



A HISTORY IN MILESTONES OF THE MUSEO DEL LAS TRES COLONIAS

The Vision

The Amigos de la Casa Romero / Friends of the Romero House envision the Casa de Romero (“The Romero House”), a historic adobe home, as an educational site interpreting the significance of Hispanic culture and its impact on the Fort Collins community. It will also recognize the contributions of the Hispanic beet workers to the development of the Northern Colorado sugar beet industry.

To better reflect the intent of the museum “to provide a living history highlight Hispanic family life, working conditions in the sugar beet industry, and community life within the Tres Colonias...,” we have changed the name of the museum to the *Museo Del Las Tres Colonias*.

The original four-room adobe house, built by John Romero from 1925-1935, will feature:

- Furnishings representative of the interpretive period: 1927-1940.
- Photo exhibits interpreting the growth of the local sugar beet industry and development of the “Tres Colonias.”
- Oral histories from members of the Hispanic community.
- Docent led tours for school children as well as the community-at-large.

The Milestones

- Founding of the Museo de las Tres Colonias Amigos Committee, April 2001.
- Purchase of the Museo by Fort Collins Partners I, LLC, May 2001.
- Fiesta/Open house with over 300 in attendance, July 2001.
- Designation of the Museo as a local historic landmark by the City of Fort Collins, August 2001.
- Receipt of the Historic Structures Assessment Grant from the Colorado Historical Fund, October 2001. Completed Dec. 2002.
- Archaeological Assessment Grant awarded October 2002, completion anticipated April 2003.
- Acceptance of the donation of the house by the City of Fort Collins from Fort Collins Partners I, LLC, July 1, 2002.
- Signing of the lease agreement between the City of Fort Collins and Poudre Landmarks Foundation to manage the future Museo de las Tres Colonias, July 2002.

- Submission of Archeological Survey Grant application to the Colorado Historical Society, July 2002.
- Submission of Design Assistance Grant Application for \$900.00 to City of Fort Collins, July 2002.
- Resubmission of Restoration Grant to the Colorado Historical Society, April 2003. Grant awarded in summer 2003.
- Oral History interviews of six residents from Tres Colonias taped between 2003-2005.
- Name of Romero House changed to Museo de las Tres Colonias, summer 2003.
- Restoration of adobe building completed back to its period of significance: 1927-1940.
- Grand Opening celebration September 9, 2006.
- Ongoing - development of exhibits on Hispanic contributions to the Fort Collins area and interpretation of the house as an historic home.
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