

A Love of Music Kind of Place

On Saturday March 18, the Hotchkiss-Crawford Historical Society (HCHS) is hosting a "Love of Music Kind of Place" celebration at the Museum in Hotchkiss from 1-4 p.m. (180 S. 2nd Street). Local musicians including the Many Strings Band, Kane Hollins, Greg (Coop) Cooperman, and Cristen Chermak will take you on a trip down memory lane.

A depiction of the history of music and musicians in the North Fork and Smith Fork Valley will be told utilizing a PowerPoint presentation. More recently known musicians – County Line Band, Opal Moon, Cabin Fever, Cimmaron, Bill Chick and the Rounders, and the Anders Brothers will be represented in the presentation.

It was music in the form of a local band that welcomed the arrival of the railroad in 1902 at the train station in Hotchkiss. Since then, the valley has been filled with music from dance bands like the Fobare Brothers, entertainers like Ward Holder, school marching bands directed by the likes of Jack Kintz, pianists at churches and community gatherings – including Gwen Leitzinger Hallenbeck, Janet Oatman, Cristen Chermak, Margaret Pearce, Lura Reschke - and many others. Numerous individuals in Hotchkiss enjoyed a cultural experience as they passed by the home of Doc Sanford and his wife, Genevieve, who played Beethoven's 5th and other classics on their 33 rpm vinyl record player at their home on East Main Street.

This is the first in a series of "Sense of Place" programs, and the communities' involvement will help the HCHS capture a bit of its history. For additional information or questions, contact Sheila Maki (970) 985-8489.



Fobare Brothers Band – Wayne, Lucille, and Wendell Fobare, and Red Christian.