

2009

Nederland Miners' Day

Why Miners' Days?

Nederland's past has been closely tied to mining. From 1859 to the 1880s Nederland served as a supply depot and mill center for the Silver boom in nearby Caribou. The discovery of Gold around 1899 in Eldora revived area fortunes. But in 1905 miners discovered that the valley was full of Tungsten, a substance that is used for hardening steel. During World War I, Nederland became the center of world Tungsten production. During this time Nederland flourished and Tungsten mining and milling continued until the 1970s. Gold is still mined in Caribou today.

The Celebration

Once a year Nederland celebrates its beginnings and heritage with the Miners' Days Celebration. For two days Nederland comes alive again as real miners, men and women, with amazing skills compete in spike driving, jackleg drilling, bow sawing, mucking, and single and double jack.

Not a Miner? Events like mucking and bow sawing are open to all and cash prizes are awarded to the top five finishers. There are also competitions and activities for kids including panning for gold.

The Nederland Seniors will once again host a Pancake Breakfast both Saturday and Sunday and the Old Timers will be hosting the Saturday parade, an ice cream social and their usual story telling events at Chipeta Park.

Want to find something special? A silent auction will be held both Saturday and Sunday at the event area. Items included are artwork from Leanin' Tree Museum, gift certificates, one-of-a-kind metal artwork, mining paraphernalia, and more. All proceeds from these events go to the Nederland Area Historical Society.

How You Can Be A Part

Sponsors help us keep the spirit of this unique celebration alive. The proceeds go to the Nederland Area Historical Society for the annual Miners' Days Celebration, the operation of the Mining Museum and Gillaspie House Museum in Nederland, the restoration of the Bryant House and the restoration of the Bucyrus 50B Steam Shovel (as seen on the History Channel's Mega Movers Series).

Hundreds of people visit the weekend of Miners' Days to take part in the events and remember the "Good Ole Days". There are many ways that individuals and businesses can take part.

Sponsor Levels:

- **Copper Level \$25-\$99** - Name listed in the Miners' Days Weekend Flyer (circulation of 2,000), and on event t-shirt.
- **Silver Level \$100-\$249** - Same as Copper along with name listed on NAHS website for one year.
- **Gold Level \$250-\$499** - Same as Silver along with name announced (and any type of special run that weekend) throughout the weekend by our Master of ceremonies.
- **Tungsten Level \$500-\$999** - Same as Gold along with Company name on banners coming into town and at the competition grounds.
- **Weekend Sponsor Level \$1,000++** - Same as Tungsten along with a private group tour of the Mining Museum (maximum of 30 people) scheduled at your convenience.

Become a Sponsor or Donate Today! Sponsors receive the full benefit of donating to a 501(c)(3) organization, appearing on our website, other misc. media coverage, and the option of having your banner displayed and a vendor's booth. Silver level sponsors and above receive honorable mention on our Web site. Sign up as a sponsor or make your contribution today - any amount - nothing is too large or too small and your partnership will help us keep the spirit alive.

To become a sponsor please contact Barbara Hardt-Zeman at 303-810-5409 or email bhz@themountaineer.com. To make a donation make checks payable and mail to: NAHS - Attn:

Miners' Days
P.O. Box 1252
Nederland, CO 80466

Founded in 1975, the NAHS serves to rescue, preserve and exhibit records and artifacts about Nederland area history and the Front Range mining heritage. Nederland is home to the Front Range area's only Mining Museum. It sponsors exhibits, school programs, and the annual Nederland Miners' Days festival and competition. Run entirely by volunteers, NAHS is a non-profit corporation registered as a 501(c)(3) tax charity in the State of Colorado.