



Annual Report for 2012

The mission of the Community Center Foundation is to advise the Nederland Board of Trustees on projects related to the Community Center, pursue grants and other funds for Community Center improvements and programming, and increase Community Center use and visibility, all with a focus on the long-range needs of the greater Nederland community

COMMUNITY CENTER PRAISED AT THE STATE LEVEL, BUT FUNDED LOCALLY

2012 was a year of economic hardship, when major Colorado foundations focused their giving on families, the homeless, and food programs rather than on theater signs, chairs or locker rooms. Officials from various Colorado funders, meeting with the Colorado Nonprofit Association in July, lamented their inability to promise help for our equipment needs, but praised the Nederland Community Center, saying that its mix of civic, social, cultural and recreational activities was really a model for others. Despite the difficult funding climate, we did receive a \$1,500 grant from the John T. Duncan Foundation to support Art at the Center, a very helpful gift. And local groups stepped up to support Foundation initiatives. Mutual of Omaha Bank and High Peaks Art Festival both sponsored Art at the Center with \$500 donations, and Play It Again Sports of Boulder sponsored the Fitness Center for the whole year. Individual donations for the new marquee, new chairs, theater seat dedications and other programs remain the strongest portion of our revenues.

BOARD CHANGES FOR 2012

The NCCF board experienced several changes in membership this year, yet emerged stronger than ever. In April, Brian Gioia resigned after relocating to Chicago, and was replaced by Susan Gerhart, the former chair of the library foundation. Susan, alas, had to withdraw in October due to scheduling difficulties. Diane Wohl, who helped create the "Art at the Center" program and gave support in so many ways to the board's projects, also resigned in October. After a public candidate search, Marylou Harrison, a veteran of Nederland-area volunteer groups, joined us in November, along with Jennifer "Jen" Davis, a Rollinsville-based designer and planning consultant. In June, after Town elections, Ledge Long was appointed our Board of Trustee liaison, replacing Peter Fiori. Earlier, Tracy Brewer took over as Treasurer after the departure of Kristen Edwards. During all of these changes, the Board received strong support and cooperation from Town of Nederland staff.

To contact the board, email

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A NEW MARQUEE



Our new Community Center and Back Door Theater Marquee was approved in January by the Town Board of Trustees, and erected by designer and builder Matt Zeman early in June after the ground defrosted. The posts and lintel were shaped from beetle-kill pines and treated prior to installation. The new marquee allows us to advertise Center events as well as the Theater offerings, and adds a dynamic feature to the Center's highway entrance. So far, the slotted white readerboard has prevented letters from being blown around by the wind, unlike the old sign.

The Marquee was designed especially to allow banners for special events and, as the picture above shows, this feature proved very popular.

Total cost of the construction, white signboard, a new set of letters, a gizmo to place and replace letters, the permit fee, and lighting by Peak to Peak Electric was \$5,800. A special fundraising campaign attracted generous donations from Friends of NCC and Back Door Theater patrons.

WEST WING UPDATE

The west wing's leaking north-side roof was replaced in the summer of 2012, to prevent another season of flooding. Town staff have been working on refinancing the Community Center, whose sales-tax bond issue ends in 2023. It is likely that an extension of the sales tax will be put before voters by 2015, and money to renovate the west wing will be included in that ballot measure. This depends, however, on recommendations to be made by the new CC Site Plan Committee (see story p. 3). Meanwhile, the west wing is being used by the Nederland free clothing store and the Nederland Food Share program, both volunteer operations serving the needs of Nederland-area families.

NEW TABLES AND CHAIRS EASE COMMUNITY ROOM SET-UPS

In September, the Foundation worked with Friends of NCC and Town staff to purchase better, lighter tables and durable folding chairs. They all arrived just in time for Nederland's community Thanksgiving dinner. The tables, made of polypropylene with steel frames, weigh less than half the old particle-board monsters. The 52 new folding chairs match our previous set of 29 and fit on two trolleys for easier handling. Now, people who rent the Community Room for family celebrations can enjoy attractive, easy-to-manage furnishings

Don't forget! Contributions to the Nederland Community Center Foundation and Friends of NCC are eligible for federal income tax credit.

"FRIENDS OF NCC" LAUNCHED

The Community Center has been blessed with generous friends over the years, first during the period of renovation and then for the projects following its' re-opening. In keeping with its mission to expand community awareness, use and support of the Center, the Foundation decided to launch a new group, *Friends of NCC*. For 2012, "Friends" included all those who donated time, money and effort to previous projects. In December, a new campaign reached out to those who were involved in CC activities but had not formally joined our initiative. Board members Jen Davis, Jilene Norman, and Tracy Brewer designed new appeal materials, a new website interface and an updated email list. This year we added categories of "Friends+One" for couples, "Family Friends" and "Business Friends". The effort yielded a new group of supporters and a framework for further expansion of the "Friends" network.

*To join **Friends of NCC**, just go to www.nederlandcommunitycenter.org and click the "Friends" button or "Support NCC"*

NEW CC SITE PLAN COMMITTEE

At the urging of the NCC Foundation, the Town Board of Trustees has appointed a special committee to create a development plan for the whole CC site, which includes about 3 acres of land, the main building and west wing, three outbuildings, drive-ways and parking lots,

the highway entrance and Forest Road. The plan is to address issues of access, parking, landscaping, drainage and flood control, integration of the various parts of the site, and sustainability. The committee includes five members of the NCCF Board as well as neighbors, town staff and trustees. They will work with architects and engineers to establish goals and guidelines for site development. The object is to produce a conceptual design and a prioritized plan for funding improvements over the next 20 years. The committee has posted an information page at www.nederlandco.org, the Town web site, with an email link for comments and questions.

The need for a site development plan was identified by engineers and architects consulted about the west wing renovation, as well as by community groups advocating possible uses for the little schoolhouse and the biofuels plant. A development plan allows us to apply to funding agencies with a clear outline of expected improvements. It clarifies the Town's budget process for capital improvements. Also, it avoids well-known problems that come from doing projects piecemeal.

The committee hopes to have a draft site plan and conceptual design ready by September 2013 for submission to the Nederland Board of Trustees. NCCF is supporting the committee's effort with up to \$1,000 in administrative funds, and has applied for a \$5,000 grant from the same agencies that supported the West Wing Workshops, to help pay professional fees.

Art at the Center

The Foundation's *Art at the Center* committee organized exhibitions in January, June and September 2012, each opening with a wine & hors d'oeuvres reception. Local and regional artists displayed paintings, mixed media, sculpture and jewelry. Patrons were invited to vote "best in show". *Art at the Center* was supported this year by Mutual of Omaha Bank and High Peak Arts Festival, as well as by a grant from the John T. Duncan Foundation. The success of our exhibitions has encouraged more restaurants in Nederland to offer display space to area artists, while bringing new residents into the Community Center.



The Nederland Community Center Board—December 2012

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