

# NIWOT GAZETTE

## Newsletter of the Niwot Historical Society

Fall 2010

### YANKEE DOODLE DUCK

With flags in hand, the historical society board joined the annual Fourth of July parade down Second Avenue.



Left to Right: Board members Anne Dyni, Laura Skaggs, Connie Herbst, Darwyn Herbst and Donna Sinor.

The next public event will be September 11, when Historical Society members will march in the Nostalgia Day Parade. With duck-billed caps on our heads and \$5 duck race tickets in our hands, we're likely to be a noisy presence. Can you say "**Qwack**"?

There are extra Donald Duck caps for anyone who wants to join us. Just show up at Murray and 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, near the front of the parade, by 9:45 AM. The parade starts at 10:00.

### FUNDRAISING IS DUCKY

Duck sales are going swimmingly. Board members and volunteers have been active at Niwot summer events, selling \$5 rubber ducks for the Duck Race on Nostalgia Day. Scores of generous Niwotians have supported our efforts by buying ducks and wishing us well. The proceeds will help finance the upcoming Niwot exhibit at the Longmont Museum and Cultural Center. *(see story on Page Two)*

The *Left Hand Valley Courier* sponsors the annual Duck Race and designates a local group to receive the proceeds. As the fortunate recipient this year, we are working to maximize this opportunity. The more ducks we sell, the more money NHS earns. If you have not yet purchased your lucky duck, find us at the final Rhythm on the Rails concerts or on Nostalgia Day. We welcome all support, especially from our members.

The Duck Race launches at 2:00 PM on Nostalgia Day. Look for folks at the starting line (Dry Creek near Centrebridge Drive) and banners at the finish line (Dry Creek at Niwot Road). See you at the (Duck) races!

## DINNER ON THE FARM

Who says you have to pay a fortune to dine in a farm yard and rub elbows with a cow!

If you're a member of the Niwot Historical Society, all you have to do is bring your appetite, a prospective NHS member, and a potluck dish to the historical society's first annual Harvest Potluck Picnic on October 16<sup>th</sup>.

The board of directors invites you to join your fellow members and their friends for some farm fun and food at Laura and David Skaggs' farm at 7428 North 73<sup>rd</sup> Street, northwest of Niwot.

There will be lawn games and conversation with old friends and new from 4:00 until 5:30 PM, followed by supper at 5:30. Meat and lemonade will be provided. We ask that you bring a salad, side dish or dessert to share. We'll end the evening with a bonfire at dusk then head for home at 7:00.

We would like you to reserve the date and be thinking about who you will invite as a prospective member.



We hope to see everyone "down on the farm" on October 16<sup>th</sup> for some fun!

You can RSVP to Laura at 303-682-0468 anytime before October 9<sup>th</sup>. Please leave a message indicating the number of people in your party and whether you plan to bring a salad, side dish, or dessert.

## UPCOMING NIWOT EXHIBIT

Plans continue for the Niwot exhibit which will open at the Longmont Museum and Cultural Center next March. Specific subject areas being emphasized are people and community, agriculture, the railroad, and businesses. While the historical society has many photographs to interpret these areas, we have far fewer Niwot artifacts to draw upon.



This Niwot Military Band uniform dates from 1913 and is one of our treasured artifacts.

As exhibit plans continue, we anticipate asking the community to loan artifacts for the duration of the exhibit. If you have any interesting family memorabilia which would help illustrate any of the four subject areas listed above, please contact Anne Dyni. The Longmont museum staff will determine which items might be of interpretive value. Credit to the individual would be given for each item used in the display.

## NIWOT VIDEO SHOWING

If you missed seeing Anne Dyni's video "Niwot, Colorado: Echoes from a Railroad Town" at our 2008 annual meeting, you will have the opportunity to view it on Nostalgia Day, September 11. It will be running continuously between 11:00 am and 2:00 pm, in the Left Hand Grange Hall kitchen. Drop by at your convenience.



This is just one of the many NHS photos used in the production of the Niwot video.

## HOSTING HISTORIC BOULDER

Our Walking Tour docents geared up for a tour of Old Town Niwot on August 25, when twenty-two members of Historic Boulder came to town. HB offers their members tours to various historic sites around Boulder County, and it was Niwot's turn to play host this time.

If you know of a group who would like a similar tour of Niwot, or if you would like to take the tour yourself, contact Laura at 303-682-0468.

## LATEST ARTIFACT DONATION

Instead of being stored away in an archival box, our latest artifact donation will be on public display indefinitely.



Created in 2004 for a Nostalgia Day quilt show, this quilted wall hanging illustrates sixteen historic themes from Niwot's history.

Beginning in September, customers at Niwot Market can view the quilted wall hanging which was created for the 2004 Nostalgia Day quilt show. Its sixteen finely stitched quilt blocks depict everything from Chief Niwot, Niwot Youth Sports, the caboose and historic Second Avenue to our own firehouse-museum.

The quilt was hand stitched by seven talented Niwotians, three of whom are members of the Niwot Historical Society; Emily DeCillis (who spearheaded the project), Janice Stutts and Dorinda Dembroski.

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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 also 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.*