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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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**Loveland Museum reopens its doors on Tuesday, June 16**

LOVELAND, CO – Following an extended closure due to COVID-19, the Loveland Museum is making plans to reopen its doors to the public on Tuesday, June 16.

“In the 12 weeks since the Museum closed in mid-March, staff has been looking forward to the day we can open our doors to the public again. Most importantly, we want our staff, volunteers, and visitors to be as safe as possible when they visit. We have been working behind the scenes to adapt to our new reality and are happy to announce that the Museum will be reopening next Tuesday, June 16. Our sincere thanks to our many loyal supporters,” communicated Susan Ison, Cultural Services Director.

The health and safety of the Museum staff, volunteers, and patrons remains the Museum’s top priority. The Loveland Museum is following health and safety recommendations from the City of Loveland, Larimer County Department of Health & Environment, and the Governor.

The Museum will be able to accommodate up to 50 visitors at a time to ensure proper social distancing. Staff, volunteers, and visitors will be required to wear face coverings during the initial reopening phase. Patrons who are in one or more of the high-risk categories are encouraged to visit the Museum during special hours on Wednesdays from 12 pm – 1 pm and Fridays from 2 pm – 3 pm. However, seniors and people with serious medical conditions are encouraged to delay their visit until a safer time.

**New precautions and procedures now in place:**

- Increased cleaning and disinfecting of common area surfaces
- Installation of plexi-glass guards at the front reception area
- Hand sanitizer stations available at specific locations throughout the Museum

- All visitors including staff and volunteers must wear masks
- Social Distancing, including capacity restrictions via signage and staff direction
- Temporary removal of “hands-on” items/areas

#### **Know Before You Go – Informational details to review prior to visiting the Loveland Museum**

- Adjusted Museum Hours (subject to change):
  - Tuesday 12 pm – 5 pm
  - Wednesday 12 pm – 5 pm (12 pm – 1 pm reserved for seniors and other vulnerable populations\*)
  - Thursday 12 pm – 5 pm
  - Friday 2 pm – 7 pm (2 pm – 3 pm reserved for seniors and other vulnerable populations\*)
  - Saturday 12 pm – 4 pm
  - Sunday & Monday Closed
- Face Masks: Every visitor is being asked to wear a mask
- Upon entry, all visitors will be asked to answer COVID-19 screening questions
- Cash will not be accepted, accepted forms of payment: Debit Card, Credit Card, Check

The BEET Education center will reopen in July. For more information and to plan your visit, please visit [www.lovelandmuseumgallery.org](http://www.lovelandmuseumgallery.org).

\*Vulnerable populations include: individuals who are sixty-five (65) years and older; individuals with chronic lung disease or moderate to severe asthma; individuals who have serious heart conditions; individuals who are immunocompromised; pregnant women; and individuals determined to be high risk by a licensed healthcare provider.

#### **About The Loveland Museum**

The Loveland Museum is an accredited art and history museum that was founded in 1937 by local author, collector, curator, and mountain guide Harold Dunning. Dunning began collecting pioneer artifacts and stories as early as 1919, and today, the Loveland Museum is home to a variety of history exhibits, hosts world-class art exhibitions, and provides family events; adult and youth classes; lectures; poetry readings; and other programming opportunities for the Loveland community and visitors from around the world.

*The Loveland Museum is open Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm; Fridays 2:00 pm - 7:00 pm; Saturdays 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm; closed Sundays and Mondays. The Loveland Museum is located at 503 N Lincoln Avenue, the corner of 5<sup>th</sup> and Lincoln, in Loveland, Colorado.*

[www.lovelandmuseumgallery.org](http://www.lovelandmuseumgallery.org).

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