

NIWOT GAZETTE

Newsletter of the
Niwot Historical Society

August 2013

2013-2014 “Niwot, Now & Then”



A terrific lineup of topics and speakers is planned for this season’s lecture series, “Niwot, Now & Then”. George Ray Russell launches the series with “Cowboy Poetry & Songs: How the West was Rhymed” on September 25th at 7:00 pm at the Grange Hall. The November 20th lecture covers “Farming in the Left Hand Valley: Homestead to CSA”, with local experts as speakers. Our own Tom Theobald educates on February 26th with “Abuzz! Beekeepers and Honeybees.” For our last lecture on April 30th, Donlyn Arbuthnot answers the question “Patrons of Husbandry: What is a Grange?”

These events are FREE to all NHS members as a tangible membership advantage. Mark your calendar and plan to attend this outstanding series in Niwot. NOTE: Be sure your NHS membership is current to take advantage of all four lectures free of charge. If you need to check your dues status, email info@niwothistoricalsociety.org.

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ROCK N RAILS

Tip Jar Night, August 8

On August 8, proceeds from the weekly Rock N Rails tip jar will benefit the Niwot Historical Society. There’s only one catch. To qualify for these funds, NHS must provide at least five able-bodied volunteers to set up (3:00-5:00 pm) and tear down (9:00-10:00 pm) the night’s tables, chairs and signage. Volunteers will also help with odd jobs throughout

the evening. Board volunteers will host an NHS information table, but we need those extra volunteers to man the event’s set-up and break-down shifts. This opportunity will bolster the NHS treasury and help to underwrite our lecture series.

If you enjoy attending concerts, this is your lucky time to participate. The highly popular vocal band “Face” will be the evening’s performers, and a large crowd is expected. If you can lend a hand on August 8th, please call Laura Skaggs at 303-682-0468 or mail info@niwothistoricalsociety.org.

Left Handers Week

The week between Left Handers Day (August 10) and Jazz on Second Ave (August 17) has been officially declared Left Handers Week in Niwot. NHS will support the cultural aspect of the event by mounting an historical photo and poster display inside the Emporium, behind the Eye Opener coffee shop. Our thanks to Cotton Burden for making this space available to us. The display materials were originally created for the 2011 Longmont Museum exhibit called “Niwot on the Rails”.

NHS has also provided local history trivia questions to be used during Left Handers Day to qualify contestants for gift coupons at local businesses. Stop by our exhibit between August 10th and 17th to refresh your understanding of Niwot history.

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The 4th of July Parade wouldn’t be complete without our familiar green pickup.

New Lecture Series Logo



Our new lecture series logo is now flying high on a banner in front of our Firehouse Museum. Designed by local graphics artist Gene Malowany, this handsome banner is one of several new light pole banners along Second Avenue and in Cottonwood Square. The updated banners feature various Niwot seasonal events, as an enticement for visitors to return throughout the year to participate in Niwot’s festivities and to patronize local businesses. Watch for our new NHS logo on this season’s promotional ads, posters and flyers.

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Museum Makeover



Darwyn Herbst is installing wooden lattice to display important areas of Niwot’s history.

It’s been 14 years since NHS opened its Firehouse Museum on Second Avenue, yet no *permanent* displays have ever been mounted to tell Niwot’s history. That is changing, however. Through the efforts of Board members Darwyn Herbst, Laura Skaggs and Anne Dyni, our minimal square footage of wall space is being redesigned to facilitate permanent and temporary historical displays.

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Feedback on Our Newsletter

- We would appreciate some feedback on our newsletter.
1. Are we covering items of interest to you?
 2. What other subjects would you like to see included?
 3. Are you having trouble downloading the newsletter as an attachment? If so, please describe.

Send your comments to adyni@earthlink.net .

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MISSION STATEMENT

The Niwot Historical Society exists to preserve, collect and protect the history of Niwot, the surrounding area and Chief Niwot, through the preservation of artifacts, documents, photos and other documentary sources relating to their history.

It encourages the conservation of these resources through publications, programs and other related activities, and brings people together who are interested in the history of Niwot.

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