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JULIA BREWSTER DOUGLAS - FOUNDER OF THE EVERGREEN LIBRARY

by Josie Hoover

Julia Brewster Douglas was born in Oswego County, New York, in 1852, the oldest child of a school superintendent and a school teacher. She graduated from Oswego Normal School in 1886 and taught school in and around New York City for 37 years until her retirement at age 60. Apparently not taking kindly to retirement, she went to work in the Newark, New Jersey, Free Public Library, headed by one of the most innovative librarians in the country, John Cotton Dana. After four years there, she had a bout of pneumonia, and realizing that she probably would not survive another, she came West to say "goodbye" to her family. Charles Winfred Douglas, her younger half-brother and a younger sister, Helen Douglas Seamans, lived in Evergreen. Douglas had come to Colorado 25 years earlier for his health. Here he met and married Dr. Josepha Williams. The Douglas' son, Eric, had been cared for by Mrs. Seamans, a widow and a trained nurse, until he went to school back East, but she was still living with the Douglasses when their older sister came to Denver.



It was not long before Julia began looking for something to occupy her time. As a former teacher and librarian, she saw the need for a library to fill a neglected area in the local school system where the only books were text books. Using her connections with the Newark Library, she obtained some discarded books and opened the Evergreen Public Library in April 1917 in a vacant store front on Lower Main Street.

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RENAISSANCE : President's Pen

by Diane Fuchs

Yes, we are now in our membership renewal time for 2011. Please find the renewal forms included in this mailing.

Our society and many other organizations in the mountain area lost a good friend the first week in November, with the passing of Mike Strunk. He was an absolutely marvelous board member. I will always remember Mike for his imaginative ideas.

The Year in Review

On happier notes, October brought 368 trick or treaters to the museum. I got to play a witch and what fun to see and participate in such a community "treat".

November brought our participation in the Alternative Gift Fair. We were most grateful for the addition of wonderful gift bags by the "Needles and Friends" group, for we made \$987 to augment our various JCHS programs. Thanks goes to the wonderful volunteers who helped in the effort; including Joan Ball, Dale Devine, Josie Hoover, Mary Simonich, Bud and Juanita Weare who staffed our table on Saturday and Sunday.

In December we had a wonderful Christmas tea and there is nothing as special as experiencing the Hiwan Homestead at Christmas time. The museum was so beautifully decorated thanks to Meghan McGinnes' Monday volunteers.

January brought a very special event to the museum and the historical society. At the "Winter Gala," Barbara Sternberg presented and reviewed her new book *Anne Evans—A Pioneer in Colorado's Cultural History: The Things*



that Last when Gold is Gone. There was not an empty seat in the museum for this review. This is a phenomenal book done to the "Sternberg Standard." It includes beautiful paintings by Anne Evans, Elisabeth Spalding and Vance Kirkland.

The photographs are outstanding. It is with great pleasure that we are able to offer this book for sale at the museum and on our website, JCHSColorado.org, for \$30. Barbara will generously donate \$10 of the sale to the historical society.

Also in January, a most knowledgeable and thorough person re-joined our board, David "Dave" Noyes. Dave had previously served on the board as the Heritage Grove director. Dave was responsible for the construction of the permanent pavilion canopy, and I have relied on him several times for information regarding aspects of the grove. Dave will bring a wealth of experience to our board activities.

Discovery Days & Medlen School Days

Please find in this issue the information regarding Discovery Days and the Medlen School programs.

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Western Slope Peach Sales

We will again be offering western slope peaches for sale in August so long as there are no "frost" problems. I just spoke to Noland Orchards and they are delighted to supply us with fresh picked peaches again. Be looking for the sales information at the beginning of June. We made close to \$1,000 last year, and it is my goal this year to raise \$2,000 for our various programs.

Annual Membership Brunch

The annual membership brunch will be held at the Brook Forest Inn this year on June 26, from 11 am-1pm. It will be \$15.00 per person with a choice of four brunch items. Be looking for your invitation the first week of June. We will be treated to a special Power-Point presentation of the history of the inn as well as a tour by the new owner.

Membership Renewal

Your membership renewal envelope is found in this newsletter. Please send in your renewals in the provided envelope. This method of renewal is working very well and our membership is at 116 members. Josie Hoover, our membership chair, will send you a personal reminder if we don't hear from you by the end of August.

Diane Fuchs



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A Ride up Upper Bear with Hank Alderfer

We began our day tour up Upper Bear in hopes of touring some of the Evans and Davis properties. Disappointedly, it turned out the Davis Trust would not allow us on the property. The overall purpose of this excursion was to scout out some properties or sites for a Jefferson Country Historical Society special Tour up Upper Bear event. We have lived in Evergreen 34 years and I am always amazed at how little we know of the history of Evergreen. It was a wonderful tour which generated many ideas.

The Tour up Upper Bear Creek in August or Early September Facilitated By Hank Alderfer "Mr. Evergreen"

Hank Alderfer has arranged home visits to the Lincoln home with a special tour by Dan Lincoln, son of a wonderful lady and JCHS member, Freddie Lincoln. We will continue to the Rosedale Ranch built in the 1920s by the Mayo family in an eclectic Greek and Italian style. This amazing tour is being done as a fundraising event and plans are still being finalized. If you would be interested in serving on the planning committee please let me know. It should be a memorable event. We will be sending out special invitations and announcements as to the date and time.

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by Josie Hoover

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In 1921, the little stone building on the hill behind the Mission of the Transfiguration was built for her. The building, as well as the philosophy of library service which John Cotton Dana had introduced, was patterned after the Children's Museum in Newark. Items in the Library were used to illustrate stories or bring attention of the residents to the world outside their little community. Thus began the Doll Collection and the collection of Indian Artifacts which decorated the Evergreen Library.



Through the years, Julia Douglas served the community that had become her home, "Aunt Julia" to the children for whom she always had time to help find a book or for a story hour, illustrated by one of the dolls in the collection. By 1935 the library contained 10,000 objects, including the Doll Collection.

Julia kept up a wide correspondence with her former colleagues at the Newark Library and with other librarians throughout the United States who knew her Library through her articles in library publications. When the American Library Association was to meet in Denver in 1935, Miss Julia was determined, in spite of her 83 years and declining health, to have them visit her library. Hundreds came and she greeted each one personally. After her death on January 15, 1936, she was eulogized in the *Library Journal*.



CIVIL WAR EXHIBIT AT HIWAN HOMESTEAD MUSEUM

Hiwan Homestead Museum
April 12-November 20, 2011



**Fateful Lightning:
Colorado in the Civil War
1861-1865**

On April 13, 1861, Confederate forces fired on Fort Sumter in Charleston Harbor, igniting a terrible Civil War that claimed more than 600,000 lives. On April 12, 2011, 150 years later, Hiwan Homestead Museum will open a major exhibit called "Fateful Lightning: Colorado in the Civil War, 1861-1865".

Focusing on the role Colorado played in the War, this exhibit will feature original weapons, battlefield relics, documents, letters, personal items, photos, and other memorabilia. Colorado troops served in several major battles, such as the Battle of Glorieta Pass in New Mexico and the battles around Westport, Missouri, the largest Civil War conflicts west of the Mississippi. They also played a role in the Sand Creek Massacre in 1864. The exhibit will run through November 20th, and it is sponsored by the Jefferson County Historical Society.

The Museum public hours are Tuesday through Sunday, noon to 5:00 p.m. Extended summer hours beginning June 1 to August 31 are 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

HIWAN HAPPENINGS

Hiwan Happenings contributed by John Steinle, Meghan McGinnes and Andrew Spencer



Adult Education

To register: call 720-497-7650

Stitchery and Needles Group

We are meeting at various members homes. Contact Sue Ashbaugh or Dale Devine for information regarding our meeting dates. We are currently making articles for the Alternative Gift Fair in November.

Colorado and the Civil War

Thursday 19th May, 7:00 PM

Join Charles Counts, Civil War educator, collector and Colorado native, as he shares his deep knowledge of Colorado's Civil War experience.

Fee: \$5

Volunteer

There are openings at Hiwan Museum for many volunteer positions. Here's your opportunity to:

- learn more about local history
- learn a new skill
- serve the community
- take part in group outings to other historic sites

For more information, call the Museum at 720-497-7650.

Programs for Kids

To register: call 720-497-7650

Just Being Kids

Just Being Kids is a summer program at Hiwan Museum for children, Kindergarten through 6th grade. Participants have fun doing crafts and activities that children did many years ago. Classes are presented July 7 – August 4, Thursday afternoons from 2-3:15 pm. There is a fee of \$2.50 per child, per class and pre-registration is required. Boys and Girls ages 6 and up are invited to enjoy childhood fun of long ago! Watch the website or call 720-497-7650, for more information.

Book Club is for adults at Hiwan and continues to be a source of learning and fun. The club meets the 4th Wednesday (usually) of each month, at 12:30 pm, to discuss the current volume. We focus primarily on titles pertaining to women and children and the West, mixing fiction and non-fiction. No reservations needed. All are welcome.

Book Club Books

April 27:

The Magic of Ordinary Days by Ann Howard Creel

May 25:

Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet by Jamie Ford

August 24:

Stones into Schools by Greg Mortenson

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MEDLEN SCHOOL DAYS

JCHS owns a one room school house built in the 1880s at its original location on South Turkey Creek, about halfway between Tiny Town and the Meyer Ranch. We acquired the property from the Homeowners Association, received a grant from the State Historic Fund and spent about four years restoring it. This beloved summer program for elementary children has been offered at the School House for over a decade. We started with one three-day session and now offer three three-day sessions. We strive to have an authentic experience of early education in a Colorado mountain school for the students.

This year the dates are June 7-9, 14-16 and 21-23. Each session is from 9 am-12 pm, and the cost is \$30.00 per child. Activities include reading McGuffey Readers, writing with pen and ink, taking part in a spelling bee, performing a part in a play, playing marbles and jacks, jumping rope, playing early games, churning ice cream and making lemonade.

Registration forms will be available at the Hiwan Homestead Museum in May and will also be distributed in the Jeffco mountain schools. Forms will also be available on our web site (www.jchscolorado.org). If you have any questions, you may call Jo Ann Dunn, program coordinator at (303) 674-1695 or e-mail her at joannandpem@aol.com.

DISCOVERY DAYS 2011

Yee Haw!!! Discovery Days 2011 It's spring! June and Discovery Days will soon be here. Registration is now under way for Discovery Days 2011.

Discovery Days is a summer program that has been developed with the assistance of education professionals, artists and historians. This program is designed to give children who have completed kindergarten, first and second grade a participatory experience

with their American heritage. The children will have an opportunity to discover and explore their American heritage by focusing on pioneer activities. These Young Pioneers will participate in small groups to learn and try a variety of activities. We know your children will enjoy being Young Pioneers.

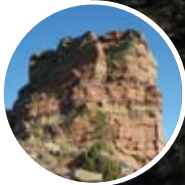
Dates: Session I June 7, 8 & 9
 Session II June 14, 15 & 16
 Session III June 21, 22 & 23
 Time: 9:00 – 11:15 AM
 Fee: \$35

For more information contact Andy Spencer, Education Coordinator 720-497-7650 or email: aspencer@jeffco.us

Discovery Days is a signature program of the Jefferson County Historical Society for more than 28 years. Discovery Days has been teaching history to the children in our communities with alternating themes of "Cowboys," "Indians," and "Pioneers".

DATES TO REMEMBER

- June 7-23 - Medlen School Days at Medlen Schoolhouse
- June 7-23 - Discovery Days "Young Pioneers"
- June 26 - JCHS Annual Meeting Brook Forest Inn - 11am-1pm
- July 31 - Deadline for ordering Colorado Peaches
- August 31 - JCHS Membership Renewal Deadline



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