

THE RECORD

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Passion Paves the Way to Volunteering

By Diane Fuchs

Voluntary: "Acting willingly and without reward."
Volunteer: "One who serves or acts of his or her own free will."
Webster's II New Riverside Dictionary

There is a component missing from these wonderful definitions of voluntary/volunteer. That component is passion. I have discovered from my 30 years of being a volunteer that in order to be successful, one needs to feel passionate about the ideals supported by a group. All of what happens with the Jefferson County Historical Society rests in the passion we feel about the history for our home or adopted home of Jefferson County and Evergreen, Colorado. The following shares with members the incredible contributions made by volunteers to Jefferson County Historical Society.

Rebecca Young organized our Holiday party this year, which paid homage to Hiwan's Scottish connections with a New Year's celebration we called "Hogmanay at Hiwan." John Phillips piped in the haggis and Rex Rideout addressed the "King o' Puddings" with Robert Burns. Rex, his two sons and John charmed us with Scottish tunes. Forty members enjoyed the festivities and tasty Scots-inspired fare of caterers and JCHS members **Anita and Jerry Johnson**.

Monday volunteers did their usual wonderful job helping Meghan McGinnes to decorate the Museum and host our annual Christmas Tea. This year's theme of "Trains" was enhanced by our own "Harvey Girls" decked out in beautiful white aprons sewn by **Priscilla Stenman**. The collection of Hiwan Tea recipes we received as party favors was a real hit.

Susan Halama contributed her time, talent and journalistic connections to publish a great series of articles about the history of Heritage Grove in the *Mountain Connection*. **Bud Weare** and Rebecca Young provided research assistance. (If you missed them, please see all the articles and photos on our website, www.ichscolorado.org.) Thanks to these folks for reminding us of wonderful treasure that is Heritage Grove!

Sue McCutchan deserves a huge thank you for putting together *The Record* each quarter since Fall 2003. (That's got to be a "record" in itself!) Sue did an amazing job to make sure that all members received their newsletter on time. Because of our plans to create an electronic version of the newsletter, it's an opportune time to make some changes and give Sue a well-deserved break. Thank you, Sue, for a tremendous job!

For the last two years, **Kay Johnson** has been our Grove Events Director, working with all the groups that rent Heritage Grove, from the 25-person company picnic to the Summerfest and Evergreen Art festivals that draw thousands. Kay did a superb job working with our "clients." Her scrupulous attention to detail and legal knowledge helped us keep our contractual documents in great shape. Kay's hand-over of this Directorship to Randi Marcos has been seamless, earning her extra thanks!

For the past two years **Lois Battle** has graciously represented JCHS as Coordinator for Joseph's Chapel at Hiwan. While she will tell you that this was, all in all, a pleasant task –who doesn't love a wedding? – Lois has resigned from her position in order to travel extensively (lucky her!). Best wishes and send us a postcard from time to time!

Susan Jones has done a fantastic job updating our website, establishing our own blog and, in general, bringing us into the late 20th century, technology-wise; give her a little while longer

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Summer School That's Fun!

In addition to lessons, children will enjoy games, songs and fun 1920s-Colorado-Country style! **For more details about the program and opportunities for adult volunteers, call JoAnn Dunn at (303) 674-1695. You can also check out our website, www.jchscolorado.org, for program and registration details.**

The **Medlen School** on South Turkey Creek Road is owned and maintained entirely by the Jefferson County Historical Society. This one-room schoolhouse was in operation from 1886 until 1952, when county-wide school consolidation closed its doors. The property was deeded to JCHS by South Turkey Creek residents in 1991 with the intention that we preserve the building and its history. Thanks to JCHS volunteers led by JoAnn and Pem Dunn, the property has been restored and its history has been celebrated each summer since 1999 with a wonderful program called "**Medlen School Days**." Three sessions will be offered this summer on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings, 9:00 -11:15, June 5th - 7th, 12th -14th and 19th - 21st. Teachers JoAnn Dunn, Diane Fuchs and Priscilla Stenman will help children who have finished grades 1-5 go back to the 1920s to experience "reading, 'riting, 'rithmetic and recitation" in a genuine one-room schoolhouse setting.

Feast on Fact & Folklore at the JCHS Annual Meeting

The historic Brook Forest Inn in Evergreen will be the site of this year's JCHS Annual Meeting. Please save the date of Sunday, June 3, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. The meeting's agenda includes the installation of the 2007-2008 Officers and Board of Directors; a selection of delicious brunch entrees (approx. \$10.00/per person); and a personal tour led by Innkeeper Sheri Atencio-Church.

To give you a taste of what you're in for, here's an excerpt from our local history file: "In 1913, Viennese homesteader Edwin Welz and his Swiss wife Reggi began transforming a barren Cub Creek Canyon homestead into a first-rate hotel

known as 'Little Switzerland.' Later named The Brook Forest Inn, at its zenith the resort could house 100 guests and boasted a livery stable and swimming pool.

"Much of the local history surrounding Brook Forest Inn centers around fantastic tales of clandestine Nazi gatherings, ghostly visitors and buried gold. There's also a legend that Jesse James visited the Brook Forest Inn after killing three Pinkerton agents. Colorful stories indeed, for such a beloved relic!"

Our tour of the Inn will reveal the facts and fiction behind many of these tales. We also hope to be among the first to view the Inn's wonderful historic photograph collection, much of which has been hidden away for years.

Please join us for what's sure to be a fun and fascinating event. Remember, non-member family and friends -- especially ones interested in local history -- are welcome. Invitations will be mailed in early May. If you have any questions, please call Diane Fuchs at 303-674-9639 or email dfuchs@jchscolorado.org.

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The JCHS Website – check it out!

Next time you're poking around on the Internet, surf on over to <http://www.jchscolorado.org> and take a look. With the invaluable help of Susan Jones, we're making our website more user-friendly and content-rich. Some of the main features include:

A revamped Programs Page highlights the popular children's programs and make sign-up easier. The Events Page has been revised to spotlight the current monthly events and programs while still maintaining the calendar of events so you can plan ahead. A link to the GoodSearch search engine is featured on our Home Page. Every time you use GoodSearch, you earn a penny for JCHS! And, we've expanded the Collections Page to feature summaries from the JCHS oral history collection.

We have also added a link to our own BLOG. A "blog" is short for web log and is a way to journal on-line. We're using our blog site to post the most up-to-date information on what's happening at Hiwan and JCHS through photos, articles and announcements. We also hope that the blog will supplement the scrapbooks we maintain on JCHS activities and be more accessible to all members. If you have something that you

would like posted, send an email to sjones@jchscolorado.org.

YOUR FEEDBACK MATTERS!

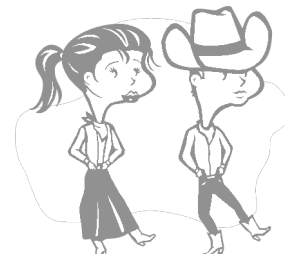
In order to save time, resources and money for everyone, we are seriously exploring ways to take your JCHS membership on-line! Specifically, we would like to send Membership Renewal Notices and *The Record* on-line to you electronically via your email account.

Please let us know if these are changes you would welcome. If you would like to receive your copy of *The Record* and/or renew your membership on-line, please take a quick second right now to send an email with your email address, name, mailing address (so we can match records) and any comments to ryoung@jchscolorado.org or call 303-838-4035. Thanks!

Saddle Up for Summer with Discovery Days

Discovery Days is for children who have finished kindergarten, first or second grades. This year's theme is "Cowboys and the Old West," providing kids with hands-on, small-group opportunities to experience crafts, games, stories, chores and "vittles" authentic to the life on the range. Three sessions will be offered this year, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings, 9:00 -11:15 a.m., June 5th – 7th, 12th -- 14th and 19th-21st.

Heidi Markley is returning as Program Coordinator for Discovery Days 2007. Heidi's looking for teen and adult volunteers to serve as Activity and Group leaders. Don't know anything about rodeos, chuckwagons or branding? Then now's your opportunity to learn along with the kids! No prior experience is required to volunteer; easy-to-follow instructions and assistance are provided for all activities. Free daycare is available for volunteers' preschoolers. It's a really fun and fulfilling way to share time with kids and adults in the incomparable setting of Heritage Grove in June. **To find out more about Discovery Days offerings for kids and/or volunteers, give Heidi a call at (303) 987-1307. Check out our website, www.jchscolorado.org, for program and**

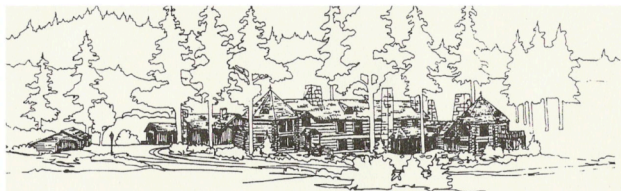


registration details.

Special note: Heidi is looking for expert help and/or equipment loans from any of you horse wranglers out there. Please give her a call for more details.

Discovery Days is a signature program of the Jefferson County Historical Society. For more than 25 years, Discovery Days has been teaching history to the children in our communities with alternating program themes of "Cowboys", "Indians" and "Pioneers."

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Hiwan Homestead Museum

*Events Exhibits Classes Programs Presentations
Gatherings*

Hiwan Homestead Museum held a Valentine's Day Tea on Monday, February 12, 2007. It was quite a success, with a sell-out crowd and wonderful entertainment. This year's performer was 11-year old harpist, Alexandra Leonard, who provided lovely classical music. As usual, Hiwan's volunteers prepared a scrumptious meal. Thank you to all who helped!

Our next **Tea** is on Monday, May 7, 2007 at 11:30 AM in honor of Mother's Day. Reservations are required and a donation is requested; call Hiwan Homestead Museum at 303-674-6262 to reserve a spot.

The **Current Exhibit** at Hiwan Homestead Museum is **Julia Douglas's Asian dolls**. These dolls come from China, Japan, and Korea, and are just beautiful. Be sure to stop by to take a look. The exhibit will be up through April 22, 2007.

Following the doll exhibit, we are excited to announce an **exhibit of Indian Rugs**. This exhibit will open on Monday, April 30 for Spring Fling, and will be open to the public beginning on Tuesday, May 1 (see next page for more news about this exhibit).



Speaking of exhibits, some of our Julia Douglas doll collection will be on display at the University of Denver Museum of Anthropology. Student Jonathan McMahon is curating an exhibit entitled "Life Bringers: Preserving the Tradition of Katsinam" and several of Hiwan's katsinas will be displayed. It runs from March 1—April 6. Please call the DU Museum for more information at 303-871-2688.

On Saturday evening, May 19, 2007 please join us at Hiwan Homestead Museum for a "**Concert of Cowboy, Santa Fe Trail, and Zebulon Pike Songs.**" Celebrated musicians and musical historians Mark Gardner and Rex Rideout will perform a lively selection of traditional tunes. Reservations are required and a donation is requested. Please call the Museum at 303-674-6262 to reserve your spot.



ADULT EDUCATION

Ukrainian Eggs Tuesday, March 27, 1:00 p.m.

Learn the art of pysanky, the beautiful decorated Ukrainian Easter eggs. Discover the historic and symbolic value of these eggs while trying them yourself. \$10.00 includes all materials. Instructor: Meghan McGinnes.

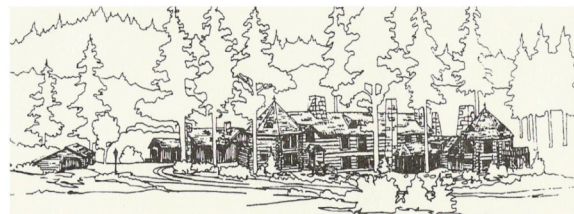
Ancient Spinning: Methods & Materials,

Wednesday, April 11, 1:00 p.m. Find out about Anasazi and other ancients' spinning and weaving techniques. Includes some hands-on experience. Instructor: Sue Knepley.

Don't miss out! Class space is limited, so register early by calling Hiwan Homestead Museum, 303-674-6262.

Information on these pages provided by Sue Ashbaugh & Meghan McGinnes, Hiwan Homestead Museum.

RUGS & BASKETS AMERICAN INDIAN



ARTIST SERIES

June 9, Friday - 6:00 p.m.

Rugs with Lynda Teller Pete: This award winning Navaho Tapestry Two Grey Hills Weaver will offer a fascinating presentation relating her family history and their accomplishments as weavers, followed by a demonstration with a hands-on opportunity.

Lynda will explain the art of weaving, in particular the Two Grey Hills style that the Teller family has been practicing for seven generations. Lynda is the recipient of many awards for her tapestry weavings and exquisite beadwork. Her most recent honor was 1st place for tapestry weaving at the 2006 Indian Market in Santa Fe.

An exhibit of Lynda's rugs & other Navaho rugs will be at Hiwan



Homestead Museum from May 1 through July 30, 2007.

October 11, Thursday - 7:00 p.m.

Baskets with Linda Aguilar: A California Chumash Indian, Linda is well-known for her basket-making abilities. She has been making baskets since she was a young child and originally created them from traditional

Chumash materials. Linda is now known for her baskets made of horsehair, one of which can be seen in the permanent collection of the Renwick Gallery of the Smithsonian Institution.

An exhibit of Linda's baskets will be at Hiwan Homestead Museum from August 6 through November 19, 2007.

Registration for the above events is required and a donation is requested. Please call 303-674-6262 for information and reservations. Seating is limited.

HERE'S FUN WITH NO RESERVATIONS AND NO CHARGE! CALL 303-674-6262 FOR MORE DETAILS:

BOOK CLUB at Hiwan continues to be a source of learning and fun. The club meets the 4th Wednesday (usually) of each month, at 12:30 p.m. We focus primarily on titles pertaining to women and children and the West, mixing fiction and non-fiction. Please join us for this lively, but informal discussion group. No reservations needed. All are welcome. Scheduled Books:

March 28 – Mrs. Lincoln & Mrs. Keckly

April 25 - Inside the Kingdom – Carmen Bin Laden

NEEDLES & FRIENDS! Anyone who loves needlework or wants to learn something new should not miss this fun gathering. We meet the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month at 12:30 p.m. in Eric's House at the Museum. If you like, bring a sack lunch. The group also loves a "show-and-tell!"

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and we'll surely cross the threshold into the 21st! Most recently, she's taken on the job of adding the summaries of our oral history collection to the website. Susan gets a big :) from us!

Plans for our first annual "**Author's Event**" fundraiser at Mount Vernon Country Club are moving along. With unflagging energy and enthusiasm, **Jeannie Collopy-Bach** is helping me in so many ways to arrange this special event now scheduled for **Saturday, September 22, 2007**. Already booked: historian Debra Faulkner will discuss her biography of Emily Griffith; and our own Mike Strunk will present the photographs and stories in his new book on the history of local ranches. More authors are waiting in the wings, so stay tuned to our website, this newsletter and other mailings for more details.

Are you getting the impression that it takes many volunteers to make our Society viable? Right now, we have a few positions we need to fill, including Chapel Coordinator and an individual(s) to help with the maintenance needs in Heritage Grove. We also need help in the expansion and administration of our Oral History collection. If you have passion for any of the things we do in the Society, regardless of the time or experience you have available, please let us know. We'd welcome the chance to say "Thank You" to another volunteer!

Finally, as we approach the end of this JCHS Board year I'm pleased to present the last of the Mini-Bios I began in the Fall 2006 issue of *The Record*:

Priscilla Stenman is Corresponding Secretary this year; on a previous board she served as Grove Events Director. Priscilla and her husband Ken moved to Evergreen in 2001 when they retired. A tour through Hiwan Homestead Museum, led by JCHS past president Caroline von Kleydorff, introduced Priscilla to all that JCHS and Hiwan offers. She's been an active participant ever since. Priscilla's skill with the needle is well-known at Hiwan's Needles & Friends gatherings. She's taught adult classes at Hiwan on needle arts and Scandinavian cuisine and also at Medlen School.

The exciting news is that, starting in late June, Priscilla and Ken will spend six months in Paris. She's promised to tell us all about it when she gets back!

Bud and Juanita Weare have served on the Board for the

past two years as Director-at-Large and Recording Secretary, respectively. These natives returned to Evergreen in 2001 upon retirement from academia. Juanita teaches in the 4th grade history program and Medlen School; Bud's background as a history professor serves him well on the JCHS Board and as a member of the Jefferson County Historical Commission. Bud also served on the Grove Advisory Committee and we continue to rely on that expertise as we proceed with our plans to restore the Grove.

Rebecca Young joined the Board in 2003 as Recording Secretary and has since served as Vice President, President and current Past President. The last two titles are technical: in truth, she has shared the presidency with Diane Fuchs for the past two years. The secret is Rebecca doesn't even live in Jefferson County! An Evergreen "wanna-be", she's willing to drive in from Bailey, where she and her husband have lived since 2002, to do her volunteer stints.

JCHS Board Meeting Dates for the remainder of the membership year: March 16; April 20; May 18; and June 3. With the exception of the June 3 Annual Business Meeting (see article), all meetings are held at 1:00 p.m. in the conference room at Evergreen National Bank. All members are welcome to attend.

Passages

As 2006 came to a close and with the New Year just begun, Hiwan, JCHS and the entire Evergreen community lost three wonderful ladies whose individual talents and personalities brightened our lives:

Dorothy McMaster was a welcoming face at the Hiwan reception desk for many years. She shared her love of reading with the Hiwan Book Club and eagerly supported all JCHS and Hiwan events and programs. Those of us who chatted with her in the Hiwan sitting room, shared ideas around the table in Eric's House and enjoyed her company at many a JCHS party will miss her.

Joan Reynolds's legacy with Hiwan and JCHS lies outside the museum walls. An ever-active member of the Evergreen Garden Club, Joan tended the Victorian flower garden at the front steps of Hiwan. Each summer her ready laugh and bubbling personality echoed through Heritage Grove during the Garden Club's Plant Sale. Most recently, Joan was Deputy Chairperson of the Heritage Grove Advisory Committee, planting the seed for our restoration project. We hope our work there will honor her.

Eleanor Timmerman's list of contributions to JCHS, Hiwan and the Humphrey Museum seems endless. She and her husband Dave were among the Society's earliest members, and Eleanor was first in

line when the job of sorting through Kinnickinnick Ranch began. She spent countless volunteer hours as tour guide, receptionist, archivist, fundraiser and event organizer. The Timmermans' generous donations are featured in JCHS's collection of historic artifacts that fill Hiwan. Diane Fuchs recalls, "When I first began as a Hiwan tour guide, Eleanor was frequently receptionist, so we got the chance to talk. She shared many stories about the early days of JCHS, including the years when "Heritage Hideaway," the Society's gift shop, was in the Housekeeper's Cabin. Eleanor's famous Peanut Brittle Recipe was a favorite item and raised many dollars for JCHS. Eleanor graciously shared her recipe with me, along with this note: 'I finally remembered the recipe. Call me if you have questions. My altitude is 8,200 feet and these figures work for me. Good Luck! Eleanor'".

Spring Fling Set for April 30th

Each year JCHS sponsors an event called "Spring Fling," which provides us a way to say thank you to all Hiwan Homestead Museum volunteers. This year's event is scheduled for Monday, April 30, 2007, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

In addition to a generous buffet, attendees will be treated to a special program:

"The Land Before Us"

Hank Alderfer's study of homesteads and town sites

Local resident and area expert Hank Alderfer will present the results of his comprehensive survey of historic homesteads, from Means Meadow to Buffalo Park, covering a 100-year span. He'll also share with us the highlights from an index he's created of eighty historic sites in downtown Evergreen.

As an added plus, Hank will tell us how we can access more than 400 historic photographs, newly enhanced and scanned for computer download.

Invitations will be mailed soon to all Hiwan volunteers. We hope you can join us for a fun and informative afternoon.

Eleanor Timmerman's Peanut Brittle

1 cup white corn syrup	2 teaspoons vanilla
2 cups granulated sugar	1 ½ teaspoons soda
1/2 teaspoon salt	2 1/2 cups raw, unsalted peanuts
2 tablespoons butter	

Combine syrup, sugar, water, and salt in a sauce pan. Bring slowly to softball stage (high altitude adjustment approximately 223 degrees) or until syrup forms a soft ball. Add peanuts and continue to cook to hard crack stage (285-290 degrees, high altitude only) Remove immediately -- watch closely. Add butter, vanilla and soda and stir until blended. Pour into a well buttered pan. Work fast, spreading with a buttered knife.

The recipe calls for a 15 ½" x 10 1/2" x 1" pan. I use a 17 ½" x 11" x 1" pan. This make the brittle very thin, which most people prefer.

**Preserving the Past
Enriching the Future**

The Jefferson County Historical Society, Inc. (JCHS) is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization whose purpose is to protect, preserve and promote the history of Jefferson County.

JCHS members contribute their time and financial support to collect, preserve and interpret local history, ensuring a legacy that enriches the lives of present and future generations.

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