COVID-19 Announcement:

With the knowledge that your inboxes are already flooded with COVID-19 announcements, I would like to quickly update you on the Museum’s status, then get on to other topics.

“Although the Forney Museum of Transportation has put into place strict cleaning and disinfecting practices and our facility comprises a large area with a great deal of open space, easily permitting the recommended “social distancing,” the Museum, at the urging of several other non-profit organizations and based on recommendations from both Denver Mayor Hancock and Governor Polis, has decided to temporarily close to visitors.

At this time the Forney Museum strongly supports the community and our thousands of annual visitors, not only locally, but internationally and we recognize this is a challenging time for many, with a great deal of uncertainty, however we encourage everyone to remain calm and follow directives as they are issued by health officials; not the potentially misleading, hysteria driven mis-information and falsehoods disseminated on social media and other less reputable platforms. In the interim we encourage anyone who may be exhibiting any symptoms associated with this virus, who may already be ill, has knowingly come in contact with an infected individual or has traveled to a highly impacted area, please take all appropriate precautions to guard against the additional spread of COVID-19 and follow the recommendations of health care providers.

The Forney Museum looks forward to once again welcoming visitors; hopefully in the not too distant future. Please continue to check our website and other online postings to see our latest status.

Your ongoing support is invaluable. Thank you and remain well. Please check back for updates.”

With different update reports from State and City officials, the museum is currently unsure of when we will reopen to the public but we will be sure to keep you updated via email and the museum website.
News on the Museum Front

Some links from the Center for the Future of Museums

On Arts, Culture, and the (Now) Unavoidable Spectre of Poverty

Older Adults Find Creative Expression through Movement and Dance at the Anchorage Museum

Museums Scramble to Document the Pandemic, Even as It Unfolds

Financial aid for museums: what’s been announced so far?

What Will Make People Feel Safe Attending a Cultural Entity Again? (DATA)

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Read more articles posted by the Center for the Future of Museums on their Facebook page.

Updates at the Museum

We have a new Volunteer Coordinator, Amber Pixley, when you see her, please say hi and introduce yourself.

The Lead Sled exhibit is on Instagram, where we are posting pictures for you to enjoy.

We have a downloadable coloring book and a train and automobile word search on the website for children to enjoy.

We are now part of the Denver Public Library Museum and Culture Pass program!

We are shifting some things around in the front of the Museum, including a New Donations section and replacing some cars that have been out on the floor for a long time. More details to come.

We would love to hear what cars you want to see displayed. Please email Amber with your suggestions. Who knows, it may make it out for the re-opening of the museum!
NEW DONATIONS

1930 Ford Model A

1939 Hillman Minx

1926 Ford Model T Truck from Bell Plumbing

1972 Chevy Monte Carlo

Virtual Volunteer Help Needed!

We still need your help! Your time and efforts are invaluable to the Museum and we appreciate your understanding in these unprecedented times.

We want to continue to interact with the public and were thinking of posting educational or how-to-videos.

This can include educational videos on how to build models or videos on how to change a tire, change oil, etc.

If you have any ideas on other educational or how-to-videos please email them to Amber.

If you are interested in being a part of this effort, again please let Amber know.

We would also like to offer the option to do some research on artifacts we have in the collection.

Lastly we would like to offer online interactive lessons for members of the public and would love to hear your ideas.

Please again let Amber know of any interest or ideas for these programs!

Amber Pixley
Volunteer Coordinator
volunteer@forneymuseum.org
Virtual Museum Tours

AROUND TOWN

The building is closed but their online collection is always open! Explore the slow-looking feature in their Online Collection. Simply click on an artwork, then click on the eye icon. The immersive full-screen experience will slowly show you your chosen image in detail.

The Lamborghini Museum in Sant’Agata Bolognese, Italy, offers a virtual tour via Google Street View.

Take a virtual tour of the museum’s collection and learn a little about why it has always really been golden in Golden.

Find more free online events, exhibits, classes and other opportunities, in Colorado, to experience wonder from your own home on the SCFD website!

AROUND THE WORLD

The Porsche Museum, located in Stuttgart-Zuffenhausen, Germany, gathers the brand’s most iconic and influential sports cars, race cars, and one very important tractor in a stunningly designed building that’s an attraction in itself. The museum’s virtual tour lets you explore the masterfully displayed collection inside and take in all the architectural beauty outside.

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Find more virtual tours of car museums on the MotorTrend website!
How You Can Continue Helping the Community

- **Metro Caring**
  Essential Service – Emergency Food Distribution
  - Metro Caring sits at the front lines of the current COVID-19 pandemic and is the number one antihunger organization in Denver. All families deserve to put nutritious food on the table. We are committed to staying open to help families and older Coloradans put healthy food on the table. Find volunteer opportunities [here](#).

- **Soles4Souls – Colorado Donation Center // Wheat Ridge**
  Cleaning your closet? Donate your SHOES!
  - Many of us are feeling like we want to do something, but don’t know where to start. Did you know something as simple as your shoes can make a BIG difference? While you are home cleaning, save your shoes and donate them to Soles4Souls. Find out how to help [here](#).

- **Benefits in Actions // Lakewood Food Delivery**
  - During COVID, Benefits in Action is delivering food to those older adults and people with disabilities who are not able to get food. Our food delivery volunteers pick up boxes of food and deliver to homes in the metro Denver area. Find volunteer opportunities [here](#).

**MORE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

- **“I Have a Dream” Foundation of Boulder County (Boulder Area)**
  - [Notre Dame AmeriCorps Member Boulder – “I Have A Dream” Program Site](#)

- **A Precious Child (Broomfield)**
  - [COVID 19 Response/Donation Center](#)

- **Alzheimer's Association of Colorado (Denver)**
  - [Walk to End Alzheimer's in Denver](#)
  - [More!](#)

- **AVP Colorado (Denver)**
  - [Alternatives to Violence Workshop Facilitator](#)

- **Big Brothers Big Sisters (Englewood)**
  - [Sport Buddies (Men Only)](#)

- **Bridges Community Homecare and Hospice (Multiple Locations)**
  - [Sew a Memory Bear or Pillow, Colorado Springs Metro](#)

- **CASA of Adams & Broomfield Counties (Westminster)**
  - [CASA Classic Golf Tournament](#)

- **Colorado Consumer Health Initiative (Denver)**
  - [Phone Bank From YOUR HOME Volunteer](#)

- **Colorado Pet Pantry (Multiple Locations)**
  - [Pet Food Bank Volunteers at Denver Inner City Parish Food Bank](#)
  - [More!](#)

- **Covenant Cupboard Food Pantry (Greenwood Village)**
  - [Food Pantry Distribution Assistant](#)

- **Denver Regional Council of Governments (Denver)**
  - [Medicare Counselor – SHIP (State Health Insurance Assistance Program)](#)

- **Denver Scholarship Foundation (Denver)**
  - [Office Assistant Face of DSF](#)

- **El Sistema Colorado (Denver)**
  - [Board of Directors](#)

- **Food Bank of the Rockies (Denver)**
  - [Food Bank of the Rockies](#)

- **History Colorado (Multiple Locations)**
  - [Summer Teen Volunteer](#)
  - [More!](#)

- **Institute for Environmental Solutions (Denver)**
  - [IES Board of Directors](#)

- **MADD Colorado (Denver)**
  - [Court Monitoring Volunteer](#)
  - [More!](#)

- **Minds Matter Denver (Denver)**
  - [Mentor with Minds Matter at Dr. Martin Luther King Early College](#)
  - [More!](#)

- **Moving to End Sexual Assault (Lafayette)**
  - [Hotline Advocate](#)

- **National Multiple Sclerosis Society (Multiple Locations)**
  - [Bike MS Colorado](#)
  - [More!](#)

- **Project C.U.R.E (Denver)**
  - [Test and Repair Medical Supply Donations in Your Local Area for Project C.U.R.E.](#)
  - [More!](#)

- **Rocky Mountain MicroFinance Institute (Westminster)**
  - [Mentor an Under-Resourced Entrepreneur in Aurora](#)

- **Salvation Army Intermountain Division (Denver)**
  - [Emergency food boxes distribution](#)
  - [More!](#)

- **Severe Weather Shelter Network (Littleton)**
  - [Volunteer Development Team – Work from Home](#)

- **The Action Center (Lakewood)**
  - [Volunteer in our food or clothing banks or behind the scenes](#)

- **The Delores Project (Denver)**
  - [Provide a meal for 60-70 shelter guests](#)
Purchase Your Groceries Online and Get Them Delivered to Your House

Some links for Places to Buy Groceries Online Right Now

1. Safeway Delivery
2. King Soopers Pickup and Delivery
3. Walmart Pickup and Delivery
4. Whole Foods Market Delivery and Pickup
5. Instacart
   How it works: Instacart gives you the ability to order from a few different stores at once. (Your options depend on what’s in your area, but examples include CVS, Wegmans, Aldi, and Costco or Sam’s Club – yes, even if you don’t have a membership). You get a friendly personal shopper who will run your errands and you can choose from pick-up, delivery or the new “Leave at My Door” option. Prices are Instacart’s own, though, and are often (but not always) more expensive than they are in stores. Which means you’ll pay for convenience.

6. AmazonFresh
   How it works: Of course Amazon has a grocery delivery option! AmazonFresh is available in most major cities and is newly free for all Prime Members. You can shop fresh produce, meat and seafood, organic stuff, prepared meals, local goodies (specific to where you are) and more. Oh, and of course, you can shop Whole Foods Market, specifically.

7. Boxed
   How it works: Most of the offerings on Boxed are shelf-stable. There’s no membership fee to shop Boxed, although you can pay $49 a year to join Boxed Up, which gets you free or discounted shipping (normally $6.99 for orders less than $49) and 2 percent cash rewards.

8. Shipt
   How it works: Available in over 260 cities, Shipt delivers fresh produce and home essentials from local grocers as well as popular retailers like Costco, CVS, Target, and Petco. You’ll need a membership to use Shipt, however, and the cost is $14 per month, or $99 per year. A personal shopper will hand-pick each item in your order, sending text updates along the way and letting you add or substitute products in your cart. Note that Shipt’s personalized service might come at a cost and some products could have a slight markup. Delivery is free on orders of $35+, and you can change the delivery address to send groceries to friends and family.
April is Volunteer Appreciation Month!

Happy Volunteer Appreciation Month to the wonderful Forney Museum volunteers! We all would like to thank you for your hard work and dedication!

Lew Berg

Lew came to the Forney from Wings Over the Rockies and was one of several that left Wings and blessed Forney with his personality and wit. Lew’s expertise is woodworking and has a long history of volunteering and experience from his time in the Army and Air Force. His travel took him and his wife (Joyce) to Germany, Guam, Alaska and finally Denver.

Lew’s accomplishments include the platform in front of the D&RGW GP 30 and rebuilding the platform between the GP 30 and the PB1, after the relocation of the Snow Plow and the units behind it. He has been instrumental in repairing and painting the wooden Rio Grande sign. Other tasks Lew has helped with includes: the installation of the guard rail on the steal ramp after the train move and building the wooden enclosure around the fire suppression system in Building #2 and painting and sealing the toilet floors in Building #2. Lew’s painting in the office areas was one of his favorite things to do (not really) but he would never say no. He reminds me of the Energizer Bunny as he never stops. There are many more projects Lew has done or helped do that made the Forney a brighter and better place for us all.

Lew has decided to retire and take care of his health, so we bid farewell and he will surely be missed but never forgotten.

Thank you Lew!

Dean Ames

Dean is also a volunteer that came to the Forney from Wings Over the Rockies and brought great mechanical and work ethics with him. Dean is a Navy veteran and has many years of volunteering. He is a self-driven individual that makes a well-rounded volunteer.

The last project Dean worked on was making a new and improved door for the hallway between the museum and Building #2. This project took Dean over 6 months with much frustration and trial and error. This project involved making a jog for the metal and then welding and fitting it to the desired print that he made. He then finished the frame with wood, painted and hung the door so that it would swing open enough for the cars and buggies to fit through. He also put in a small door to pass through without having to open the big door.

During the train move, Dean did the big part of grinding the metal hand rail off the metal ramp so that the rail cars on that track would fit out the exit. That project took a lot of planning and measuring and re-measuring. Dean took care so that we could put the hand railing back in the original position and weld in place.

The first big project Dean and Lew worked on was to clean and disassemble the room where the cooling and refrigeration unit were kept. It entailed the dismantling of the motors, compressors, piping and electrical and then hauling them outside. Dean and Lew made this into a wood working shop complete with storage, better lighting, heat, compressed air, and exhaust fan and 120 Volt power.

This is a short list of projects that Dean completed while he’s made the museum a better and more efficient place to work for all.

Dean is splitting his time caring for his wife and still coming to the Forney part time to help with small projects.

Thank you Dean!