

Non-Profit of the Year Award – 2018

Berthoud Historical Society

Since 1977 the Berthoud Historical Society (BHS) has helped build community and enhance local culture by discovering, interpreting and preserving the heritage of Berthoud, the Little Thompson Valley and the surrounding region.

For over 20 years the BHS has staffed an experienced professional Museums Director to oversee the operations of the Little Thompson Valley Pioneer Museum and the McCarty-Fickel Home house museum. The Society has also employed several summer intern from the Museum Studies program at Colorado State University to assist with summer camps and catalog incoming collections.

Qualified as a 501(c)3 Corporation, the BHS maintains operating accounts at Guaranty Bank and endowment accounts at the Community Foundation of Northern Colorado (CFNC). The BHS is a member of the Colorado-Wyoming Association of Museums (CWAM), the American Association for State and Local History (AASLH) and charter member of Historic Larimer County LLC.

As a self-funded, non-profit organization, BHS raises funds by conducting events that build community spirit and involvement. These events have included annual historic home tours and cemetery reenactments as well as numerous antique appraisals, barn socials and the like.

For the past three years the Berthoud Historical has hosted a free-to-the public concert series in the Pioneer Courtyard of the Little Thompson Valley Pioneer Museum. These four concerts attract over 10,000 Berthoud residents and visitors each season. Over the course of a calendar year the Pioneer Museum also draws over 3,500 visitors from across the United States and several foreign countries. Each spring the BHS hosts 125-150 local elementary school students on tours of the Little Thompson Valley Pioneer Museum and the McCarty-Fickel Home house museum.

The BHS is well known through the museum community of Northern Colorado for maintaining a high standard of professionalism and integrity. The professionalism and integrity enables the BHS to annually maintain over 250 members and raise tens of thousands of dollars to fund its operations.

Wildfire Community Arts Center of Berthoud

Wildfire Community Arts Center of Berthoud has been supporting the arts in Berthoud for the last 16 years. By offering classes, programs and community events, Wildfire will ignite your creative fire. There are many art forms that are created for children to help keep art accessible and affordable to our community.

You can find art at Wildfire that includes murals, Little Free Library, a gallery of rotating artists and a recently completed mosaic dragon bench that lies at the front door. If you would like to create your own art (even if you have never done any before), you can drop into the UCreate Studio on Saturdays to express yourself freely. They also offer dance and other body movement classes. Their Street Festival and Holiday Art Sale are well attended community fundraising events you don't want to miss.