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THE FORT!
Celebrating 50 Years of Shinin' Times!



Morrison, Colorado- It all began in 50 years ago in 1961 when my mother, “Bay” (Elizabeth Arnold) wanted to build an adobe style home in the country outside of Denver, so my brother, Keith, and I could grow up in the country with clean air, horseback riding and fishing. My father (Sam'l P. Arnold) and mother were amateur historians. Bay was reading a book about Bent's Fort, a famous Colorado fur trade fort built in 1833, and saw a drawing in the book of this adobe castle on the plains. She turned to Sam'l and said, "Let's build an adobe castle like this!" At this time, they discovered this beautiful red rock property that was for sale and bought it in 1961.

They hired William Lumpkins, the top architect in adobe construction from Santa Fe, and he hired a contractor from Taos, New Mexico. With the help of a crew of 22 men from Santa Fe, we puddled over 80,000 mud and straw bricks, weighing 40 pounds each, to construct the main building. When the costs of construction exceeded the budget, the bank suggested that we put a business in the historic “Fort” we had built as our home. Sam'l turned to Bay and said, “You can cook!” and then she said to Sam'l, “Well, you can cook!” They redesigned the lower level to be the restaurant and the upper level as our living quarters. The Fort restaurant opened for business in February 1963.

That year, we adopted a Canadian black bear cub named “Sissy” who lived at The Fort for 19 years. She was my pet bear, and died of old age.

What to serve in our Fort? Bay and Sam'l researched diaries of what the pioneers, mountain men and native Indian tribes ate along the Santa Fe Trail. As Bent's Fort was originally located near La Junta in Southeastern Colorado, the culinary influences of the Mexican and Spanish traders were also part of this amazing “fusion” cuisine served at Bent's Fort.

The Fort's staples have always been buffalo, elk and quail. Today we serve over 80,000 entrees of buffalo annually.

By exploring our rich Western cultural and culinary past, we reintroduce food trends of the 1800's, which create current trends of their own. Executive Chef Geoffrey Groditski continues to be inspired by historic recipes and introduce new items to our menu such as the buffalo empanadas...delicious like the first kiss!

Ask your waitperson to teach your group to do the Mountain Man Toast. You will find that it brings you “Shinin' Times” this evening. The word “restaurant” means to restore. Let us restore your soul as well as your stomach! A Hearty Welcome to my home. WAUGH! (Mountain Man lingo for “Right On!”)



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**The Fort Celebrates it's 50th with a Birthday
Bash to Benefit the Tesoro Cultural Center!**

Morrison, Colorado- February 8th, 2013 marks the 50th Golden Anniversary of the world renowned Fort Restaurant in Morrison Colorado. The Restaurant will host a private party for up to 300 lucky guests that will all enjoy Shinin' Times. Festivities begin at 6:30 p.m. and will feature New Foods of the Old West and the Legendary Ian Tyson and Band! Internationally acclaimed singer-songwriter and multi award winner, Ian Tyson, is celebrating 5 decades of performance in 2012 with a full schedule of concerts and the release of a new book published by Random House of Canada. With shows planned from coast to coast in both Canada and the United States, Tyson continues to keep his loyal fans in awe with songs that range from his classics – Four Strong Winds, Someday Soon and Navajo Rug to his newest works which he continues to write with inspired vigor. <http://www.iantyson.com/pages/home.asp>



This is a special guest appearance as Ian played at The Fort for their 25th Anniversary and was happy to come back to celebrate The Fort's 50th Anniversary All proceeds for this even will go to Tesoro Cultural Center, a Colorado 501c non-profit organization. www.tesoroculturalcenter.org

The Fort will also feature a 50-year culinary feast of foods of The Fort, including favorites such as Oysters Rockefeller, Buffalo empanadas, Buffalo prime rib and many game and hearty vegetarian dishes. Pastry Chef Matt Crow will be creating a signature 50th anniversary dessert, along with favorite signature desserts.

Time: 6:30p.m.-?

Concert: 7:30p.m. to 9:30p.m.

Dress attire: Western Dress or Period 19th Century

Ticket Price: \$125 per person

Other fun events include:

- Dancing
- Cannon firing
- Tomahawking the champagne
- Mountain men rendezvous
- Many Waugh's and Huzzah's





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HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS AT THE FORT
presented by
THE TESORO CULTURAL CENTER
NOVEMBER and DECEMBER 2012

MORRISON, CO - The grounds of the historic Fort restaurant will come to life with Holiday spirit this season. There are several family-friendly events happening throughout November and December. As part or all of each event takes place outdoors, warm dress is recommended. Please find details below.

November 25th: The Night the Stars Fell

On November 13, 1833 thousands of meteors showered the sky over North America. To the native peoples of the land, it appeared that the stars were falling out of the heavens. Some thought it was the judgment.

To celebrate this phenomenon in history, Dr. Marc Levine and Dr. Steven Lee (from the Denver Museum of Nature and Science) will lecture about the historical and scientific aspects of Leonids meteor shower in conjunction with a special dinner at The Fort.

The Denver Astronomical Society will setup telescopes (weather permitting) in the courtyard from 8:30 - 9:30 p.m. for a luminous view of the night sky.

Reservations are required for The Night The Stars Fell Dinner & Lecture. Dinner and Lecture costs \$55 for Tesoro and DMNS Members and \$65 for non-members. Lecture will begin at 6:00 p.m. and will be followed by dinner. To reserve your ticket to the event, please call The Tesoro Cultural Center at 303-839-1671 or visit us online at www.tesoroculturalcenter.org. Telescope viewing will be free and open to the public beginning at 8:30 p.m.



November 25th: The Tesoro Cultural Center's Annual Farolito Lighting

This event takes place from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. on November 25, 2012. The Tesoro Cultural Center will continue its southwestern tradition of lighting the farolitos (meaning "paper lanterns") to usher in the holiday season and to honor a member of the community who has enlightened the hearts, minds and souls of others. This year's honoree is **Debbie Emhoolah**.



The *Farolito* Lighting opens with seasonal carols led by members of the Southwest Musicians, complimentary hot spiced apple cider, coffee and *biscochito* cookies. After a brief ceremony, all guests are invited to join in the traditional pinecone ceremony. Everyone attending the event is asked to bring a pinecone, placing the name of someone he or she wishes to remember on a slip of paper tucked into the pinecone. At the conclusion of the evening, the pinecones are all placed into the courtyard campfire. The resulting glimmers of light and bright fire glide upwards, carrying messages into the sky. The event is **free and open to the public**.

December 4th: The Second Annual Tesoro Holiday Party & Benefit & Givingfirst's Colorado Gives Day

MORRISON, CO- Support Tesoro Cultural Center and plan to attend the *Second Annual Tesoro Holiday & Benefit* on December 4, 2012 from 6-9 p.m. at The Fort Restaurant at 19192 Highway 8, Morrison, Colorado with a minimum \$20 donation per person. For the second year, Tesoro joins GivingFirst for *Colorado Gives Day* (24 Hours to Give Where You Live) to raise monies for nonprofits in Colorado. With your help, Tesoro's goal is to raise \$40,000 for general operations and programs.



On December 4, 2012, Colorado citizens will come together again to raise millions of dollars for nonprofits like ours. Last year, GivingFirst distributed over \$11 million to Colorado charities! Presented once again by Community First Foundation and FirstBank, *Colorado Gives Day* asks you to give to your favorite charities through the website GivingFirst.org an online giving resource featuring all of the nonprofits participating in *Colorado Gives Day* or go to www.tesoroculturalcenter.org (click on **Donate Now** button).

- 100 percent of your donation will come to us when you give through GivingFirst.org.
- When you give online any time on December 4, 2012, the value of your donation will be increased by the FirstBank Incentive Fund.
- Help us win cash prizes when you remember us on *Colorado Gives Day*.

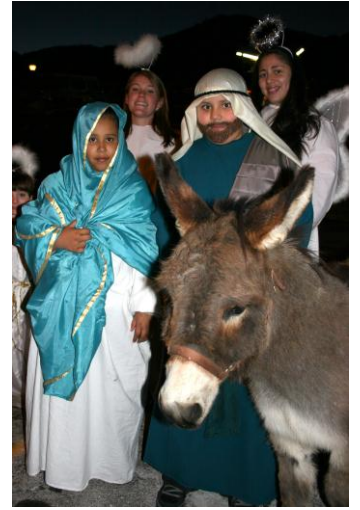
Join us for an evening of folk, bluegrass and old time music by Pat Carbone's and his Family band, delicious hor's d'oeuvres complements of The Fort, cash bar, unique silent auction and live auction items including Chef Geoffrey Groditiski's Dinner for 6 in your kitchen. The silent auction includes Native America, Hispanic and Western art and jewelry; wines and spirits; and many more auction items that are designed for holiday shopping for a cause.

Please visit www.tesoroculturalcenter.org or call 303-839-1671 for information and/or to donate items for the silent auction or volunteer.

December 24th - Las Posadas Christmas Celebration

Celebrated in Mexico and throughout the United States from December 16 to 24, *Las Posadas* commemorates Mary and Joseph's journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem in search of shelter on the night of baby Jesus' birth.

On December 24, 2012 from 4:30p.m. – 6:30 p.m., actors portraying Mary and Joseph will lead a candlelit procession around the exterior of The Fort, followed by musicians singing traditional *Las Posadas* songs in Spanish and English. They will knock on different doors of The Fort, only to be turned away. At the last door, the weary couple is invited in and offered shelter. The attendees will then join for a celebration featuring songs, complimentary refreshments and a piñata. The Tesoro Cultural Center has partnered with the Christian Life Movement and the Holy Trinity Parish in Westminster to present this traditional event, which is **free and open to the public**.



The Tesoro Cultural Center is a 501-c3 non-profit committed to protecting and making available to the community the artistic treasures of our American past. All Tesoro Cultural Center events take place at The Fort, located at 19192 Highway 8, just 20 minutes from downtown Denver. For more information, call the Tesoro Cultural Center at 303-839-1671 or visit www.tesorofoundation.org.

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