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From the President's Quill

This month I have some good news and bad news to share with you. The bad news is that we were turned down for our first grant application by the

Colorado Historical Society (CHS). The good news is that they want us to reapply and are strongly supportive of our Arbaney Barn project.

It seems that there was some miscommunication on the grant application. The grant reviewers wanted us to apply for a historic assesment grant, but early on we were told by the CHS that we should pursue a general grant. Some of the reviewers felt that there was a lack of community support for this project since no other letters of support were included, other than the Town of Basalt. We, Nancy, Janice and I thought this was the only letter needed since they are the owners of the property. This not only means support from our BRHS members but also the business community, the club community, the educational community and the citizens of Basalt.

Another area that was brought to our attention is that although we have five officer positions on the BRHS board, only three of those positions are currently being filled. The CHS reads this as a lack of support from our members and a shortcoming on our part as a group. This May we will once again be electing new officers to our board at the annual meeting and it would be wonderful if we could have all five positions filled.

In the next couple of months we will be advertising our events and what the BRHS role is in preserving our history for future generations. If we want to have the Arbaney Barn exist as a living museum than we need to write letters of support for the Arbaney Barn Project. So please if you can address a letter to Alyson McGee or Lyle Miller who are the Public Outreach Coordinators of the CHS, send it to our PO Box 3008 and we will include it in the next grant application which will go out on March 29, 2006.

We can always use the support of our members and one of the best ways is to attend and participate in the events that your BRHS put together. Remember our mission statement does read: ***To Define the Future by Preserving the Past.***

Thank you and lets breathe life into the Arbaney Barn, a living museum.

Sincerely,

Diana C. CordovaElliott

Calendar of Events Winter 2006

3rd Annual Saloon Night Benefit

Deal yourself into the best game in town on **Saturday March 11, 2006** at Two Rivers Cafe, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Chuck Wagon Buffet: 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Dessert: 8:00 - 10:00 p.m.

Silent Auction: 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.

DOC EASON RIVERBOAT GAMBLER/MAGICIAN

8:00 - 8:30

Gaming: 6:30 - 10:30 p.m.

(tables will close from 8:00 - 8:30)

Prize Drawings: 8:30 - 9:00 p.m.

Prize for best 1800's period costume

BRHS Members: \$40.00/General Public: \$50.00

Tickets On Sale Now at: Community Banks of Basalt, Two Rivers Cafe, and the Town of Basalt . You can also call 927-4693 for tickets or see Nancy Maurin or Janice Duroux. All proceeds benefit the Arbaney Barn Restoration.



Bring your smile and costume to Two Rivers Cafe.
Get Dressed ... It's Saloon Night!