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**The Spelling Bee Returns! Telluride Historical Museum's hosts the
2nd Annual Adult Spelling Bee**

Team Spelling Bee is daring, fun, and outrageous – the BUZZ is on!

Telluride, CO, August 28, 2014. Is *orthography* the bee in your bonnet? Do *morphemes* make your bees knees quiver with excitement? This September, the Telluride Historical Museum's popular Adult Spelling Bee returns for its second year, Tuesday, September 9, 7:00 p.m., at the Sheridan Opera House.

"The Museum's 2nd Annual Adult Spelling Bee will be daring and outrageously fun, bringing the Telluride community together to help support the preservation of Telluride's history," comments Executive Director Erica Kinias. Tackling a mix of classic spelling bee words, historical words, and even a few Telluride-themed words, contestants will compete as teams for the awards of Fan Favorite, Best Costume and the Hive Master Grand Prize! Grand Prize winners receive bragging rights and a permanent plaque commemorating their win in the Museum's amphitheater. Fan Favorite team winners will receive tickets to the 2014 Telluride Blues and Brews festival.

Inspired by the classic spelling bee format, this Adult Spelling Bee has some unique twists: contestants compete in teams of three, formed from local businesses and the Telluride community. Like last year's Bee, team costumes are highly encouraged. Onstage at the historic Sheridan Opera House, teams will battle it out to make it to the final championship round. Special guests Dan Hanley and Mitch Mishky return this

year to make sure both audience and teams alike have fun. The Bee's special guest judges Telluride School District Superintendent Kyle Schumacher and Town Councilwoman Ann Brady will also return this year.

Teams of three can register online at www.telluridemuseum.org beginning August 25 through September 5, 2014. "The Spelling Bee teams are at the heart of the event," Kinias comments. "The support they get from the community in sponsorships, from each other in the competition, and from the audience will truly help make the event a success."

General seating for the Bee is now open at \$15, and premium seating is available for \$50 for those that want front-row access to the excitement. Guidelines, team registration forms, and admission tickets are available online at www.telluridemuseum.org.