On February 8, Dr. Jessica Elzea Kogel became the new Associate Director for Mining (ADM) in the Office of the Director of the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH).

Dr. Kogel is “extremely honored to serve at the helm of one of the world’s leading organizations for mine worker health and safety research.” In her new position, Dr. Kogel intends to “build on NIOSH’s existing research legacy while growing the mining program towards a new future. The future holds new realities for a rapidly evolving industry that is now characterized by deeper and more remote mines, an increase in automation, a younger workforce, and more contractors, among other ongoing and emerging trends.”

Dr. Kogel has been actively involved in several professional organizations, she is currently serving as Vice-Chair of the Board of Directors of the National Mining Hall of Fame and Museum.
CALL FOR NOMINATIONS
PRAZEN LIVING LEGEND OF MINING AWARD

The National Mining Hall of Fame & Museum’s Prazen Award Committee is issuing a call for nominations. The Prazen Living Legend of Mining Award is given annually to an entity (foundation, museum, other non-profit entity, corporation, or individual) that has demonstrated a continuing commitment and successful efforts to educate the public on the importance of the minerals industry. The statue itself has been contributed by the famous artist and sculptor, Mr. Gary Prazen, to show his appreciation of the mining and minerals industry. The award is presented at the annual Hall of Fame Induction Banquet. The deadline for submitting nominations is April 1, 2016.

In order to assist the Prazen Award Committee in reaching a decision on the recipient of the award, the Committee will then ask all nominees to provide a description of their educational programs, and outline any plans for future activities. A one or two-page summary, along with any brochures or other materials that are evidence of the quality and benefits of their programs, will be encouraged. We will ask all nominees to submit their packet to the Committee on or before April 30, 2016, so please be sure that your nominee is willing to do so. Please note that anyone can submit a nomination, and previous nominees are held over for consideration for three years.

Please submit your nominations to Roger Newell, National Mining Museum Prazen Committee Chairman, 1781 Larkspur Drive, Golden, CO 80401, or via email at rogernewell@gmail.com, or to co-chairman Jack Dorr at dorr@smenet.org. Inquiries may be made to either of the email addresses.

Previous recipients:

1995 Colorado Mining Association Education Foundation, Inc. and the Colorado School of Mines
1996 North Carolina Dept. of Environment & Natural Resources and the N.C. Geological Survey
1997 Indiana Mineral Aggregates Association
1998 Women in Mining
1999 Caterpillar, Inc.
2000 Mineral Information Institute
2001 SME GEM Program
2002 Quarry Quest
2003 McCaw School of Mines
2004 Missouri Minerals Education Foundation
2005 Arizona Foundation for Resource Education
2006 The Sterling Hill Mining Museum
2007 Dick Moolick, Chairman, NMHFM
2008 Colorado Mining Exhibit Foundation
2009 Historical Society of Idaho Springs
2010 Rocky Mountain Coal Mining Institute
2011 Ohio Aggregates and Industrial Minerals Association
2012 National Mining Association
2013 Nevada Mining Association
2014 Pamela A. K. Wilkinson
2015 Powell River Project

2012 Prazen Award - National Mining Association
2013 Prazen Award - Nevada Mining Association
2014 Prazen Award - Pamela A.K. Wilkinson
Former Executive Director Reeder Dies

Robert T. Reeder died November 1, 2015 of natural causes at the age of 89 in Sacramento, CA.

Bob was a longtime resident of Colorado and spent over 30 years in Golden, first as a student of the Colorado School of Mines (CSM) and later as a professor and retiree. He had a varied career as a mining engineer, consultant and professor and was Executive Director of the National Mining Hall of Fame and Museum from 1986 until 1989, during the time of its transition from its office in Leadville to its current facility in Leadville. It was also during this period that the organization received its federal charter.

Reeder was active in the Golden community as a member of the Rotary, St. Joseph's Parish, CSM Alumni Association and Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity. Widely traveled, the Reeder family lived in New Mexico, Michigan, Colorado, Utah, Louisiana, West Virginia, Wisconsin and California. Bob always felt that Colorado was his home.

Bob was preceded in death by his wife Marilyn; son Robert (Rusty); and grandson Robbie. He is survived by his children Kathleen Reeder, Mary Carol Todd, Martha Nelson, Patricia Randall, David Reeder and Anne Reeder, several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

(Much of this information was published in the Golden Transcript on February 11, 2016)

Save the Date...Saturday, September 24, 2016

The NMHFM has reserved a block of rooms at The Mirage (please note the rooms are not at the same hotel as the event. The induction banquet will be held at Caesar's Palace. The two hotels are next to each other).

The name of the block is National Mining Hall of Fame. We have reserved a limited number of double occupancy rooms. Guests must make their own reservations and pay for their rooms individually by June 2nd.

MAKE A RESERVATION:
Go to https://compass.onpeak.com/e/72NMA16/in/rsvp/AhNsX536f6Bd and follow the instructions. PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE MIRAGE DIRECTLY TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS. The guaranteed room rates have been secured by an outside housing agency acting on behalf of Minexpo International. If you need assistance, please contact Francine Webber at Francine@mininghalloffame.org or 719-486-1229 or visit our website at: www.mininghalloffame.org.

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2016

SAVE THE DATE!
2016 INDUCTION BANQUET - LAS VEGAS
The 2016 Induction Banquet will be in exciting Las Vegas, NV, coinciding with the 2016 International Mine Expo.
Saturday, September 24th
at the Legendary
CAESAR'S PALACE

2012 HOF Inductee Glen Barton (right) with friends and colleagues of Caterpillar, Inc.
A brand new exhibition has opened as of March 11th at the museum. Eat, Sleep, Mine: A Collection of Photographs by George Pickow (pronounced PEEK-oh) features 59 stark black and white photographs from 1948. The photography is displayed with never before seen artifacts from our collection, such as gas masks, a safety lantern and lunch pails, all of which make an appearance in Pickow’s photographs. These photographs depict coal miners primarily in the mining town of David, Kentucky, but also include localities in West Virginia. The series comes from a collection of 93 photographs in the museum’s photograph archive.

George Pickow is known for his photographs on the album covers of the titans of folk, jazz, and pop music including Louis Armstrong, Tony Bennett, Dizzy Gillespie, Pete Seeger, and Lena Horne. Additionally, his photographs have been published in *Life*, *National Geographic*, and *Cosmopolitan*.

This exhibition is unique for the museum as it displays artifacts and photographs that tell a story about the life of miners in a certain area in 1948, as opposed to primarily representing the equipment, processes, and outputs of mining.

Come see this exciting new exhibition for yourself and don’t forget to attend Happy Hour at the museum on April 1st for after-hours access (with wine and beer) to Eat, Sleep, Mine!

**Canadian Mining Hall of Fame Traveling Exhibit**

The Canadian Mining Hall of Fame was conceived by the late Maurice R. Brown, former editor and publisher of *The Northern Miner*, as a way to recognize and honor the legendary mine finders and builders of a great Canadian industry. The Hall was established in 1988 and currently has over 160 members.

The Canadian Mining Hall of Fame is pleased to make available a new traveling exhibit to entertain and educate our visitors about the mining industry in Canada and its luminaries. Featuring text in English and French, the exhibit is designed for easy installation in venues of all types. This 10 x 10 ft. booth is fully portable and travels in three large road cases. The exhibit will be visiting the National Mining Hall of Fame and Museum from May until September.

The Canadian Mining Hall of Fame traveling exhibit showcases the biographies and personal stories of the more than 160 Hall of Fame inductees through fully bilingual interactive video touch screens. On the other side of the exhibit, visitors can select and play videos explaining how mining and minerals touch every part of our lives.

Make sure to plan your visit to the National Mining Hall of Fame and Museum to interact with our newest traveling exhibit during the summer of 2016.
We have modified the Membership program to provide improved opportunities for non-profit organizations and Lake County businesses to obtain the benefits of membership while they help to support the NMHFM’s operations, exhibits, and programs. Effective immediately, non-profits and Lake County businesses can become members at the Contributing, Supporting, or Benefactor membership levels that previously were available to individuals and families. At the same time, we have adjusted the cost of Student and Contributing memberships, clarified the benefits associated with each membership level, and simplified the structure by reducing the number of membership categories. Businesses within Lake County and corporations located outside of Lake County still have the option to provide greater support by joining at Corporate levels that range from $2,000 to $10,000. Individuals, businesses, and corporations required to pay Colorado State Income Tax can claim a credit of 25% of the amount of membership by including a note to that effect with their payment. We hope offering enhanced membership opportunities locally will encourage our neighbors to reacquaint themselves with engaging exhibits and exciting events that may not have existed the last time they visited.

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**MEMBERSHIPS**

- **Individual $35**
  - Free admission to the NMHFM and Matchless Mine for one year
  - 10% discount on purchases in the Gift Shop
  - Invitations to special events
  - Quarterly *High Grade* newsletter

- **Student $20**
  - All the same benefits of Individual membership
  - Must present valid student ID

- **Family $50**
  - All the same benefits of Individual membership
  - For one or two adults living in the same household PLUS their own children or grandchildren ages 6-18

- **Contributing $200**
  - All the same benefits of Family membership, plus
  - Two guest admissions each visit
  - Free Induction Banquet booklet
  - Recognition in the Digital Wall of Honors

- **Supporting $500**
  - All the same benefits of Contributing membership, plus
  - Two additional guest admissions each visit (four total)
  - 10% discount on admission to special events

- **Benefactor $1,000**
  - All the same benefits of Supporting membership, plus
  - North American Reciprocal Museum (NARM) privileges nationwide
  - 20% discount on facility rental

**Corporate memberships are available to any business.**

- **Corporate Contributing $2,000**
  - All the same benefits of Contributing membership

- **Corporate Supporting $5,000**
  - All the same benefits of Supporting membership

- **Corporate Benefactor $10,000**
  - All the same benefits of Benefactor membership

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*Non-profits and businesses may designate two employees or volunteers to receive benefits.*
Thank you!

The Staff at the National Mining Hall of Fame and Museum would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the dozens of volunteers, sponsors and organizers that made our annual winter fundraiser a huge success. We had over 250 attendees at the event.

Chicken Bill attended the latest fundraising event; Wine, Women, & Mining.

Photos courtesy of the Herald Democrat (upper, right, lower)

Photos courtesy of Bill Nelson (left, right)
The Matchless Mine is listed on the National Park Service's National Register of Historic Places

Purchased in 1879 by Silver King H.A.W. Tabor, the Matchless Mine was one of the richest silver mines of the era, with production rates surpassing the Comstock Lode of Nevada. With the extraordinary wealth they accumulated, Tabor and his mistress-turned-wife, Elizabeth "Baby Doe" Tabor, lived in high style.

They were married in Washington, DC in 1883 during Tabor's term as United States senator. Their wedding invitations, fashioned from solid silver, and Elizabeth's elaborate wedding dress, flaunted their fabulous wealth. The couple enjoyed a few brief years of extravagance, staying in suites in the finest hotels in the nation and returning occasionally to their mansion in Denver.

Tragically, the Tabor's high-flying life style was not to last. With the depletion of high-grade silver, coupled with extravagant spending, the Tabor fortune vanished. Tabor died in 1899 leaving his family nearly penniless.

For nearly thirty six years following Tabor's death Elizabeth struggled to profit from the Matchless Mine. In her later years, Elizabeth became somewhat of a recluse, preferring to spend her time in a small cabin on the Matchless property. Sadly, her body was discovered frozen in the cabin in March of 1935, Elizabeth was 81 years old.

Fundraising Drive

We are engaged in a fundraising and membership campaign and we encourage our friends to support us. We are always surprised at how many people are unaware that we receive no government funding, despite our federal charter. The mining industry is in a slump and traditional corporate support has become a trickle. Our facilities are old—the central part of the building was built in 1899—and in constant need of repairs, from leaking roofs to ancient electrical wiring to plumbing invaded by roots. The winter is rough here in Leadville—utility bills become astronomical just as the number of visitors paying admission drops off. The members of the staff and board collectively chew their nails during the annual deep freeze, awaiting the return of warm weather and tourists. Please renew your membership at a higher level or make a donation now. You can take tax deductions on memberships and donations if you itemize, and Colorado residents can claim an additional 25% State Income Tax credit by requesting a simple form from us. Please help save what is left of our nails!

Gift Shop

The gift shop at the National Mining Hall of Fame and Museum has recently received several new lines of merchandise. Mill Creek Studios is among one of our newest vendors. Mill Creek Studios sculpts and produces wildlife, western and Native American sculptures.

Dynasty Gallery is an American company, based in San Francisco, California, since 1951. They design decorative glass to capture the shapes, colors and lights of nature’s marvels. Each treasure is handmade, one by one, in the ancient tradition of glass making.

We also have several "Made in Colorado" vendors ranging from jewelry to pottery.

We will soon be adding a map gallery to our gift shop. The gallery will display several historic maps and pictures of geology, mining districts and railroads.

Please make sure to include time to visit our gift shop next time you are in Leadville. Admission to the museum is not required to shop.

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Known as the "Smithsonian of the Rockies" and the "Premier Showcase of American Mining," the National Mining Hall of Fame and Museum came to be in 1987. Our building was built in 1899 and was formerly the Leadville High School. Our museum houses 25,000 square feet of interactive and informative exhibits showcasing our collection of mining's colorful history.

A non-profit 501 (c) (3) corporation that depends on your contributions to preserve mining’s heritage

Dates to Remember

Life Member Recognition - We are still needing to hear from a number of life members as to whether or not you plan to attend the Life Member Recognition event to be held in Leadville on August 27th.

Please contact Francine Webber at 719-486-1229 or by emailing Francine@mininghalloffame.org to let her know if you will be attending.