

ASPEN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Earn a complimentary membership—Fill out this survey.

HERE IS HOW AND WHY:

YOU are a paying member of The Aspen Historic Park and Recreation District if you own property in the Village. **YOU** are a member of our constituency if you live in the district anywhere whether or not you own property. We want to be comfortable knowing that we are spending your tax dollars in a manner that reflects the desires of the majority of TOSV community residents.

We appreciate your cooperation. **YOU** have three ways to respond:

1. Circle and fill in your answers here and mail this form to:

Aspen Historical Society—Survey
620 W. Bleeker Street
Aspen, CO 81611

2. Drop your filled out form at TOSV town hall *for a special bonus—*

You will receive a coupon for a free slice of pizza from Tasters!

3. Complete the form electronically (look for the survey link at www.aspenhistory.org) – *to save a stamp and a few calories!*

SECTION ONE: *Shared resources.*

AHS has trained museum staff to run our archives and to watch over our collection procedures. We have a substantial “Snowmass Village” archival collection that continues to grow. We have just completed a series of oral history interviews (with generous funding from a TOSV grant). In addition, we have policies and procedures in place that ensure an operation run with integrity and the highest museum standards that are reasonable for a District our size.

Meanwhile, the Western Heritage Museum is already established in the Village. While lacking a permanent site, this museum has a collection and avid supporters. It seems redundant and presumptuous for AHS to make separate plans for a museum. We propose to provide technical and educational resources to the existing Western Heritage team instead. We believe that our missions are closely aligned.

1. Do you support the concept of a permanent museum in Snowmass Village?
YES NO
2. Do you support government/private sector involvement in securing a prime permanent location?
YES NO
3. Where do you think the best location for a museum would be? (Circle One)
HATCH HOMESTEAD—NEW TOWN HALL—SNOWMASS MALL - OTHER
(fill in) _____.
4. Do you support the shared resource concept currently anticipated (for AHS to lend non-cash support to help the Western Heritage Museum with resources)?
YES NO

SECTION TWO: *Subsidy*

Museums in small communities need outside help to sustain themselves. Without a unique destination lure (i.e. Gettysburg, Pearl Harbor) historical museums require public funds and/or major private contributions to maintain. At the same time, there is burgeoning popularity in Heritage Tourism as a community asset in addition to the priceless value our roots hold in building community. We would like to understand how important the documentation of your local history is to **YOU**.

5. Do you consider Heritage Tourism as a “real dollar” valuable community asset?
YES NO
6. On a scale of one to five (with one being least important and five being the most) please rate the priority importance you would assign to having a flourishing museum in TOSV?
1 2 3 4 5
7. Are you willing to support allocation of public funds to support museum operations?
YES NO

SECTION THREE: *About yourself!*

8. What best describes your residency status in Snowmass Village?
(Circle One) FULL-TIME HOMEOWNER— PART-TIME HOMEOWNER
FULL-TIME RENTER— SEASONAL WORKER— VISITOR
9. Are you a current contributor to the (TOSV) Western Heritage Association?
YES NO
10. Name the last museum (of any kind) you visited and how long ago?

(Please fill in the blank.)

CONGRATULATIONS!

You have earned yourself an annual membership to the Aspen Historical Society (and a bonus complimentary one year subscription to the Snowmass Sun). New membership packets will be delivered in June.

NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____
EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

If you have more to tell us please don't hesitate to call us – Tom Egan, 925 3721, ext. 108

Preference for AHS newsletter – (Circle One) ELECTRONIC MAIL