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FOUR COMMUNITIES HONORED FOR PRESERVATION ACHIEVEMENTS

Department of Local Affairs' Main Street program and History Colorado award certificates of achievement for Archaeology and Historic Preservation Month

DENVER — Thursday, May 15, 2014 - History Colorado Preservation Programs and the Colorado Main Street program joined together to recognize communities that have embodied historic preservation and downtown revitalization over the past year.

"History Colorado is proud to recognize these Colorado communities that have put historic preservation as a top priority this year," says Steve Turner, A.I.A., History Colorado's Vice President for Preservation Programs and Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer. "Promoting preservation has led not only to economic revitalization, but to stronger communities."

The Town of Lake City, a Colorado Main Street Graduate community, was selected for its consistent and strong preservation ethic throughout the entire community. The town has dedicated itself to preserving several key structures, such as the Hinsdale County Courthouse, where the infamous Alfred Packard had his trial.

The Town of Lyons is being recognized for its post-flood preservation work on the Lyons Depot Library. After the floods in September 2013, the town immediately went to work stabilizing the Depot Library. The library is one of Lyons' iconic buildings.

The City of Trinidad, one of Colorado Main Street's newest communities, has already shown commitment to preservation and is working toward becoming a Certified Local Government through History Colorado. This will help position the city to reach its preservation goals.

The City of Victor, a newly Designated Main Street community, has been able to harness the power of volunteers to paint the façades of numerous downtown properties. The paint was donated by the Cripple Creek & Victor Gold Mine. A group of several volunteers, known as the "Façade Squad", has worked for two summers to help property owners improve the appearance of downtown buildings.

Reeves Brown, Executive Director of the Department of Local Affairs, says, "We are pleased that both of our organizations can focus our efforts to support these communities."

May is Archaeology and Historic Preservation Month and is celebrated throughout the nation in countless communities. The National Trust for Historic Preservation encourages preservation and Main Street organizations to use this month-long opportunity to showcase the ways they are celebrating and saving historic places year-round. The state is proud to recognize and support these four communities, who dedicate themselves to preserving Colorado's unique history.

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About History Colorado: *History Colorado inspires generations to find wonder and meaning in our past and to engage in building a better Colorado. History Colorado is headquartered in the History Colorado Center, 1200 Broadway, Denver, CO 80203, Find History Colorado at [Facebook.com/HistoryColorado](https://www.facebook.com/HistoryColorado) and on Twitter @HistoryColorado, #COHistory and #PreserveCO. For more information, visit HistoryColorado.org or call (303) HISTORY.*

About Colorado Main Street: *The Colorado Main Street program, administered by the Department of Local Affairs, is a program to revitalize traditional downtown districts within the context of historic preservation. The program uses an approach that advocates a return to community self-reliance, local empowerment, and the rebuilding of central business districts based on their traditional assets of unique architecture, personal service, local ownership, and a sense of community.*