

COLORADO RAILROAD MUSEUM DEBUTS “WALL OF CHINA”

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On April 12th the Colorado Railroad Museum in Golden, Colorado opened a new display in their lower gallery. Titled *Eating on the Rails*, the display provides a walk-through history of food on the railroad.

As one might guess, the display is geared more to railroads that ran in Colorado. These include the Colorado & Southern, Union Pacific, Santa Fe, Denver & Rio Grande, Denver & Rio Grande Western, Rock Island, Burlington and Missouri Pacific.

More national in scope is the “Wall of China” which features additional patterns from the New York Central, Canadian Pacific, Milwaukee Road, Great Northern, and Southern Pacific, to name a few.

A clever element is the pull-out drawers below the “Wall of China”

containing sample menus and other related items.

Fred Harvey is well represented and yes, for those who admire silver hollowware, several pieces are nicely displayed.

For the younger folks, there’s

an opportunity to design your own china using paper plates and crayons to create a pattern for yourself.

This display raises the bar for the museum in terms of a gallery exhibit. Museum staff and a dedicated crew of volunteers made it happen. ♦



