



Celebrating 150 Years – Exhibit Planning

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Why/What/Where?

- **To Celebrate 150 years as a state!**
- 2 Large Exhibits
- 2 Small Exhibits
- Furniture Cases



Potential Exhibit Spaces

3rd Floor Rotunda Gallery

- 12 Panels, 7.5 feet across
- Circular nature lends to easy exploration
- Largest single gallery in the building

2nd Floor Rotunda Gallery

- 6 Panels, 7.5 feet across
- Limited to the West side because of Grand Staircase
- Space has not yet been used
- Frames estimated to cost \$300 and can be reused

Ground Level North and South Side

Intermittent wall space



Large Scale Exhibits



Inspired to Serve

A snapshot of the Colorado General Assembly in 2026

Exhibit Description

Dedicated to Colorado's School children, this exhibit highlights the nature of citizen government. The goal is for students to be able to see themselves in their representatives, and for visitors, in general, to see the scope of the legislature and learn how districts and representation work in Colorado.

All 100 Legislators will be featured in identical frames.

Total estimated cost: \$1000 (Frames can be reused in future exhibits)

Goals and Outcomes

Students and visitors will have a broader understanding of how government works in Colorado by connecting Coloradans through maps, individual districts, and legislators. Seeing in the Colorado legislature, a mirror of themselves, this exhibit will also serve to inspire Colorado students. This exhibit also shows the 2026 Colorado Legislature as it is right now- a *moment in time* celebration for the Sesquicentennial.



Inspired to Serve

Interactive Materials and interpretation

- QR code will be provided that will lead to the, “Find My Legislator” page on the GA website. Visitors can enter their address and find their legislator in the exhibit,
- District maps will be on display, showing both House and Senate districts,
- Hashtags will be provided so people can share photos of themselves visiting the Capitol,
- A ‘cut out’ frame will be available for visitors to take their picture as a Senator or Representative, with an accompanying hashtag.



A Mountainous and Forbidding Region

When Colorado was about to enter the Union, there were those for and against it. Over the last 150 years, we have grown to excellence in everything from peaches to beer to quantum technology. Here is a timeline of some of the incredible events that brought us here.

From a New York publication of high standing he quoted thus:

“There is not a single good reason for the admission of Colorado. Indeed, if it were not for the mines in that mountainous and forbidding region there would be no population there at all. The population, such as it is, is made up of a roving and unsettled horde of adventurers, who have no settled homes there or elsewhere, and are there solely because the state of semi-barbarism prevalent in that wild country suits their vagrant habits. There is something repulsive in the idea that a few handfulls of miners and reckless bushwhackers should have the same representation in the Senate as Pennsylvania, Ohio and New York.”



A Mountainous and Forbidding Region

Exhibit Description

Colorado's 150 years as a state is rich with momentous events. This exhibit utilizes the circular nature of the 3rd floor rotunda to allow visitors to experience a timeline of some of the events, innovations, celebrations, and tragedies in Colorado's past and how they have shaped us as a people.

Total estimated cost: \$800 (frames can be reused for future exhibits)

Goals and Outcomes

By sprinkling US events in with Colorado Events, guests gain a scope and arch of the last 150 years. Older visitors will see events they recognize and connect them with their own lives. Younger visitors will gain a greater appreciation for the state and the achievements of it's people.



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Interactive Materials and Interpretation

- Many items will have QR codes leading to articles and resources so visitors can gain a deeper understanding of individual events,
- Hashtags will be provided so visitors can share their favorite Colorado facts on Social media that are not on the timeline,
- Hashtags will be provided where visitors can answer the question, "What do you think Colorado will be like in 2076, at our 200th birthday?"

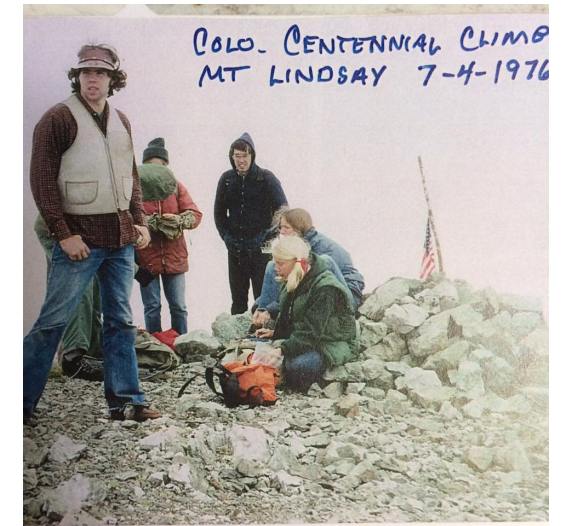
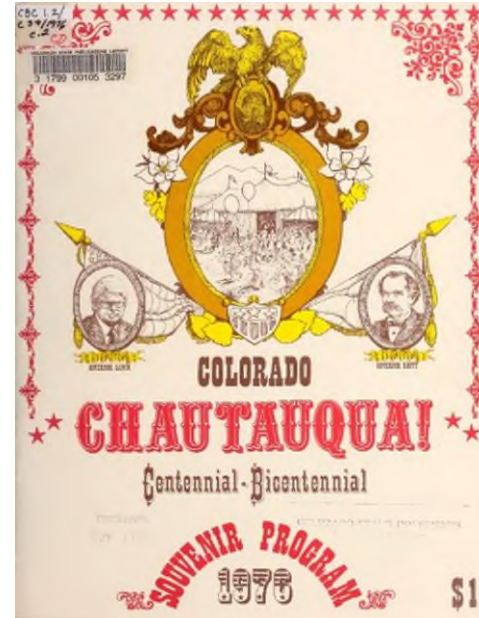


Small Scale Exhibits



1976!

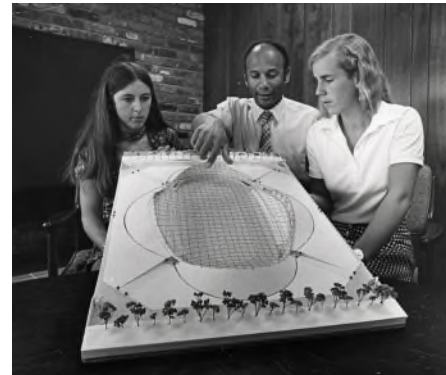
As the nation turned 200 years old in 1976, Colorado Turned 100! From license plates, to statewide 14er climbs, and even a devastating flood, 1976 was a big year for Colorado! See some of the artifacts, photos, and souvenirs that chronicle 1976 in Colorado.



The Olympics that Never happened



In 1970, Denver, Colorado was chosen to host the 1976 Winter Olympics. By 1972, Denverites had soured on the idea and took the issue to the ballot box. In an effort, lead by soon-to-be Governor, Richard Lamm, Denver became the first and ONLY city to ever reject an Olympic games it had been awarded! Join us in exploring that unique journey!



Case Exhibits

Exhibit Description

These exhibits will be smaller in scope but highlight details of the Capitol or spotlights of Coloradans and their history. For visitors who aren't able to take a tour or are here on business, these micro exhibits would give visitors a well rounded view of the Capitol and the state. In addition to borrowed exhibits from History Colorado and other museums, we plan on developing a library of evergreen exhibits that can be changed out easily, such as:

- Aberdeen Granite
- Rose Onyx
- Yule Marble
- Architectural Details, wood, and molding
- Colorado Tourism through the years
- Spotlight on Colorado – Historical figures important to Colorado History



To recap:

- Cases are evergreen and will be updated and can be changed out regularly
- Choice of two large exhibits
- Choice of two small exhibits



Thank you!
Questions?

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