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## \$50,000 Pavilion challenge goal reached!

### Friends of Red Rock Canyon President's Report, Winter 2008

To All Friends of Red Rock Canyon:

2007 has come and gone weaving a trail throughout Red Rock Canyon Open Space co-created by this community's genuine stewardship from all the volunteers who worked so hard in trail building, maintenance and restoration.

Winter brought a new challenge to Friends of Red Rock Canyon when one of the Board members and his wife offered a Challenge Grant of \$50,000 toward the construction of the Bock Pavilion. As you can see from the headline of this Red Rock Rag Friends of Red Rock Canyon has met that goal! It may have taken us a year of campaigning and grant writing yet with the financial generosity once again of our community, the trust that Friends of Red Rock Canyon could complete this challenge and the faith in the Bock Pavilion Project that the Challenge has been met! Thank you to all who contributed whether your donation was large or small. The combined effort from all of your grants and gifts brought into light the reality of the vision of the Bock Open Air Pavilion.

Spring began with Friends of Red Rock Canyon having an information booth at Palmer High for Earth Day 2007. We made new Friends, directed those unfamiliar with Red Rock Canyon how to get there and what wonders awaited them.

Our Earth Day II was co-sponsored with REI when we cleared the middle section of the Roundup Trail connecting last year's constructed East and West sections. In May we spent a weekend co-sponsored with Friends of the Peak constructing that middle section. And, with the help of many

volunteers that made these workdays possible, this East to West trail is complete connecting the South to North trails in Red Rock Canyon. The Roundup Trail now makes it possible to loop throughout the land offering a variety in trail choices. Early June brought more volunteers that cleared the South end of Red Rock Canyon Trail to the beginning of the Roundup Trail and polished that trail by finishing critical edges and backslopes.

Summer brought something new to our community in addition to our booth in Bancroft Park for the Old Colorado City Arts and Crafts Fairs. Friends of Red Rock Canyon co-sponsored, with Colorado Springs Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services, a Four Night Educational Series throughout the summer in the Historic Pioneers Museum that offered extensive information on the History, Geology, Paleontology, Native American Heritage and Biology of Red Rock Canyon. A fifth night was spent with the City and the Public

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### Friends of Red Rock Canyon meetings:

Friends of Red Rock Canyon holds regular meetings at 7:00 PM in the Academy Room on the lower level at the historic Colorado Springs City Hall, 107 N. Nevada Avenue. People attending the meeting use the entrance at the southeast corner of the building and sign in at the security desk.

Our forthcoming meetings are:

Thursday, January 10, 2008

Thursday, February 7, 2008

Thursday, March 6, 2008

## Our Thanks

We would like to thank those foundations and individuals listed below who have generously contributed toward the open-air pavilion project.

We would also like to offer a special thanks to former Friends of Red Rock Canyon Board member Linda Hodges for her valuable contribution to the challenge fundraising effort.

### \$50,000

Challenge Grant\*  
(A director of Friends of Red Rock Canyon  
and his wife)

### \$10,000

El Pomar Foundation

The Pressman Family Foundation  
of the Pikes Peak Community Foundation\*

### \$5,000 - \$9,999

Joseph Henry Edmondson Foundation

Friends of Red Rock Canyon Fund\*

Pikes Peak Community Foundation

Pikes Peak Conservation Fund  
of the Pikes Peak Community Foundation

### \$1,000 - \$4,999

Dianne Baker

Lewis Family Foundation

Pete Ruch

Trails & Open Space Coalition

### \$500 - \$999

Broadmoor Garden Club  
-- for native plant landscaping  
and interpretive signage

### \$100 - \$499

Donna Becker

Leif Carter

anonymous

Virginia Kelly

LexisNexis

Edward Maynard

Nancy G. Morr  
in honor of Annie Garretson

Mountain Chalet

Carol Nelson

Fred Nelson

Baerbel O'Connor

Skoog Living Trust

### \$1 - \$99

Eric Brettschneider

Jo Cervone

Erik & Karin Henriksen

Linda Hodges

Domenic & Catherine Incitti

Bob & Connie Johnson

Lynn Kerschen

Karen King

Getty Nuhn

John & Barbara Scharrer

Karleene Thompson

Nikolai Woolf

\* Contributions directly to the Department of  
Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services

exploring and discussing the many concepts of the Interpretive Master Plan.

Fall began with Friends of Red Rock Canyon sponsoring a workday for volunteers to do maintenance on the Hogback Valley Trail. Approximately 25% of that is now complete. Two Restoration Projects took place with invasive Chinese Elm removal and we stepped up our \$50,000 Challenge Campaign with a goal of being done with the end of 2007.

Winter of 2007 was kind and it is done!

Now we plan for "what can we do?" as stewards of the land in 2008 in Red Rock Canyon Open Space.

2008 - there is a lot to look forward to!

Spring will bring the groundbreaking of the Bock Open Air Pavilion with completion estimated for early Fall. Once the pavilion is completed there will be a "Pavilion Landscape Project" workday for volunteers to participate in, partially funded from a grant from the Broadmoor Garden Club to Friends of Red Rock Canyon for that purpose.

Friends of Red Rock Canyon will offer as well our next series of educational "talks" presented at the Old Colorado City History Center (co-sponsored with the Old Colorado City Historical Society)

tentatively on the second Tuesday nights of April, May, June, September, October and November. Subjects and speakers to be announced at a later date. Check the website ([redrockcanyonopenspace.org](http://redrockcanyonopenspace.org)) for future updates. Some of these "talks" will be followed by Saturday "walks" in Red Rock Canyon.

We also plan to begin a study leading toward the potential listing of the quarries in and near Red Rock Canyon Open Space as a historic mining landscape on the National Register of Historic Places.

The main focus for Friends of Red Rock Canyon in 2008 regarding trails will be maintenance, possibly working on Greenlee Trail and more work on the Hogback Valley Trail -- And, while Friends of Red Rock Canyon offers these opportunities to the community to participate in, It is You, the volunteers and contributors, that make it all happen. You are the ones who truly are "Friends of Red Rock Canyon"!

**Thank you for your honored participation.**

Karlee Thompson  
President, Friends of Red Rock Canyon

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**Friends of Red Rock Canyon**

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Yes, I want to join Friends of Red Rock Canyon for the coming year

\_\_\_\_\_ Individual Member (\$10)

\_\_\_\_\_ Family Membership (\$15) Other Family Members: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Organization / Business Membership (\$30)

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to help even more with a contribution of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to be involved in volunteer efforts:

\_\_\_\_\_ Trail and stewardship volunteer \_\_\_\_\_ Educational Programs \_\_\_\_\_ Brochure or grant writer

\_\_\_\_\_ Advocacy & Community outreach \_\_\_\_\_ Other (please describe) \_\_\_\_\_

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