President’s Corner  
by Marilyn Eisele

In mid-April the CT Board of Directors met in Dillon for its annual spring planning retreat. We thank Bill Manning for hosting the retreat and his parents for allowing us the use of their home in Dillon as well as Suzanne and Bill Reed for inviting us for dinner Friday evening. The generosity of these people helped make the retreat a successful and enjoyable weekend. We also extend our thanks to Greg Warren, Trails Liaison with the U.S. Forest Service, who participated in the retreat. His perspective and input are always valuable.

At the retreat we focused on current issues facing the Foundation as well as attempted to assess the Foundation’s future needs.

We spent time reviewing provisions of the draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the U.S. Forest Service. This is the agreement that defines our cooperation in maintaining The Colorado Trail. We are currently operating on the basis of the Master Plan and Master Agreement and hope to sign the new MOU soon.

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Sharp Cuts Expected in U.S. Forest Service Budgets for Trails and Recreation

A front-page story in the April 19, 2005, Rocky Mountain News reported the U.S. Forest Service expects drastic reductions in agency budgets for trails and recreation. Jim Moe, budget coordinator in the USFS Rocky Mountain Region, was quoted as saying that such funds will likely drop from $22 million in 2004 to around $11 million in 2006 for the five-state region.

What will be the impact? Steve Sherwood, Regional Director for Recreation, Heritage and Wilderness, cautioned in the story, “We are looking at the possibility of closing some campgrounds and trails in Colorado and other forests in our region.”

Mr. Moe observed, “This budget has been flat for more than a decade and hasn’t kept up with inflation.” He said the region is starting a Recreation Facilities Master Planning effort to determine what the federal “niche” is in outdoor recreation.

Mr. Sherwood was quoted in the News article as saying, “Perhaps campsites would better be provided by state parks, and we should concentrate on backcountry experiences. There is talk of turning more campgrounds and trailheads over to private concessionaires, sort of the ski industry model, and someday you may have to pay to park at a trailhead and take a number or make a reservation to use the trail.”

Sherwood added that while campgrounds are the big target, other services, like trail maintenance, may be streamlined. “We hope to get volunteers to help, but it does no good if we don’t have forest supervisors to work with them. Managing a volunteer crew takes a lot of money. In addition to the work, there are safety and liability concerns,” the Forest Service Director is quoted as saying.

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A story about CTF volunteers keeping the Colorado Trail open despite budget cuts is followed by a table and text about the Colorado Trail Foundation's services and programs. The text concludes with a call to action for individuals to join a Colorado Trail crew this summer to help maintain our premier, high-mountain trail.
Summer 2005 Trail Crews Filling Fast

More than enough volunteers have already signed up for 10 CTF trail crews to maintain the Colorado Trail this summer. Three weekend crews and seven week-long trail crews are full, each with 20 or more crew members.

Full crews include

Weekend Crews:

- **WE2** June 10–12 Buffalo Creek, Tom Brooksher, leader
- **WE3** June 17–19 Blank’s Cabin, John Lipe, leader
- **WE5** July 8–10 Camp Hale, Julie Mesdag, leader

Week-long Crews:

- **0405** June 25–July 2 Columbia Creek, Glenn Kepler, leader
- **0505** July 2–9 Bear Creek, Dale Zoeteway, leader
- **0705** July 9–16 Molas Pass, Ted La May, leader
- **0905** July 16–23 Miners Creek, Stan Ward, leader
- **1205** July 23–30 Cochetopa Hills, Phil Smith, leader
- **1405** July 30–Aug 6 Bolam Pass, Jon Greeneisen, leader
- **1505** Aug 6–13 Cochetopa Hills, Phil Smith, leader

Eight Crews Still Open!

Crew spaces are still available on eight crews—two weekend crews and six week-long crews. Volunteer “Friends of the Trail” are being recruited to come and help maintain the Colorado Trail on the following crews:

Weekend Crews:

- **WE4** July 1–3 Georgia Pass, George Miller, leader
- **WE6** July 15–17 Fooses Creek, George Miller, leader

Week-long Crews:

- **0105** June 11–18 Mount Elbert, Phil Smith, leader
- **0205** June 18–25 Kenosha Pass, Merle McDonald, leader
- **0305** June 18–25 Columbia Creek, Phil Rhees, leader
- **0805** July 9–16 Lost Park, Chuck Lawson, leader
- **1005** July 16–23 Molas Pass, Ernie Norris, leader
- **1605** Aug 13–20 Browns Creek Bridge, John Lipe, leader

What’s a “Trail Crew Member?”

If you’re not already signed on to a crew, sign up and join us as we head for the mountains to “work in the dirt” and maintain our high-mountain trail. You must be 16 years of age and in good physical condition. You’ll need to bring your sleeping bag, pad, tent, eating utensils, work clothes and personal items. We—the Colorado Trail Foundation—will furnish your food, the cook tent and equipment, hard hats, tools and supplies. CTF trail crews are highly participatory.

Volunteers join in trail building as well as share in the work of setting up camp, meal preparation and other camp chores, and enjoy the evening campfire. Crews typically meet early on the afternoon of the first Saturday, with volunteers responsible for their own transportation to the meeting place. On Sunday there is a demonstration of tool safety and an introduction to trail building. Crews work each day except Wednesday which is free for hiking and other recreation. Departing crews help pack equipment on Saturday so the camp can be moved to the next crew.

Cost: The registration cost is a one-time, non-refundable charge of $50 ($25 for weekend crews) per person regardless of how many crews you register for the summer.

How to Sign Up: Contact the Colorado Trail Foundation at (303) 384-3729 for a registration packet or print out the registration and waiver from the CTF website at www.coloradotrail.org. Your registration will be confirmed in a few days with detailed information mailed later including a roster of participants in case you’d like to car pool.
Make It an EXCEPTIONAL Summer!!
Make It a Learning Vacation in the San Juan Mountains!

Exciting outdoor workshops are being offered again this summer at our San Juan Educational Facility under the leadership of Gudy Gaskill. In its fifteenth year, eight week-long classes will include Geology of the San Juans, Alpine Wildflowers, Practical Digital Photography, San Juan Wildflowers, Oil and Watercolor, Plein-Air Watercolor, Wildflower Photography, Kids Outdoor Adventure as well as adventure-filled San Juan Hiking, Climbing and Orienteering. Sleep in your own tent or use a dorm tent.

Have an adventure vacation while learning in the mountains. Enjoy hearty meals and piped-in water at a cabin in a hidden group of trees on the Alpine Scenic By-Way, southwest of Lake City at 10,800 feet. All for a nominal fee. Call Charlotte Briber at 303-526-0809 or e-mail: ctf@coloradotrail.org. Web: www.coloradotrail.org

**Kids Outdoor Adventure**

**June 12 – 18**

Have a great time with your kids or grandkids in a magnificent mountain setting. One parent or grandparent must accompany the child(ren). While the kids are off on adventures (climbing, fishing, nature study, etc.) the elders will have optional half-day workshops in Anasazi pottery, sketching and watercolor, wildflower and historical walks, and perhaps storytelling. Ages 6–11. A family or three or four can use a dorm tent.

**14er High! GPS and Wilderness Safety**

**June 19 – 25**

Join two Durango residents for a week of hiking and climbing in the spectacular San Juans. The group will ascend local peaks as well as Handies, Redcloud, Sunshine and possibly Uncomphagre. Topics for discussion will include high altitude safety, map and compass skills, instruction in GPS and just good fun. Now is your chance in ticking off your 14er list in the company of fellow hikers and great leaders. Jerry Brown, leader, is known for his back country mapping achievements and is an internationally renowned GPS expert. Connie Wian, co-leader and a dedicated mountaineer, has climbed all of the 14ers at least once. Here’s your chance to have meals ready for you when you come back to camp and a wonderful group to hike with in the company of one of the top leaders in the hiking world. Join us for a memorable experience.

**Geology of the San Juans**

**June 26 – July 2**

The Lake City area is known for its large volcanic calderas and for the classic earth flow that created Colorado’s second largest high mountain natural lake—Lake San Cristobal—and the flow is still moving. Here’s your chance to summit a 14er after a field session leaves you high on the flank of Handies. Some field days will include strenuous hikes but in a premier setting. Field days are preceded by a full day of lecture, giving you insight to the eons of time. Dr. Pete Varney, Professor of Geology at Metro State, will give you all this magnitude in a nutshell!

**Practical Digital Photography**

**July 3 – July 9**

The ONLY road to photography! Learn how to take pictures, enhance photos and use your digital camera to its fullest capacity. No electricity at the facility, so bring your laptops with a full battery. There are incredible natural scenes to photograph. There will be a day of lecture and discussion as well as discussion with show-and-tell each evening. To travel and be able to remember your experiences makes taking great pictures a must. Record your life on pictures that will even interest others. A tripod is a good idea to catch the flutter of the butterfly wings. The instructor, Lee Van Ramshorst, has his pictures and cards on sale in many gift shops and art galleries across Colorado. Bring lots of film and batteries.

Can there be a more beautiful place to experience a LEARNING VACATION?
Oil and Watercolor  
July 10 – July 16
Beginners through intermediates acquire and polish your outdoor painting skills. Have an adventurous week painting and learning in the San Juans. Artist George Callison will teach how to select subjects and compose paintings with strong central themes. Drifts of wildflowers, gushing streams, creaky ghost towns, soaring high peaks, and beaver pond meadows make inspiring subject matter.

Alpine Wildflowers  
July 17 – 23 and July 24 – 30
Treat yourself to a wonderful week of wildflowers in the San Juan Mountains this summer. Nothing can compare to the sub-alpine and high alpine meadows of the San Juans in late July when the slopes are alive with a myriad of colorful flowers. The Colorado Trail Foundation is offering two one-week classes in wildflower identification during the peak blooming season. The classes, offered the weeks of July 17–23 and July 24–30, include field trips to the outstanding wildflower areas of American Basin, Cinnamon Pass, Grizzly Gulch and Burroughs Park to give students a diversity of flora habitats. Last year the classes identified over 200 species of plants.

Naturalist Lori Brummer will help you sort out all of the flowers blooming at these high altitudes especially those darn yellow composites that abound in the mountain meadows. The classes will emphasize identification techniques, plant and family characteristics and the use of plant keys. If you have found yourself thumbing through wildflower field guides and still have doubts in identifying flowers, then this is the class is for you.

Wildflower Photography  
July 24 – 30
Join the second week wildflower class in their slow progress through the high mountain meadows and while they are identifying flowers, you will learn how to photograph them (and learn their names on the side). A tripod is useful to capture closeups of nature’s wonderland. Lee Van Ramshorst will also teach this workshop. Lights and shadows, available light, enhancements, closeups, insects, etc., will all be covered. This workshop promises to provide true enlightenment to the potential of your camera. Evening discussions and show-and-tells. If you have one, bring your lap top computer with extra battery power. Share experiences and results.

Plein-Air Watercolor  
July 31 – August 6
This special class will be taught by well known Durango artist Margaret Barge who has over 30 years of teaching experience. From beginning student to advanced, learn “in the field” with numerous critiques each day as your painting is progressing. Unbelievable scenery to choose from and each day a different location. Bring a wide hat for the high-altitude sun and a stool to sit on. Marge will stroll you through the use of color, composition and techniques for creating paintings that sparkle with sunshine! Friday afternoon we’ll have our traditional final show of all the paintings created during the week complete with critique, wine and cheese, and invited guests. Marge will bring the best out in you to your great amazement.

Teacher Credits: Classes may be taken for two credit hours through the Teacher Enhancement Program of CSM.

Registration: For more information or to register for a class contact Charlotte Briber at (303) 526-0809 or the CTF at (303) 384-3729 or e-mail ctf@coloradotrail.org.

Cost: Kids Outdoor Adventure cost per adult is $295 ($255 + $40 public land use permit fee) and per youth is $115 ($75 + $40 public land use permit fee). Cost per person for all other classes is $350 ($310 + $40 public land use permit fee).

Photo at right by Digital Photography instructor, Lee Van Ramshorst.
CT Supported Treks Almost Full, Only Two Treks Still Have Spaces  
by Lisa Turner

Eight week-long treks on The Colorado Trail are being conducted this summer. This is the fourteenth year of the CTF Supported Trekking Program.

This is a great program where you can register for one week at a time. You don’t have to go all eight weeks! A great part of the program is that you get to hike a different segment of The Colorado Trail each day (averaging about 12-15 miles per day) while carrying only a light daypack with your lunch and water. Yes, that’s correct, you don’t have to carry a heavy backpack yet you get to experience a multi-day journey on The Colorado Trail!

A five-person crew supports the hiking group for each week-long trek. All your personal gear is transported by four-wheel drive truck from one campsite to the next while you hike along the Trail. And we provide all of the equipment needed for a community camp setup. All you bring are personal clothes, sleeping bag, pad and tent. If you don’t have a tent or sleeping bag, rentals are available.

After your day of hiking, crew staff members prepare and cook your evening meal. Lunches and hot breakfasts also are provided. The program also provides a van shuttle at the beginning and end of the week to get you to and from your vehicle. All of the logistics are handled for you.

This year the trekking program begins June 19 at Kenosha Pass and works its way south on The Colorado Trail to end near Durango on August 13. At the end of May, six of the week-long treks were full. Trek spaces are still available on Section 2, Kenosha Pass to Camp Hale, June 19–25, and Section 4, Clear Creek to Marshall Pass, July 3–9.

People often ask, “Which is the best section to sign up for?” We say, “Each section has its own unique personality.” The Colorado Trail has very diverse topography and offers something for everybody. There is not one best section since any day hiking in Colorado while looking at our beautiful Rocky Mountain vistas and crystal-clear, blue skies is the best, even in a worse case scenario.

Trekking groups are kept small with only 12 or 14 hikers each week; so space is always limited. If the two treks still available don’t work for you this year, plan early and register now for a trek in 2006.

CTF treks are managed by Pete and Lisa Turner in Durango. The cost per week is $740. For further information, call Pete or Lisa at 1-877-600-2656 or visit the CTF website (www.coloradotrail.org) and click on summer programs.

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Adopters Corner:

All Sections Are Adopted!
The CT Is Adopted from End to End

by Janet Farrar, Adopt-A-Trail Coordinator

Good news! Dusty Little of Del Norte, CO, has become our newest adopter by agreeing to maintain Section 17.1—a 20-mile segment from Sargents Mesa to Lujan Creek. For the first time in a number of years, there are adopters for the whole Trail.

As you prepare for maintenance chores this summer, adopters should have received a packet with new forms and information. Adopter sections have been re-numbered to better coordinate with the Guidebook segments. Here are some tips and reminders as you plan this summer’s trail work.

**Trail Condition and End of Season Report** forms have been revised and combined into one dual-use form. And it can be downloaded from the Forms Library on the CTF website, completed and e-mailed to the office. We hope this will make reporting easy! We need to know the condition of our Trail, so please fill out and send your completed forms. Marian and Suzanne will forward your reports to the Forest Service, but please contact your District Ranger before heading out.

**Liability Release Agreements** must be completed for each adopter crew member and returned to the office before any work is undertaken. The form can be downloaded from the website Forms Library, but can only be printed at this time. An **Indemnification Agreement** also is required for adopter crew members under the age of 18.

After making your early-season inspection of the Trail, please contact the CTF Office to report any conditions that should be relayed to Trail users. This information will be put on the website so users can learn about most current conditions.

Feel free to contact your new Area Coordinator if you need help in resolving Trail problems on your section. Your Area Coordinator also can help with Forest Service issues and tool and signage needs. AAT Area Coordinators are as follows:

| Bill Bloomquist | Adopter Sections 1.1 – 6.3 | 10 Adopters |
| Glenn Kepler    | Adopter Sections 6.4 – 8.5 | 10 Adopters |
| George Miller   | Adopter Sections 9.1 – 12.2 | 9 Adopters |
| Chuck Lawson    | Adopter Sections 13.1 – 15.1 | 8 Adopters |
| Roger Gomas     | Adopter Sections 16.1 – 20.1 | 5 Adopters |
| Merle McDonald  | Adopter Sections 21.1 – 24.1 | 6 Adopters |
| Ted La May      | Adopter Sections 24.2 – 28.3 | 10 Adopters |

Don’t forget the tool sheds! Directions were provided in the packet to the four new tool sheds where adopters can borrow Polaskis, McClouds, shovels, saws, etc.

Plan to attend the Picnic and Reunion at Lions Park in Golden on September 17 at 4:00 p.m. Bring a potluck dish and meet other Adopters!
Wanted: “Trail Informers”

The CTF is planning a new Outreach Program for this summer. The objective is to inform CT users about the Trail and the Foundation at key trailheads and recruit new “Friends of the Trail.” The plan is to station CTF “Trail Informers” at four trailheads on a number of Saturdays and Sundays in June, July and August. Locations include Kenosha Pass Trailhead on Route 285, Avalanche Trailhead on the Cottonwood Pass Road near Buena Vista, and Junction Creek Trailhead at Durango.

Stationed with a CT banner, you would hand out pocket cards and tell how volunteers maintain the Trail. You’d need to bring a table and chair but the hours are flexible—whenever you can be there and users of the Trail are passing through.

Bill Manning and Ernie Norris have offered to coordinate our Trail Informers at the Durango end but we need someone to coordinate volunteers for the Buena Vista site and Kenosha Pass. Call or email Suzanne or Marian in the CTF Office to volunteer: 303-384-3729, ctf@coloradotrail.org.

We think this could be a great way to inform hikers, mountain bikers and horse riders about the Trail and to recruit new volunteers.

Your Hours Are Our Hours
Please Help Us Count ‘em

Keeping track and adding up the number of hours we volunteer for the Colorado Trail Foundation often seems like Mickey Mouse, make-work busyness. For a crew leader it means thinking back to how many crew members worked on the Trail for how many hours on Tuesday. How many on Thursday? And so forth.

For adopters it’s trying to remember what days we worked on the Trail, when we started work and when we quit, and how many person hours it added up to. Marian and Suzanne try to keep track of how many of the office support volunteers showed up to stuff envelopes one day, fold brochures another day and fill crew bins another.

This is often a bother but it is mighty important in helping tell the story of the size and commitment of our volunteer “CT army.” The chairman of the Off Highway Vehicle Coalition told the Rocky Mountain News in April that the Colorado Association of 4-Wheel Drive Clubs “put in 10,339 hours working to construct trails, mud bogs and hauling rock to make them passable.” Sounds pretty impressive. We need similar figures to tell the CTF story, to use in preparing grant requests, and for the reports required of us as a non-profit corporation.

So the next time you have a form that asks for the number of volunteers and the number of hours worked, please understand that the information is important to the CTF. Help us capture and describe the tremendous volunteerism of our CT Foundation in quantifiable terms that we can use in telling others. We need to know your hours so we can use them as our hours.
Project to Publish a New CT Guidebook Is Underway
Your Help Is Needed to Make It One of the Best

by Merle McDonald

Data collection for the new CT Guidebook has begun! As we reported in the last issue of Tread Lines, our current supply of “The Colorado Trail, The Official Guidebook” will be sold out in early 2006 and can’t be republished because the copyright license has expired. So the CTF Board of Directors has authorized publication of a new CT Guidebook.

This summer Jerry Brown, a member of the Board, will hike and bike the whole CT, including the bicycle detours, and write a new, updated description of the Trail. He’ll pay particular attention to trailheads, intersections with other trails and roads, waterways and water sources, campsite possibilities, and signage. Jerry also will collect GPS location information on all of these points and provide photo coverage where it might be helpful. In addition to gathering data for the new Guidebook, Jerry will record the Trail’s physical condition that will be valuable information for Trail management.

One of the things that makes a guidebook more interesting and helpful is background information and historical facts about areas along the Trail. In previous editions of the CT Guidebook this was presented in lead-in paragraphs titled, “About This Segment.” We need volunteers—especially the adopters—to help gather and write this background information about segments of the Trail. We will recognize your contribution in the new book. But we will need all such written contributions by the end of August. Please call the CTF Office if you are willing to be one of our “reporters” in helping make the new Guidebook both interesting and helpful for future users of the Trail.

Photographs are another important part of the Guidebook. If you have photos that illustrate the essence of the CT and are willing to have us use them in the Guidebook, please send them along with brief descriptions to the CTF Office. Digital photos should be in the “TIFF” format for best-quality printing. Photos that are submitted will not be returned.

Or if you know of an interesting place or feature along the Trail that was not mentioned in the last Guidebook, send us a note at the CTF Office (ctf@coloradotrail.org) to tell us about it so we can check it out during this summer’s survey. Also, if you have suggestions for improving the Guidebook, tell us about them. We want to make the new CT Guidebook the best ever and you can help! But hurry, the process is underway.

Editor’s Note: Past CTF President Merle McDonald is heading up the project to publish the new CT Guidebook and will be one of the volunteers supporting Jerry Brown as he conducts the Trail survey from Denver to Durango this summer.
Merle McDonald continues to spearhead and organize our efforts to publish the new Guidebook. Jerry Brown will trek the Trail from Waterton Canyon to Junction Creek this summer to GPS the trail and verify water sources, trailheads and camping sites to make the Guidebook as accurate as we can. Jerry’s efforts are really appreciated.

The CTF Board spent several hours at the retreat discussing the Friends and Funding and Publicity Committees. Linda Lawson has graciously agreed to head up the Friends and Funding on a temporary basis but we have no one heading our Publicity Committee. Board members observed that we don’t have a clear definition of what is expected of the two committees. Linda Lawson and Tom Gramling were asked to work on this.

Our Durango board members and friends Ernie Norris, Bill Manning, Jerry Brown and Ted La May are developing an Outreach Program to attract and retain new volunteers. On his own initiative, Roger Gomas has been looking into contacting colleges in a focused manner to inform them about The Colorado Trail and recruit new volunteers. Thanks to all of you. This is what makes the Foundation so successful.

Steve Staley is heading a Long-range Planning Committee that will attempt to define our long-range vision of The Colorado Trail. Based on this definition the committee will assess strengths and weakness of various aspects of the Foundation to determine how we can best meet our future vision and goals. Areas to be looked at are volunteers, office staff and space, treks, education program, and trail care (maintenance, crews etc.).

At the close of the retreat we held a short Board Meeting at which we discussed the MOU and reaffirmed our commitment to The Colorado Trail.

REMEMBER, VOLUNTEERS MAKE THE COLORADO TRAIL A REALITY.
Our Commitment to the Trail

As President Marilyn Eisele reported in her President’s Corner column, the CTF Board of Directors took time at the end of its planning retreat in April to restate and underscore the Foundation’s present and long-standing commitment to The Colorado Trail. The statement is worth reviewing for it sets out in a historic perspective what it means to call ourselves a “Friend of the Trail.”

Commitment Statement of The Colorado Trail Foundation

At the conclusion of this the thirtieth anniversary of The Colorado Trail—a high mountain trail for hikers, mountain bikers and horse riders that crosses eight ranges, six national forests, six wilderness areas and the headwaters of five river systems—it is well that we recall the human effort, private financing and unprecedented cooperation that brought the Trail to reality and that maintains it today as one of the nation’s premier long-distance trails.

Historic Fact 1: (genesis) The Colorado Trail grew from the inspiration of Bill Lucas, USFS Regional Forester, Rocky Mountain Region, The Round Up Riders of the Rockies and Merrill Hastings, Colorado Magazine, in the early 1970’s. They were soon joined by the Colorado Mountain Club in a dream of creating a “Rocky Mountain Trail.”

Historic Fact 2: (leadership) The Colorado Mountain Trails Foundation was established in 1976 and subsequently The Colorado Trail Foundation in 1987 for the sole purpose of building and maintaining The Colorado Trail. With the clear vision and skilled leadership of Gudy Gaskill, small armies of volunteers were mobilized to construct 469 miles of trail from Waterton Canyon near Denver to Junction Creek near Durango.

Historic Fact 3: (USFS) The Colorado Trail Foundation and the U.S. Forest Service forged a unique cooperative partnership as the basis for creating and maintaining this exceptional recreational facility, a partnership that has been formalized numerous times through a Cooperative Agreement (1976), Environmental Assessment and Decision Notice (1980), Master Agreement (1988) and Master Plan (1998).

Historic Fact 4: (volunteerism) The Colorado Trail, from the beginning, has been built and maintained through the “sweat equity” of tens of thousands of volunteers who, through the years, have come from almost every state and nearly a dozen foreign countries. The Colorado Trail Foundation continues to recruit hundreds of volunteers each year, organize them into trail crews and manage maintenance and improvement of the Trail.

Historic Fact 5: (adopters) The Trail has been segmented and “adopted” by 54 volunteer individuals and groups with the task of checking every mile of the Trail, maintaining it and assuring that it is in good condition both at the beginning and at the end of each season.

Historic Fact 6: (information) The Colorado Trail Foundation has facilitated publication of six editions of an official guidebook, identified GPS waypoints throughout the Trail, maintains accurate maps, provides an updated Web site, and employs an information specialist to provide users with accurate information on the location and condition of The Colorado Trail.

Historic Fact 7: (finances) Financial support to maintain and improve The Colorado Trail is obtained by The Colorado Trail Foundation solely through private donations, gifts and grants; and it has established the Gudy Gaskill Endowment Fund as a pool of funds for maintaining the Trail “in perpetuity” in the event donations and gifts become unavailable.

Being keenly aware and appreciative of this 30-year history of unprecedented volunteerism, generous financial support from donors and a unique private/government partnership, the Board of Directors of the Colorado Trail Foundation restates and reaffirms its irrevocable commitment to the task of improving and maintaining The Colorado Trail from end to end both now and in years to come for future generations. The Board seeks to communicate an understanding of this commitment to users of the Trail, volunteers, donors, other outdoor recreational organizations, staff members of the U.S. Forest Service, and wherever such understanding may benefit the long-term preservation of The Colorado Trail.

Adopted by the Board of Directors of the Colorado Trail Foundation on April 17, 2005
Mark Your Calendars!

Why: The CTF Picnic Reunion

When: Saturday, September 17, 2005
4–8 pm

Where: Lions Park West in Golden, CO
Park is located at 1300 10th Street
Go to the city of Golden website, www.ci.golden.co.us for a map link

Who: All CTF Friends

What: Bring a dish to share, a chair, and be ready to greet old friends and new!

All CTF Friends and family are welcome
CTF will provide lemonade and coffee

Contact the CTF office to RSVP or for more information: 303-384-3729 or ctf@coloradotrail.org

Chain Sawyers Trained and Certified

Three CT “Friends” completed three-days of training on April 8–10 to become certified to operate chain saws in National Forests. John Lipe, Ken Swierenga and Norm Montgomery completed the program conducted by Forester Jeff Lacey at the USFS facility near Shawnee. The course was organized by Colorado Outdoor Training Initiative (COTI) and more training opportunities are expected in the future.
William “Bill” Lucas, 1917-2005
USFS Regional Forester and One of the
“Fathers” of the CT

Thirty years ago several key people had crucial roles in bringing The Colorado Trail to reality. Bill Lucas, with Merrill Hastings of Colorado Magazine, conceived the idea of a “Rocky Mountain Trail” between Denver and Durango. In the 2004 fall issue of Tread Lines, Bill thanked the thousands of volunteers, led by Gudy Gaskill, who made the CT his “field of dreams” come true.

Peggy Lucas Bond, Coordinator of the CTF Data Base, said of her dad, “The important thing to say is that the Trail was his proudest achievement and my mother Mary wants all memorials to go to the Colorado Trail Foundation to keep alive his lasting and most worthwhile work.”

Training in Wilderness First Aid Conducted

CTF Board Member and certified EMT Jerry Brown conducted two days of training in wilderness first aid on May 7–8 at the CTF Office in Golden. Among the nine people who completed the course were crew leaders, adopters and other volunteers. The group included George Miller, Bob Hunter, Gudy Gaskill, Ernie Norris, Anne Craddock, Dale Zoeteway, Isaac Cisneros, Sam Davis, and Ken Swerienga.

In addition, six other volunteers became certified or recertified in CPR: Julie Mesdag, Glenn Kepler, Stan Ward, Paul Berteau, Linda Berteau, and Steve Cave. This was the third time Jerry has conducted first aid training for the Colorado Trail Foundation.
The Colorado Trail Store

New items offered by the Colorado Trail Store (from left to right): Short-sleeved T-shirt in forest green; Bandana; Clip Grip Travel Mug; Long-sleeved Mock T in Lake Blue; Stocking Cap.

288 pages, 46 color maps, 6x9 format, softcover

Along The Colorado Trail, color photographs by John Fielder, journal by
M. John Fayhee, 128 pages, 9x12 format

Day Hikes on The Colorado Trail, text and color photographs by Jan Robertson,
48 pages, 4x9 format. FREE with any purchase!

Foundation, 48 pages, 4x6 format, 33 color maps, paperbound

The Colorado Trail Cookbook, 300 recipes, stories, illustrations, 7x9 format
Recipes for trail and home.

The Colorado Trail Official Song, cassette tape, written and performed by
Carol Johnson, through-hiker and musician.

Journey to the Fluted Mountain, cassette tape story and music by nationally known
Julie Davis, of her hike along the CT with her dog and two goats

The Colorado Trail Map CD ROM, official CT reference map series;
Windows-compatible; print detailed, customizable topographic trail maps;
GPS waypoint data. Mac-compatible if Virtual PC installed

For Love of a Trail, documentary about the CT and volunteers, Gudy Gaskill
interview, 2002 crew footage, 46 mins., VHS tape or DVD (NTSC) format

The Colorado Trail Wall Poster Map, 17x24 with 28 segments marked; published by
Trails Illustrated, 1995

The Colorado Trail Completion Plaque, triangular CT trail marker above an engraved
nameplate on wood

$22.95

$25.00

Free with any purchase while supplies last

$ 5.95

$15.00

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