the group. The success of Colores Unidos can be attributed to the tireless work of a number of volunteers and the dedication of the dancers. Currently the dance group is supported in part by the Imagination Celebration.

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12:05 p.m. Pacific Pride and Island Hearts

We are Pacific Island Dancers of Colorado Springs. We promote unity among the different cultures through dance, music, and public education activities. We provide a network for ongoing information and activities which assist in encouraging ethnic diversity. This year we will perform Maori and South Pacific Island dances.

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12:30 p.m. Children's Prize Drawing



12:45 p.m. Conjunto Folkloricos Aire de Mi Tierra, Panama

deeply rooted in the lives of the people. Conjunto Folkloricos Aire de Mi Tierra, Panama joins us to Perform Panamanian Folkloric Dance the tamborito. the female dancers are wearing the "panama pollera" which originated in the Spanish dress of the 16th and 17th centuries. the men are wearing "montuno" believed to be inspired by the Indian natives from Panama.

Panamanian Folkloric Dance
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10:50 a.m. Warren Epstein One Man Play



1:35 p.m. Cris Sadeh & Luciana de Silva Traditional Brazilian Carnival Samba

Cris Sadeh was born and raised in Brazil. She is passionate for dance with an extensive background of more than 25 years in Brazilian, Latin, African, Indian, Middle Eastern, and Burlesque dance rhythms, and classical and modern ballet. Cris performs these dance rhythms professionally in the Colorado region and some international countries, and she is the creative founder and director of Brazilian Blondie productions, which successfully produced a play in the 2010 Boulder International Fringe Festival.

Luciana da Silva was born in Brazil where she started her first training in dance genres like Carnival Samba, Flamenco and Bellydance. In 2004 she moved to the US and continued these studies and travelled to Spain in 2006 to advance her training in Flamenco.

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2:10 p.m. The Indian Community of Colorado Springs will take the audience to India, where dance and music pervade all aspects of life and bring color, joy and gaiety to a number of festivals and ceremonies. In fact, dance and music are tied inextricably to festivity of any kind.

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2:25 p.m. Attitudes Dance & Performing Arts School

Betsy - History of Tap - **info coming**

2:50 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. CLOSING CEREMONY

City Proclamation

Events for the week

Sister City Celebration at the 2012 Everybody Welcome Festival

Song by visiting students from Fujiyoshida, Japan



Brian Garner and Kashiwa Bujinkan Ninjutsu Dojo,

Website: <http://www.kbninjutsu.com/index.html>

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Classical Japanese Dancers

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Contact: Sue Davis



Taiko Society

is led by taiko sensei Thomas Knight, along with taiko makers Jesse and Carla Maddox. Included in the performance for the "Everybody Welcome Festival" are Donovan Carillo, Chris Tessarowicz and Bevin Ginder.

Thomas Knight began training with Jr. Denver Taiko in 1997. Quickly moving up through the ranks from taiko student to performer, he began performing with Denver Taiko in the summer of 1997. At that time, Thomas helped train a new taiko generation as an instructor of Jr. Denver Taiko. In 2003, Thomas was part of a three-week intensive workshop with Sensei Yooichi Watanabe, which grew the solid taiko foundation he already had into a full blown passion for taiko performance. In 2006, Thomas traveled to San Francisco to further his taiko studies with

Sensei Tanaka. After significant training he was honored when he was allowed to perform Tsunami at the 2006 International Taiko Festival. Thomas then returned to Denver and has continued to teach and perform with up to 50 performances per year. Thomas has studied, taken workshops, and collaborated with many people over the years, and his taiko style is derived from all of these influences. After meeting Jesse and Carla Maddox from Taikos.com, the three have been working together to bring the captivating art of taiko drumming to as many people as possible with the formation of Colorado's first taiko school.

Jesse and Carla Maddox began making taiko drums, and opened their first taiko drum shop, in 2003. After years of research into how taiko were made and what produced the iconic sound, they started selling their meticulously handcrafted taiko worldwide. Because of their high quality products, they have since received orders from professional taiko groups; universities starting or expanding their taiko classes; theatrical performance groups like Cirque du Soleil; individual performers; and collectors. Jesse and Carla decided early on that their taiko should be as affordable as possible and still provide the longevity and beauty that handmade taiko have provided for centuries. Adhering to that original vision, they continue to create all the taiko at their Colorado shop, using all new materials, including the crafting of their Nagado (chu daiko), totally unlike most wine barrel conversions you see in modern day taiko. It was the philosophy that taiko should be a household name that brought Jesse, Carla, and Thomas Knight together to start Colorado's first permanent taiko drumming school and performing group.

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Band Stage



10:00 a.m. Colorado Springs Indian Community Band

The word music in India means 'Sangeeta', which traditionally meant performing the art of singing, playing of instruments and dancing. Indian classical music originated from Vedic chants or Sama music. This music chiefly consisted of chanting of hymns in praise of the Vedic gods. The musical structure of the chants was characterised by descending order of notes, initially two to five which later was increased to seven notes. Gradually various

developments took place and this culminated in the Raga tradition.

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11:00 a.m. The Special Blend Band

The Special Blend Band is a bi-cultural group of musicians that share different backgrounds in music. Their main goal is to entertain any audience with their unique variety styles of music which ranges from Classic Rock to Country and everything in between. They are an 8 (9) piece group that carries a horn section with lots of percussion. Desiree who is our female vocalist brings a new dimension to the Band and the styles of music we are able to perform. Some of the band members have played with big name bands including Malo, Fleetwood Mac, George Strait and others to name a few.

The core band has been together for about 2 years and has been very active these last few months. While the new revised band has been together for about 4 months, every new member has been performing like a pro. The band has been recruiting and establishing itself as a first class show band.

In 2003 the Band produced their first CD album titled "**Mi Tomacita**" which included 3 original songs written by Gilbert who continues with the Band as a special guest from time to time. The Band is hoping to record a new CD which will include all of the new members this summer. They have also performed at the Grizzly Rose in Denver Colorado as an opening act for "**Little Joe Y La Familia**" and performed at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Colorado Springs Colorado for the Cinco de Mayo Festival which featured the Mayor and ABC's journalist John Quinones of the hit show "20/20". The Band's latest venue has been the **Stargazers Theatre and Events Center** in Colorado Springs.

The Band plays venues of all kinds and occasions whether it's for a big special event or a small party. They are currently looking to play overseas with opportunities for major contracts. No gig or event is too big or too small.

Their distinctive style and raw energy will keep you dancing, shaking, and moving from start to finish.

Show Time Band is always exciting on stage with their unmistakable sound and electrifying showmanship, combining all the great sounds of R&B, Funk, Motown, and top 40 hits to create their own flow of "Hot dance music".



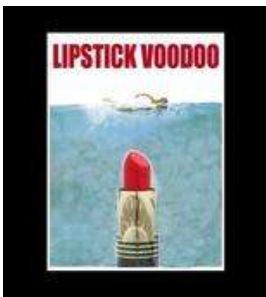
12:45 p.m. Suga Bear and the Showtime Band

This seven member group is composed of a diverse group of musicians that helps define fun and excitement. The band features the vocal Trio of, Suga Bear, Lady Shay, and Troy who also plays Congas along with musicians, Aundre Ai (drums), Scott Haffley (bass), JC (guitar) and Joe Kaiser on keyboards.

Don't take our word for it... *"Come feel the vibe"!!!*

2:15 p.m. Lipstick Voodoo

Lipstick Voodoo makes your pants want to get up and dance! Playing originals by guitarist, singer/writer Molly Boyles and covers with twists, this is a line-up of really good musicians. Teddy 'The Giant' Nazario on drums, Jon Janssen of Old Dog Band on bass, the talented Charlie Pendergraft on keys and lovely vocalist Kelly Buettner join Molly Boyles on guitar and vocals.



2:50 p.m Children's Passport Prize Drawing

Working throughout the event:



Fantasy Forest Entertainment

Stories with puppets and songs and lots of audience participation

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Cultural Villages Discover the communities representing the continents of the world right here in Colorado Springs in our **cultural villages**. Villages will feature food, native arts and crafts, games, story-telling traditional and cultural activities, music and dance, unique to the individual cultures represented in each continent. Villages from every continent will be featured!

Children's Activities Children can obtain their "Everybody Welcome: Passport" at the Colorado Springs Diversity Forum Information Booth or from one of the event mascots. Children can collect stamps in their passports at each of the identified Children's Activity Booths located throughout the event for entry in a prize drawings.

- 3 Tigers Martial Arts – Children's Activity
- Boy Scouts of America - Children's Activity
- Center for Aikido and Tangsoodo Studies – Children's Activity
- Colorado Springs Indian Community – Indian Children's Activity
- CSFD - Fire Truck – Children's Activity
- Dalo – African Dance Children's
- El Cinco de Mayo- Hispanic Children's Activity
- European Children's Activity
- Fire Truck and Ambulance Tour
- Halau Ilima – Hawaiian Children's Activity
- Home Depot – Construction Children's Activity
- Inside/Out Youth Services - Gender Children's Activity
- Imagination Celebration – Hands on art experience
- Japan America Society Southern Colorado – Japanese Children's Activity
- Memorial Health System / Kilo/RXP- Children's - Obstacle Course, Car seat safety, live remote
- Oluwaseyi - African Children's Activity
- Pacific Pride and Island Hearts – Island Children's Activity
- Penrose St. Francis Health System – Sun safety
- Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments - Children's Activity
- Pikes Peak Library District- Children's Activity
- Piramides – Irish Children's Activity
- Puzzles, Puppets and Books - Children's Activity
- US Olympic Committee – Sports Children's Activity
- YMCA – Sports Children's Activity

Food

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| Colorado Springs Indian Community | Food - Indian |
| Cornmasters | Food – American |
| David and Michelle's Hawaiian Shaved Ice | Food - Hawaiian Shaved Ice |
| Heavens Dog | Food - BBQ |
| Island Grill | Food - Authentic Jamaican |
| Peak Treats | Food – Ice cream |
| Pueblo Friendship PowWow | Food – Native American |
| Uchenna | Food - African |

Product and Information Booths

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| Aspen Pointe | Information - Health Care |
| ASSE International | Information - HS Exchange Program |
| Bonfils Colorado Marrow Donor Program | Information - Health |
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| Centro de la Familia | Information |
| Cheyenne Village | Information - Developmental Disabilities |
| Citizens Project | Information - Political Rights |
| City of Colorado Springs | Information - City of Colorado Springs Programs |
| Colorado Springs Business Journal | Information - News |
| Colorado Springs Chinese Cultural Institute | Information - Chinese Culture |
| Colorado Technical University | Information - Education |
| Conflict Resolution Month | Information - CRM Conference |

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 Matrix Center for the Advancement of Social Equity & Inclusion
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 Pikes Peak Lavendar Film Festival
 Pikes Peak Workforce Center
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 Information - Education
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 Information - Mentoring

BRIDGING MILITARY TO COMMUNITY

Presented in partnership with: USAA and Colorado Technical University

Tuesday, Aug. 9, 2011

Time: 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

RSVP info@cospdiversityforum.org

Penrose House

Registration 9:30 a.m.



Panel discussion: **GENERATIONS IN THE MILITARY**, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Luncheon with Keynote [MARY KELLY](#) presenting: "**LESSONS FROM THE DOG**", 12:00 - 1:30 p.m. Mary Kelly is a graduate of the United States Naval Academy and spent over 20 years on active duty in intelligence and logistics. She retired from the Navy as a commander. She has masters' degrees in history and economics, and a PhD in economics.

Panel discussion: **TRANSITIONING TO CIVILIAN LIFE**, 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Followed by: **NETWORKING** with potential employers, educators and resources, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

LATINO COMMUNITY LUNCHEON



LAUNCHING
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**WED
10TH
AUGUST**

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:
MAYOR STEVE BACH

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11:30 AM TO 1:00 PM
\$17 ADMISSION

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TELEMUNDO

"THE JOURNEY TO FORGIVENESS: LEGACY OF THE BOARDING SCHOOL"

Documentary followed by Q & A with

Don Coyhis of White Bison

Wednesday, August 10th


7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Cornerstone Arts Center

Presented in partnership with:

[PPLD](#), [Colorado Springs Indian Center](#), [Colorado College](#) and [The Greenberg Center for Tolerance](#)

FREE!



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**Journey of Forgiveness: The Legacy of the
Boarding School Documentary**

with Don Coyhis (Mohican), White Bison, Inc.
August 10, 2011
7pm-10pm with Free Reception following film @
Cornerstone Theater, Colorado College
Colorado Springs, CO 80903



<http://www.coloradospringsindiancenter.com> 719-599-8630

IMMIGRATION SYMPOSIUM

Friday, August 12th
Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

FREE!

Local history and influence of the Asian Community

[Amache Japanese Internment Camp, Granada, CO](#)

Hear the story of Camp Amache - established under the administration of President Franklin D. Roosevelt following the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941 to inter Japanese, Americans. The camp's unofficial name became Camp Amache, named after a Cheyenne Indian Chief John Prower's daughter.

The camp opened in August 1942 and had a maximum population of 7,318. Most of those interred in Granada were Japanese Americans from the Los Angeles/West Coast area. Each person was only allowed to bring one bag. Many were forced to sell what they could or give away their possessions before being forced out. This also included pets.

On December 21, 2006, President George W. Bush signed H.R. 1492 into law guaranteeing \$38,000,000 in federal money to restore the Granada relocation center and nine other former Japanese internment camps

Enjoy a Custom tour of Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center

[Fujiyoshida, Japan](#) & [Colorado Springs, CO Sister Cities](#) since 1962

The sister city idea developed from the Civic Committee. Envisioned by President Eisenhower as the 'main cog' for citizen diplomacy, the sister city program grew throughout the 1950's and 1960's. The Civic Committee and the National League of Cities provided joint administrative support for the fledgling sister city movement until 1973.

Mrs. Rose, then chairperson of Denver Sister Cities, was part of a cultural delegation that passed through the foothills of Mt. Fuji. When she returned to Colorado she spoke with then Mayor Henderson of Colorado Springs about the similarities in scenery between Fujiyoshida and the Springs. A group of local citizens, headed by Bill and Ruth Vandel, pursued the sister city idea and within a year the two cities were linked with the Vandels serving as co-chairs of the first Colorado Springs-Fujiyoshida Committee.

Learn how our relationship has developed over the past nearly 50 years. See photos and artifacts presented by visitors from Fujiyoshida and visitors to Fujiyoshida. Learn about our student exchange program and new and exciting cultural exchanges.



THE COTTON CLUB

Saturday, August 13th

Stargazer's Theatre & Event Center

8:00 p.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Drinks & Snacks available for purchase!

Space is limited to the first 400

RSVP info@cospdiversityforum.org

FREE!

Take a step back in time, don your Zoot-suit, hat and Cat-eye glasses, step into your dancing shoes and join in a celebration of our City's vibrant history of inclusivity at a reenactment of Fannie Mae Duncan's Cotton Club featuring



Suga Bear and the Showtime Band

This seven member group is composed of a diverse group of musicians that helps define fun and excitement. The band features the vocal Trio of, Suga Bear, Lady Shay, and Troy who also plays Congas along with musicians, Aundre Ai (drums), Scott Haffley (bass), JC (guitar) and Joe Kaiser on keyboards. Their distinctive style and raw energy will keep you dancing, shaking, and moving from start to finish. Show Time Band is always exciting on stage with their unmistakable sound and electrifying showmanship, combining all the great sounds of R&B, Funk, Motown, and top 40 hits to create their own flow of "Hot dance music". Don't take our word for it... *"Come feel the vibe"!!!*



and Honoring a local, historic, proponent of inclusion, [Henry Sachs](#).

Costume accessories available for purchase

Get your photo taken in period costume!

Providing volunteers [Club of Arts](#), [Dragon Theatre Productions](#) and [Cheyenne Village](#)

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Contacts for Stories / Story Ideas**Boarding School Apology Initiative**

White Bison, Inc. and the Wellbriety Movement announce the start of the Boarding School Apology Initiative that seeks an apology from President Obama on behalf of the U.S. Government for the wrongs done by the United States against Indian Tribes in the history of the United States.

The purpose of the Apology is to bring healing to Native peoples as well as to the American nation as a whole. The Native American Boarding School Era is one of the ill-conceived Federal policies that a national apology will begin to heal. An apology will help many American Indians and Alaska Natives move through the grief of intergenerational trauma that worsened with the boarding schools and is still alive in individuals, families, communities and Native nations. [Read release](#)

Proclamation: Much has happened to Native American people over the last 500 years. Our loss has been great and the pain that remains for us as the result of these happenings is even greater. In 2009, White Bison made a 7000-mile journey across the United States, visiting 24 boarding school sites and recording the stories of the Elders who attended these schools. The stories were unbelievable. We now know that what was done to the children in these boarding schools is directly tied to the social issues we are currently experiencing in our communities. [Read more](#)

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Launching the Latino Luncheon – Story Ideas for 2011

- Hispanic Heritage Month, Sept 15 to Oct 15
- “Latino” term more encompassing, inclusive than Hispanic
- Latino Health issues, diabetes on the rise
- Latinos in the military
- Latino population growth: births overtake immigration
- Dream Act, what’s its status? lots of wasted talent as young Latinos cannot apply for student aid, etc.
- Hispanic county of origin counts, top metro areas; where is Colorado?
- How do we make Latinos feel welcome in El Paso county?
- How can we encourage young Latinos to stay in school?

Future Topics for the Latino Luncheon

- Employment in our community - job situation, unemployment etc.. -Invite some of the largest employers to speak on how it looks, what they're looking for?
- Health Insurance provider(s)--to help us understand why they pay or don't pay medical bills.
- Local physician to speak on good health habits, do's and don't, or even talk about drug addiction (legal and non-legal).
- Recruiters from all military bases : Invite a representative from each military branch to talk about how they rate their applicants and is there a class youth can take to pass the tests with better scores, especially those that want to join, but can't get a good score.
- Colorado Springs Police Department to talk about safety tips and self defense. Update on gang activity might be included?
- Colorado Springs Fire Department to talk about safety tips.

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Immigration Symposium

Camp Amache

The camp was established under the administration of President Franklin D. Roosevelt following the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941 to inter Japanese, Americans. The camp's unofficial name became Camp Amache, named after a Cheyenne Indian Chief John Prower's daughter.

The camp opened in August 1942 and had a maximum population of 7,318. Most of those interred in Granada were Japanese Americans from the Los Angeles/West Coast area. Each person was only allowed to bring one bag. Many were forced to sell what they could or give away their possessions before being forced out. This also included pets.

On December 21, 2006, President George W. Bush signed H.R. 1492 into law guaranteeing \$38,000,000 in federal money to restore the Granada relocation center and nine other former Japanese internment camps

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Apuan Endowment for the Asian Pacific American Collection of PPLD

"Camp Amache: The Story of an American Tragedy"

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History of Sister City Relationship

Cultural Exchange in 2012

The Colorado Springs Pioneers Museum and the Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center, spurred by the impending 50th Anniversary of the Sister City relationship with Fujiyoshida are working with the City of Fujiyoshida to develop a cultural exchange both to mark the event and as an on-going relationship to share the culture of our regions. This type of exchange goes to the heart of the reason for formation of a Sister City relationship.

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Official Visit to Fujiyoshida, Japan

Shirley Martinez, Co-Chair of the Colorado Springs Diversity Forum and Sue Stohlmann, administrator for the Colorado Springs Diversity Forum represent the City of Colorado Spring at the Yoshida Fire Festival in Fujiyoshida, Japan – August 26-27, 2011. The purpose of the trip is to learn as much as possible about the history and traditions surrounding the Fire Festival in order to replicate the event on a smaller scale during the Everybody Welcome: A Celebration of Culture and Diversity Festival on August 4, 2012 in honor of the 50th Anniversary of our Sister City Celebration

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Cotton Club Background

Janice Jones performed in the Cotton Club at just 17 years of age, she sang with the house band, Jimmy Jules and the Diamonds from 1972-73. Original band members included Charles Julien (keyboards), Horace Butler (guitar), Micky White (bass) and Jimmy Jones (drums). Janice, now known as JJ Frazier, still lives in Colorado Springs.

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Cotton Club Honoree's

2008 Honoree - Fannie Mae Duncan

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2009 Honoree - Lee Duran

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- Born in Trinidad, Colorado
- Raised in poverty
- US Marine
- Business leader
- Mentor
- Member of the Colorado Springs Civil Service Commission
- Founding member, Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
- Founding member, Chicano Unity Council
- Colorado Springs first Hispanic City Council member
- Executive Board Member, Boy Scouts of America
- Vice President, League of Latin American Citizens
- Member of the GI Forum
- Board member, Operation S.E.R
- Believed in a strong and supportive relationship between City and County Governments
- Fought for growth planning rather than resistance
- Pushed for greater attention to infrastructure
- Active in fighting for implementation of ERA
- Sought ways to improve effectiveness of criminal and correctional services
- Strove against reactionary nature of government
- Urged community to provide better services to indigent

2010 Honoree: Peggy Marshall

1913 – 2006

- Peggy attended Smith College in Massachusetts.
- Peggy and first-husband, Ford Sayre ran the hundred-room Hanover Inn, owned by Dartmouth College.

- Peggy's first husband Ford Sayre, is killed when Peggy is 31 and Peggy continued to run the Hanover Inn for the next three years.
- Peggy married Andrew Marshall in 1946, and moved to Colorado Springs in 1950
- 1967 Founder, Cheyenne Village – nationally recognized program for integrating developmentally disabled persons into society
- Founder, Villagers Antiques and Collectibles
- Founder of the Tactile Gallery, Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center
- Fostered the development of TheatreWorks, UCCS
- Named to the Smithsonian Institution's Archives of American Gardens for work on wheelchair-accessible garden
- Cheyenne Village – nationally recognized program for integrating developmentally disabled persons into society
- In September of 1972, Peggy and Cheyenne Village are featured in a multi-page article in Woman's Day magazine.
- Andrew Marshall became a member of the Colorado Springs City council and later Mayor of Colorado Springs from 1973 to 1975.

2011 Cotton Club Honoree - Henry Sachs

October 6, 1862 – April 13, 1952

- Moved to Colorado Springs because he contracted tuberculosis
- Philanthropic endeavors that make him an impressive citizen of Colorado Springs
- Responsible for the creation of a foundation that gave millions of dollars to African-Americans for higher education
- Lulu Stroud Pollard remembered in an article in The Gazette Telegraph that her sister Effie, an honor student at Colorado Springs High School received a scholarship to attend Colorado College that didn't cover tuition.
- Henry decided to pay her tuition at CC provided she maintained a 'B' average.
- The Sachs Foundation was incorporated in 1931
- The mission of the Foundation was to provide assistance for black Colorado Springs residents to attend college and to help blacks who contracted TB
- It was determined that the existing medical facilities could handle the low incidence of TB among African-Americans
- Focus of the Sachs Foundation has been on scholarship
- The Sachs Foundation has helped over 7,200 Black, Colorado residents obtain a college education.

"There's no question that without the scholarship, I would not have been able to go to college. I don't think there's a better way to spend money than investing in people. If you want to be successful, contribute in some way to society, education is the key." (Gazette Telegraph)

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NBC-LEO Honors City Programs which Enhance, Promote Cultural Diversity

Cities from Across the Nation Receive City Cultural Diversity Awards

Washington, DC – Four cities were honored this morning for implementing quality and innovative programs in communities to enhance and promote cultural diversity. Each year, the City Cultural Diversity Awards recognize city programs which encourage citizen involvement and show an appreciation of cultural diversity. The awards are sponsored by the National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials (NBC-LEO), a constituency group of the National League of Cities (NLC).

Cities honored for 2010 are **Enterprise, Ala.; Woodridge, Ill.; Colorado Springs, Colo.; and Milwaukee, Wis.** Cities chosen as runners-up include **Las Cruces, NM; Gainesville, Fla.; and Fort Worth, Texas.**

Each city was celebrated this morning at NBC-LEO's annual Celebrate Diversity Breakfast during NLC's Congressional City Conference in Washington, DC. Adolfo Carrion, Director of the White House Office of Urban Affairs, addressed attendees at this morning's breakfast.

For more information on the Congressional City Conference, visit <http://www.nlccongressionalcityconference.org/>.

Award-winning city programs:

- **Enterprise, Ala.**, hosted the **Aviation Expo** highlighting American, German and Russian military history, culture and traditions, including aircraft and food from different cultures. The event drew more than 5,000 people, including international flight students from South America and the Middle East stationed at Fort Rucker, Ala. *For more information, contact Rachel Davis, Special Projects Coordinator, 334-348-2603, rdavis@cityofenterprise.net.*
- The Woodridge Diversity Committee in **Woodridge, Ill.**, worked with youth to coordinate the development of the **Woodridge Diversity Quilt** to celebrate and educate on the benefits of a diverse community. The finished quilt will be on permanent display at the Woodridge Public Library. *For more information, contact Melissa Bohse, Management Analyst, 630-719-4709, mbohse@vil.woodridge.il.us.*
- **Everybody Welcome: A Celebration of Culture and Diversity** is a festival in **Colorado Springs, Colo.**, where attendees enjoy dance, poetry and singing from various African, Native American, Indian, Asian and Caribbean cultures. The city, as well as the Colorado Springs Diversity Forum and other community partners, make this festival possible each summer. *For more information, contact Sue Skiffington Blumberg, Director of Public Communications, 719-385-5254, sskiffington-blumberg@springsgov.com or Shirley Martinez, co-chair, Colorado Springs Diversity Forum, 719-440-0675, smartinez@csu.org.*
- The **Emerging Business Enterprise Program** and **Milwaukee Opportunities for Restoring Employment** ordinance in **Milwaukee, Wis.**, strive to attract and maintain minority businesses throughout the city. The ordinance requires city contracts to engage emerging businesses, incorporate a prevailing wage requirement, provide apprenticeship training and employment opportunities for low income residents and operate a trades

employment pool to be tapped by contractors. *For more information, contact Sharon Robinson, Director, Department of Administration, 414-286-3828, srobins@milwaukee.gov.*

Runner-up programs:

- In a partnership between the city of **Las Cruces, NM**, and New Mexico State University's International Programs, the **World Culture in the Courtyard at Brannigan Cultural Center** program highlights countries from around the world represented by the international students who attend the University and reside in Las Cruces. The program showcases the diversity and customs of more than 75 countries, including India, China, Mexico, Korea, Chile, Cameroon and Germany through food, song, dance and other cultural traditions. *For more information, contact Trey Williams, Policy Analyst, 575-541-2192, trwilliams@las-cruces.org.*
- The city of **Gainesville, Fla.**, recently adopted a **Dismantling Racism Initiative** which raises awareness about race-relations and racism. The city sponsors a film festival where citizens watch films dealing with race-related issues and then participate in open discussions regarding various incidents in the film. *For more information, contact Cecil E. Howard, Director, Office of Equal Opportunity, 352-334-5051, equalopp@cityofgainesville.org.*
- **Fort Worth, Texas**, created a **Diversity Task Force** in July 2009 to advise the City Manager on issues affecting the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) community in Fort Worth. Specific areas of attention for the task force include employee training, increased awareness of the city's non-discrimination ordinance and improved communication between the city and its LGBT residents. *For more information, contact Fernando Costa, Assistant City Manager, 817-392-6122, Fernando.costa@fortworthgov.org.*

The City Cultural Diversity Awards program was established in 1995 by NLC's NBC-LEO constituency group to promote cultural diversity in community governance through citizen and community participation. Winning cities are selected from a pool of applicants and are grouped according to population.

NBC-LEO President-Elect Charleta B. Tavares, Councilmember, Columbus, Ohio, chaired this year's awards competition. Judges included Louvenia Mathison, Councilmember, Berkeley, Mo.; Lavonta Williams, Councilmember, Wichita, Kan.; Helen Kawagoe, City Clerk, Carson, Calif.; Greg Pettis, Councilmember, Cathedral City, Calif.; Marie Lopez Rogers, Mayor, Avondale, Ariz.; Carlos Silva, President Pro Tempore, Bridgeport, Conn.; and Edna Branch Jackson, Mayor Pro Tem, Savannah, Ga.

For more information on the City Cultural Diversity Awards, visit NBC-LEO's website at www.nbc-leo.org.

The National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials was established in 1970. A constituency group of the National League of Cities, NBC-LEO advocates for the interests of African-American local elected officials. Its mission is to provide African-American municipal officials and their colleagues with forums to share ideas, discussion groups to develop strategies for improving municipal governance, debates on policy issues and programs that contribute to the success of America's cities and towns.

The National League of Cities is the nation's oldest and largest organization devoted to strengthening and promoting cities as centers of opportunity, leadership and governance. NLC is a resource and advocate for 19,000 cities, towns and villages, representing more than 218 million Americans.

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Diversity Forum selected as partner in Sister City 50th Anniversary Celebration

(Colorado Springs, Colo.) The City of Fujiyoshida nestles against the base of Mount Fuji in Japan much as Colorado Springs hugs Pikes Peak – America’s Mountain. The two cities also share a more formal relationship, acting as Sister Cities since 1962.

In August 2012, the Colorado Springs Diversity Forum will partner with the City of Fujiyoshida, City of Colorado Springs, Japan America Society of Southern Colorado, and Colorado Springs Sister City Committee to celebrate 50 years of friendship and collaboration. The celebration will feature a re-creation of the Yoshida (Fire) Himatsuri Festival, considered one of Japan’s most unique historical commemorations.

The Fire Celebration, which honors Mt. Fuji, has been held in Fujiyoshida for 600 years. It will take a new form as part of the Everybody Welcome Festival hosted annually by Colorado Springs Diversity Forum. Traditional performances of Taiko, spectacular fire shrines, and other Japanese cultural offerings will enrich the local festival and offer numerous opportunities for community engagement and education.

Colorado Springs Sister Cities International founded and maintains relationships with six communities around the globe to promote “cultural, educational, humanitarian, and economic” exchanges that enrich local understanding of global life. Four decades of fruitful interaction with Fujiyoshida support the importance of such relationships. For additional information on the Sister Cities program, visit www.sistercitycs.us.

Colorado Springs Diversity Forum, founded in 2005 to underscore the economic and social importance of diversity, was selected as a partnering organization because of its success in hosting a community-wide cultural event. In its fourth year, the Everybody Welcome Festival has become a signature celebration for Colorado Springs. An entire week in August 2010 will be dedicated to showcasing and exploring the depth of cultural variety found in the Pikes Peak region. Information about this year’s festival can be found at www.cospdiversityforum.org. There are numerous opportunities to participate and support the festival.

The Yoshida Himatsuri Celebration in 2012 will also bring a group of Japanese junior high school students and a singing group to our community. A delegation from Colorado Springs will attend Fujiyoshida’s Fire Festival in 2011 in preparation for hosting the prestigious event.

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