

# NIWOT GAZETTE

Newsletter of the Niwot Historical Society  
November 2022



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

## Busy times at our little Fire House Museum!!

We hope you stopped at the Museum when you came to Niwot's Great Pumpkin Party on October 29<sup>th</sup>. It was wonderful to have volunteers Robin Dederer, Kirk Stewart, Mary Claire Collins, Terry Larsen, Kathy Koehler and Leonard Sitongia to greet guests, help to share Niwot's history, hand out treats and work with the NCA road crew to keep everyone safe on the streets.



It was wonderful to have so many guests of all ages enter the Museum.

Staining the outside of the Museum ~ This past Monday, 31 October, was a *Rotarians At Work Day* at the Museum. Kirk Stewart worked with Sarah Levison of the Rotary Club of Niwot to coordinate the helping hands. Steven Craig and Ron Grunsweig of RCN joined along with NHS volunteers Leonard Sitongia, Terry Larsen, Krista Koehler, Kathy Koehler. Window trim will be a summer 2023 project.



Left photo: Staining in progress and the staining completed. Right is photo that was in the Left Hand Valley Courier 02Nov.

### Niwot Rotary Club Work Day

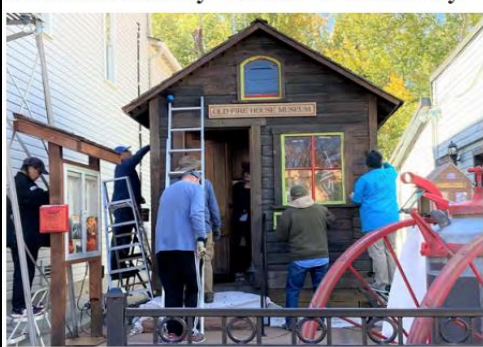


Photo by Christine Guzy  
The Rotary Club of Niwot held a work day to stain the Niwot Historical Society's Old Fire House Museum in downtown Niwot. From left: Krista Koehler, Kirk Stewart, Steven Craig (at ladder), Leonard Sitongia (behind ladder), Kathy Koehler (in doorway), Ron Grunsweig, Sarah Levison.

## Gavel from the Niwot Home & Garden Club

*Naomi Tillsbury was a president of the Niwot Home and Garden Club and this was her meeting gavel.*  
 By 1946, Niwot had two hundred residents. A community garden was designed and created at the corner of Second Avenue and Murray Street by a group of ladies who started the Niwot Home & Garden Club. The garden was around the original Niwot bandstand which was a community gathering place and near the Niwot Depot so the flower garden greeted passengers. The women hand dug in the hard clay soil, hauled materials in buckets, carried rocks from their fields at home and local streambeds to serve as borders of the flower garden.

The gavel was donated by Nancy Dodd Hindman. **Thank You!**



The gavel is being added to our archives to save and preserve the history of Niwot.

### ~ Membership ~

We are starting to print the 2022 holiday greeting cards that will be mailed at the end of November to current members.

Membership is for a full year.

Your membership supports the maintenance of the Fire House Museum, creating the Museum displays, preserving the Niwot artifacts that are donated. The lectures are free to members.

If you want to update your membership for 2023 now, please go to the website to join or renew.

Online payment is via *PayPal* or you can mail a check to:  
 Niwot Historical Society, P.O. Box 354, Niwot, CO 80544-0354

Memberships at *Sponsor* levels (\$50 or more) will receive a receipt with our tax deduction number for the donation.

Niwot water color winter scene paintings on greeting cards will be available for a donation at the Fire House Museum.

~ *Dependent On Weather Conditions* ~

*The Museum plans to be open during the Holiday Parade on November 26, Saturday December 3 & 10 mid-day.*

**NOTE:** Detailed information about events will be posted on [niwothistoricalsociety.org](http://niwothistoricalsociety.org)

*Members, Volunteers and Friends are our most valuable resource.*

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