

New Collections and Research Facility at the Estes Park Museum

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Why does the Museum need a Collections and Research Facility?
 - a. A well-designed archive facility ensures the long term preservation of artifacts and provides improved access to the Museum's holdings for researchers. The new Facility will provide ample space for the current collection of 30,000-35,000 significant items and space for anticipated growth; an area to conduct research by museum professionals and the public; an appropriate storage environment, including light, temperature, and humidity control; and proper protection from theft, fire, and pests.
2. How much will it cost?
 - a. The building is estimated to cost between \$1.7 and \$2 million. The Estes Park Museum Friends & Foundation, Inc. is committed to raising the funds and the Museum will be applying for nearly \$1 million in grant support.
3. What if we don't raise the total amount?
 - a. The Museum will build the best facility it can with the funds earned. It will be constructed to make future additions possible. The Museum's collection will always continue to grow, so the building will be designed to grow too.
4. How long will the fundraising campaign last?
 - a. The public kick-off was on September 18, 2016. There will be a number of fundraising events in 2017 and 2018 – they will be listed on the Museum and Estes Park Museum Friends websites.
5. When will the building be built?
 - a. The goal is to break ground in 2018, but this is dependent upon the amount of funds raised.
6. What will happen to the Senior Center?
 - a. The Collections and Research Facility will not disrupt the current Senior Center facility.
7. Where will the new building be located?
 - a. Between the current Museum building and the white National Park Service (NPS) building.
8. Why will it be located there?
 - a. This location is the most versatile spot for the Museum to expand into a new building in the future.
9. Are efforts to remodel the current Museum building in winter of 2016/2017 related to the Research and Collections facility fundraiser?
 - a. The Museum remodel is an effort to improve our current building. It's unlikely a new Museum would be constructed for some time. The Collections and Research Facility is Phase I of achieving a new museum building.
10. What will the new Collection and Research Facility provide?
 - a. Space for storing 30,000-35,000 artifacts, an area to process new donations, restrooms, and a research library for staff and the public to conduct research.

11. Will it be open to the public?
 - a. The Research Library will be open to the public; however, as with most collection facilities, the area where artifacts are stored is not typically open to the public. Appointments are encouraged to ensure adequate work space and access to items.
12. How large will it be?
 - a. Roughly 3,000 square feet.
13. Will the new building impact the NPS building or the Cobb-Macdonald Cabin?
 - a. No – it will not impose on either structure.
14. How can people help?
 - a. The two best ways people can help are by supporting the facility financially and/or volunteering at fundraising events. More information is available at www.estesparkmuseumfriends.org. All donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.
15. How can I give?
 - a. Donations are accepted at www.estesparkmuseumfriends.org through Paypal or by contacting Museum Director Derek Fortini at 970-577-3761. Donors can purchase personally engraved paver bricks for \$1,000. These bricks will be used in the walkway to the new facility.
16. How will my donation be recognized?
 - a. Contributors will be recognized at different levels.