

# Achieving the Goals of the MPNHA



A woman in western dress is surrounded by mules at the Western Legends Roundup, an annual cultural event in Kanab that includes screenings of old-time western movies filmed in the Kane County.

to become the MPNHA.”

The following couple of pages identify MPNHA-supported events with quality-of-life implications in the last 10 years.

## Community celebrations

The MPNHA has supported and encouraged many annual community celebrations that highlight local history, heritage, and identity. These events can be a great source of local pride, and often the greatest displays of the pride MPNHA hopes to instill in accordance with its vision.

Such community celebrations include the following:

- The Quilt Walk celebration (Panguitch)
- Scandinavian Heritage Festival (Ephraim)
- Mormon Miracle Pageant (Manti)
- Butch Cassidy Days (Piute County)
- Jacob Hamblin Days (Kanab)
- Everett Ruess Days (Escalante)
- Local Fourth of July celebrations
- Local 24th of July celebrations (Utah’s “Pioneer Day,” which celebrates the day in 1847 when the first Mormon pioneers arrived in the Salt Lake Valley. Within a year, the pioneers began settling areas throughout the Mountain West, including south-central Utah.)

## ▪ Rat-Fink “Big Daddy” Ed Roth Reunion (Manti) The Arts

The visual and performing arts can be just as important as architecture in preserving, displaying, and interpreting the history and heritage of an area. That’s especially true in the MPNHA, where the landscape played such a defining role. Visual art is especially valuable in capturing “nature’s tapestry” in which pioneers and others lived their lives.

Some of the artistic endeavors the MPNHA has proudly supported are:

- Western Legends Round-Up, Cowboy Lifestyle and Film Festival (Kanab)
- Little Hollywood Shootout “Guerilla”



**“Spring City has earned a reputation as an artist colony in Central Utah. Painters from throughout the state and region enjoy coming here to paint the beautiful landscapes, animals and pioneer architecture in this well preserved example of a pioneer township.”**

- Chris Anderson, president, Spring City Arts, an MPNHA partner organization. MPNHA provided support for a plein air art competition