

Christo and Jeanne-Claude: A river of art

Colorado project history, Museum/Gallery exhibit bring artist to Loveland

Christo and Jeanne-Claude's art starts the way works of so many artists begin, with an idea, then a sketch.

In the case of "Over the River," the sketch is charcoal and pastel on paper. It depicts a shimmering river of fabric, flowing through a canyon landscape, suspended above a literal river that carries a raft and its passengers downstream.

Then, their art takes a giant leap. In the case of "Over the River," the next step was a broad and intricate engineering study, and a plan to turn the idea that spawned the sketch into a translucent fabric ceiling, supported by cables over eight sections totaling 5.9 miles of the Arkansas River's twisting course through southern Colorado.

As with almost every other monumental, but temporary, environmental art installation that Bulgarian-born artist Christo and his wife/collaborator Jeanne-Claude undertake, patience is part of the practice.

And, in the case of "Over the River," it means years of waiting while lawsuits challenging federal and state approvals for the project make their ways through courts, affording time for the artists to pursue a personal public-engagement campaign to promote their work.



Christo in his New York City studio in 2011 with a preparatory collage for "Over the River." Photo: Wolfgang Volz.

Fleeting moment

That is what brought Christo, five years ago, to a gathering of several dozen Arkansas River canyon residents at the Texas Creek Junction Café. It is a tiny roadside eatery with a sign on the wall that says, "Cows may come and cows may go, but the bull in this place goes on forever."

Christo in Loveland

"Christo and Jeanne-Claude: The Tom Golden Collection"

opens Oct. 24 in the Loveland Museum/Gallery main gallery and remains through Jan. 17, 2016. Christo will speak at 6 p.m. Nov. 12 at the Rialto Theater. Tickets: RialtoTheaterCenter.org or 962-2120.

A videographer on Christo's team recorded the event. "This project here is a fleeting moment of experience," Christo said in his lilting Eastern European accent. "Forty nights, and forty days, and then it's gone."

Men in suspenders and billed caps, arms folded over their chests, had stopped in to the café to listen. A woman in the coffee klatch asked how the "Over the River" idea hatched.

Vision from Paris

Christo described how the vision came to him in 1985 as he and Jeanne-Claude sat in a boat on the Seine River in Paris, looking upward at the fabric the artist was installing to wrap the Pont Neuf, Paris' oldest bridge.

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“Jeanne-Claude and I were in the barge, on the river and looking at the fabric coming up, up, up,” he said, his arms reaching skyward. “And, suddenly, we see the sun passing through the fabric, and reflecting in the famous river Seine.”

The vision stuck with the couple. “Only seven years later, in 1992, we had the idea for ‘Over the River.’”

Jeanne-Claude’s death in 2012 left Christo alone to finish “Over the River,” projected for installation during the month of August in a year that only can be determined once the last remaining legal hurdles are cleared.

Christo’s Colorado connections reach more than four decades into the past, with the 1972 installation of “Valley Curtain,” a 35-story tall, 1,250-foot wide orange fabric panel stretched across Rifle Gap on Colorado Highway 325 seven miles north of Rifle.

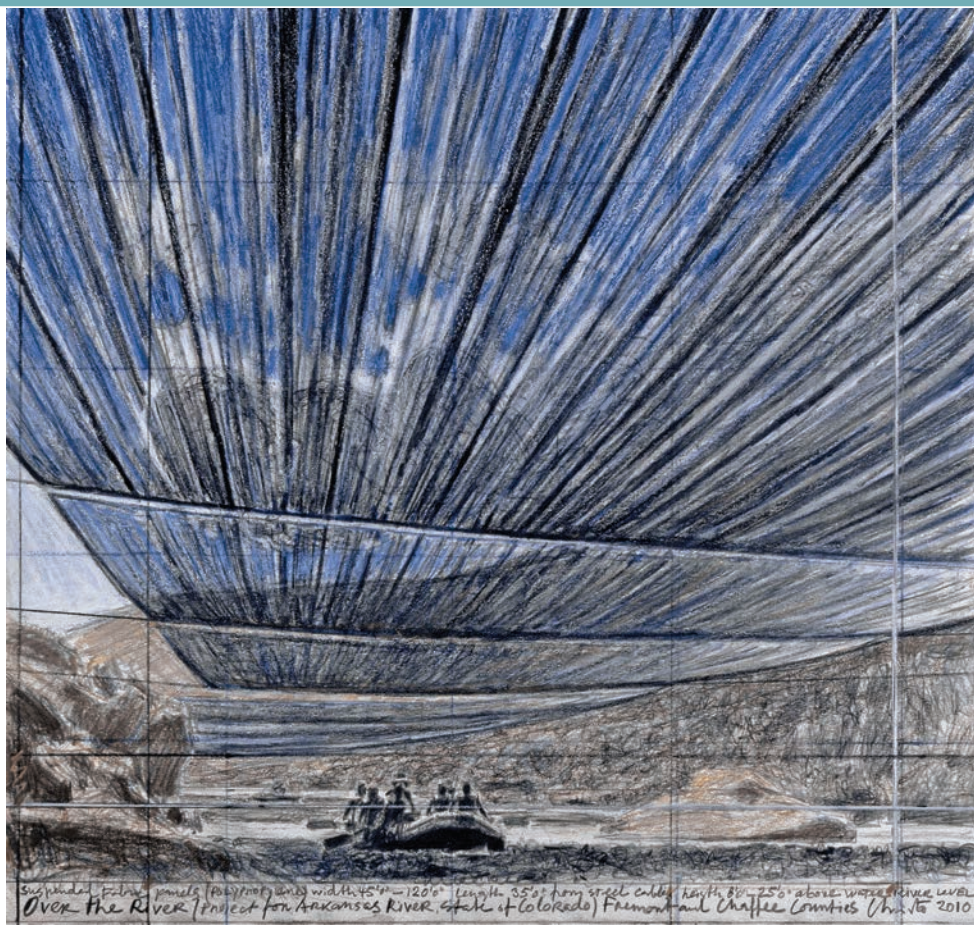
The regional connection is part of the basis for the Loveland Museum/Gallery’s selection of “Christo and Jeanne-Claude: The Tom Golden Collection” for this year’s fall-winter exhibition.

Ways to understand

“Because of his link to the region, we thought it might be possible to have him come for a talk, and we’re thrilled that he accepted our invitation,” Museum/Gallery Curator of Art Maureen Corey said.

“These installations that he does are temporary,” she said. “They exist in the world, and then they’re gone. This exhibit – the collages, the sketches, the photographs – are the only other ways we have to get into the depths of these projects.”

In the rich and varied world of avant-garde art Christo and Jeanne-Claude are towering figures. Their commercial success – the sale of sketches, collages, wrapped objects and other



Christo, “Over the River,” drawing, 2010: Pencil, pastel, charcoal, wax crayon. Photo: Andre Grossmann. **Below:** Jeanne-Claude and Christo in the Arkansas River Valley, Colorado, July 1996. Photo: Wolfgang Volz.

“permanent” art – has allowed them to finance their projects without support from any other source, fulfilling their wish for absolute artistic independence.

Christo unblinkingly describes a \$50 million budget for “Over the River.” He travels to and from exhibit sites at his own expense and speaks to audiences, as he will in Loveland, without compensation.

The Loveland exhibit, “Christo and Jeanne-Claude: The Tom Golden Collection,” was assembled by the Sonoma County Museum from the works owned by Golden, a close friend of the artists for decades.

Christo, Jeanne-Claude online

More information about the artists is on a comprehensive website describing their work at ChristoJeanneClaude.net.



The friendship began when Golden inadvertently walked in on a Sonoma County public hearing in advance of the installation of “Running Fence,” Christo’s 18-foot-high white nylon curtain that in 1976 meandered through 25 miles of rolling Sonoma and Marin county hills.

The hearing brought Golden and the artists together in a bond that led to Golden’s acquisition of numerous works by Christo and Jeanne-Claude.

Commercial air service flies back to Loveland on Elite Airways' wings

When leisure-travel carrier Allegiant Air pulled the plug on its service to Fort Collins-Loveland Municipal Airport three years ago, the airport and its owner cities also lost about \$1 million in annual income from the Federal Aviation Administration.

The flow of federal money promises to begin again with the arrival of Elite Airways and its service connecting Loveland with Chicago-Rockford International Airport, with one-way fares as low as \$69 packing the 50-passenger regional jets that began service Aug. 27.

"This fills a gap, not only in our budget but for the traveling public," airport Director Jason Licon said. "Northern Colorado is a popular destination for people in Illinois. It's a niche market, but a reliable one."

Yearly FAA payments to airports, based on the number of annual enplanements, will not rise to the level that the Allegiant service provided – at least not yet.

But Elite, a carrier that has evolved from its roots as a charter airline to a provider of scheduled service, has an expanding route system that could add more destinations to its Loveland service.

The carrier's website already lists Phoenix-Mesa as a Northern Colorado destination, with the disclaimer that some of its proposed routes are "subject to change and pending DOT [Department of Transportation/

FAA] approval."

Elite has scheduled inbound and outbound flights connecting Loveland and Chicago-Rockford on Thursdays, Fridays and Mondays of each week, and has already expanded that schedule by adding flights during November and December holiday weeks.

Check the carrier's ticketing portal at eliteairways.net for prices and availability.



An Elite Airways CRJ-200 jet arrived Aug. 27 at Fort Collins-Loveland Municipal Airport under a pair of water arches provided by Loveland Fire Rescue Authority apparatus, a tradition for inaugural flight arrivals.

Two upcoming library events honor and recognize the art of the written word

While Loveland is probably best known as a haven for the visual arts such as sculpture, it is also home to a number of published authors.

To honor and recognize these less visible but no less devoted artists, the Loveland Public Library will host its First Annual Local Authors Showcase from 1:30-4:30 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 7 in the Loveland Public Library Galleria, 300 N. Adams St.

Attendees will be able to meet and talk with local authors and support their craft by purchasing their books, which will be available at the event. During the showcase, well-known children's book author Avi, will be on hand for a book signing from 2-3 p.m. Avi

has written more than 70 books for children and young adults,



including the 2003 Newbery Medal winner *Crispin: The Cross of Lead*. He has also won two Newbery Honors and many other awards for his fiction for youth.

Also on Nov. 7 the Loveland JAX store at 950 E. Eisenhower, will be hosting its Seventh Annual Local Author Day from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Ten percent of book sales from this event will be donated to the library.

Residents can visit both events and support and celebrate some of Northern Colorado's most amazing authors.

For more information on the library's event call 962-2402. For information on the event at JAX, call 970 776-4540.

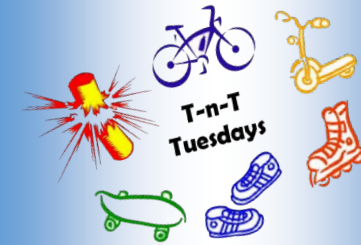
Flexible, low-interest loans available through LHIP

The Larimer Home Improvement Program (LHIP), partially funded by the City's Community Partnership office, provides assistance to families earning 80 percent or less than the area median income with low to no-interest rate loans for needed home repairs.

The repairs can include energy efficient upgrades, health and safety updating and handicap-accessible modifications.

LHIP also offers funds for emergency needs such as hot water, heat or dealing with burst pipes. This program is available to clients earning 50 percent or less than the area median income and must be owner-occupied. Rentals are not eligible.

For more information visit lovelandhousing.org or call 635-5931.



Tires n Tennies!

**T-n-T Tuesdays
begins October 6!**

Your family can make a **BANG!** by walking, riding or carpooling to school on Tuesdays throughout the school year, although participation is encouraged every day!

For more information please visit
www.cityofloveland.org/SRTS

KEEP IT CLEAN, CAUSE WE'RE ALL DOWNSTREAM!

Keep leaves and yard debris out of the storm drains. Street and yard flooding, litter "dams" can occur when leaves block or enter the storm drain.

**Yard waste
collection goes
through
November!**



For more information visit our website at:
www.cityofloveland.org/stormwaterquality

Volunteers Needed!

We need YOU to help during these special events at the Chilson Senior Center:

Veterans Day Tribute

Wed, Nov 4, 12-4pm
Help with: desserts, drinks, set tables, etc.

Tree Decorating

Fri, Dec 4, 9am
Help with: set up and decorate lobby for holiday

Naughty or Nice! Performance

Wed, Dec 16, 12-4:15pm
Help with: desserts, clean, serve refreshments

Join Us!

Sign up at the Chilson Senior Center
or call Gina at 970-962-2428

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**Friday, November 6th, 6:00-9:00pm &
Saturday, November 7th, 8:30am-2:00pm**

More information: (970) 962-2432
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Fats, oil and grease can wreck a home's drains, pipes and even holidays

Before long the holiday season will be upon us. During this time most families and homeowners prepare large meals that often include roasted or fried meats.

It's important to remember that any fats, oil and grease (FOG) that are put down the drain have the potential to develop into a serious problem for homeowners. FOG can build up in a home's pipes, clogging interior sewer lines and resulting in unsightly and unsanitary conditions as well as big repair bills for the homeowner. Clogged pipes in residences are the homeowners' financial responsibility.

When put down the drain FOG clings to the sewer pipe and then accumulates, potentially resulting in a sewer backup. The buildup clogs the pipes in the sewer system just like cholesterol clogs human arteries. Oil and grease are incapable of dissolving in water. Fat, oil and grease are commonly found in:

- Butter
- Cooking oil
- Meats

- Lard, shortening
- Mayonnaises
- Sauces
- Salad dressing
- Table scraps



FOG can do even more damage if it spreads to the sewer lines under the streets. The result can be a serious overflow leading to regulatory fines or a backup of sewage which, could pose a health hazard.

How to avoid FOG buildup

The amount of fat, oil and grease going into the sewer can be greatly decreased by taking a few preventative measures:

- Scrape all food waste into a lined

garbage can.

- Use paper towels to wipe oil and grease from pots and pans.

- Place waste oil and grease into a suitable container after it has cooled.

- Avoid using the garbage disposal, keep a strainer near the sink to capture solids.

- Take liquid oil and grease (e.g. from a turkey fryer) to be disposed of at the City's Recycling Center.

It's very important to keep unwanted pollutants such as FOG out of the sewer. Not only does that benefit homeowners and tenants economically, but is important for the City's environmental health.

Preventing FOG from entering the system from the home to the sewer line to the wastewater treatment plant also helps prevent expensive and environmentally detrimental damage.

For more information on FOG or other waste to the sewer, contact the Pretreatment Program at 962-3000 or email Pretreatment@cityofloveland.org.

Public Power Week focuses on and celebrates community-owned utilities

Loveland Water and Power is celebrating Public Power Week (#PublicPowerWeek), Oct. 4-10, along with more than 2,000 other community-owned, not-for-profit electric utilities that collectively provide electricity to 48 million Americans.

Public Power Week is an annual national event coordinated by the American Public Power Association. These utilities are focused on a single mission – to provide reliable electricity at a reasonable price while protecting

the environment.

"Loveland Water and Power prides itself on providing reliable electric service. Public Power Week



is a chance to recognize our hard-working staff and celebrate our dedicated customers," said Steve Adams, director of Loveland Water and Power.

To learn how to get involved in the celebration, stay connected with us. Check out our website, blog, social media pages, videos and e-news at:

Web - cityofloveland.org/LWP



City of Loveland Water & Power



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LED light provides high-quality lighting and saves homeowners money

There's never been a better time to start replacing old energy-hog incandescent bulbs with light-emitting diode bulbs, or LEDs.

LED bulbs can now be found in an amazing array of styles and shapes but before you go shopping consider these tips:

1. Learn the lighting language:

When shopping for bulbs, consumers are accustomed to looking at levels of watts. The brightness of LEDs, however, is determined differently. The lumen is the real measurement of brightness provided by a light bulb, and is the number to look for when shopping for LEDs.

2. Choose ENERGY STAR®:

Bulbs that have the ENERGY STAR® label means the product meets strict energy efficiency guidelines, delivering exceptional features while using less energy.

3. Choose a participating

retailer: Loveland Water and Power partners with local retailers to offer discounted LED bulbs, dimmer switches and occupancy sensors. Prices paid at the register are already reduced and there is no rebate application needed. To find eligible bulbs, look for the Efficiency Works sticker next to the bulbs on store shelves.

Participating Loveland Retailers include:

- Batteries Plus, 1439 Denver Ave.
- Orchards ACE Hardware, 269 E. 29th St.
- Sam's Club, 1200 E. Eisenhower Blvd.
- The Home Depot, 1100 Nickel Dr.
- Wal-Mart Supercenter, 250 W. 65th St.
- Wal-Mart Supercenter, 1325 Denver Ave.

4. Pick the correct bulb: When it comes to choosing a color, warm white and soft white will produce a yellow hue, similar to that of incandescents, while bulbs labeled as bright white will produce a whiter light, closer to daylight and similar to the light usually found in retail stores. For a dimmable bulb, look for LEDs that are made to be compatible with traditional dimmers, or replace your current dimming switch with a leading-edge LED-compatible dimmer.

5. Make the investment: When purchasing LEDs think of them as an investment. LEDs have an impressive lifespan - upwards of 20 years. And while they have gone down in price, they still cost more than standard incandescents.

For more information, visit LWP's energy conservation webpage at cityofloveland.org/conservation or call 962-3000.

Residents can help keep neighborhoods safe by reporting power outages

Roughly 6,000 streetlights throughout the City are installed, operated and maintained by Loveland Water and Power.

In order to maintain these streetlights the electric department repairs on average more than 80 streetlights each month. LWP would like your help to make sure Loveland's lights are turned on to promote safety for drivers and pedestrians.

When reporting a streetlight in need of repair LWP needs the following information:

- Your name and contact information
- The pole number – yellow number located at roughly eye level in the middle of the pole

• The street address and closest major cross streets to the pole – example: 1234 Taft, Northwest corner of Taft and Hwy 34

using the Streetlight Trouble Report Form located on the City's website at cityofloveland.org/StreetLightOutage or by calling



• The problem such as burned-out light, on during daytime, cycling on and off, damaged pole (leaning, tipped over), broken glass, etc.

There are two ways to report a malfunctioning streetlight. You can report it electronically

962-3581 from 7 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Once the streetlight problem has been reported, LWP works to repair it within two business days. Thank you for helping LWP keep Loveland safe and illuminated.