

Annual Report 2021

Ken-Caryl Ranch Historical Society

The Ken-Caryl Ranch Historical Society (KCRHS) is a standing committee of the Ken-Caryl Ranch Master Association. There are 20 KCRHS members and this report summarizes our activities and accomplishments for 2021, and identifies anticipated challenges as well as aspirations for the year ahead.

Leadership

At its January meeting election of officers for 2021 occurred. Jim Antes was elected chairperson, Valerie Walling as vice-chairperson, Vinny Badolato as treasurer, and Stephanie Berg as secretary.

Meetings

KCRHS met bi-monthly, at 1 PM on the 2nd Wednesday of January, March, May, July, September, and November. We met quarterly for many years, but we decided that in 2018 and again in 2019, 2020, and 2021 we would meet bi-monthly, for two main reasons: (1) the increased amount of topics to discuss; and (2) the desire to have in-depth discussions about aspects of the history of Ken-Caryl Ranch, as well as transact business. The January, May, and September meetings emphasized discussions of Ken-Caryl Ranch history and the other three meetings involved our ongoing business. The topics we discussed about Ranch history that went beyond our regular projects were:

- January: Recent Ranch history, the new Community Development i-movie
- May: In-person field trips to the site of the former Tinker Shaffer Reservoir, including the new informational sign; the site of a possible North Ranch grave site; the Twin Cottonwoods archaeological site.
- September: History of the Falcon House, and viewing of the recently-completed Murphy Gulch Fire i-movie.

The January and March meetings were held virtually via Zoom because of the pandemic and the remaining meetings were held in person either at the Ranch House or at selected historic sites (May meeting).

Accomplishments

KCRHS members volunteer to work on different projects or areas of responsibility. What follows is a list of accomplishments attained in 2021 on those projects, presented in alphabetical order of the project title. Despite the fluctuating constraints imposed by the pandemic we are proud to identify the following:

1. Apple Orchard. (Mark Rieger, coordinator)
 - a. 2021 was a highly successful year for the Bradford-Perley Orchard, in fact the Orchard produced more apples than any year since records were started in 2015.

- b. This year, many white and yellow apple blossoms were seen in the spring and the trees produced over 685 apples. See below for annual apple production records.
- c. We regret to report that 3 of the 5 propagated trees that were planted in 2019 died and one of the propagated trees that was planted in 2012 died. The good news is that all 8 of the 1860's trees produced 20 or more apples and 2 of the 2010 propagated trees produced between 5 and 10 apples each. Of the transplanted or propagated trees that were planted outside of the Bradford-Perley Apple Orchard, one of the 2012 transplanted trees in Mark Rieger's front yard died, along with a 2019 propagated trees and a 2016 propagated tree in Tim Berg's yard also died.
- d. With the assistance of volunteer Tim Berg, 20 branches were cut from the 1860s trees and send to our arborist, Scott Skogerboe in Fort Collins, for another round of propagation, with planting projected for 2023.
- e. The Metro District Parks Department committed to watering the 2010, 2012 and 2019 trees utilizing their water truck year round. The Metro District also assisted with trimming dead branches from the top of the 1860s trees this fall.
- f. The Open Space Ranger Maintenance Staff did another fantastic job cutting the grass to beautifully display the new, old and downed trees and stumps in the Bradford-Perley Apple Orchard.
- g. Bees were not observed in the orchard this the season.

Number of Apples by Year

Tree	Planted	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
C5	1860s	0	30	0	0	0	dead	dead
C8	2019						at risk	dead
C9	1860s	0	120	2	90	50	60	300
E7	2019						at risk	dead
E10	2010					0	0	0
F9	1860s	0	20	0	10	30	0	60
G7	1860s	0	25	0	0	15	0	50
G8	2019						0	dead
G10	2012					1	0	0
G11	2019						0	0
H10	2012					0	dead	dead
H11	1860s	0	85	0	5	5	0	20
I7	2019						0	0
K9	1860s	0	80	0	15	10	0	100
J10	2010					0	0	10
L7	2019					1	0	0
L11	1860s	0	60	0	15	5	0	150
M9	1860s	0	100	2	110	20	0	200
M10	2010					0	0	5
N11	1860s	0	80	0	45	10	10	200
Total		0	600	4	290	147	70	685

Archaeology and Paleontology. (Jack Warner, coordinator)

- a. We provided ongoing support KCRHS archaeology including tours, answering community questions, policy formulation, and artifact analysis.
- b. Jack Warner authored an article for Historically Jeffco about Jeffco hogback/foothills archaeology.
- c. With the assistance of several KCRHS volunteers we coordinated, performed, and documented the archaeological survey of the proposed Stove Prairie Trail realignment for KCR Open Space.
- d. The two Ranch House archaeological display cases were updated.
- e. The archaeological artifact and document drawers in the KCRHS Archives were updated and organized.
- f. Jack Warner coordinated the KCRHS participation in Roxborough State Park International Archaeology Day events
- g. We assisted Willowbrook in producing their archaeology sign based on KCRs signs.
- h. Jack Warner assisted our contractor, ERO, preparing the final site report on the Massey Draw Foothills archaeological site. When it was done, Jack shared the report with KCR management and wrote the Life at Ken-Caryl article about life on KCR in 200 AD.

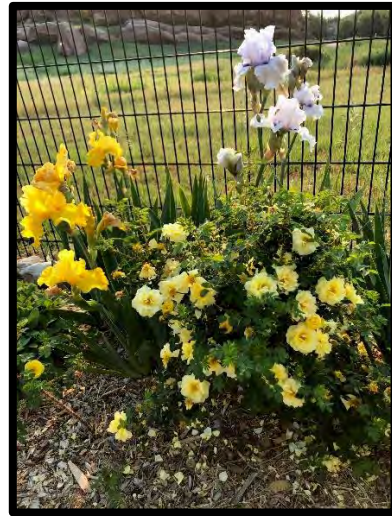


Massey Draw Foothills archaeological site as it appears today, covered up and protected from foot and bicycle traffic.

2. Archives. (Marilyn Elrod and Pat Badolato, coordinators)

- a. We continued organizing photos, documents, slides, VHS films, loose items on shelves, etc., into the Master database.
- b. We continued organizing, placing in file cabinets, and added to the master database all the new documents that came to us during the year.
- c. We completed organizing, placing in boxes, and adding slides to the master list. Slides were reviewed and decisions made about which to keep or discard and how they should be organized.
- d. We continued organizing, viewing, and adding to the master database VHS tapes during the year. We were not able to finish this project, since several of the tapes are in a different format. We don't have the correct equipment in our possession.
- e. We continued organizing loose items on shelves and placed in boxes and file cabinets and recorded them on a master database.

- f. We completed organizing and labeling boxes on the shelves, placed individual lists in each box, and recorded contents on a master database.
 - g. We added items to the second map cabinet and recorded the contents on the master database.
 - h. Articles of historical interest were clipped, copied on archival paper, and documented for the archives.
3. Bradford-Perley House and Garden. (Leslie Miller, coordinator)
- a. We provided regular weeding, watering, and maintenance of existing gardens and enclosed grounds throughout the growing season.
 - b. The gardens were assessed at the start of the growing season for winter survival of plants and shrubs. Plants and shrubs were replaced as needed.
 - c. Supplemental annuals were planted for year-round color and interest.
 - d. We gathered input to organize the large loose stones by the interior cottonwood tree, in order reduce liability during tours and make the grounds nicer in appearance.
 - e. We continued to rake leaves from the house interior.
 - f. The cottonwood trees were monitored for any significant deterioration.
 - g. New perennial plants were added to the southwest garden.
 - h. The gardens were winterized at the end of the growing season.



Photos from the 2021 garden

4. Bradford-Perley House Maintenance and Bond Beam Protection. (Jim Antes, coordinator)
- a. After literally years of attempting to obtain funding for needed maintenance work on the Bradford-Perley House, we were able to achieve that goal this year.
 - b. After initially planning to seek a grant from the State Historical Fund, we dropped that quest because of pandemic-related low likelihood of funding. After contacts with several contractors, we finally were able to arrange with Rocky Mountain Building Restoration

to perform maintenance work on the building, including the bond beam. Funding the \$37,500 project included moneys from:

- KCRHS Bradford-Perley House Preservation Fund
- Unspent funds from prior years in the KCRHS general fund
- Additional funding from the 2021 KCRHS general fund
- supplementary funding from the MA Board
- Our remaining funds held by the KCR Foundation

Rocky Mountain Building Restoration completed its work in November. We are highly satisfied with their work.

Photos from the work on the Bradford-Perley House



5. Field Trips. (Pat Badolato, coordinator)

Due to Covid 19 restrictions announcements were sent via email to KCRHS members for virtual tours and YouTube videos of interesting historical sites in Jefferson County. These notifications were sent about every other month.

6. Possible Grave Site. (Leslie Miller, coordinator)

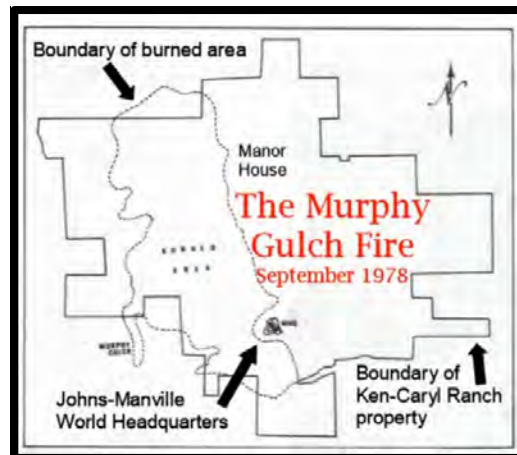
The committee visited the site during the May KCRHS meeting. We learned that the available remote sensing technology is not good at determining bones. We also determined that the existing fencing at the site needs shoring up. Leslie Miller agreed to request the assistance of the Rangers to stabilize the fencing. We decided to do nothing further to investigate the site that would disturb it, and to be sure to keep the site and its location in our records.

7. Historic Site Documentation. (Vinny Badolato, coordinator)

- a. Documentation (photos and gps coordinates) was completed for the remaining known historic sites on the Ranch.
- b. We consider this project to be ongoing and will add any new identified Historical sites to the list and capture its coordinates.

8. iMovies. (Mary Antes, coordinator)

- a. The Murphy Gulch Fire video was researched, written, produced, and released in October. The project was greatly aided by the generous sharing of television video of the 1978 fire by NBC KUSA 9 News. The video is available in the history section of the Ken-Caryl web site.
- b. A video about the development of the KCR Schools remains in the research stage.
- c. The availability of KCRHS brochures for residents and visitors to the Ranch is checked occasionally. In addition, we are notified by Ranch House staff when the supply is low.



Title image from the new Murphy Gulch Fire imovie.

7. Kiln Stabilization. (Jim Antes, coordinator)

This project has been on hold for about three years while we have been focusing attention on maintenance of the Bradford-Perley House. We learned late in 2021 that Rocky Mountain Building Restoration, the company that performed the maintenance work on the Bradford-Perley House, has experience in working on historic kilns. We sent them a copy of the kiln assessment report, written by Tim and Kris Hoehn in 2018, and they may have an interest in submitting a proposal to stabilize the kiln.

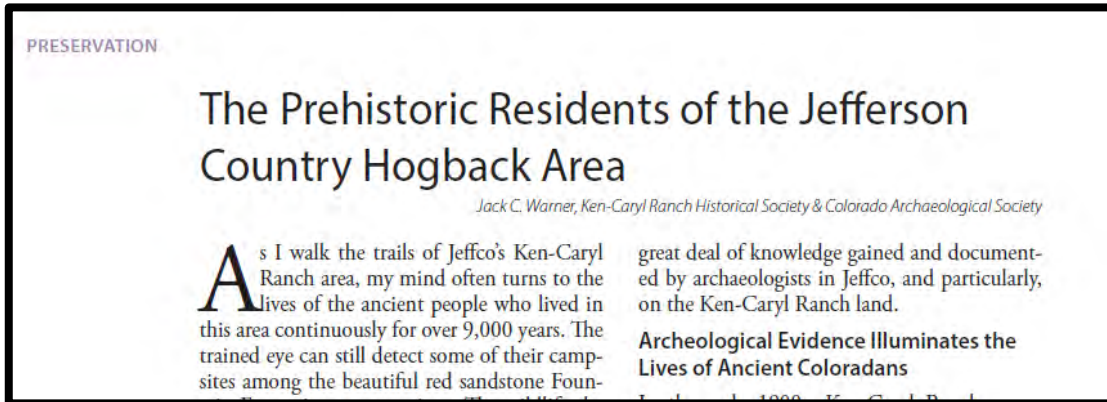
8. Open Space Committee Liaison. (Vinny Badolato, coordinator)
KCRHS has a liaison to the Open Space Committee (OSC) who attends every OSC meeting and answers questions and offers input relating to open space projects that have possible impact on historic sites.
9. Oral Histories. (Marilyn Elrod and Linda Omdahl, coordinators)
 - a. We made contact with two KCR residents who would like to be interviewed, and were given the name of another who has an interest in being interviewed.
 - b. We made contact with Jefferson County Public Library about continuing our relationship with them regarding the oral interviews. Because of Covid they are not able to place new interviews on their website at this time.
 - c. We worked with KCR staff and they added additional information to the website about the oral history projects and a description of the contents of the tapes and information about the interviewees.
10. Photography. (Pat Badolato)
Member Pat Badolato continues to document KCRHS events with photographs. The photos are being saved for the KCRHS archives.
11. Public Programs and Publicity. (Stephanie Berg, coordinator)
 - a. KCRHS articles in *Life at Ken-Caryl*
 - February 17, 2021, "History in the (Video) Making!"
 - March 3, 2021, "Remembering William (Bill) Hammond, M.D., and his Contributions to KCR," Jack Warner
 - April 28, 2021, "New Interpretive Sign in the Valley," Jim Antes
 - August 4, 2021, "Glorious Gardens," photos of the gardens at the Bradford-Perley House by Leslie Miller
 - August 18, 2021, "Historical Society Hosts Open House at Bradford-Perley House."
 - August 18, 2021, "Life at Ken-Caryl Ranch – 200 AD," Jack Warner
 - September 1, 2021, "Shaffer Barn Celebration September 25," Jim Antes
 - September 15, 2021, "Shaffer Barn Celebration September 25," Jim Antes
 - September 15, 2021, "International Archaeology Day – October 16, 2021," Notice
 - September 29, 2021, "International Archaeology Day – October 16, 2021," Notice
 - September 29, 2021, "Murphy Gulch Fire Scars Still Seen in KCR, as Documented in a New Video from the Historical Society."
 - October 13, 2021, "Shaffer Barn Celebration a Success!" photos by Pat Badolato
 - b. Other media
 - January 13, 2021, Jim Antes gave a virtual presentation on the work of KCRHS to the Red Rocks Chapter of NSDAR
 - February 8, 2021 issue of Ken-Caryl E-News, "History in the (Video) Making!"
 - August 9, 2021 issue of Ken-Caryl E-News, "Historical Society Hosts Open House at the Bradford-Perley House"

- August 23, 2021 issue of Ken-Caryl E-News, "Shaffer Barn Celebration, Sept. 25" (repeated in September 7, September 13, and September 20 issues)
- September 27, 2021 issue of Ken-Caryl E-News, "Murphy Gulch Fire Documented in a New Historical Society Video"
- Issue 42, 2021 *Historically Jeffco*, pp. 52-55, "The Prehistoric Residents of the Jefferson County Hogback Area," Jack Warner

c. Other publications and materials saved to the archives

- March 3, 2021 issue of *Life at Ken-Caryl*, "Getting to Know Ken-Caryl: The Enclave"
- April 14, 2021 issue of *Life at Ken-Caryl*, "Getting to Know Ken-Caryl: Aspen Meadows"
- April 21, 2021 Letter from Judy Perley Janicak regarding death and burial of Perley baby
- June 23, 2021 issue of *Life at Ken-Caryl*, "Getting to Know Ken-Caryl: Manor Ridge"
- June 23, 2021 issue of *Life at Ken-Caryl*, "Chris Pacetti Honored for 35 Years of Service at Ranch House Pool Dedication"
- September 1, 2021 issue of *Life at Ken-Caryl*, "Honoring Fallen Hero and Resident United Flight 93 Captain Jason Dahl on the 20th Anniversary of 9/11"
- October 13, 2021 issue of *Life at Ken-Caryl*, "Ken-Caryl's Mastodon"

Opening portion of Jack Warner's article
in *Historically Jeffco*.



12. Shaffer Barn National Register Nomination. (Jim Antes, coordinator)

A public celebration, re-scheduled because of the pandemic from March of 2020, was held on September 25 to recognize the listing of the Shaffer Barn on the National Register of Historic Places. The event was held at the Equestrian Center and included a brief presentation on the history of the barn and guided tours of the barn itself, including its hay loft. About 50 people attended, including Darla Shaffer, great-granddaughter of John C. Shaffer.



Guests watch a presentation on the history of the Shaffer Barn at the Dakota Lodge.



MD Board member Joe Levy and MA Board member Scotty Martin pose with Darla Shaffer during a tour of the hay loft.



13. Signage. (Jim Antes, coordinator)

- a. The Tinker Shaffer Reservoir sign was completed and installed in April, with the assistance of Rangers Peter Marozas and Mike Ryan.
- b. The next sign will likely provide information about the diverter near the Massey Draw Trail, but additional research about the adjoining Shaffer Ditch will be necessary first.



Rangers Mike Ryan and Peter Marozas install the Tinker Shaffer Reservoir sign.

14. Tours. (Stephanie Berg, coordinator)

- a. There were no programs for local elementary schools due to pandemic restrictions.
- b. These tours of the Bradford-Perley House were conducted:
 - An open house was held on August 28 with more than 100 attending
 - As part of International Archaeology Day on October 16, 21 people attended
 - Ten students and their professor from CU-Denver toured the House on October 7
- c. These other tours occurred:
 - A tour of the kiln was held in conjunction with the Trail Club was held on September 18. Six people attended.
 - A program and tour were conducted at the Shaffer Barn on September 25 in recognition of its listing on the National Register of Historic Places. About 50 people attended.
 - As part of International Archaeology Day on October 16 a tour of the Bradford II archaeological site was conducted, with 21 people attending.
 - On December 4 a tour of Ranch archeological sites was conducted in conjunction with the Trail Club.



Students from a CU-Denver class and their professor pose for a photo after their tour of the Bradford-Perley House.

Financial Summary

Project	Income	Expense	Total
2021 Annual Budget			
Annual allocation			\$7000.00
Donation	\$25.00		
Signs and name badges		\$639.96	
Bradford Apple Orchard		\$246.61	
Bradford-Perley House garden		\$417.61	
Transfer to BP House Preservation Fund		\$5000.00	
TOTALS	\$25.00	\$6304.18	\$720.82
Bradford-Perley House Preservation Fund			
Funding from Master Association 2019	\$5000.00		
Carry forward from 2019	\$4485.00		
Carry forward, donations from 2019	\$540.00		
Funding from Master Association 2020	\$5000.00		
Carry forward from 2020	\$5870.05		
Funding from Master Association 2021	\$5000.00		
Transfer from KCRHS annual budget 2021	\$5000.00		
Transfer from KCR Foundation	\$3259.00		
Special allocation from Master Association	\$3345.95		
Rocky Mountain Building Restoration		\$37,500.00	
TOTALS	\$37,500.00	\$37,500.00	0.00
Funds held with KCR Foundation			\$9859.00
ERO Resources Corp (archaeology project)		\$6600.00	
Transfer to BP House Preservation Fund		\$3259.00	
TOTALS		\$9859.00	0.00

Appreciation

Again this year, just like 2020, we dealt with the challenges and uncertainties of COVID-19. For the first half of the year we met remotely and continued work on our projects as safely as possible. We met in person for the last half of the year, yet late in the year we are again under a mask mandate. But our work has continued and I am extremely proud of our members.

But we could not have succeeded without the amazing assistance of others. The committee voted this year to give special recognition to the KCR Ranger staff for their countless hours of support and assistance. Some recent examples of their assistance include:

- Cutting the grass to beautifully display the new, old and downed trees and stumps in the Bradford Perley Apple Orchard.
- Assisting in our work at the Bradford-Perley House, including
 - Excavating and moving a large stone for display of the National Register of Historic Places plaque.
 - Finding the vandalized engraved Bradford Perley house history flagstones, which they replaced along with some new stanchions.
 - Moving large boulders into the gardens, to provide winter interest and landscape throughout the year, and help with the new garden soil preparation and weed mitigation.
- Helping to stabilize the fence structure at the possible North Ranch grave site
- Installing new interpretive signs at several sites in the Ranch
- Helping us order new signs and their stanchions
- Keeping watch over historic sites and alerting the Historical Society of any possible issues that may need to be addressed
- Serving as a driver for history projects, including
 - Visiting sites at the top of Manor House Trail
 - Providing a tour for grandchildren of former owner Cap McDannald
 - Assisting in determining the gps coordinates of historic sites
 - Examining the status of the diverter
 - Giving transportation for residents participating in a Trail Club tour of the historic kiln
- Keeping the Historical Society informed of any Ranch issues that could potentially affect historic sites

For all of these actions, and many more, the Ranger staff were presented with a Certificate of Appreciation and a heartfelt letter of thanks.

In addition, we owe a sincere debt of thanks to:

- MA Executive Director Victoria DeSair. She has been a steady and consistent source of support. We appreciate her responsiveness to our questions and her wise counsel.
- Scotty Martin, Chair of the MA Board of Directors. Scotty has been the Board liaison to KCRHS again this year. He is genuinely interested in the work that we do and volunteers to help on projects when possible. We could not ask for a more supportive voice on the Board.
- Allison Hefner, Communications Associate and *Life at Ken-Caryl* Editor. Allison has been eager to help us communicate our projects and activities to the community through many articles in *Life at Ken-Caryl* and notifications via E-News.
- Other Ranch House staff, including Communications Coordinator Kristen Peterka and Guest Service Specialist April Crockett. Kristen has responded skillfully and cordially to requests related to the KCR website and issues related to use of technology. April is such

a friendly presence at the front desk and has been great at helping us schedule use of facilities.

- Parks Director Pat Malloy, who has ensured that the trees at the Bradford Orchard are regularly watered. We really appreciated his coordination with the workers at the Bradford-Perley House who needed access to water when the air temperature was near freezing.
- Members of the Open Space Committee and Master Association Board of Directors for their willingness to listen to our interests and concerns and respond with sensitivity. If not for the generous support of the MA Board we would not have been able to fund the recent maintenance work on the Bradford-Perley House

Looking Ahead

At this time last year we looked forward to 2021 as a year where the pandemic would be under control and we could resume “normal.” Instead a roller-coaster ride is more of an apt analogy. Despite those challenges we have adapted and made significant progress on our many projects.

A key goal of 2021 was to receive funding from the State Historical Fund to perform needed repairs to the stonework on the Bradford-Perley House. We achieved that outcome, but without the state funding. Through tenacity and strong support from the MA Board we were able to hire Rocky Mountain Building Restoration to perform the needed repairs. Their excellent work should keep this historic treasure structurally sound for many years to come.

The possible work to stabilize the kiln has now been deferred for three years because of what we considered to be more urgent matters, with our focus and financial resources devoted to work on the Bradford-Perley House. Hopefully in 2022 we will be able to commit attention to this important project. It is encouraging that the company that worked on the Bradford-Perley House has a resumé of repairing historic kilns, and may have an interest in this project.

We received the results of the archaeological investigation of the Massey Draw Foothills site and learned more about life in the Ken-Caryl area some 2000 years ago. This exciting information was communicated to residents by Jack Warner’s article in *Life at Ken-Caryl*. We have no plans for additional work at the site but are ready to work again on future projects with ERO who did excellent work for us.

We are excited about the opportunities that await our attention in 2022 as we continue to devote our energy examining the rich history of Ken-Caryl Ranch and communicating that history with the community.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Antes
Chairperson, KCRHS