

## **Annual Tour Showcases 1890's Anchoria-Leland Mine**

High above Cripple Creek the Anchoria -Leland Mine is a landmark with a grand view of the mountains. The mine, owned by the Anchoria-Leland Mining and Milling Company in 1892, produced over \$3 million worth of gold . The tour will showcase the 1890 mining operations on Gold Hill that made the Anchoria-Leland one of the great producers

A special tour of the 1890's mine structures, including the giant wooden headframe and hoist house, will be held Saturday, May 23 Sponsored by the Southern Teller County Focus Group (STCFG) and Cripple Creek & Victor Gold Mining Company. The tour begins are 9:30 a.m. at the Victor Lowell Thomas Museum. The tour will be led by mining historian Ed Hunter, and the cost (donated to the STCFG) is \$10 per person.

There is limited seating (13) on the tour van and car pooling may be required. Reservations are requested and can be made by leaving a message at the Museum phone at 719-689-5509 or by email to [museum@victorcolorado.com](mailto:museum@victorcolorado.com). Dress warmly and bring sunscreen, hat and footwear suitable for walking over gravel and rocks.

This tour is exclusive to May 23 as the mine is located on Cripple Creek & Victor Gold Mining property and is not accessible to the public at any other time.

The tour will be a featured part of the season opening of the Victor Lowell Thomas Museum. The museum opens May 23 for the summer season and will again this host gold and gem panning, modern mine tours, exhibits and special events. Museum hours will be 9:30-5 Wednesday through Sunday Mays 23-Sept. 7 and weekends in September and October through Oct. 11 weather permitting. Admission is \$4 per adult, \$3 per senior, \$2 per child; gold panning is additional. Modern mine tours start June 3 and will be offered every Wednesday and Friday through Aug. 28 at 10 a.m. If the morning tour fills up, a 1 p.m. tour will be held. Please make reservations at 719-689-4211. For more information about the museum, please visit [victorcolorado.com](http://victorcolorado.com).

This event is held during Colorado Historic Preservation Month and is the fifth annual mine tour the STCFG has sponsored as part of the month-long event held every year to focus on Colorado history. For information, call 719-689-2675 or visit [victorcolorado.com](http://victorcolorado.com).

Photo: Anchoria-Leland Mine cs. 1899, private collection.