



NIWOT GAZETTE

Newsletter of the Niwot Historical Society

April 2016

Quilts That Settled The West



Wednesday, April 27
7:00 PM

Doors open at 6:30 PM
for coffee and conversation

Left Hand Grange Hall

195 2nd Ave, at the 2nd Ave/Franklin St intersection

Admission: Members are free,
\$5 charge if you are not a member
Of the Niwot Historical Society

Presenter:

Jeananne Wright

Come and enjoy quilts from 1840-1870, and trace the westward movement of our country, focusing on the Oregon Trail. Quilt historian, Jeananne Wright, will discuss the Trail in context with her antique quilts and their stories.

Jeananne is passionate about quilts and began collecting them in the 1960s. For over four decades she has been dedicated to preserving our quilting heritage by the careful protection and study of old quilts. She is a national speaker and is a certified quilt appraiser. Jeananne and her quilts have frequently appeared in magazines and newspapers. With several hundred antique quilts, she has one of the premiere private quilt collections in the country. She is a retired fourth grade teacher and lives in Longmont.

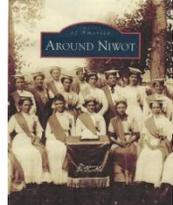


This star quilt reminds us that familiar constellations helped guide the pioneers across the vast prairies.

Annual Meeting and Election of Officers, February 24

Meri Gibb, president, conducted the Annual Meeting before the featured lecture. The *Now & Then* lecture series in 2015 provided events for members and guests: "Early Habitation in Estes Park: Tools, Structures, Landscapes and People" by Derek Fortini; "Fogg in the Cockpit: Howard Fogg, Master Railroad Artist, World War II Fighter Pilot" by Richard and Janet Fogg; "The Boulder Oil Field in Our Back Yard Since 1901" by presenters Matt Silverman and Karl Anuta; and, "Niwot, 1935: A Snapshot" by Donlyn Arbuthnot.

In 2015, *Around Niwot, Images of America* was published by Arcadia Publishing in June. Author Anne Dyni told the story of Niwot through photographs along with many tales of our community.



Meri thanked the Board members for volunteering at the Fire House Museum open house events, Rock & Rails, Grange Book Sales, walking tours of the historic district, archiving materials, membership, and our ever expanding web site. She introduced the Board members and called for a vote to approve them for 2016: Darwyn Herbst, Mary Claire Collins, Joe Betts, Joan Grunzweig, Donlyn Arbuthnot, Rob Gordon, Diane Zimmermann and Kathy Koehler.

Special thanks were extended to Anne Dyni for her dedication and long-term Board participation as historian, president, writer, archivist, creator of displays, walking tours and so many other tasks. Anne has cared for the Niwot Historical Society and preserved the history of Niwot for almost thirty years and is retiring from the Board. Last spring Anne received the *Boulder County Preserving History Award* for her accomplishments and publications.

Meri announced that she is leaving the Board. She was presented a card and bouquet in appreciation for her service as president these past two years and as a Board member for ten years.

NOTE: Please check our website www.niwothistoricalsociety.org for cancellation information when bad weather is predicted.

Come get your copy at the
Fire House Museum
Friday, April 1st,
5-7pm

The Niwot Historical Society is proud to announce the creation and publication of **coloring pages!** The coloring pages will feature a historic event or place in Niwot and share the documented historic story. The first two artists' sketches featured are by **Jane Langdon** and **Ellen Haswell**. The Fire House Museum, Niwot Bands, Bandstand, Gazebo and Niwot Garden Club are recognized.

* Coloring Sheets will be available in Niwot shops by the second week in April. *



Anne Dyni

**March Workshop:
Preserving Your Family History**

Before the workshop started, the Niwot Historical Society paid tribute and thanked Anne Dyni for three decades of volunteer work for Niwot historical preservation. Vice President Joe Betts announced Anne's esteemed list of accomplishments over the years and presented her with a bouquet.



Speaking to a full house at the genealogy workshop Phil Smith told of situations he has experienced publishing historical materials for future generations. Mona Lambrecht and Joan Few shared tips on confirming evidence of historical information and collecting those documents and photographs. They spoke about organizing materials and protecting and storing the information. Both presenters emphasized that if you write any information on a document or photograph to use only a #2 or other soft lead pencil so you do not irreversibly damage the historic item.



Protecting, preserving and storage tips from Mona Lambrecht (left) and Joan Few (right).



Mona and Joan advised to store documents and photographs out of direct light and in acid free enclosures. Mona showed some storage containers and Joan shared some inexpensive storage solutions. They acknowledged that working on your family tree can be overwhelming. An encouraging suggestion was to just start somewhere, take small steps, work on one section at a time and then you will be amazed at what you can find and create.

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**Fire House Museum will be open:
Friday, April 1st, 5 - 7 pm**

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**Gift to Members
at Our Lectures This Spring**

Botanical Interests has generously donated some 2016 packets of seeds for our members. "Prairie Splendor" seeds grow into the flowers prevalent in Niwot years ago and today.

Botanical Interests Seed Company was started 21 years ago by Niwot Historical Society Members and Niwot residents Judy Seaborn and Curtis Jones.

For more information or a catalog you can go to www.BotanicalInterests.com



**February Lecture:
A Photographic Railroad
Journey Through Boulder County**



Presenter: **Larry Dorsey**, *Trustee on the Board of the Colorado Railroad Museum in Golden, presented to a full house of guests at the February Now & Then lecture.*

Larry shared pictures, books, history and stories about the early railroad lines in Boulder County and in Colorado. Arrival of the Colorado Central Railroad in Boulder County in 1873 paved the way for Niwot's settlement in 1875 as a "railroad town." Maps illustrated the commuter links between Longmont, Niwot, Boulder, Denver along with travel to all the mines in Boulder County. Larry showed where the tracks were located early in the 1900s and spoke about the structures which stand in those places today.

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