

NIWOT GAZETTE

Newsletter of the Niwot Historical Society

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Be a part of Niwot's future by helping to preserve our past.

1859 - Pikes Peak Gold Rush

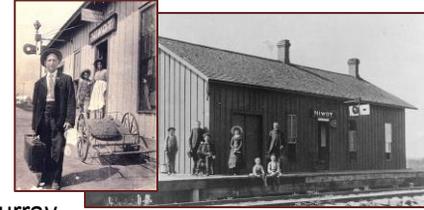
1860 - Boulder City and Valmont are founded

1860s - Miners came for gold and other minerals in the Foothills

1871 - The Chicago Colony (Longmont) and Burlington were founded

1873 - Colorado Central Railroad laid tracks from Boulder City to Longmont

1875 - March 29, 1875 Niwot was platted by Porter T. Hinman and Ambrose S. Murray



Between Grass and Hay

This year Longmont will celebrate its 150th birthday with events and publication to document it's founding. One of the publications is by Niwot Historical Society Board Member, **Amy Scanes-Wolfe**, who grew up in Longmont.

The early experiences of the St. Vrain Valley pioneers reflects many similarities with the farming families in the Niwot area and along the Left Hand Ditch.



~ "Between Grass and Hay" ~ Introduction ~

In 1870, neither Niwot nor Longmont existed--but between the two was a small agricultural town called Burlington. In late January, 1871, three men arrived at Mrs. Allen's bustling inn (across the road from the present day D-barn). They were seeking land for an agricultural colony, and they found it. Longmont was born, a half mile up the hill from Burlington. *Between Grass and Hay*, a historical fiction novel, tells the stories of the everyday people who's grit and determination lives on in the places we know today.

Amy has volunteered for Open House time at the Fire House Museum and she is in her second term on the Niwot Historical Society Board of Directors.

Amy Scanes-Wolfe



Based on the true story of the founding of Longmont, Colorado

About the author ...

Amy Scanes-Wolfe was born in South Africa but moved to Longmont when she was four years old. Back then, it was still known as a "cow town." And Amy loved it; as a child, she diligently milked her rubber glove "cow" and dreamed of growing up to be a pioneer. But it took leaving for Amy to fully appreciate the unique history and ecology of her hometown. With a background in cultural anthropology, farming, and historical interpretation, Amy has always been committed to building deep relationships with the places we inhabit. She believes the first step to building a resilient future is connecting with our past.

Amy works as a permaculture landscaper, homesteader, and teacher at the Harlequins Gardens Nursery in north Boulder.

You can purchase a copy of "Between Grass And Hay" from Gene or Keith at *Inkberry Books* in Cottonwood Square in Niwot or from Amazon.com



Link address to Amy's video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=58ujzoikcG4>

Link address to Amy's website: <https://lefthandlandscaping.com/storiesbyamy/>

NOW & THEN Lecture Series



Our NOW & THEN Lectures in 2020:

- *In Crust We Trust, History of Pies in Boulder County*
- *The Switzerland Trail of America (video)*
- *How Women Got To Vote (video)*
- *From Desert to Oasis, A Landscape of Change (video)*

We have started to work on additional lectures that will again be video taped. We will notify you when we will post them on the Niwot Historical Society YouTube website.

To view current videos, search for: YouTube.com
Then type in: Niwot Historical Society
Click on our logo  Videos will be listed.
Just click on the photo and enjoy the video.



Our current goal is to possibly produce two lectures before the summer months. We will update you on the topics and availability to view the lecture as soon as we have confirmations and productions. You will also receive any updates as the Boulder County Health Department levels and guidelines for event regulations change for lectures.

Many thanks to the Video Crew of
Bill Decker, video and production;
Patrick Bohan, NHS member and video;
NHS Board member Leonard Sitongia for the coordination with the video production of lectures.



2020 Scrapbook to document the historic COVID-19 pandemic in Niwot, Colorado ~ **Thank you** to all who shared activities. The scrapbook is in our archives for research about Niwot if there ever is another historic pandemic. The book is three inches thick with your shared stories, Niwot High School student stories, Boulder County Health Department updates, Colorado updates from Governor Polis' news releases.

The Annual election of the Board of Directors for the Niwot Historical Society took place electronically in January 2021. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic and Boulder County Health Department regulations for no 'gathering' events the election was held by emails and mail in nominations or objections. There were no additional nominations received and no objections were submitted.

Your Board for this year is listed below and we welcome comments and volunteers for any events when we are permitted to meet again.

Congratulations and thank you to all volunteers!

Members, Volunteers and Friends are our most valuable resource.

Niwot Historical Society Board of Directors

President: Kathy Koehler

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Secretary: Mary Claire Collins

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Directors: Donlyn Arbuthnot, Rob Gordon, Joan Grunzweig, Vivian Knaus, Amy Scanes-Wolfe, Leonard Sitongia, Kirk Stewart, Diane Zimmermann
~ **Committee Chairs** ~

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Newsletter & Programs: Kathy Koehler

Photo Leases: Joan Grunzweig

At Large: Donlyn Arbuthnot, Rob Gordon, Amy Scanes-Wolfe, Kirk Stewart

Walking Tours: Mary Claire Collins, Rob Gordon, Joan Grunzweig, Diane Zimmermann

Web Master: Leonard Sitongia



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NOTE: Detailed information about the lectures is posted on niwothistoricalsociety.org
The Niwot Historical Society Board of Directors, contact information, membership, donation, Niwot historic information and links to other regional historic organizations are on our website.