

GLAHS Calendar of Events



June 9th, 7:00 P.M.

- Historical Society Annual Meeting at Grand Lake Fire Station

June 13th - July 18th

- Vintage hats on display at Kauffman House.

Off and on, all summer

- "Vintage" photos taken at the Cottage Court.
- "Sit with Spitz": visits with Ervin Spitzmiller at the Kauffman House
- Old Road to Grand Lake Walks & Talks

July 18th

- Historical Society float in BBQ parade.

July 31st - Sept. 6th

- Vintage railroad tool display at Kauffman House

August 7th

- History Day at the Kauffman House!

August 9th, 7:00 P.M.

- "Restoring Log Homes" presentation, with renowned log structures "guru"Alan Pape, at the Grand Lake Fire Station

August 14th

- Paint with Alan Pape: meet at Cottage Court.

August 19th

- GLAHS Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

September 7th

- Kauffman House begins open-weekends-only schedule thru September.

November 26, 27, 1:00-4 and December 29th, 1:00-4

- Kauffman House Holidays Open Houses: decorations, refreshments, tours, fun



Why The Cottage Court Campaign?

Why work so hard to save the Cottage Court? It's certainly not the prettiest building in Town. As you look at it perched temporarily on a pad at the corner of Vine Street and Lake Avenue in Grand Lake, it looks drab and rickety.

Consider this. The Grand Lake Area Historical Society was born in 1973 specifically to save the Kauffman House hotel, the last Victorian lakeside hotel of an original six. The hotel was being used as a summer dormitory for some college kids. It had been rearranged, let go structurally, and was a grim shadow of its former self. But, it was the last of its kind. And it did reflect the Victorian era history of Grand Lake, a time so important to the beginning of this unique community, and our area's first wave of tourism by stage, wagon, and horseback.

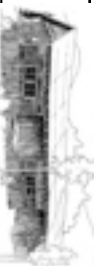
By 1915, when Rocky Mountain National Park was born, tourism clearly was changing from the days of early visitors coming by stagecoach to stay two weeks at hotels. It was all about the automobile! People couldn't come to the Park by train, as there wasn't one. People were driving here. Amazing. Our beautiful mountain vistas were reachable by a day or two of travel for the average citizen! The Smith and Eslick families, like many in Grand Lake, recognized how important automobile tourism would become.

The Cottage Court offered "housing" for the visitor and his auto. It surely was simple... a small cast iron wood stove, a bed, a fold-down table and two chairs in each of four living units, and carports in between. It surely was also a great idea! The Grand Lake Area Historical Society will restore the structure, place it in a park setting like it once had, and interpret this next-most-important stage in our area history to our visitors and locals alike. Our grandkids need to understand how very important the automobile was, and still is to the soul of our country. And Grand Lake, of all places, has this oldest original condition artifact of its kind.

We will save it. And we will only be able to do it with your help. This is a very expensive undertaking, as was the restoration of the Kauffman House. Please help us. We might even name something after you! At the very least, you'll be mentioned as one of the folks who had the foresight to see how important preserving history is to the future, and how important it is to continue promoting the history of our area.

DONATION/PLEDGE FORM

Yes, I would like to help the Cottage Court Campaign.



Method of giving, please check: Cash donation or Pledge amount \$ _____
Please bill me Monthly Quarterly Yearly for a One Two Three Year pledge to the Cottage Court Campaign (CCC).

Please charge my Credit or Debit Card. Visa MasterCard Discover AmEx

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Make checks payable to CCC. Mail to GLAHS, PO Box 656, Grand Lake, CO 80447.

Name: _____ I want my gift to remain anonymous.

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