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NEWS FROM EMAHS SEPTEMBER, 2019

We have had a busy Spring and Summer with many more events of note to come. The Society's contribution of monthly articles of historic interest in the Mt. Connection publication has garnered feedback from readers and the publishers. Thank you Bill Bottoms for your article on Darst Buchanan and to Josie Hoover for her glimpse into the life of Julia Brewster Douglas and her library. Watch your mailbox for the Mt. Connection delivery near the first of each month for some informative and delightful reading.

Candy Porter and her team of tea organizers presented a beautiful and well received Spring Tea in May, welcoming over 70 guests. The Hiwan Museum will once again be transposed into a tea room on September 16th with the presentation of the Harvest Tea. This tea is sold out but there may be seats available for the Holiday Tea in December. The teas have emerged as a substantial fundraiser and thanks go to all the volunteers who work to offer a unique experience in the historic setting of Hiwan Museum. Contact Candy Porter 303-909-7388 for information.

By the time you read this update, many of you will be enjoying the succulent Western Slope peaches that were delivered by Noland Orchards on August 9th. This annual fundraiser is always a success and is much appreciated, as are the juicy peaches!

Thanks to Rosemary Barenbrugge, Stuart Collins (and daughter), Larry French and Max Lankston (and daughter) for the participation in the Annual Evergreen Rodeo Parade in June. Max graciously offered the use of his vintage car while the others walked the parade route and promoted EMAHS.

A big thank you is due again to Stuart Collins who manned a booth at the Evergreen Duck Derby on August 3rd on behalf of the Society.

The Medlen School Days, Discovery Days and Hiwan Kids summer programs were once again filled to capacity. Thanks to all the volunteers who gave of their time to facilitate another successful year of summer activities.

Save the date and make your reservations for the September 22nd event featuring John Steinle and his presentation, "Moonshiners and Gunslingers". The event will also feature a silent auction, drinks and hors d'oeuvres from Three Tomatoes Catering and an opportunity to visit with your fellow members and many new friends. The event will be held at the Timbervale Barn (behind Hiwan Museum) from 4 to 6 pm. (see inset) Make reservations online at www.jchscolorado.org as you won't want to miss this fun-filled opportunity.

New technology has pushed our Society web site onto the back burner in terms of sustainability. While the site is functional, we are in the process of overhauling the presentation and effectiveness of our message. The site will continue to be the first contact for many and the reliable source for Society news and information. Watch for the new look in months to come.

This update offers a brief glimpse into the numerous and rewarding volunteer opportunities available to our membership and friends. We welcome all participation as our Society's messaging, vision and visibility is not possible without the loyal support from volunteers.

EVENTS

September 16

Harvest Tea at Hiwan Museum **SOLD OUT**

September 22

John Steinle presents, 'Moonshiners and Gunslingers' 4 to 6 pm at Timbervale Barn

October TBA

Hiwan Halloween Open House Celebration

November 9 and 10

EMAHS booth at Alternative Gift Fair
Evergreen Lutheran Church 9 am to 3 pm



Fall Fundraiser

MOONSHINERS & GUNSLINGERS

Sunday
SEPTEMBER
22, 2019

Presentation by John Steinle

4 PM to 6 PM
Timbervale Barn

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Hiwan's Inventory Project

By Monta Lee Dakin and Steve Friesen, Museum Consultants

"Those are somebody's ashes!"

"That's a painting by Eric Douglas we've never seen before!"

"What, another Busy Bee quilt!"

"There sure is a lot of lingerie in the collection!"

These are just some of the comments about objects found during the Evergreen Historical Society's collections inventory project. The project began this summer with the goal of counting every item in the Hiwan Museum's collection. So far it has not only provided a "handle" on the many items in the museum, it has led to some interesting discoveries.

The inventory project began with the desire, shared by both the Society and Jefferson County Open Space, to determine just how many objects are in the collection and to which organization they belong. Not sure where to begin, Tim Sandsmark contacted us for assistance. We each have over 40 years museum experience working with collections of all kinds. During those 40 years, Monta Lee was executive director of the Mountain-Plains Museums Association and worked at the Smithsonian Institution, among other places, while Steve was director of the Molly Brown House, the Buffalo Bill Museum and Grave, and other museums. Over the course of those years, we racked up a lot

of experience working with collections, including creating collections databases and doing inventories.

After examining Hiwan's specific situation, we recommended that the inventory project include putting collections data into the museum's PastPerfect computerized catalog database. An extra step in the inventory process, it would provide the database with information regarding artifact locations and descriptions. This would "kill two birds with one stone" making it unnecessary to re-enter that information in the future.

Our contract with the Hiwan Museum included both designing the inventory project and helping to get it started. This has included troubleshooting as well. So far, we have found artifacts that are both unidentified and not yet in the museum's collections database. In some cases, we found two very different items that had the same object number and in other cases we found one item with two different numbers. None of this is unusual when doing an inventory and is one reason why inventories are so important for museums to carry out.

One of the byproducts of the inventory project is the opportunity to straighten up storage areas and claim more space. We first tackled the storage area for rugs



In attic storage room Andrea Keppers and Monta Lee Dakin check numbers on objects and enter into museum's database. Photo by S. Friesen

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REFLECTIONS: President's Pen

By Elaine Hayden

In the broad view of the world, there is much that inspires me. Not least of which is the dedication and resolve of those who volunteer their time and talents worldwide for any number of causes. There is value in those whose volunteerism is centered in the global realm and equally, the participation in volunteerism in one's own community is priceless. The worth of one's time is measured in services rendered as well as the personal satisfaction derived from helping others by matching need with commitment. I often praise the significance of volunteerism in our community but I fear a simple thank you is not offered often enough; a heartfelt and public thank you is like a ray of sunshine.

Locally, within the Evergreen Mtn. Area Historical Society, I have the honor and pleasure of working with an all-volunteer Board (see inset) who individually take their positions seriously in creating a true working Board. Countless hours are expended on financial concerns, oral history, community outreach, fundraising, event organizing and attending Chamber of Commerce meetings. Further, many of your Board and Society members teach the Colorado History and Pueblo to Plains educational programs at Hiwan Museum and Medlen School in addition to guiding tours at Hiwan Museum. With that, I extend a sincere 'thank you' to all of our EMAHS volunteers for helping to strengthen our position in the community and to preserve our efforts and mission over the past 40 years.

EMAHS volunteers had a very busy summer that included elevation of our visibility by participating in the Evergreen Rodeo Parade, thanks to Rosemary Barenbrugge, Stuart Collins, Max Lankston, and Larry French. Stuart Collins created and manned a booth at the Evergreen Duck Derby while Judy Curtis, Candy Porter and myself supported and offered refreshments at the Annual Movie in the Grove. Bud and Juanita Weare represented the Society at Staunton State Park History Days and

Candy Porter, Dianne Palaschak and their volunteer team served the Spring Tea in May that welcomed over 75 guests to the Hiwan Museum, complimented by Judy Curtis' piano accompaniment. Our volunteers lent a hand in the success of Discovery Days and Hiwan Kids summer educational programs, as well as the Medlen School Days one-room school experience for students. All of the educational programs were, once again, filled to capacity and offered a nature based program and the one-room school adventure.

Thanks to volunteers Hank Fuchs and Pem Dunn, the entryway to our historic Medlen School was repaired and new steps were added for stability. Our successful Annual Peach Sale fundraiser was also made possible through countless volunteer hours. Beginning in May, 2019, the publication, *Your Mountain Connection*, began publishing a monthly article of historic interest written by EMAHS volunteers. The articles highlight components and personalities of our historic mountain community and the response to our article has been very positive.

Diane Fuchs, Rosemary Barenbrugge, Larry French, Carollyn Dieter and their team of volunteers presented a very successful and fun-filled event on September 22nd at the Timbervale Barn. John Steinle was the honored guest speaker and titled his presentation, *Moonshiners and Gunslingers*. A silent auction, catered refreshments and a glass of wine rounded out the late afternoon event. Thanks to all the volunteers responsible for this enjoyable fundraising event.

EMAHS has joined many other non-profits throughout Colorado in the annual Colorado Gives Day that allows the public to donate to various organizations in an easy and thoughtful manner. (See article) Once again, thanks are in order to the all volunteer crew of

Rosemary Barenbrugge, Diane Fuchs and Larry French who spent endless hours in applying for and successfully securing inclusion in this state-wide program.

Between the time of this writing and the time of delivery of your newsletter, our volunteers were called upon to participate in the Annual Hiwan Halloween that is a boo-friendly event aimed at young Halloween revelers. Despite the cold weather, we welcomed 100 people to the Hiwan Halloween. Our volunteers will also participate in the 18th Annual Alternative Gift Fair at the Evergreen Lutheran Church on November 9th and 10th where we offer our many historic books and gifts for appreciative shoppers and supporters. For the second year, our Society is sponsoring the Annual Turkey Trot race, held on Thanksgiving morning that benefits the local Evergreen Christian Outreach Program.

Your Board of Directors has decided that it is time to showcase our extensive collection of oral histories, meticulously managed by volunteer, Bud O'Leary. The importance and justice of oral history is served by offering primary source narratives that underscore our past and offer an understanding of the present. Watch for notice of this 2020 undertaking that will schedule events and hopefully utilize volunteer time from area school students and the community at large.

Given the events and volunteer opportunities that are highlighted in this notice, one can clearly see why I believe the EMAHS is defined by volunteer efforts and their story is often untold. It is with appreciation that I praise our volunteers including our event participants, tour guides, history educators and Board of Directors. So settle in for the season and let today be the day you decide to share your support, time and talent by volunteering for your Society because an organization is only as strong as its loyal supporters.

A Great Way to Support Evergreen Mountain Area Historical Society

To enhance our ability to protect, preserve and promote the history of the Evergreen mountain area this year Evergreen Mountain Area Historical Society is participating for the first time in ColoradoGives Day. This hugely successful online giving option will help power our work and multiply our good.

Community First Foundation is proud to offer Colorado nonprofits like EMAHS a unique and highly engaging way to connect with supporters and spread the word about our mission and work. ColoradoGives.org is the year-round, online giving website featuring the missions, programs and finances of more than 2,500 Colorado nonprofits. Each organization's online profile is screened by Community First Foundation to ensure specific standards of transparency.

Made possible by Community First Foundation since 2007, ColoradoGives.org encourages charitable giving by providing comprehensive, objective and up-to-date information about Colorado nonprofits and an easy way to support them online. ColoradoGives.org and its signature giving day - Colorado Gives Day - make fundraising simple for your organization and easy for donors. More than \$296 million has been raised for Colorado nonprofits through ColoradoGives.org since 2007.

Evergreen Mountain Area Historical Society's Online Profile:
<https://www.coloradogives.org/EMAHS/overview>

Supporters can give on Colorado Gives Day itself, but also have the option to donate throughout the coming year.



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and quilts. We unrolled the quilts and rugs, recorded the information on them, and then re-rolled each one back on its own dowel. This allowed us to organize the rolled textiles as well as ensure that any tags missing from items were either found or replaced.

Another byproduct are the discoveries. Before Steve started working in museums, he had read about how some rare artifact was just “discovered” in a museum collection. He wondered how that could be, since it was already in a museum. But he soon learned that such discoveries happen at every museum. While he was at the Buffalo Bill Museum, he found a document that showed four previously unidentified rifles in the collection had belonged to Buffalo Bill. These “discoveries” are why museums do inventories. An item may have been donated to the collection in years past, put into a box for safekeeping and forgotten. Sometimes, items get lost due to inadequate storage areas or identification tags become separated from an object. All these issues come to light during an inventory project.

The most significant discovery so far during the Hiwan inventory project has been a painting on burlap of a medieval scene purportedly done by Eric Douglas. The item had not been cataloged or recorded in any manner, so it was not in the museum’s collections database. We numbered it, tagged it and listed it in the museum’s database. More research is required to uncover the history and authenticity of this unusual artwork. Another discovery by the inventory team was an exquisitely engraved silver flask containing someone’s ashes. Finding out more about the

person is something that would typically be done during the cataloguing of an object rather than an inventory. As much as we wanted to explore the owner of the flask, it would have delayed the inventory process. So, we put the flask back in its storage box. Should anyone like to do research on these remains, contact Hiwan Museum.

Another surprise from the inventory was the quantity of certain items in the collection. The Busy Bees, a quilting group associated with the Hiwan Museum during the 1980s, made and donated a large quantity of quilts to the collection. Additionally, there is an abundance of women’s lingerie from the 19th and early 20th centuries, a most marvelous collection of early underwear.

It takes a long time to conduct an inventory of a museum’s entire contents which is why inventories are not always done annually. It requires considerable staff time to carry it out and an obligation to follow up on issues that arise. Lost ID tags must be re-attached, duplicate numbers tracked down, and numbers assigned to unnumbered items so they don’t get lost. This is what a museum does to maintain its collections in a professional manner. While no one can ever predict what issues will surface, staff ensures an accurate count and an appropriate response to problems that can’t be put on hold until the next inventory.

Plumbing the depths of the Hiwan Museum collection has been interesting and sometimes, after unrolling and re-rolling the 25th quilt, exhausting. But at the end of the day it is rewarding to think of the work completed. If you are interested in helping with the Hiwan Museum inventory, contact Andrea Keppers at 720-497-7650.



Inventory team unrolls a painting on burlap possibly by Eric Douglas. Photo by T. Sandsmark

Part Three: Selected Works of Mary Helen Crain

By Stuart Collins

Mary Helen Crain was a celebrated Evergreen journalist, historian, and a founding member of the Jefferson County Historical Society – now Evergreen Mountain Area Historical Society. This multipart series shall examine Mary Helen Crain's professional work, life, and commitment to historical preservation.

"I wrote my first column, an historical article, and have been at it ever since one way or another." Mary Helen Crain.

In the fall of 1958, the inaugural edition of the Canyon Courier was dedicated to the "news of general interest to the area – the news of specific interest to you and your immediate community – a calendar of coming events in the entire area – the advertisements and shopping suggestions of the area business folks - area-wide news on sports, organizations and church activities, and social events – and many other interesting features." Starting in the second edition and continuing for the next twenty years (minus a five-year sabbatical) Mrs. Crain wrote articles dedicated to the history of Evergreen and her surrounding community. In all, Mary Helen Crain wrote one hundred and fifty Canyon Courier articles. (McKelvey, 1988). Here is one of Mary Helen Crain's earlier articles. This article is reprinted with permission from The Canyon Courier.

Church in the Wilderness.

By Mary Helen Crain. November 20, 1958

Back in the secluded, peaceful little cemetery just out of the town of Evergreen, on the way to Bergen Park, lie the aging stones of the foundation of Evergreen first church, St. Mark's of the Wilderness.

In 1872, after holding a meeting in the dining room of Stewart's Hotel in Beer Creek Canyon, a small group of men and women organized an Episcopal parish and obtained a piece of property in what is now Evergreen Cemetery. Bishop Randall, the first missionary of Colorado laid the cornerstone and gave the new church its name. Funds for the building had been raised, through Bishop Randall's influence in St. Mark's-in-the-Bowerie, New York, and the name seemed most appropriate. The records of this first church are few, but it is known that the first service was held on January 25, 1874, and twice monthly until 1878. From then until 1883 little is known of its life. Sometime during the next three years an exchange of property took place between St. Mark's and the Methodists, resulting in St Mark's building becoming



the property of Methodists who had come from Denver to start a church. They moved the building to the spot now occupied by the Evergreen Drug Store. Before it was moved, the St. Mark's altar was taken out of it and for many years it was exposed to the weather and neglected. Mrs. F. J. Bancroft, a summer resident of Evergreen, discovered it and rescued it. Finally in 1893, Mrs. Mary Neosha Williams began holding services in a tent on Camp Neosha, which today is the headquarters of the Hiwan Ranch. The St. Mark's altar was again put to use in the tent.

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In June of 1896, the Rev. Charles Winfred Douglass, from the state of New York, having come west for his health, met and married Dr. Josepha Williams, whose mother was vitality interested in St. Mark's. They found their way to Evergreen seeking better health and rest. In Evergreen they found exactly what they wanted. For the "Western Churchman" of June 3, 1899, Rev. Douglas wrote, "Here within thirty miles of Denver we find in altitude from 7,000 to 9,000 ft. a superb amphitheater so to speak, about 25 miles in length and 15 miles in width, broken by small peaks and valleys, abounding in streams of absolutely pure water, interested by fine mountain roads leading in all directions. In plain view of the main range of the Rockies it combines in graceful gradations the magnificently wild and picturesque with a charmingly practical agricultural district." Because he found the perfect spot that we today know it to be, he lived to shape the destinies of Evergreen's first church.

In 1897 Mr. Stewart of the Stewart Hotel passed away and Mrs. Williams bought the property for the church. The famous old altar was placed at one end of the dining room and the first service was held on Christmas Eve. The altar of St. Mark's had at last found a permanent home. The old dining room

is the nave of the present church and the present altar is the same one that had such a wandering life. From time to time as the need arose walls were removed and the Stewart's Hotel evolved into the Mission of the Transfiguration. The old name of St. Mark's has been retained for the chapel but Mrs. Bancroft requested the change in the name of the mission itself.

It was in 1911 that the famous bell tower was erected. The cross at the top was originally on the Church of the Redeemer in New York where Rev. Douglas was once a curate. When the building was dismantled the cross was presented to him and he in turn had it installed on the tower where it remains today. It stands as a symbol of the history and the founding of the Church of the Transfiguration, for now it is a Church and not a mission. The interest and generosity of the Douglasses and the parishioners who worship there have made the transition possible. On this day of Thanksgiving we give them thanks for the good that they have done.

Editor's note: We gratefully acknowledge the help we have received from Father M. Lewis Marsh, Jr., in collecting information for the account of Evergreen's first church.

Milestones in the Life of EMAHS (JCHS) 1973-1980

Excerpts from the 1998 25th Anniversary Celebration of the Society commemorative booklet.

1973-1974

The Board approached the County Commissioners with the Homestead proposition. They looked, were 'strongly interested' and the possibility of acquisition with Open Space funds under the 'historic monument' provision of that body's original resolution is being actively investigated.

Jefferson County purchased the building and one acre of land. The County Commissioners asked the growing Society if it would handle the exhibits, tours and programming of the new county museum.

Group meetings were held in the Public Service Community Room. Accomplishments included helping to get

the Hazel Humphrey House and Rooney Ranch placed on the National Register of Historic Sites.

1975-1976

First annual banquets were held at the Pine Valley Ranch.

Fourth grade school history program began.

Official opening of Hiwan Museum on August 3rd.

The Society proposed the organization of the Jeffco Historical Commission.

1977-1978

A gift shop was opened in what is now the entry room.

The chapel was restored, refurbished and dedicated.

'Save the Grove' campaign and a bank loan secured the Society's purchase of the Heritage Grove.

Evergreen Women's Club furnished Dr. Jo's room.

1979-1980

Hiwan Halloween 'spook house' was held for five days.

Mason and Hamlin organ was donated for placement in the chapel.

July 21, 1980 the loan secured by the society for purchase of Heritage Grove was paid off.

Watch for more Society Milestones in the next edition of The Record.

The Book Shelf

By Elaine Hayden

Friend and knowledgeable researcher of Evergreen area history, John Steinle, released his second book, *Conifer*, in May of this year. The interest in this book has been brisk as many delighted in Steinle's first book, *Evergreen*, and were eager to learn more history of our mountain area.

Steinle chronicles the early history and creation of many communities surrounding what we now refer to as the 285 corridor, including communities of Conifer, Aspen Park, Shaffer' Crossing, Pleasant Park, Medlen, Foxton and Turkey Creek settlements. Many descendants of the first settlers in these areas remain

today as testament to the economic importance and brilliance of the area, recognized long ago by their ancestors. Reading Steinle's book is like taking a tour through space and time of this fascinating and diverse area. The growth of the 285 corridor is chronicled in photos that tell the story of the dedication and pride the area resident's take in their community. The sense of volunteerism is recognized in groups such as the Sr. Resource Center, the Pleasant Park Grange, VFW Post #12009, Boy Scout Troop #686, Kiwanis and Rotary groups, and the Conifer Historical Society. The inclusion of the history and importance

of tourist attraction, Tiny Town, and the magnificent Staunton State Park make for informative and enjoyable reading.

The offering of a large collection of historic photos adds to the enjoyment and understanding of the Conifer area, especially when coupled with current day photographs, many contributed by Hiwan's own, Tim Sandsmark. The Arcadia Publishing edition of the paperback book, *Conifer*, is proudly available through the EMAHS at Hiwan Museum bookstore, along with the companion copy of Steinle's hard-bound book, *Evergreen*.

EMAHS Book Club

The Hiwan book group meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month except for November and December. We gather at Eric's House (museum offices) at 12:30 pm. The December meeting is a potluck lunch. Suggested book titles are considered from within our membership. Everyone is welcome to join us.

December 4th

Where the Crawdads Sing Delia Owens

January 22nd

Leopard at the Door Jennifer McVeigh

February 26th

Rosemary—The Hidden Kennedy Daughter
Kate Clifford Larson

March 25th

I'll Be Your Blue Sky
Marisa de los Santos

Upcoming Events

December:

Ongoing Exhibit The Art of Hiwan- Creativity from Camp Neosho to Hiwan Ranch.

Open during museum hours in the temporary exhibit rooms at Hiwan Museum.

View works of art by Eric Douglas, Red Robin, Henry Herzman and Joan Landy. Poetic works by Father Douglas and Eric Douglas are featured.

December 9 and 10:

Hiwan Holiday Tea. Enjoy a delicious and elegant tea served on fine china in the historic setting of Hiwan Museum. Monday December 9th seatings 11 am and 2 pm. Tuesday, December 10th seating 11 am. **ALL TEAS ARE SOLD OUT**

December 12:

Hiwan Holiday Walk 5 to 7 pm at Hiwan Museum. Partake in holiday cheer and admire the Hiwan house dressed for the holidays on self guided tours through the house. The public is welcome.

December 16:

Volunteer Appreciation Holiday potluck brunch. 10:30 am at Hiwan Museum. Gather to spend time and cheer with fellow tour guides, history educators and Board members who loyally volunteer their time at Hiwan Museum.

For More Information

For more information about the Evergreen Mountain Area Historical Society or Events happening at Hiwan Museum go to

www.jchscolorado.org



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