



CELEBRATING 40 YEARS: JEFFERSON COUNTY OPEN SPACE AND JEFFERSON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

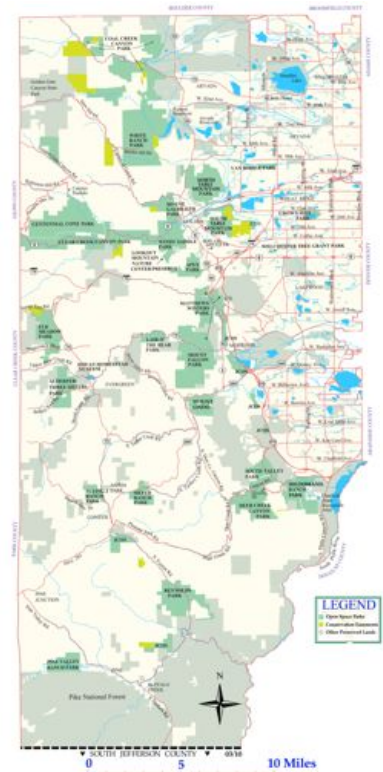
By Meghan McGinnes

The year 1973 was a very special one for the residents of Jefferson County. That was the year that both Jefferson County Open Space (JCOS) and Jefferson County Historical Society (JCHS) were formed, benefitting citizens not just from Jeffco, but visitors from all over the world.

Jefferson County Open Space

The idea for an open space program took root in 1971, when Carol Karlin and the Jefferson County League of Women Voters formed PLAN Jeffco in an effort to figure out how to combat uncontrolled growth. This group convinced the County Commissioners to include a resolution on the November 1972 ballot to implement "a county-wide one-half of one percent (1/2 of 1%) sales tax...in Jefferson County, the proceeds of which will be spent only for planning for, developing necessary access to, acquiring, maintaining, administering, and preserving open space real property or interest in open space real property, and developing paths and trails thereon, for the use and benefit of the public." Voters overwhelmingly passed the resolution.

Although Open Space is a part of Jefferson County government, in order to ensure that taxpayer money was wisely spent, the County Commissioners formed the Open Space Advisory Committee comprised of 10 members and 2 alternates representing various segments of Jefferson County. The Committee members are appointed to 3-year terms and are responsible for making recommendations regarding acquisition, development, maintenance, preservation and use of Open Space lands. Another citizen arm of Open Space is the Jeffco Outdoors Foundation, formed in 1998 to assist the Open Space program in its mission. The tax-



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REFLECTIONS: President's Pen

by Diane Fuchs

Are we not all ready for this winter weather to end? We had a picnic on our back porch two days before the temperature dropped to -5 at our house. We are so looking forward to Spring and Summer.

We had a successful fundraising event at the annual Alternative Gift Fair and raised over \$700 thanks to all the dedicated women of the "Crafty Ladies" who made small craft items to sell at the fair as well as the Quilt Show in September. Thank you ladies so much for your time and creativity.

Membership Event

"The War We Did Not Win" Our own John Steinle presented a wonderful program on the War of 1812 in appropriate garb. We had over 40 people in attendance.

Board of Director Changes

We are so saddened that Hank Alderfer, founding member of the Jefferson County Historical Society, resigned from the board of directors at our March meeting. We wish him the very best. Hank provided such a credible historical link on all matters concerning Evergreen and local history and he will be so missed.

Volunteer Luncheon

The Volunteer Luncheon will be held on May 6, 2013 at 11:30 am at the Hiwan Homestead Museum. All who volunteer at the Hiwan Homestead will be invited via a

formal invitation.

Membership Luncheon

What an event we have planned. Zoka's a restaurant in Pine Grove, which has fantastic hamburgers and sandwiches, has been reserved for June 30, 2013 at 11:00. We will then take a very special tour of Baehrden Lodge, which was more recently known as Pine Valley Ranch Lodge. This tour will be conducted by John Steinle.

Peach Sale CANCELED

I have contacted the Noland orchards and unfortunately there was a late freeze. As a result there will be NO PEACHES. Please join us in looking forward to next year's harvest.

Photo Digitization

We are so very excited to share with you that over 7000 historical photos are now digitized and fully indexed. As Meghan McGinnes was trying to find a reasonably priced scanning service, in walks into Eric's House a young entrepreneur beginning a mobile scanning service in the Denver area. We have been so phenomenally pleased with his work, we want to share the name of the company-Scangaroo and the owner is David. They do this for private parties as well. They scan family photos and other cherished items.

David may be contacted at dave@scangaroo.com.

We will be scanning negatives that are a part of our collection in the near future.

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Membership Renewal

Please use the enclosed envelope included in this newsletter to renew your membership in our historical society. Your membership provides funding for "The Record" and some of our programs at the Hiwan Homestead and Medlen School. Donations may also be made online at www.JCHSColorado.org.

Discovery Days and Medlen School

Information regarding these two special programs can be found in this edition of "The Record". Medlen School is full for the first session and Discovery Days will be near capacity by the end of May.

Feature Article Author

Meghan McGinnes has submitted the feature article this edition on the 40 year relationship of Jefferson County Open Space and Jefferson

County Historical Society. This is the second time Meghan as been willing to submit a feature article for "The Record" Thank you so very much Meghan.

Again, I encourage any member of JCHS or writer to submit an article of historical interest to "The Record". The Fall/Winter deadline is November 1 and the Spring/Summer is May 1.

Thank You Program Partners

Here's History is a Hiwan Homestead Outreach program that is made possible by a grant from the **Scientific & Cultural Facilities District** and is additionally supported financially by **Jefferson County Open Space** and **Jefferson County Historical Society**. *Here's History* brings history to your classroom! This outreach program utilizes historical archives and resources to deepen students' knowledge of Jefferson County history, extend and deepen community

awareness and provide a new understanding of the rich cultural and ethnic diversity that has contributed to their neighborhoods and communities.



Hiwan Kids is an educational program sponsored by Blue Spruce Kiwanis for the summer of 2013. It is a great, fun summer series at Hiwan Homestead Museum in Evergreen. Each program features hands-on activities and everyone makes a craft to take home. The programs are free and pre-registration is required.



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Living History

Tucked in among towering ponderosa pines, Baehrden stands sentry over Pine Lake. The 27-room lodge was built for Chicago executive William Baehr and his family in 1927. Since acquiring the lodge with the 820-acre property in 1986, Jefferson County Open Space has worked to preserve its exterior. After extensive interior restoration, we plan to invite visitors to step into Baehrden and step back in time this summer.



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exempt Foundation accepts donations of funds, land, equipment, real property and historical artifacts.

The 1980s saw an identity crisis hit Open Space. Because of the higher than anticipated sales tax revenues, the County Commissioners attempted to reallocate half of future revenues to fund a new jail, and then there was a plan to start a trust fund for Open Space and eliminate the sales tax. Fortunately neither of these plans came to fruition. In the latter half of the decade Open Space divested itself of Boettcher Mansion (turning it over to the County Commissioners), had a deal in place to sell Pine Valley Ranch to the Denver Water Department as part of a plan to build a dam and create the Two Forks Reservoir (the property reverted back to Open Space when the plan fell through), and attempted to turn Hiwan Homestead Museum over to the Evergreen Metropolitan Recreation and Park District; after the Rec District declined Open Space felt they only had two options left—to cut the Museum's budget in half or have the Jefferson County Historical Society

by a letter-writing campaign from interested parties, the public and other museums around the region, as well as petitions circulated by the Historical Society helped to save the Museum, albeit with a somewhat reduced budget.



Hiwan 1925

The future of Open Space is bright, as shown by voters when they once again proved how important and valuable they felt Open Space was to Jefferson County. In 1999, they overwhelmingly approved the SOS (Save Open Space) ballot initiative, a \$160 million bond issue (70% yes, 30% no). This was money that allowed Open Space to buy prime properties that were in immediate danger of development. Since the very first purchase of the 68-acre Nelson Hogback on September 14, 1973 for \$154,921, Open Space has grown to over 51,000 acres, 28 regional parks and 210 miles of trails.

Jefferson County Historical Society

After the passage of the Open Space resolution, local resident and Canyon Courier columnist Mary Helen Crain suggested the need for a local historical society in her January 1973 column "Chitchat." In April of that year, 27 area residents



Clear Creek

remove their collections and have the empty building open on a very limited basis for self-guided tours. A massive public outcry, supported

met at the Evergreen Regional Library to discuss the possibility. The attendees voted unanimously to incorporate as a non-profit organization named the High Jefferson County Historical Society, serving Lookout Mountain, Bergen Park, Evergreen (encompassing Upper Bear Creek to Brookvale and the rest of town), Kittredge, Indian Hills, Idledale, Morrison and Conifer. The word "High" was dropped later that year and the organization officially became the Jefferson County Historical Society.

One of the Historical Society's first major accomplishments was persuading the newly formed Jefferson County Open Space to purchase the buildings and grounds that made up Hiwan Ranch in Evergreen (now Hiwan Homestead Museum) in 1974. Unfortunately, the land immediately adjacent (Heritage Grove) was slated to have 10 cluster homes built on it. In May of 1977 the developer, Tanner & Associates, reluctantly agreed to sell the property to JCHS if they could come up with the money for a fair and reasonable purchase by June 15 of that year, one month away!

After a major grass-roots fundraising effort, JCHS purchased Heritage Grove for \$158,000, with only \$26,000 needing to be covered by a loan. Many, many parties contributed to the effort, including Open Space and other organizations, individual donations and fundraising events. One of the more popular fundraising events was the sale of Heritage Grove "stock certificates." The Historical Society even asked John Denver if he would perform a benefit concert (he declined).



The Jefferson County Historical Society provides a great service to the mountain communities. Although the organization deeded Heritage Grove to Open Space in December 2010, they are still very heavily involved in the activities in the Grove and at Hiwan Homestead Museum. JCHS oversees the many exhibits, educational field trips and adult and children's programs that the Museum offers, as well as care of the collections.

Discovery Days
 Hiwan Kids
 Arts of the Tribal Southwest
 Colorado History Program
 Outreach
 Large group tours
 LecturesTeas
 First-person portrayals

The Jefferson County Historical Society is also responsible for saving and restoring the 1886 one-room Medlen Schoolhouse on South Turkey Creek road, located near Tiny Town. Every summer JCHS runs a summer camp for students to experience school as it was in the "olden days."

HIWAN HAPPENINGS

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



40th ANNIVERSARY EXHIBIT

Through November 17
Come celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Jefferson County Historical Society and Jefferson County Open Space, which was voted into existence in 1972 and began receiving funds in 1973. Displays will center on important points in history, interesting facts about the development of Open Space and memorabilia such as the 1994 poster showcased on the right.

EVERGREEN RODEO PARADE

June 15 Evergreen's biggest and most enjoyable community celebration, with hundreds of floats and thousand of participants. Hiwan Homestead Museum staff and volunteers will have their own spectacular entry in the parade. Free event. Parade steps off at 10:00 A.M.

CHILDREN'S SUMMER PARTY

Join us July 15 for a kids-only party at the Hiwan Homestead Museum. Enjoy a fun-filled afternoon with a light lunch, games, crafts, and favors! Boys and girls ages 6 and up will have a blast! Theme to be announced at a later date. 12:00 - 1:30 P.M. Pre-registration required.

MOVIES IN THE GROVE

GREAT K & A TRAIN ROBBERY

Saturday, July 20 @ 8:30 P.M. FREE

Tom Mix stars in this action-packed silent Western adventure, filmed in Colorado in 1926 around the Royal Gorge area. Famed pianist Hank Troy will accompany the film with live music.

WILLY WONKA AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY

Saturday, August 3 @ 8:30 P.M. FREE

Children of all ages will enjoy this classic 1973 version of the Roald Dahl book, starring Gene Wilder. Oompa Loompa!

EVERGREEN FINE ARTS FESTIVAL

Annual juried art show sponsored by Evergreen Artists' Association brings art of all kinds – paintings, photos, sculptures, glass, ceramics, and weavings – to beautiful Heritage Grove. Free event. Saturday and Sunday, AUGUST 24 & 25 from 10:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.

OUTDOOR QUILT FESTIVAL

More than 100 beautiful quilts and coverlets both old and new will be shown in and around the museum from 10:00 A.M – 4:00 P.M, Saturday, September 28. Free event.

HIWAN HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION

Put on your best costume, and visit the museum for Halloween tricks, treats, crafts, music, and stories in the spooky old mansion! Free event on Wednesday, October 30 from 4:00 – 7:00 P.M.

GETTYSBURG ADDRESS 150TH ANNIVERSARY

John Voehl portrays President Abraham Lincoln as he recounts the story behind his writing and delivery of the Gettysburg Address as its 150th Anniversary approaches. Saturday, November 2 from 2:00-4:00 P.M. Pre-registration required. Also, Civil War reenactors will be encamped in Heritage Grove from Noon-4 P.M.

Medlen School is a historic property owned by the Jefferson County Historical Society. It is located on South Turkey Creek about half way between the Meyer Ranch Open Space Park and Tiny Town. It was constructed in about 1886 at the height of farming, ranching and lumbering activity in southern Jefferson County. It served as a schoolhouse until 1952 when it became a community center. Restoration, funded by JCHS and a grant from the State Historic Fund, was completed in 1999. JCHS members also contributed many hours of labor to the project.

MEDLEN SCHOOL DAYS

This year will mark the 14th year of Medlen School Days. Children who have completed at least grade 1 and up through grade 5 can have an authentic experience of school days in the past. Students read from McGuffey readers, write with pen and ink, take part in a spelling bee, perform a part in a play, make hand churned ice cream, make lemonade with real lemons and participate in other authentic activities of early Colorado rural children.



There are three three-day sessions: June 4-6, June 11-13 and June 18-20 from 9 to 12 am, and the cost is \$30. Registration forms are available at the Hiwan Homestead museum as well as the mountain elementary schools. Forms can also be downloaded on the JCHS web site (www.jchscolorado.org). For more information you may call Jo Ann Dunn, program coordinator, at 303-674-1695.

DISCOVERY DAYS 2013

Discovery Days will take your child back to a simpler time. This summer the Discovery Days four-day summer camp will engage and excite kids about history by exploring the living legacies of Native American and American Pioneers. Children who have completed K through 3 will learn-by-doing that history is fun! Discovery Kids will explore Pioneer history through activities, crafts, tours and games. Explore the past through

enriching and engaging activities in a nurturing summer experience to remember.

Ages: for children who have completed grades k-3

Sessions (Tuesday - Friday)

Session 1: Native Americans - June 11-14

Session 2: Pioneers - June 18 - 21

Time: 9:00 - 11:00AM

Fee: \$50 per week

Location: Hiwan Homestead Museum, 4208 South Timbervale Drive Evergreen, Colorado

TO REGISTER/INFORMATION

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Discover Days at Hiwan Homestead Museum is a summer day camp program created to immerse youngsters in history. These popular programs for children who have completed Kindergarten through 3rd Grade can fill up quickly, so be sure to registry today.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- June 4-29 - Medlen School Days
- June 11-21 - Discovery Days
- June 15 - Evergreen Rodeo Parade
- June 30 - Membership Luncheon
- July 15 - Children's Summer Party
- July 20 - Movies In The Grove: *Great K & A Train Robbery*
- August 3 - Movies In The Grove: *Willy Wonka And The Chocolate Factory*
- August 24 & 25 - Evergreen Fine Arts Festival
- September 28 - Outdoor Quilt Festival
- October 30 - Hiwan Halloween Celebration
- November 2 - Gettysburg Address 150th Anniversary



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