

WATER HERITAGE SPEAKER SERIES

"A well thought out program presented to area groups can help locals gain valuable insights into water issues and can make a great impact for good for the Poudre Heritage Alliance."

- Jep Enck, national speaker, owner of Enck Resources

OVERVIEW

Water is vital for life, and its availability has been a concern for mankind throughout the ages. Its presence has always been ascertained in a variety of ways and the development of human society everywhere is connected with various forms of water management. Humans also needed to manage water to find protection from its dangers and the need for that is increasing. In the coming decades, the impact of climate change is expected to intensify floods and droughts and affect groundwater resources. Societies around the world are challenged to adapt to these threats to ensure water security, economic prosperity and environmental and cultural sustainability.

Our Water Heritage Speaker Series focuses on the history and heritage of water management and the uses that have been made of water in Northern Colorado, as well as the impact of water management on the region. For example, how did the Poudre River impact national water law? How has water management played a role in craft brewing and drinking water quality? Or what impact does the river have on the sugar beet and agricultural industry?



Bringing expert speakers to do public presentations is one way we demonstrate our commitment to the region and provide opportunities for the community to expand their knowledge-base about the Cache la Poudre River National Heritage Area (CALA), its managing entity the Poudre Heritage Alliance (PHA) and water issues in general.

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ELEMENTS OF THE PROGRAM:

Listeners will be entertained yet walk away with a remarkable new wealth of information related to water issues and the heritage of northern Colorado. Talks will be presented monthly and cover a range of topics such as:

- Formation of water laws based on Poudre River history and the effect on the local communities
- “Grain to Glass” – water through the life cycle of craft brewing
- Northern Arapahoe in the Poudre Valley
- Wildfires and water health
- Volga Germans in the Poudre Valley

PARTNERS

- American Historical Society of Germans from Russia
- Coalition for the Poudre River Watershed
- Northern Arapaho Tribe
- BreWater
- Farr Regional Library
- Enck Resources



GOALS & OUTCOMES

Goal:

Increase the understanding of water issues and stewardship.

Outcomes:

- Raise awareness about CALA and the Poudre Heritage Alliance
- Connect locals to their Poudre River history and heritage
- Inspire ethic of water stewardship and conservation

BUDGET: \$20,000

- \$500 – Wireless microphone system for speakers
- \$1,500 – New LCD projector for presentations
- \$2,000 – Honorarium for one expert speaker
- \$10,000 – Fee for one nationally-recognized speaker