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Colorado Chautauqua Recognized by The Landmarks Board for Reconstruction Of The Pavilion At Chautauqua

BOULDER, Colo. (April 19, 2022) – [Colorado Chautauqua](#). Each year, the Boulder County Heritage Roundtable hosts an Awards Ceremony to recognize owners of recently designated landmarks and local authors and award recipients, all of whom have made contributions to historic preservation in Boulder County.

This year The Landmarks Board will recognize the **Reconstruction of the Pavilion at Chautauqua** with a City of Boulder Landmarks Board Project Award. The Heritage Roundtable will also recognize **Jeff Medanich**, Chautauqua Director of Preservation and Sustainability, with a Square Nail Lifetime Achievement Award. Both awards will be presented at a ceremony at Chautauqua Community House on May 15th at 6PM.

The original pavilion at Chautauqua, referred to as the Chautauqua Café, served as overflow for the Chautauqua Dining Hall from 1899 through 1905 and was a popular place to enjoy casual fare described as “coffee, short orders and cold meats.” With approval from the Landmarks Board, the Colorado Chautauqua Association, the nonprofit that manages the Colorado Chautauqua National Historic Landmark, went through a painstaking process of reconstructing the Café from archival photographs. The tented Café now rests in the same location, but features the latest sustainable, wind and fire-proof materials.

The Chautauqua Café reconstruction, made possible by generous support from Agatha Campbell, opened to the public with a well-attended community event on July 3, 2022. Marcy Gerwing, Principal Planner at City Of Boulder, commented, “I’ve heard so many positive things about (The Chautauqua Café) from many different people, and it really is a wonderful addition to the National Historic Landmark. Congratulations!”

The reconstruction project was managed for Chautauqua by Jeff Medanich, designed by Pel-Ona Architects and Urbanists, and constructed by Smiley Inc. and JVA Engineering.

Shelly Benford, CEO of Colorado Chautauqua Association, said, “The preservation of Chautauqua’s historic buildings and grounds is at the heart of our mission, and it is especially exciting to be recognized by The Landmarks Board in Chautauqua’s 125th Anniversary Year! The reconstructed Café is also a fine example of Jeff Medanich’s many contributions to Chautauqua and the overlap between historic preservation and sustainability. We hope the community will take advantage of this beautiful structure, which is already being used for Chautauqua’s popular children’s story hour, *Tails By The Trails* and other events, in addition to being a place for hikers, bikers, and friends to relax with a drink or ice cream from Chautauqua’s historic General Store.”

For more information on Chautauqua Café: <https://www.chautauqua.com/dining/the-chautauqua-cafe/>

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