

Mystery Solving Photo Activity

Sunday, December 4, 2022, 12:00

Community Christmas Lunch

Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish Hall, Antonito CO.

Goals:

- Engage with community members.
- Provide an opportunity for community members to interact with photos/materials from HC's permanent collection.
- Generate community-driven descriptions and interpretations
- Gain a deeper understanding of how the Antonito community defines itself and what is meaningful to them.

Staffing:

- Jazzy Vigil (lead)
- Angela Montoya (support)
- Jay Warner (support)

Set up:

- Community Interactive Activity station
- Station with poster of project activities so far/updates

Tools/equipment/materials needed:

- Print-outs of historic photos/other holdings from HC collection
- Photo interpretation worksheets
- paper/pens/pencils
- Tables and chairs
- Easel for poster with updates
- Contact information sheets

Before the Event:

Checklist (Please Check):

- ____ Read this Checklist in its entirety to understand processes and expectations.
- ____ Connect with community partners to discuss the goals of the activity and coordinate efforts.
- ____ Print 11x17 copies in color of the historic images/materials of the HC collection.
[All in this folder.](#)

- _____ Print 8.5x11 [photo interpretation sheets](#) with a thumbnail of each image. Each worksheet has space for participants to add what they know about the images (names of people, businesses, exact locations, why the photos are important, etc.). Make extra copies of the 8.5x11 sheets so many people can add their comments and information if the sheets get full.
- _____ Create poster board with project updates and photos from past events.
- _____ Create and print a large welcome sign for the event day with information about the activity this should include as well a disclaimer that HC will be taking photos of the activity.
- _____ Make sure you have the resources needed for this event:
 - Tables and chairs
 - Paper, pens, pencils
 - Project Banner (Angela has it)

During the Event:

Checklist (Please Check):

Set-up:

- _____ Organize the room as needed for the activity
- _____ Make sure you have enough copies of activity worksheets, pens/pencils, or any other resources needed for the planned activity.
- Display the photos from HC archive on a table. Place next to them the photo interpretation worksheets.

Welcome and Instructions:

- _____ Welcome sign that lets people know they're in the right place and gives them instructions on the activities.
- _____ Sign-up sheet
- _____ Snacks to make people feel welcome (optional)
- _____ Jazzy greets people and explains the project and activity to participants.

Facilitation:

- _____ Explain the activity to participants—this is an idea of what Jazzy can say, but please adapt as needed:
 - “My name is Jazzy Vigil, I am a student at Adams State and a fellow at History Colorado. We are collaborating with Antonito Together to invite community members to help us tell the history of the Antonito community and the surrounding area in your own words. Here I have copies of photos and other objects we have in the permanent collection at History Colorado (the museum in

Denver). We would appreciate it if you can help us identify what these are, since we have limited information about these, Do you recognize these? Do you have a story connected to these images? Do you feel these images represent the community? how?"

- "you can write down your thoughts, or I (Jazzy) can write them down for you".

Document the Process (great opportunity for volunteer engagement):

- ____ Take pictures to show participant engagement in project activities
- ____ Take field notes for further reflection: How many people attended? What is happening? What is the general mood? What kind of conversations are happening? Is there anything that sparked your interest? What are the notable moments? What information did we gain about each image? Save this document in the project folder for the event: [folder](#).

After the Event:

- ____ Save the photos and notes documenting project activities to the project shared drive. There is already [a folder](#) for the event day.
- ____ Write field notes for further reflection: How many people attended? What is happening? What is the general mood? What kind of conversations are happening? Is there anything that sparked your interest? What are the notable moments? What information did we gain about each image? Save this document in the project folder for the event:
- ____ Compile and save the participants' feedback and impressions about the photos.
1) Scan all the worksheets and 2) transcribe the information into a document. Make sure you include the name of the photo as a heading. Save this in this [folder](#).