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OUTSTANDING COLLECTION OF WESTERN ART ON EXHIBIT AT THE LONGMONT MUSEUM



The Longmont Museum is proud to present *Frederic Remington and Charles Russell: Masterworks from the Buffalo Bill Center of the West*. This collaborative exhibition with one of the premier museums in the western United States brings a remarkable collection of original art to Longmont. Many of the works in this exhibition have never been exhibited in Colorado, and some have never been shown outside their home in Cody, Wyoming.

Frederic Remington was the most popular illustrator of subjects of the American West in the late 19th century. His works centered on the cowboy, the military, and the American Indian, defining the basic conflicts and aesthetic interpretations of the West. Although he is associated with the West, Remington spent most of his life in New York. He traveled to Montana in 1881 and began a highly successful career as an illustrator by

selling a sketch of cowboys to Harper's Weekly. Remington visited the West annually, using plein air sketches to capture mood and color, then returned to his studio in New Rochelle, New York, to create his illustrations, paintings, and sculptures. In his short life (he died in 1909 at age 48), he produced more than 3,000 drawings and paintings, and 22 bronze sculptures.

Charles M. Russell was born in St. Louis and moved to Montana at age 16, where he lived for the next 46 years. He worked on cattle ranches for more than a decade before turning full-time to art, lending his work a distinctive realism based on his life experience. Russell traveled regularly to New York to work with experienced illustrators, mirroring Remington's journeys west. Charlie Russell completed more than 4,000 artworks in his career, from watercolors and gouache drawings to oil paintings and bronze sculpture.

Frederic Remington and Charles Russell: Masterworks from the Buffalo Bill Center of the West compares the life and work of these giants of western art. Works on exhibit include bronzes, letters with original watercolor illustrations, watercolors, gouache drawings, oil paintings, pen and ink drawings, and lithographs. Included in the exhibition are rarely seen watercolors by Russell; distinctive black, white and gray Remington paintings that were created for illustrations; and a large selection of Russell bronzes.



Charles M. Russell, *The Bucker and the Buckeroo*, 1923-1924, Buffalo Bill Center of the West, Gift of William E. Weiss

Frederic Remington, *Untitled (Blue Prairie)*, ca. 1908, Buffalo Bill Center of the West, Gift of the Coe Foundation

Frederic Remington and Charles Russell: Masterworks from the Buffalo Bill Center of the West

Through April 19

LONGMONT MUSEUM
400 QUAIL ROAD
303-651-8374

MONDAY - SATURDAY: 9 AM TO 5 PM
SUNDAY: 1 TO 5 PM

SPECIAL EXHIBIT ADMISSION:
\$8 ADULTS
\$5 STUDENTS/SENIORS (62+)
AGES 3 AND UNDER FREE

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A MESSAGE FROM Mayor Coombs

Longmont has lit up the future

On November 3, we invited new customers to sign up for our NextLight fiber-optic network. And they did – in droves. Residents jammed the phones to ask Longmont Power & Communications for Internet service, and by the time the dust had cleared, we had signed up more of our launch area in two days than our original feasibility study expected to see in a year.

That's when you know you've begun something special.

This is a familiar place for Longmont. Our city created its own electric utility in 1912 because it wanted service it couldn't get from any existing provider. Afterward, we were known as "The City of Lights" and even gave a free, unmetered porch light to every customer in celebration. That pride in power remains a strong part of our identity to this day, as Longmont boasts some of the lowest electric rates in the nation.

Now we find ourselves at the start of another literally shining moment. Light flows through strands of glass as thin as a human hair to carry data to and from our NextLight customers. And because this 100% fiber-optic network is community owned, we can offer our residents faster speeds and lower rates than can be found anywhere else. Our Charter Membership provides residents with gigabit speeds for \$49.95 a month – currently the lowest price in the country for a gigabit broadband service, a service not yet available in most U.S. cities.

By 2017, when we plan to have NextLight available everywhere in Longmont, the City of Lights will be the Gigabit City. We'll be the first in Colorado and an example for others to follow.

Wonders like this don't happen without community support. So I'd like to thank everyone who helped make NextLight happen. It's been nearly 20 years since Longmont began to have visions of a fiber-optic future, and through hard work, will and determination, the dream has become a reality.

Please follow our progress at www.longmontcolorado.gov/nextlight. And enjoy these exciting times. Our NextLight has just begun to shine.

LONGMONT CITY COUNCIL



Standing, left to right: Jeff Moore, Gabe Santos, Mayor Pro Tem Brian Bagley, Bonnie Finley
Seated, left to right: Sarah Levison, Mayor Dennis Coombs, Polly Christensen

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Holiday Schedules

Longmont city government observes Presidents' Day on Monday, February 16, as a holiday. These facilities will be CLOSED:

- Civic Center
- Service Center
- Development Services Center
- Longmont Museum
- Longmont Public Library
- Longmont Senior Center
- Longmont Youth Center
- Waste Diversion Center

All recreation facilities will be open regular hours.

All trash and recycling collections will occur one day later than normal that week.

Talk to your representatives at Coffee With Council

At Coffee with Council you can talk with two council members on any topic of your choice, and the coffee's on us!

This month, Coffee with Council will be held from 9 to 10 am on Saturday, January 31, at La Vita Bella, 475 Main Street. Mayor Dennis Coombs and Council Member Gabe Santos are scheduled to attend.

Next month Coffee with Council will be on Saturday, February 28, at the Longmont Museum, 400 Quail Road.

For information about city council meetings and agendas, visit LongmontColorado.gov/city_council or call 303-651-8649.

FOR ADULTS

Adult Spring Softball

Play ball! Team softball registration begins February 9 and runs through March 8 for the eight-game adult spring softball season. Men's, women's and coed divisions are offered. League play begins the week of March 16; games are played Monday through Friday nights at Garden Acres Park.

The team fee is \$350 with a two-payment option available. Find registration information at LongmontColorado.gov/rec or at the Longmont Recreation Center, 310 Quail Road. Or, call 303-774-4800.



FOR CHILDREN



Longmont Summer Day Camp

Longmont Recreation Services offers state-licensed summer day care for youth ages 5 to 13 (5-year-olds must have completed kindergarten). Our camp is an activity-based traditional summer camp with swimming twice a week, weekly field trips to various parks throughout Longmont, and optional add-on enrichment activities are available for an additional fee. Open registration begins February 2.

Tween LOCO

New in 2015! Tween LOCO is an experiential-based summer camp that uses opportunities within and surrounding downtown Longmont. Campers walk to daily focused activities (specific days for theater, dance, music, science, reading, sports, art) within weekly themes. Some activities (e.g., guitar lessons) may incur additional costs. Wraparound care before and after is available. Open registration begins February 2.

For more information, call 303-651-8404 or visit LongmontColorado.gov/rec.

FREE TAX PREPARATION

Several sites in Longmont provide free income tax preparation and e-filing for low- to moderate-income residents, senior citizens and disabled taxpayers. TCE (Tax Counseling for the Elderly) and VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) are IRS-sponsored programs staffed by fully trained and certified volunteers, who can prepare Colorado state and federal income tax returns.

TAX PREPARATION SITES

Longmont Senior Center (TCE Site)

**910 Longs Peak Avenue
Tuesdays and Thursdays, February 3 through April 9, 9 am to 1 pm**
TAX RETURNS are completed by appointment only. Appointments are taken beginning January 16. Call 303-774-4429 to make an appointment. Requests also can be made by email to senior@LongmontColorado.gov. Please provide your name, email address and phone number.

Longmont VITA

**2050 Terry Street, Suite 101
February 4 through April 15
Wednesdays and Thursdays from 6 to 8:30 pm, Saturdays from 9 am to 1 pm**
No appointments are taken – this site is for walk-ins only. For more information on all VITA sites in Colorado, visit www.coloradovita.org.

LONGMONT REBATES

The Longmont Senior Center also prepares the Colorado 104 PTC rebate form and is the only site that processes City of Longmont rebate forms. The City of Longmont form includes the property tax/rent rebate, water rebate, parks fee refund, and electric discount. If individuals are filing ONLY a City of Longmont rebate and/or state 104 PTC, no appointment is necessary and applicants can walk in on Tuesdays and Thursdays, February 2 through April 9, from 9 to 11 am.

FOR EVERYONE!

Owls Up Close

**Saturday, February 28, 10 am to noon
Sandstone Ranch Learning Center
3001 E Highway 119**

For several years, different owl species have made Sandstone Ranch their winter home. Gather for an indoor presentation on general owl ecology. You might also see birds of prey scouring the fields for rodents. While at the park, participants must abide by strict "owl etiquette." Bring a pair of binoculars. No need to preregister.



For ages 7 to adult.
Cost: \$4 per person.
For more information call 303-651-8404.

SMALL WONDERS PRESCHOOL

Small Wonders is a state-licensed preschool operated through Longmont Recreation and Golf Services. The program offers a variety of developmentally appropriate activities that help each child develop to his or her fullest... socially, emotionally, physically, creatively and cognitively.

Both morning and afternoon classes are offered for preschoolers ages 3 to 5, and they follow the St. Vrain School District calendar for holidays and school breaks. For more information, call 303-651-8396 or visit LongmontColorado.gov.

Come see for yourself!

Open House

Tuesday, February 10 - 5:30 - 6:30 pm
St. Vrain Memorial Building
700 Longs Peak Avenue



Flood Recovery Highlights

Left Hand Creek and Greenway Restored

Channel repair to flood-damaged portions of Left Hand Creek within Longmont has been completed. Work included removal of silt, cobble and vegetative debris from the creek channel and restoration of eroded banks. Included in the creek repair project was reconstruction of the washed-out multiuse trail east of Main Street, replacement of the damaged trails in Kanemoto Park, and repair of damaged trail edges.

Temporary Trail Across Sunset Bridge

Sunset Street Bridge is open to bicycle and pedestrian use! Temporary repairs to Izaak Walton Pond and segments of St. Vrain Creek were completed this spring to protect the flood-damaged area from runoff waters. This created an opportunity to build temporary trails and reopen sections of the St. Vrain Greenway from Sunset Street to Main Street as well as a trail along Sunset Street Bridge. The temporary trails offer a short-term solution until completion of the St. Vrain Creek Improvement Project, which will address long-term storm drainage and greenway improvements. These trails will be open on a month-to-month basis with closures as necessary due to reconstruction activities.

Final Design of New Sunset Bridge

In complement to the larger St. Vrain Creek Improvement Project, final design plans for the new Sunset Bridge are being developed in collaboration with Boulder County. Efforts currently are focused on determining the overall footprint of the bridge and how it will affect river hydrology. The new structure will be lengthened, widened and raised to more safely accommodate pedestrians and cyclists as well as to pass a 100-year storm event. The project remains on schedule and bridge construction is anticipated to begin in the summer of 2015. The next public forum on this project, tentatively expected to take place in mid-February, will feature a detailed look at the final bridge design.

Get the full scoop on all of Longmont's flood recovery at LongmontColorado.gov/flood-info.

Free Landfill Drop Day

Saturday, February 7

6 am to 2 pm

1830 Weld County Road 5, Erie

The City of Longmont is offering residents this opportunity to take one level pickup load free of charge to the Front Range Landfill. Loads must be covered and secured for transport; oversize loads and second loads will be billed. Please take a photo ID and a copy of your current utility bill to show that you are a City of Longmont customer.

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SHRED IT

Saturday, February 7

9 am to 2 pm

140 Martin Street

At this shredding event Longmont residents can safely recycle sensitive documents. This is for residential documents only; business documents are not accepted. To participate, bring ID and your most recent City of Longmont utility bill showing the Waste Management Fee.

For more information on these events, visit LongmontColorado.gov/solidwaste or call 303-651-8416.

Lifeguard Positions Available

Are you looking for a rewarding employment opportunity? Both year-round and summer lifeguard positions are available. Don't delay; get your lifeguard certification now! An online American Red Cross Lifeguarding course is being offered from 9 am to 3 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays, February 10 through 19. Call Heather at 303-774-4718 for more information.



Keep up with City meetings, events and classes at www.LongmontColorado.gov/calendar