

Celebrate Rocky!



The Rocky Mountain National Park 100th Anniversary Newsletter

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Mark Your Calendar!

The 100th Anniversary is almost here! Kick-off events are in the final planning stages and the 2014 Centennial Calendar of Events has been finalized!

On September 3 and 4, kick-off events will feature music, treats, and special representatives of the park's past, present, and future. To attend these free events, jump on the shuttle bus at Kawuneeche Visitor Center, Beaver Meadows Visitor Center, or in the towns of Grand Lake and Estes Park.

Throughout the fall, 100th Anniversary events will feature special presentations, music, food, art, theater, and family fun throughout the park, Grand Lake, and Estes Park. There is sure to be something for everyone in the family.

Want more details? Check the Centennial Calendar of Events on the anniversary website. This site will be the most updated and thorough source of information about all the fun to come!

What's Your Story?

When did you fall in love with Rocky Mountain National Park? What is your most memorable wildlife encounter? How has the park left its mark on your family? What pictures tell your park story?

Now there is a way to share your stories, memories, and photos of your time in Rocky Mountain National Park and be part of the Rocky Mountain National Park Centennial Celebration!

Visit rmnp100.com to contribute to the Centennial Family Photo Album. Click on the decade of your choosing and upload a photo or write down your story (or both!). Your memories will become part of our virtual time capsule that will be kept to help document the connections that people have made with the park over the past 100 years.

Spread the word to friends and family that might have old pictures or family stories, enter your memory, and then check back to see how the album grows.

Let your story or picture be part of the legacy of Rocky Mountain National Park!

Call for 2015 Events

There is just over one month left to get your 2015 event included in Rocky Mountain National Park's Centennial Celebration. Applications for 2015 events are due September 1.

All events must have an obvious connection to the Centennial slogan, "Wilderness, Wildlife, Wonder" or the Centennial Mission, "Honor the Past, Celebrate the Present, Inspire the Future".

Download an application form from the anniversary website or call Barbara Scott at 970-586-1226 for more information.

www.nps.gov/romo/planyourvisit/100th_anniversary.htm

Commissioned Products

The Rocky Mountain Conservancy, in conjunction with Rocky Mountain National Park, has commissioned several products for the celebration of Rocky Mountain National Park's 100th Anniversary.

Jim Disney was commissioned to create the official Centennial poster. Disney, a professional artist since 1963, has focused his work on the mountains and landscapes of the Western United States, primarily the Colorado Rockies, Rocky Mountain National Park and the Indian Peaks Wilderness. Jim has twice served as the Artist in Residence in Rocky Mountain National Park, and has summited Longs Peak nearly 100 times. "For over fifty years I've been very fortunate to share my love of Rocky Mountain National Park with my paintings and photographs, so to have my artwork on the official centennial poster is a great honor," says Jim. "I hope the image will inspire everyone who sees it to have a special place in their heart for this magnificent national park." Jim will be signing a limited number of prints at the 100th Anniversary kick-off events on September 3 and 4.



Specializing in original folk music, classic cowboy tunes and the songs of John Denver, "Cowboy" Brad Fitch was commissioned to create the official song of the RMNP Centennial. A current Rocky Mountain National Park Ranger, Brad was raised in Estes Park, Colorado and has been playing professionally since he was 15 years old. "Since my childhood I have enjoyed hiking, skiing, backpacking, climbing, horseback riding and relaxing in this special place," says Brad. "I am proud to be part of the park's 100th anniversary celebration." Brad will perform his song, *Rocky's the Park For All*, at the 100th Anniversary kick-off events on September 3 and 4. This catchy, upbeat anthem will be sure to get RMNP's 100th Anniversary celebration off to a joyful start.



Fall River Productions co-owners Alexander Ho and Brian Biggs are hard at work creating the official film of the Centennial celebration. Built around the Centennial themes, "Wilderness, Wildlife, Wonder", this 25-minute film will be premiered in January 2015 and will continue to be shown throughout the Centennial celebration year and beyond. *Currently, Brian and Alex are looking for vintage pictures and video from 1970 or before to help capture the visitor experience of RMNP. If you have vintage photos or video you'd like to share, please call Fall River Productions at 970-480-7877 or email them at info@fallriverproductions.com.*



Many Centennial products, including the poster and song, are available for purchase at all RMNP Rocky Mountain Conservancy outlets. The Centennial film, along with additional footage and interviews collecting during filming, will be available for purchase after its release in January.

Official 100th Anniversary Logo Use

The following vendors have applied for and been approved to use the 100th Anniversary Logo and Slogan for merchandise. Over 75 Centennial products can now be found on the shelves in RMNP Visitor Centers, local businesses, and online. For complete information on vendors and pictures of Centennial products, visit the website: http://www.nps.gov/romo/planyourvisit/100th_anniversary_products.htm

- Pendleton Woolen Mills
- Howard Neville
- Rocky Mountain Conservancy
- Brad Fitch
- Trail Ridge Quilters
- Powder Hill Photography, LLC
- Far Country Press
- Mountain States Specialities
- Kind Coffee LLC
- City of Loveland
- Park Bark LLC
- James Frank Photography
- Rocky Mountain Gateway
- Mel Tulin @ GUMPCards
- Harvest Moon Adirondack Chair Co.
- ParksConnect LLC
- Simply Christmas
- Trail Ridge Printing
- Xanterra
- Nick Molle Productions
- Smith Sign Studio
- Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory
- Grand Lake Chamber of Commerce
- Images of RMNP Gallery
- Pancho & Lefty's Inc.

Coordinator's Corner

by Barbara Scott, Anniversary Coordinator

Our Superintendent recently shared a comment from a visitor letter with the staff of Rocky Mountain National Park. It said, "Thank you for everything you do to preserve and protect this special place. To some of us, it is more than a resource. It is our life blood, a sanctuary for our souls, and a place we call home."

Those words, typed on a plain white piece of paper, now adorn my desk.

They are a reminder to me that Rocky Mountain National Park really is more than a resource. It's more than a t-shirt or a coffee cup. It's more than a tourist attraction. And, amongst the activity surrounding the upcoming Centennial celebration, it's easy to forget that at the end of the day, Rocky Mountain National Park's 100th Anniversary is more than just a party.

The 100th Anniversary is a chance to celebrate the feeling we get when we put on our hiking boots. It's a way to celebrate the cool breeze, the starry nights, the sunrise on the mountains. It's a celebration of the way the landscape speaks to people, and how those people show their appreciation for this place that inspires them.

It is a celebration of the way that Rocky Mountain National Park teaches people about wildness, peace, beauty, and simplicity, and how those people are changed by it.

When I read the words on that plain piece of paper I remember how I have been changed by Rocky Mountain National Park. And so I will celebrate this place because it is my life blood. It is a sanctuary for my soul. It is the place I call home.

What is it for you? What will you celebrate?

Wilderness Poem

By Cactus May, Artist in Residence, 1996

*There is an endangered aspect of the soul,
the part you can only know when you're
in the wilderness.*

He came looking for something.

He thought it was elk
mountain tops
always the fresh air.

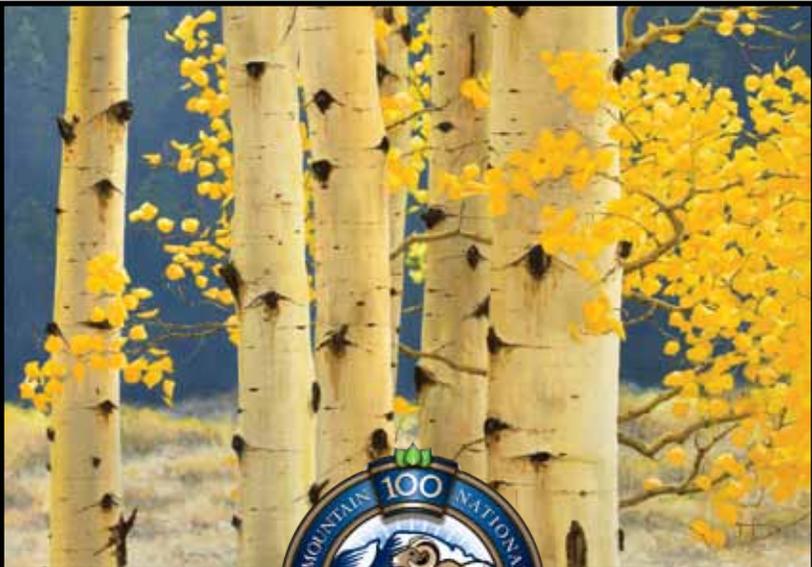
He found more.
Himself, or a part
he'd never known.

They met on Longs Peak
again on Deer Mountain
and Glass Lake.

In a stand of ponderosa
they shook hands
spoke in vanilla air.

Then one turned back
to the city, the other
to the wild.

Now he goes back
always deeper into the park
looking for his friend.



Wilderness Wildlife Woods

FINE ART SHOW & SALE

BENEFITTING THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN CONSERVANCY

September 25-28, 2014

Artwork - Cydney Springer - Golden Leaves Clinging - 30 x 40"

SAVE THE DATES!

September 25-28, 2014



CENTENNIAL
CELEBRATION
FINE ART
SHOW & SALE

Opening Reception Thursday, Sept. 25, 6 PM

at Fall River Visitor Center

Quick Draw & Sale Saturday, Sept. 27, 9 AM - 12 Noon

at Moraine Park Discovery Center

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Employee Alumni
Reunion Update!

Did you work at ROMO or know someone who did? Come to the RMNP employee alumni reunion on September 18&19, 2015.

The reservation site for rooms at the YMCA of the Rockies is now open. Visit the park anniversary website to find out more details.

Have an activity you would like to see at the reunion? What would you like to do while you're here? Email your ideas to ROMO_100th_Anniversary@nps.gov.

Send your email address to ROMO_100th_Anniversary@nps.gov to get on the reunion mailing list!