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### **Gardens and Greeks at the Trinidad History Museum**

Trinidad, CO—The Trinidad History Museum announces upcoming programs about two diverse topics: water-wise gardening and Greek history in Trinidad and beyond. Bridging both topics is Panayoti Kelaidis, an expert horticulturalist who will kick off the programs with two presentations on Tuesday, July 19.

Through the Plant Select™ program, Kelaidis shares his extensive knowledge of Colorado plants, many of which he has discovered and named, that grow in our dry climate at varying altitudes. The Baca-Bloom Heritage Gardens at the Trinidad History Museum were designated a Plant Select™ site this year. Kelaidis will be in the gardens at 10:00 am to answer questions and give tips for successful “Water-wise Gardening in Colorado.”

Kelaidis has been on the Denver Botanical Gardens staff for 30 years. Among numerous accomplishments, he designed the plantings for the Rock Alpine Garden and was in charge of maintaining, interpreting, and inventorying over 15,000 living plants. He has spoken at conferences in over 70 countries and been honored with the most prestigious awards in the field of horticulture.

To attend the garden talk, walk up the Bloom driveway on Walnut Street between Main and First Streets. There is a modest fee which benefits the museum gardens. Trinidad History Museum volunteers and History Colorado members with a current membership card receive free admission.

Also on July 19, at 7:00 pm, Kelaidis will talk about “Growing Up Greek in Colorado. His father migrated from Crete in 1910, joining a brother in Colorado who was a coal miner. Kelaidis also will answer questions about water-wise gardens. The event will be held in the Pioneer Room in the Sullivan Student Center at Trinidad State Junior College; admission is by donation and benefits the Museum Education Fund.

“Opa! Greek American History and Culture in Trinidad and Beyond” also includes a children’s program about “Classical Architecture in Trinidad” on August 6; a presentation about “Louis Tikas and the Ludlow Massacre” by Zeese Papanikolas on August 18 ; and a comparison of “Historic Preservation and Heritage Tourism in Crete and Colorado” on September 1. A Greek Festival with live music in the museum gardens is on October 2.

“Opa!” is supported by the City of Trinidad Tourism Board, City of Trinidad Arts and Cultural Advisory Commission, Friends of Historical Trinidad, The First National Bank in Trinidad, Trinidad Historical Society, Trinidad State Junior College, and the Colorado Garden Show.

Other summer programs are s “Sustainability Sculpture Walk” that will showcase outdoor art made by local children in the museum gardens on July 23, and an August 6 field trip to Camp Trinidad, which was a World War II POW camp for German officers and soldiers.

Please contact the Trinidad History Museum, which is a property of History Colorado, at 719-846-7217 for more information about any of the programs. Visit the museum’s new website at [www.trinidadhistorymuseum.org](http://www.trinidadhistorymuseum.org).

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