

NIWOT GAZETTE

Newsletter of the Niwot Historical Society

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LECTURE SERIES CONTINUES TO DRAW CROWDS



Larry Dorsey, center, from the Colorado Railroad Museum, was our November speaker

Our next lecture is scheduled for February 29, at the Left Hand Grange. Refreshments are planned for 6:30 pm, followed by a brief NHS annual meeting (*details to follow*).

Continuing our theme of "Niwot, Now and Then", story-teller Donlyn Arbuthnot will share historical facts and fictional stories about Haystack Mountain. The Arbuthnots settled at the base of Haystack in 1859, and Donlyn grew up listening to stories about pioneer life in the Left Hand Valley.

WHAT IS THIS?

Answer on back page



This donation appeared on the front steps of our Firehouse Museum in April 2007. No note was attached, and its identity was a total mystery. It measures 41-inches long and is made of made of reinforced concrete.

ANNUAL MINI MEETING



A fresh December snow blankets the museum's patio.

An abbreviated version of the annual NHS meeting will be held prior to our lecture on February 29 at the Left Hand Grange Hall. The agenda will include handouts of annual reports and the President's letter, as well as election of the Board of Directors for the coming year.

The proposed slate is as follows: Laura Skaggs, Donna Sinor, Connie Herbst, Darwyn Herbst, Meri Gibb, Rob Gordon, and Anne Dyni. Our bylaws allow for at least seven board members, so we welcome additional nominations from the floor.

TIME TO RENEW?

Historical Society membership renewals will now be based upon the date of the original membership since many members have joined since of our lecture series began last fall. Depending on when **you** joined, your renewal date will continue to be either March or September., Renew online at www.niwotohistoricalsociety.org, or for those receiving this newsletter by regular mail, a renewal form is attached.

ONE ACTION/ONE BOULDER

This county-wide project was launched on MLK Day, 2012, and will include special events throughout the year promoting racial and economic justice throughout Boulder County. Activities will include exhibits, film and theater performances, and the choice of *Chief Left Hand*, by Margaret Coel, as the “community read” for the year. Because our mission statement (see below), emphasizes a commitment to preserving the history of Chief Niwot, we plan to be part of this project. We will be selling copies of *Chief Left Hand* through several Niwot outlets in the coming months, with proceeds going toward NHS projects. A list of those outlets will be announced as this project moves forward.

NEW COLLECTIONS CHAIRMAN

Volunteer Diane Karash comes to the Niwot Historical Society with years of experience cataloging artifacts. Having spent a decade volunteering for Boulder County Parks and Open Space, she is familiar with standard procedures for keeping records on collections such as ours.



Surrounded by un-cataloged photos, Diane Karash measures them for accessioning..

This month, Diane met with committee members Meri Gibb, Mary Tulley and Jan Swanson to introduce them to the collection and to plan for future tasks.

NEW ‘LEASE’ ON LIFE

The response to a plan announced last month to lease the photos from our recent Niwot exhibit to members of the Niwot Business Association for display in their shops or offices was gratifying. Many of these historic photos can now be seen at various venues around town. Visit the following establishments to view these photos that would otherwise be in storage:

The Hitchin’ Post, Niwot Realty, Colorado Landmark Realty, Manifest Gallery, Niwot Market, Shepherd Valley Waldorf School, Warren, Carlson & Moore Attorneys, Treppeda’s Restaurant, and Left Hand Grange.

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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.

Answer to “What is This?”

This concrete post was once a 6-foot derail sign that stood at the end of a siding behind the Niwot depot. Its purpose was to prominently mark the end of the siding rails,