

New Blog Series Chronicles One Family's Unexpected Lessons in Mountain Homeownership

Bats, rats, and a cancelled insurance policy — oh, my!

DURANGO, CO, UNITED STATES, July 28, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- In the three years since Lorrie Boone and her husband Randy bought their dream property outside Durango, they've faced more surprises than they ever expected. A maternity ward of bats nesting in the eaves. A woodpecker with no interest in leaving. A smoking rat rocketing out of a lit fireplace. And an insurance company that cancelled their coverage just weeks after closing. None of it came with a warning label — or instructions. All of it, eventually, came with a lesson.

Boone has turned those lessons into a blog series, [Life Lessons of a Durango Homeowner](#) — candid, often humorous, first-person stories written for the vacation and second-home owners navigating the same surprises, often from hundreds of miles away.

"I'm not an expert in any of these things," Boone says. "But I know what it feels like to be blindsided. And I know how much it helps to find the right person to help solve a problem — especially when you're not there. That's really what these posts are about."



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Bats love to find peaks of homes where they can squeeze through openings as small as 3/8"

That instinct — showing up for people navigating something unfamiliar, often from far away — is also, as it happens, how Boone spends her professional life. She recently launched [Durango Holiday Home](#), a luxury holiday design studio serving vacation and mountain homeowners throughout Southwest Colorado.

The Series

□ Fire Edition — insurance cancelled weeks after closing, and the local fire official who turned it around □ <https://durangoholidayhome.com/life-lessons-of-a-durango-homeowner-fire-edition/>

□ Bat Edition — what a second home visit turned up, and why timing matters □ <https://durangoholidayhome.com/life-lessons-of-a-durango-homeowner-bat-removal-edition/>

□ Woodpecker Edition — walkie talkies, an airgun idea, and one unbothered bird □ <https://durangoholidayhome.com/life-lessons-of-a-durango-homeowner-woodpecker-edition/>

□ Rodent Edition — the smoking rat, the engine nest, and a pantry her neighbor described as "the aftermath of an Animal House party" □ <https://durangoholidayhome.com/rodents-in-a-colorado-mountain-home/>

Because for Boone, finding the right person was always the turning point. To learn more, explore the full series at <https://durangoholidayhome.com/blog>.

If you're interested in talking to Lorrie about mountain homeownership or want to share your own "Life Lesson" story, feel free to reach out to the contact info on <https://durangoholidayhome.com/contact/> .

About Durango Holiday Home

Durango Holiday Home is a premium holiday décor studio founded by designer Lorrie Boone, providing turnkey, [Christmas decorating services in Durango](#) and Southwest Colorado to private homeowners and vacation property owners. Lorrie brings more than 12 years of experience creating custom holiday décor for residential homeowners and private clubs, including multi-year work at the Birmingham Country Club in metropolitan Detroit.

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