

Why Membership Matters

Support – Your membership ensures the Animas Museum can provide exhibits, lectures, webinars, school tours, and hands-on history trunks that reach students and families across the county.

Strength – Members who care about authentic history fuel the dedication of our staff and volunteers.

Stability – Sixty-seven percent of nonprofit funding comes from individuals. Grants and sponsorships matter, but members are the foundation that keeps our doors open and our collections safe.

Access – Members receive our Artifacts quarterly newsletter, monthly e-blasts, and access to our research database—making you one of the most informed advocates for local history in our community.

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THAT MADE US



Membership Levels

* Silver – \$50/year

Online database access, quarterly print newsletter, and monthly e-blasts.

* Gold – \$75/year

All Silver benefits plus invitations to special events.

* Uranium – \$150/year

Our highest supporting level, including all benefits above, recognition on our sponsor board, and deeper support for our 250/150 initiatives.

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Join us now!

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2026

Be part of something big.

In 2026, our nation marks 250 years of American history, and Colorado celebrates 150 years of statehood. Anniversaries like these invite reflection—but they also demand responsibility.

La Plata County has stories worth telling. Some have been repeated for generations. Others have barely been heard. At the La Plata County Historical Society, we believe this milestone is not about nostalgia. It's about getting the story right.

We are committed to presenting the “full” history of this region, the voices of Indigenous communities who have never left, the endurance of Hispanic families across centuries of change, and the layered histories of ranchers, miners, educators, entrepreneurs, and everyday citizens who shaped this place.

This work doesn't happen by accident. It happens because members make it possible.

**Join or renew today at
animasmuseum.org**

**or by mailing your membership form
with a check.**



What Your Membership Supports

As we prepare for Colorado 150 and America 250, your support will help us:

- Curate and localize History Colorado's “Moments That Made Us” exhibit to highlight defining events in La Plata County.



- Record and preserve oral histories from across our community before they are lost.
- Partner in local and statewide 250/150 programming, including public programs, student outreach, and a passport experience designed especially for 4th graders.
- Keep the museum open, our collections protected, and our interpretation honest.

This is not about looking backward for comfort. It's about looking forward with clarity—and making sure future generations inherit a history that is accurate, inclusive, and grounded in truth.

History doesn't preserve itself. It takes people who are willing to stand behind it.

We invite you to stand with us—and be part of something big!

Make checks payable to LPCHS and mail with this form to:
 LPCHS
 PO Box 3384
 Durango, CO 81302

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 animasmuseum.org/support.html

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Membership Level: _____

Silver: \$50 _____

Gold: \$75 _____

Uranium: \$150 _____

Additional donation: _____

Total: _____