

ANNUAL REPORT - 2023

KEN-CARYL RANCH HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Compiled by Valerie Walling, Chair

The Ken-Caryl Ranch Historical Society (KCRHS) is a standing committee of the Ken-Caryl Ranch Master Association (MA), with 19 current members.

KCRHS PURPOSE

- Promote the study of and appreciation for the history of Ken-Caryl Ranch (KCR)
- Promote awareness and appreciation for the historical and archaeological sites on KCR
- Protect and preserve these sites

Interesting articles, videos and audio recordings about different aspects of KCR history, resulting from historical research projects by KCRHS members, can be found at <https://ken-carylranh.org/community-news/history-of-ken-caryl-ranch/>.

We appreciate the annual funding and board and staff time that is provided by the MA to support our activities to document, research, preserve and restore KCR historical and archaeological structures and sites, and to provide community programs, tours, events and communications to KCR residents.

This report summarizes our activities and contributions to the community for 2023, and describes our plans for the coming year.

LEADERS AND PARTNERS

The 2023 elected officers were Chair Valerie Walling, Treasurer Vinny Badolato, and Secretary Anne Frisz. All members step up in different ways, including past chair Jim Antes, supporting secretary Lori Kraft, and the dedicated project coordinators in their important roles and activities described in later sections of this report.

Scotty Martin of the MA Board continued his outstanding support as the board liaison to the committee. We also appreciate the MA staff support very much; special thanks to Allison Rager, Sean Warren, and Brian Yowell for your consistent outstanding cooperation and service.

Vinny Badolato represented KCRHS as liaison to the Open Space Committee through 2023, and Mary Everson is taking over for 2024. Thank you to Vinny for 10 years of service attending OSC

meetings as a resource relating to historic or cultural sites that could be impacted by open space projects or activities. Well done!

Jim Antes serves on the Metropolitan District's South Hogback Open Space task force in a historical and cultural resource role. The task force was created by the District Board in 2022 to explore possible land designation options for the South Hogback Open Space. The final Task Force Analysis report was presented to the KCRMD Board at the Sept. 27, 2022 meeting, and the Board is now beginning implementation of the recommendations with the support of Task Force members.

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

KCRHS has 3 business meetings per year, and 3 or more field trips or other activities per year. We meet bi-monthly at 3 pm on the 2nd Monday of odd months (January, March, May, July, September, November) with field trips and events occurring for the May-September meetings and additional dates planned for events including the community.

We continue to visit sites in Ken-Caryl to do research or view a new discovery, and travel elsewhere in the surrounding area to learn more about local history. We are connecting with other area Historical Societies to discuss ideas, resources and techniques such as categorizing, digitizing and archiving materials. Our goal is to build our shared community knowledge, exchange ideas, maintain and protect the history of Ken-Caryl, communicate and share its value with our residents and local communities, and to have fun!

Meeting minutes that are posted on the KCR website describe the presentations and discussions of interest to members.

2023 HIGHLIGHTS

January: [Marilyn Elrod](#), a member since the 1980's, was approved by the MA Board for induction to the Ken-Caryl Historical Society [Hall of fame](#). She has been an early supporter and active volunteer participant in improving community knowledge of KCR history and past archaeology study, and recent archaeology survey work including the excavation of the Massey Draw Foothills site. An especially important contribution of Marilyn's is the development of the KCR archives, bringing order to the collection of photos, documents, and artifacts. Her award plaque hangs in the Ranch House lobby, with more information about her numerous significant contributions.

April-May: Growing season preparation at the Bradford historic apple orchard and Bradford-Perley house gardens. 380 apples grew on the original 1860's trees!

June: Open House and Tours at Bradford-Perley House, apple orchard and archaeological sites for KCR community on June 3-4 weekend. Weather was rough but we still got some visitors.

Open House Site Map



September: Two videos by Mary and Jim Antes, KCR TV and The Murphy Gulch Fire, were accepted by the Jefferson County Historical Commission for the [2023 Historical Preservation Symposium](#).

October: Jefferson County Hall of Fame event in Arvada, where the annual [Historically Jeffco magazine](#) is released. The 2023 magazine includes a KCRHS article by Anne Frisz about John C. Shaffer, described in the Archives section of this report.

The magazine also contains an article about the Hildebrand family, who in 1866 began Hildebrand Ranch in Deer Creek canyon (now a county park) and was the recipient of the event's Hall of Fame award.

November: Archaeology night presentation by Jack Warner at the Ranch House on the Top 10 KCR archaeological sites, attracting 86 people.

December: We recognized the contributions of long-time member Marilyn Norris, who is unable to continue on the committee. We also had our Christmas party at the Miller's home.

COMMITTEE CONTRIBUTIONS TO KCR

KCRHS members volunteer to work on different projects or areas of responsibility. Each Project Coordinator creates annual goals for their project area, and throughout the year the coordinators solicit member volunteers for project activities. Often community volunteers are invited to participate; we welcome their interest and support.

Each KCRHS project is listed below, with links to the topic area descriptions in this report of the 2023 impacts and 2024 goals.

Historic sites and objects preservation

[Apple Orchard \(Mark Rieger, coordinator\)](#)

[Archives \(Pat Badolato and Anne Frisz, coordinators\)](#)

[Bradford-Perley House and Garden \(Leslie Miller, coordinator\)](#)

[Construction projects and Signs \(Jim Antes, coordinator\)](#)

[Historic Site Documentation \(Vinny Badolato, coordinator\)](#) – Vinny maintains a list of new historical sites and their coordinates when they are identified.

Research, education, outreach and awareness

[Archaeology and Paleontology \(Jack Warner, coordinator\)](#)

[iMovies \(Mary Antes, coordinator\)](#)

[Publicity and Community Outreach \(Stephanie Berg, coordinator\)](#)

[Field Trips \(Pat Badolato, coordinator\)](#) - Pat sent information and links to history-related virtual tours, for example the March 8th [50th Anniversary of the I-70 Eisenhower tunnel](#) and information about [Janet Bonnema](#), an engineer on the project and the first woman to work inside the tunnel—although she had to go to court to win the right to do so. Undeterred by the legal challenge and gender discrimination by her male coworkers, she went on to help smash barriers for other women in STEM careers. She also suggested several area tours the group can do in 2024.

Other goals and project areas include doing oral histories with KCR figures who have made a difference for our community, maintaining cherished relationships with descendants of the KCR original ranch owners (including Perley, Shaffer, McDannald), continued research, and interacting with other Historical Societies and Jefferson County resources.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

The Historical Society began the year with the Master Association’s 2023 annual budget allocation of \$7,000 that funded KCRHS’ net annual operating expenses of \$5,656. The remaining \$1,344 allocation was transferred to the Preservation Fund. KCRHS again received \$7,000 from the MA for 2024.

The MA also provided annual reserve funding of \$5,000.00 to the KCR Historical Preservation Fund in 2023. Including carryover funds from prior years, the Fund had \$24,465 available in 2023, of which \$21,500 was used to pay the kiln restoration project contractor upon completion of their work. The Preservation Fund balance for 2024 is \$12,309, which includes the combined carry-forward funds and new funding from the MA of \$8000 for 2024 projects and goals described in this report.

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We are excited about the opportunities in 2024 as we welcome new members and volunteers, continue to explore the rich history of Ken-Caryl Ranch and communicate that history with the community. Please read the following pages to learn more about our 2023 accomplishments and 2024 plans for the Ken-Caryl Ranch Historical Society.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Valerie Walling, KCRHS Chair, and KCRHS officers and members**

**February 2024**

### Apple Orchard (Mark Rieger, coordinator)

Following a successful 2022 growing season, 2023 was slightly above average for the production of historic Ben Davis Variety Apples.

This spring, many white and yellow apple blossoms were seen across all of the old and many propagated trees, producing approximately 380 apples, compared to 220 in 2022. See below for annual apple production records. All 7 of the 1860's trees produced 20 or more apples. 1860's Trees were generally planted 8 paces apart and 8 paces deep to the next row.

This year no apples were observed on 2010 or 2012 propagated trees.

6 newly propagated trees that were grown by our Arborist - Scott Skogerboe in Fort Collins, were planted in the previously constructed cages, replacing 5 2019 trees that died. 5 of the 6 new trees survived the spring, summer and fall, thanks to the Metro District's consistent watering schedule.

Two additional propagated trees were planted inside the fence of the Bradford Perley House and are doing well, thanks to the KCR Historical Society's Garden Committee's consistent watering.

The two Ben Davis Variety Apple Trees just northwest of the Bradford Pool Fence are healthy and bountiful, producing 100s of apples each.

|     |              | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020    | 2021 | 2022 | 2023       |
|-----|--------------|------|------|------|------|---------|------|------|------------|
| B9  | <b>1860s</b> | 120  | 2    | 90   | 50   | 60      | 300  | 90   | <b>100</b> |
| C5  | <b>1860s</b> | 30   | 0    | 0    | 0    | dead    | dead | dead | dead       |
| C8  | 2019         |      |      |      |      | At risk | dead | dead | dead       |
| D9  | 2023         |      |      |      |      |         |      |      | 0          |
| E7  | 2023         |      |      |      |      |         |      |      | 0          |
| E10 | 2010         |      |      |      | 0    | 0       | 0    | 2    | 0          |
| F9  | <b>1860s</b> | 20   | 0    | 10   | 30   | 0       | 60   | 20   | <b>50</b>  |
| G7  | <b>1860s</b> | 25   | 0    | 0    | 15   |         | 50   | 20   | <b>20</b>  |
| G8  | 2023         |      |      |      |      |         |      |      | 0          |
| G10 | 2012         |      |      |      | 1    | 0       | 0    | 5    | 0          |
| H10 | 2023         |      |      |      | 0    |         |      |      | 0          |
| H11 | <b>1860s</b> | 85   | 0    | 5    | 5    | 0       | 20   | 15   | 0          |
| I7  | 2019         |      |      |      |      |         |      |      | 0          |
| J10 | 2010         |      |      |      | 0    | 0       | 10   | 0    | 0          |
| K9  | <b>1860s</b> | 80   | 0    | 15   | 10   | 0       | 100  | 15   | <b>80</b>  |
| L7  | 2023         |      |      |      |      |         |      |      | 0          |
| L11 | <b>1860s</b> | 60   | 0    | 15   | 5    | 0       | 150  | 20   | <b>100</b> |

|     |              |     |   |     |    |    |     |     |            |
|-----|--------------|-----|---|-----|----|----|-----|-----|------------|
| M9  | <b>1860s</b> | 100 | 2 | 110 | 20 | 0  | 200 | 30  | <b>50</b>  |
| M10 | 2010         |     |   |     | 0  | 0  | 5   | 3   | 0          |
| N11 | <b>1860s</b> | 80  | 0 | 45  | 10 | 10 | 200 | 90  | <b>80</b>  |
|     |              | 480 | 2 | 200 | 96 | 10 | 795 | 220 | <b>380</b> |

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.

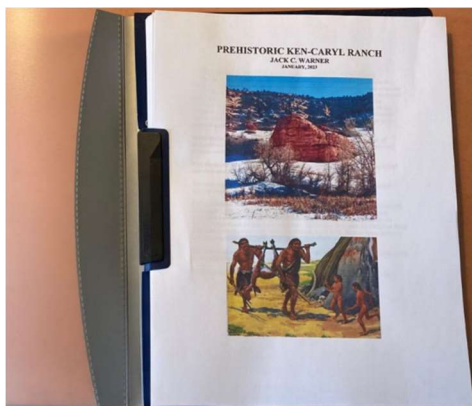


Bees were not observed in the Bradford Perley Apple Orchard this season.

Thanks to all KCR Historical Society Members, KCRMA Open Space, Metro District Parks (Chad), Lachlan Stevens and Riley McGatlin for their work to maintain the orchard.

### **Archaeology and Paleontology (Jack Warner, coordinator)**

In early 2023 Jack completed a bound 78-page document titled: PREHISTORIC KEN-CARYL RANCH for the archives. This document is a guide to all 10 of the most significant archaeological digs done on the historic KCR land. He gave a summary of the document at the March KCRHS meeting.



Abstract of the document:

## **PREHISTORIC KEN-CARYL RANCH**

**JACK C. WARNER**

**2023**

History is generally defined as a study of the past through written records. Prehistory is the study of the past before written records. Prehistory relies on the discovery and study of past material culture, often called “artifacts”. These artifacts are often obtained by archaeological survey and excavation; or sometimes, by casual collection of curiosities. Before residential and commercial development, the Colorado Archaeological Society, at the request of the new owners, surveyed the property that was the Ken-Caryl Ranch cattle operation. Their stated motivation was to make sure the Planned Unit Development did not destroy significant past cultural material.

Much evidence of past people was found, which led to significant excavation of archaeological sites. In addition, the later construction of the C-470 highway and erosion caused by trail use revealed other sites that were excavated.

This document provides an overall summary of information about the people and sites that used the Ken-Caryl Ranch land in prehistoric times.

The next page is a summary of the ten major archaeological sites with published reports and the dates of their use by prehistoric peoples.

The next section provides reprints of a series of articles published in the community newspaper LIFE at KEN-CARYL that describes the results of archaeological excavations at major sites before 2020. This is followed by email reports on the Massey Draw Foothills dig done by KCRHS in October 2020 and the Oak Fire Burn Scar Archaeological survey done by KCRHS in April 2022. Both of these projects were summarized in LIFE at KEN-CARYL articles.

The next section is a printout of a PowerPoint talk that discusses details about all 10 of the major documented excavations done on Ken-Caryl Ranch land. The list below includes the official Smithsonian site numbers (administered by History Colorado).



**KEN-CARYL PREHISTORIC  
ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE OCCUPATION  
DATE SUMMARY**

|                     | SITE NUMBER | EARLY<br>ARCHAIC | MIDDLE<br>ARCHAIC | LATE<br>ARCHAIC | CERAMIC/<br>WOODLAND |
|---------------------|-------------|------------------|-------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| DATE RANGE          |             | 7,500-5,000 ya   | 5,000-3,000 ya    | 3,000-1,850 ya  | 1,850-300 ya         |
| BRADFORD HOUSE II   | 5JFS1       |                  | X                 | X               | X                    |
| BRADFORD HOUSE III  | 5JFS2       | X                | X                 | X               | X                    |
| TWIN COTTON WOODS   | 5JF60       |                  | X                 | X               | X                    |
| MASSEY DR Foothills | 5JF7914     |                  |                   | X               | X                    |
| MASSEY DRAW         | 5JF339      | X                |                   | X               | X                    |
| DUTCH CREEK         | 5JF463      |                  | X                 | X               | X                    |
| FALCON'S NEST       | 5JF211      |                  | X                 | X               | X                    |
| SOUTHGATE           | 5JF246      |                  |                   |                 | X                    |
| CRESCENT            | 5JF148      | X                | X                 | X               | X                    |
| SWALLOW             | 5JF321      | X to 9,380 ya    | X                 | X               | X                    |

The final section is a detailed list of References to assist the serious researcher.

End of Abstract

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This work led to a PowerPoint presentation given to the KCR community November 11, 2023, on the Top 10 KCR Archaeological Sites. It was reported that 86 people attended and was a well-received event.



Jack also:

- organized and labeled all the contents of the KCRHS Archive Archaeology file drawers.
- participated in the June 2023 KCRHS Bradford II, III, and House Area KCR community event with an Atlatl demo and a tour of the Bradford House II & III archaeological sites.
- consulted with various KCR people on Archaeological topics and artifacts.

- supported both the Red Rocks and Lamb Spring Archaeological Preserve site on International Archaeological Day with information on KCR Archaeology.

### **2024 Archeological Goals**

Continue to consult with KCR residents, Open Space Team, KCR Management, and KCRHS members on archaeological related items.

Team with the KCRHS Archive Committee to organize Archaeological Artifacts, which have been found outside of the Archive Room Archaeological File drawers and Ranch House basement.

Provide KCR Prehistoric archaeological tours as desired by the KCRHS and the Community.

Jack plans to continue to consult with KCR residents, the Open Space Team, the KCR District Manager, and KCRHS members on archaeological related items, and continue to support Roxborough State Park and History Colorado on International Archaeology Day activities.

### **Archives, Displays (Pat Badolato and Anne Frisz, coordinators)**

Thanks to Brian Yowell for placing an antique curio cabinet in the hallway of the Ranch House outside the current Archives room. The team placed a lantern and lamp from the James Adams Perley family in it (1895 settlers in the North Ranch). The Ranch House lobby now contains many framed items from the archives and another Perley donation, given by descendant Karen Van Gundy in 2022, of a uniquely framed photo of the Bradford-Perley Ranch house and buildings that has been handed down through the family for generations.



Pat and Anne did in-depth research about a very large painting by Georges Rochegrosse that had been purchased for \$50,000 by John C. Shaffer in 1914, the same year he bought Ken-Caryl Ranch. Because of its huge size, he donated it to the Denver Auditorium (now Ellie Caulkins Opera House), as shown on the wall in the photo below. The 1890 painting “Incendie de Persepolis” is shown at

right. Both Denver newspapers carried major articles about the donation. Prior to the most recent renovation it was still hanging at the theater, but the team has not yet found its current location.



This piece of Ken-Caryl history was included in a 2-page article about John C. Shaffer written by Anne Frisz, “Jeffco’s Cultural Connections in the Ken-Caryl Ranch”, in the 2023 Historically Jeffco magazine.

Another example of archives research is that Anne sent digital files of several photos historical pre-development photos of the Valley to resident John Fosholt, who works on KCR Firewise Committee, in response to his request for a study he is doing to compare past vegetation with today’s levels.

**2024 goals:** The Archives team and other committee members who can pitch in are working diligently to review and assess all contents in the archives to determine what needs to be digitized and saved to cloud storage. They now have a scanner and have begun curating this extensive archive collection, with the goal of continuing to digitize the photographs, documents and photos of important artifacts from KCR’s past, as well as identify items that could be displayed in KCR buildings. There are numerous archeological artifacts, including a framed collection of arrowheads and petrified wood that we plan to add as another display case in the Ranch House corridor that joins the administrative and recreation wings of the building. We will share highlights from the archives with the community during the year.

We learned recently that the Archives room in the Ranch House is needed by a growing KCR staff for shared office space. A new location in Dakota Lodge is being considered.

## **Bradford-Perley House and Garden (Leslie Miller, coordinator)**

### Gardens

Our best laid plans for the June Open House were derailed by inclement weather. The 2023 Open house was on course to provide so much more information and activities for our community. Let's keep our fingers crossed for this coming year's event. This time we will schedule a "back up/inclement weather" date and advertise it as well.

Leslie and three members of the garden committee provide regular weeding, watering, and maintenance of existing gardens and enclosed grounds throughout the growing season, and after the winter they assess all the gardens for winter survival of plants and shrubs, replacing as necessary, or dividing and relocating. They ensure water schedules are kept, and monitor overall



maintenance of not only the gardens, but the house & surrounding grounds, when applicable.

### **2024 Plans**

- To assist with the necessary fence clean up, we'd like to enlist help from the Scouts, since they were so helpful during the June Open House. Leslie will contact the Scout troop.

- We're planning a "2024 Spring Dig Day" since many of the irises need to be thinned &/or relocated into the other 2 gardens, to balance all the gardens &

their blooming seasons. The bush at the ice/milk house did not survive, so we'll be relocating one of the rose bushes there. This would also provide summer blooming for bees in that area that will assist the new apple trees. We also discussed planting another hollyhock, in the front garden, to create vertical interest, similar to the back SW corner garden.



- Breeze/Crush material at the entrance of the house needs to be amended in 2024, and we'd also like to install sandstone-color flagstone within the southern entrance garden in front of the informational sign. We'll need to increase our budget for these items and might need volunteers to assist us. Cost TBD, see next item.
- During the summer Leslie was able to open a wholesale account at Alameda Wholesale Nursery. We'll pursue pricing on plants & materials for comparison to Jared's costs.
- This next item has been on our list, but not accomplished ... in 2025, we'd like to move forward with organizing the large rocks/boulders (rock pile) to make it safer for those visiting the house, and safer for us by reducing places for "undesirables" to hide out. We'll definitely need help with this endeavor!
- Last, but not least, we have at least one wood rat that has joined the rabbits at the gardens. We planted some "unpleasant tasting" annuals, but they loved them! We don't want to harm any animals, but are seriously thinking about deterrents. We'll consult the nurseries for their suggestions.

### **iMovies (Mary Antes, coordinator)**

The KCRHS website has a collection of videos about former residents and local history, posted at <https://ken-carylranh.org/community-news/history-of-ken-caryl-ranch/historical-videos/>.

During the year, the Ken-Caryl TV Station video was produced and added to the other historical videos on the Ken-Caryl Ranch website.



The Murphy Gulch Fire video and the Ken-Caryl TV Station video were submitted to and accepted by the Jefferson County Historical Commission for their 2023 Video Symposium.

In November, 100 copies of the KCRHS brochures were reprinted by the Ken-Caryl staff and folded by Committee members. These brochures are kept at the Ranch house desk to be given to new residents and others interested in the ranch history.

In 2024, we plan to:

- Research, write the script and produce the video about the development of the Ken-Caryl schools.
- Correct and update previous videos, explore topics for additional videos.
- Monitor the quantity of KCRHS brochures and reprint them as needed.

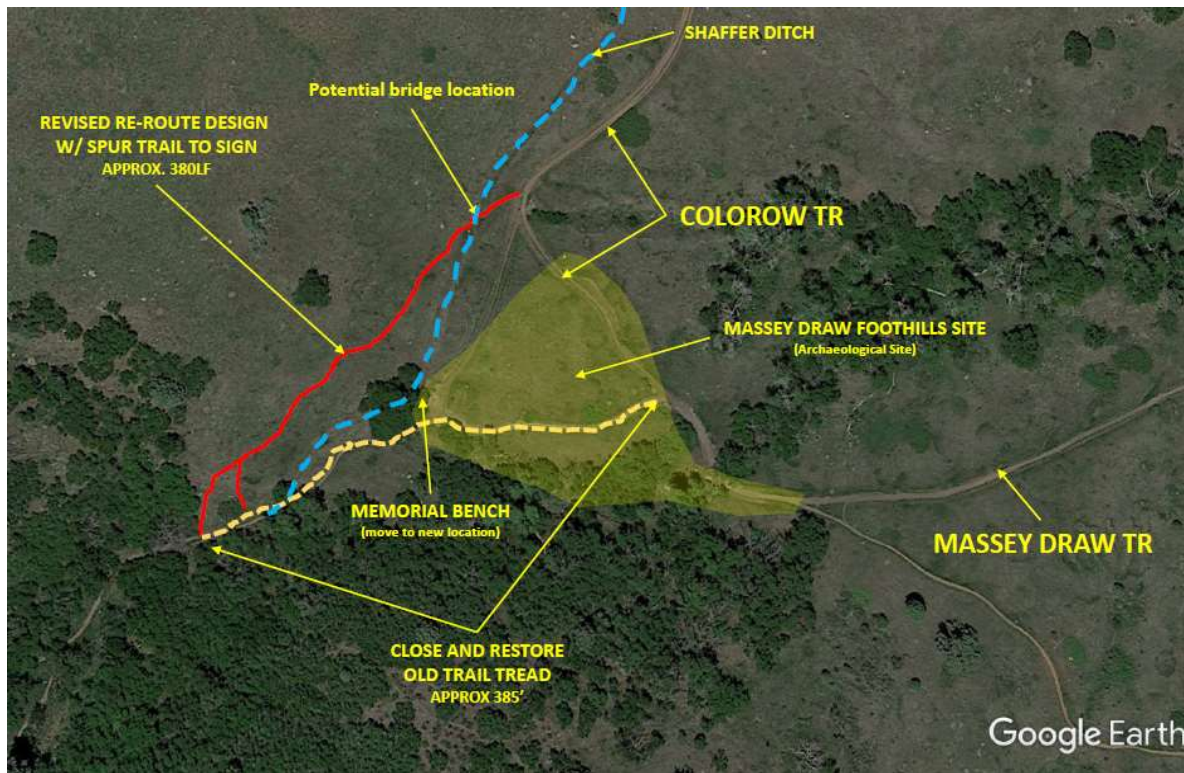
### **Construction projects and Signs (Jim Antes, coordinator)**

#### **Shaffer Ditch Diverter**

As reported in an article Jim wrote for the September 13, 2023 issue of *Life at Ken-Caryl*, the Ken-Caryl Ranch Historical Society, in partnership with the ranger staff, the volunteer trail coordinators and the Trail Club collaborated on a trail re-route project that highlights a pair of century-old structures, one called a Diverter and the other, the Shaffer Ditch. Users of the Colorow and adjacent Ken-Caryl trails may have seen these structures, but it is only in the last very few years that the Historical Society has been able to uncover their origin and purpose.

Shortly after Shaffer's purchase of the land in 1914, he determined that he needed a reliable source of water for irrigating the land for agricultural purposes. In the next few years, a wooden diverter structure was built along Massey Draw, and Shaffer Ditch was dug to channel water from the Massey Draw stream to the then-existing Tinker Shaffer Reservoir. The reservoir was demolished during home site development of KCR Valley, and today is a slight depression in the open space south of Mountain Laurel Drive.

In late May 2023, a trail construction contractor who was already performing other trail work on the Ranch constructed the revised trail re-route. In June the informational design was completed and a pedestal and stanchion for installing the sign were ordered. In July the sign was installed overlooking the diverter by Rangers Peter Marozas and Mike Ryan. In August members of the Trail Club installed the stonework that protects the Shaffer Ditch. Thank you to the Ken-Caryl staff and volunteers that allowed the project to be completed.



Rangers Peter Marozas and Mike Ryan installing the informational sign.

Shown below: Trail Club members working on the stone slabs, and Stone steps ascending the berm of the Shaffer Ditch (camera facing west).



### **Diverter Goals for 2024**

The only work that remains is to decide if/how the diverter is to be repaired and to proceed with implementation of the plan. Last fall Open Space Manager Sean Warren performed some excavation around the diverter as an on-site assessment of the condition of the diverter to facilitate decision-making about options to proceed. Sean and Jim agreed that the work is not urgent, and the formal assessment and estimate for any repairs that are desired from a professional carpenter could occur after the weather warms in the spring of 2024. The newly exposed portions of the diverter are covered with a tarp during the winter. Therefore, the budget for the next phase is currently unknown.





Fall 2023, diverter excavation view to west



1997 Diverter view to east

### **Kiln Restoration**

The multi-year project of finding a contractor and restoring the historic limestone kiln to its 1979 appearance was successfully completed in April 2023 by Rocky Mountain Building Restoration for a total cost of \$21,500, funded by the Master Association. The cost includes two change orders totaling \$2,700 that were approved during the work to apply mortar that was needed to stabilize the dry-stack walls after vegetation was removed, and also to the top of the restored kiln to improve weather resistance. The costs are further described in the Financial Summary section later in this report.

At its July 2023 meeting KCRHS approved these follow-up recommendations:

- To plant ground cover at the front of the kiln to limit erosion
- To create an informational sign and place it near the front of the kiln
- To build a new trail to the kiln for visitors to view the kiln and read the informational sign
- To erect a fence near the front of the kiln and small warning signs to keep visitors off
- To name the new trail “Kiln Trail” and re-name the current Kiln Trail

Jim discussed recommendations and trail design with the Open Space Committee and visited the site with Sean Warren, ultimately settling on an out-and-back trail design starting from the Hogback Trail near the picnic shelter and ascending the short distance to the front of the kiln. Names that have been suggested for the existing Kiln Trail above the kiln include “Limestone Trail” and “Prairie Dog Trail”.

May 2022



Support beams exposed after the disassembling of the kiln's stoke hole area



2023 photo after work completion in April.  
Note the stabilized stone walls adjacent to  
both sides of the kiln.



June 20 photo of the front of the kiln, a month or so after the seeding.



View of top of the kiln showing the mortar cap.

### **Kiln Goals for 2024**

1. Meet with the MA Board and Open Space Committee, as needed, to obtain approval of the new trail, trail name(s), and fencing in front of the kiln.
2. Design, create, and install an informational sign at the site of the kiln.
3. Purchase appropriate fencing for the front of the kiln.
4. Facilitate the completion of the new trail and installation of the new fence and informational sign.
5. Once the above steps are complete, write a story about the kiln in Life at Ken-Caryl.

NOTE: The MA Board approved the design concept for the short out and back trail (<300') connecting the Hogback Trail in the North Hogback Open Space to the newly restored historic kiln on January 16, 2024.

### Budget

For the sign, the cost of design, fabrication, pedestal, and stanchion will come to about \$700.

The fence will be a relatively short fence of simple chain and post design. Jim's estimated cost, without having received a professional estimate, is between \$500 and \$1000.

### Signs

As described in the report about the diverter, an informational sign describing the history of the diverter was designed, constructed, and installed this year. A new policy of Master Association General Manager Brian Yowell is that signs should include the KC logo, which applied to the diverter sign and will apply to future signs.

The Pump House sign along Deer Creek was showing wear due largely to ultraviolet light and it was replaced. Its pedestal, which was made of wood, was also showing weather damage, so it also was replaced, this time with a steel pedestal.

Much appreciation goes to the Ranger staff who are in a position in their work to notice any damage to the signs. They notify me if there are concerns. They also have contact with the contractor who makes their signs, and help us in the process of ordering new and replacement signs.

### **Sign Goals for 2024**

1. Design a sign for the kiln.
2. Work with our graphic artist to develop the final design. Work with the Ranger staff to order the sign. Order the pedestal and stanchion and coordinate with the Ranger staff to install the sign at the kiln site.

3. Respond to any notices from the Rangers about damage to existing signs.

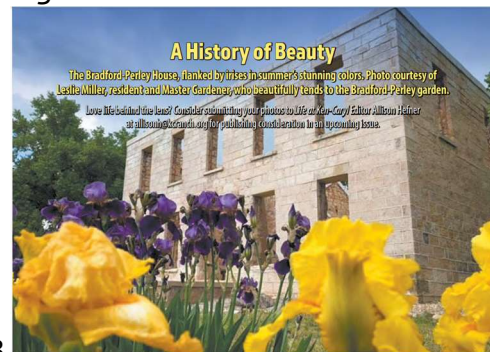
### Budget

About \$700 for the kiln sign, including graphic design, sign fabrication, pedestal, and stanchion. (Also stated in the kiln report)

### **Publicity and Community Outreach (Stephanie Berg, coordinator)**

#### KCRHS articles in *Life at Ken-Caryl*

- Elrod, Marilyn, “A Historian’s Legacy, Dolores A. Ebner 1928-2023, Mar. 15, 2023
- Antes, Mary, “This is “Newsworthy” ...The History Behind Ken-Caryl’s Former TV Station, April 12, 2023
- “Get to Know Your Ken-Caryl “Roots” at the Historical Society’s Open House, April 26, 2023, May 10, 2023, May 24, 2023
- “Bradford-Perley Open House a Success”, June 21, 2023



- “A History of Beauty” (cover photo), August 16, 2023
- Antes, Jim, “Ken-Caryl Groups Support Ranch History”, Sept. 13, 2023”
- “Unearthing Ken-Caryl’s History: The Top 10 Ken-Caryl Ranch Archaeological Dig Sites Presentation”, Oct. 11, 2023, Oct. 25, 2023
- “Join Us for a Ken-Caryl Archaeology Presentation”, Nov. 8, 2023
- Berg, Stephanie, “Resident Archaeologist Jack Warner Presented the Top 10 KCR Dig Sites”, Dec. 6, 2023
- Berg, Stephanie, “Marilyn Norris Honored for 23 Years of Historical Society Membership, Dec. 6, 2023

#### KCR Informational Article in *Historically Jeffco* 2023, Issue 44, pp. 14-15

Frisz, Annemarie, “Jeffco’s Cultural Connections in the Ken-Caryl Ranch”