

NIWOT GAZETTE

Newsletter of the Niwot Historical Society

Winter-Spring 2010

FUN, FOOD AND FACTS AT OUR ANNUAL MEETING

Once again, the Niwot Historical Society is offering a public program at its annual membership meeting on March 6.

Mark your calendar now to attend a fascinating program on early cookbooks and kitchen gadgets presented by Cheryl Miller, a well-known collector of vintage cooking artifacts.

Sample goodies prepared from cookbooks our mothers once used. You may even recognize recipes you baked for your own family years ago.

While there will be various cooking utensils on display, we encourage you to bring some of your own for a grown-up version of "Show-and-Tell".

The program begins at 10am on Saturday, March 6 at Left Hand Grange Hall. Gather your kids and friends for an entertaining morning.

NEW ARTIFACT STORAGE

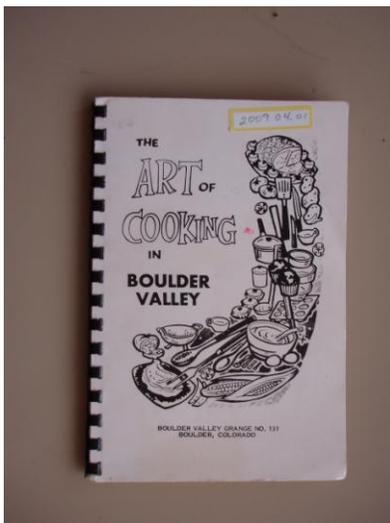
In our last newsletter, we asked for a donation of storage space for our many artifacts. We are pleased to announce that the Left Hand Grange came to our rescue. We will be moving our boxes and bins into this secure place in the near future. In gratitude for this generous gesture, the NHS has pledged to help the grange with their future used-book sales.

Many of you already support them by purchasing and donating used books. We now ask that anyone who is willing to donate their time to serve as a book-sale volunteer, please contact us. Even if you can only help occasionally, we would appreciate your letting us know who you are.

Contact Anne at 303-665-6932.

WE FINALLY MADE THE LIST

It took a very long time, but our firehouse museum is finally listed up there with the big boys. The current edition of Boulder Magazine, a free publication distributed to hotels and newsstands throughout Boulder County, has included us in their "Museums" section alongside the likes of Leanin' Tree Museum, Denver's Art Museum and Museum of Nature and Science, Longmont Museum, and many more. It explains that we are only open for community events, but at last everyone knows we're here,



TIGHTENING OUR BELTS

We have all had to review our spending habits this past year, and the NHS is no exception. As you will read elsewhere in this newsletter, we accomplished a lot in 2009, but it all cost money.

At our January board meeting, treasurer Darwyn Herbst presented some hard facts in preparing a budget for the coming year. We can't continue drawing down our financial cushion to fund projects. We must increase our income.

After surveying the dues structure of comparable preservation groups in Boulder County and Denver, we find ours is significantly lower than any of the others.

All of us in the NHS are keepers of Niwot's history. As such, we ask you to continue your support of our mission, which includes collecting and preserving local artifacts and photographs, offering outreach programs to our community, and maintaining our historic firehouse museum.

The board has adopted the following dues rates to help us continue this mission:

- \$15 individual membership
- \$25 family membership
- \$ 5 junior member (18 yrs and under)

We will also be launching a Membership Drive in memory of our former friend and board treasurer, Jim Martinsen. We ask each of you to suggest a prospective member (friend, relative, colleague, or neighbor). This membership effort will be discussed further at our annual meeting.

SLATE OF OFFICERS

Election of the 2010-2011 NHS Board of Directors will be conducted during our annual meeting. Officer and at-large positions will be determined by the newly elected board. If you are interested in submitting your name to those candidates listed below, you may do so during the meeting. The proposed slate consists of Darwyn Herbst, Connie Herbst, Rob Gordon, Laura Skaggs, Donna Sinor, and Anne Dyni.

RECENT DONATIONS

The Niwot Historical Society received the following items from member Meri Gibb of Niwot. The accessioning committee will be entering them into our artifact collection and will prepare them for storage.

1. A hand-forged knife from either George or Walt Atkinson, Niwot blacksmiths.
2. Eight large paper panels which together comprise a stage backdrop called "The Rally". Copyright dated 1914,



These panels were once used for plays by Left Hand Grange members. If you have more information on them, please let us know.

SPONSORSHIPS

The Board of Directors has established the following four Sponsorship Categories to help cover expenses for 2010 budgeted projects. You may partially sponsor a category or contribute the total amount.

Friends of the Firehouse Museum	\$200.00
Artifact preservation	200.00
Photo collection and digitization	75.00
Public exhibit materials	75.00

Since the NHS is a 501(3)(c) organization, all donations are tax deductible. You will be sent official confirmation of your donation for income tax purposes. Send donations to Darwyn Herbst, % NHS, P.O. Box 354, Niwot, CO 80544.

THE YEAR 2009 IN REVIEW

Created a large exhibit for July 4th festivities in an empty storefront in the Emporium building

Conducted walking tours of the Niwot Historic District on July 4th and for Nostalgia Days

Represented NHS with a booth at the Shining Mountain Waldorf School Harvest Faire in September

Opened the firehouse museum for visitors on Nostalgia Day

Introduced the new DVD Niwot; Echoes of a Railroad Town as part of the grange dedication ceremonies

Provided digitized photos to the NBA for use on their new website - Niwot.com

Accessioned 14 artifacts into our collection

Reprinted our free walking tour brochures

Revised and reprinted our NHS membership brochures

Decorated the firehouse museum with lights and greenery for the holidays

Represented NHS at monthly Niwot Business Association meetings



Our museum remains behind a chain link fence as workers complete their renovation of Left Hand Grange last summer.

WISH LIST

The wooden bench in front of our museum is on its last wobbly legs. For several years, it has offered respite from the summer sun, but it is no longer safe for visitors to use. It needs to be replaced.



We are also in need of a website development expert so that we can receive and respond to inquiries about our organization and its collections.

If you wish to help with either of these wishes, please contact a board member.

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