

# NIWOT GAZETTE

## Newsletter of the Niwot Historical Society

Summer 2010

### NHS RECEIVES ITS FIRST GRANT

The Niwot LID (Local Improvement District) Advisory Committee has approved our request for a \$1500 grant to help fund our March 2011 Niwot exhibit at the Longmont Museum and Cultural Center. This grant, along with a \$100 donation from the Niwot Business Association's historical projects account and NHS funds, will complete our portion of the budget. Monthly planning meetings between the NHS and the museum's exhibit staff have already begun.

Among the largest artifacts shown will be the original blacksmith doors from 124 Second Avenue and the Firehouse Museum's chemical fire cart. Getting these to Longmont will be a challenge.

Euvaldo Valdez has offered his truck, but we will also need several volunteers to step forward for the heavy work. Please consider lending a hand and a strong back on moving day. It's not too early to volunteer. Contact Anne Dyni at 303-665-6932.

### SAFE AND SOUND

The 147 individual items in the historical society's artifact collection have come from various donors. Their categories range from textiles to tools to merchandising pieces and more. They are now securely housed in an upstairs storage room generously dedicated for our use by the Left Hand Grange. Members of the NHS accessioning committee met last month to verify labels and accession records

before placing the artifacts in archival containers for storage.



*Niwot Tribune* issues dating from 1921 to 1958 are now stored in acid-free boxes

### SPONSORSHIPS

Thank you to the following individuals for their generous contributions to the NHS:

**Janice S. and Neal Anderson, Judy Dayhoff, Meri Gibb, Connie and Darwyn Herbst, Laura and David Skaggs, Biff and Susan Warren.**

Thanks, also to **Jane and Clarence Haeker** for their donation honoring past board member Jim Martinsen.

Others wishing to contribute toward our ongoing projects, may send donations to treasurer Darwyn Herbst, % NHS, P.O. Box 354, Niwot, CO 80544.

<b><i>Friends of the Firehouse Museum</i></b>	<b>\$200.00</b>
<b><i>Artifact preservation</i></b>	<b>200.00</b>
<b><i>Photo collection and digitization</i></b>	<b>75.00</b>
<b><i>Public exhibit materials</i></b>	<b>75.00</b>

Since the NHS is a 501(c)(3) organization, all donations are tax deductible. You will be sent official confirmation of your donation for income tax purposes

## WEBSITE WUNDERKIND

After years of talking about developing our own website, we are just months away from its completion. For those who for years have searched unsuccessfully for online information about our historical society, its newsletters, projects, and historic photo collection, the wait is almost over.

Meet the two Niwot High School students who are making it happen.



Kit Goncharov



Zach Thomas

Both young men are members of Niwot High School's International Baccalaureate program, and their involvement with our project fulfills the "creativity" requirement of that program. Although both will graduate in 2011, IB program coordinator Julie Webster hopes to continue the school's association with our website in the coming years.

Stay tuned for the results of this cooperative undertaking.

## LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD DUCKS

Be the first to enlist in the very first NHS Duck Brigade as we march in the September 11<sup>th</sup> Nostalgia Day parade. Make your families proud as you don your duck suit or perky duck-billed cap and help us sell "five buck ducks" for the 2010 Nostalgia Day duck race.



Would you open your doors to these ducky salesmen? Laura Skaggs and Rob Gordon are ready to sign you up..

This event is sponsored annually by the *Left Hand Valley Courier*, which has chosen the Niwot Historical Society as this year's recipient of all funds raised. Our sincere thanks to the *Courier* for this honor.

We plan to begin sales after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and ask each of you to consider helping us sign up duck race donations at one or more of the Monday Niwot Farmers Markets or before Rhythm-on-the-Rails concerts on Thursday evenings. If this isn't your bag, we ask all members to elicit \$5 donations from friends and family between now and September.

First prize will be a fabulous catered duck dinner for four, prepared by Niwot's own Chef Dale Lamb. Other prizes will be announced later.

Not only is this an opportunity to raise funds for our many projects - it is a unique opportunity to let others know we're an active part of our community and worth supporting.

Contact Laura Skaggs at 303-682-0468 for details on how to volunteer and/or to enlist duck donations at local summer events.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO LEFT HAND GRANGE

April was a banner month for the Left Hand Grange when they received two separate awards for restoration of their historic building. Each year during National Preservation Month, Boulder County Parks and Open Space and the Boulder Heritage Roundtable present awards for eligible historic restoration projects. Both grange awards are well deserved and bring honor to our historic town.

## MEMORIAL TO HERB ATKINS

This past year, we lost another long-time historical society member. Herb Atkins had been a faithful member since our society organized more than 25 years ago.

Herb was only four years old when he moved to Niwot with his mother Evelyn in 1926. After she married Pete Slater, the family moved into the Slater house at 376 Second Avenue, which now houses Niwot Dental.

Herb was a wealth of information about Niwot in the 1920s and 1930s. Even as a child, he listened to stories told by his elders, and in 1993, he included many of them in an oral history interview.



Herb and his mother gardening at 376 Second Avenue. Niwot Road and 79th Street intersection is in the distance.

## 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY PARADE

NHS board members will be riding high in Niwot's upcoming Fourth of July parade. We hope to see you there. Give us a wave and a cheer!

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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.*