



THE PEOPLE OF HIWAN

By Megan Vickers

Do you think you know all there is to know about the folks that lived and worked at Hiwan? How much more could there be to find out, right? Well, a lot it turns out! While researching for our current exhibit “Remembering Our People: Camp Neosho to Hiwan Ranch” Hiwan’s staff and volunteers discovered many unknown and interesting facts and tidbits about the former residents.

For instance, did you know that Mary Neosho Williams was deathly afraid of horses? The servants even created a special sleigh for her to ride in and never told her about the time it tipped over!

Or that Mary’s daughter Josepha, who went by Dr. Joe, was extremely beloved by her servants? They felt that she treated them as family. Dr. Joe was known to practice what she preached, feeling guilty every time she made a purchase for herself, such as a custom-made car to accommodate lying down in her sometimes sickly state. She preferred to spend her money helping others, like providing food to less fortunate families around Evergreen.

Maybe you didn’t know that Madeleine Marquette was not actually related to Dr. Joe, as we’d thought for many years. She in fact was a fellow student at Gross Medical College in Denver. After marrying another graduate of the College, Michael Baker, Madeleine made her home in Evergreen.

Then there are the strange, unexplainable stories that we found out through listening to the oral histories of some of the servants:

- Dr. Joe’s mysterious companion, known only as Miss Bond. Apparently Miss Bond was peculiar and not particularly liked by the other servants. She was removed from her position and it was later discovered that she was living in the hills surrounding the property, sleeping in Father Douglas’ vacant tent (he spent most of his time in Denver and the staff discovered her hat pins there while he was away) and stealing food from the kitchen.

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REFLECTIONS: President's Pen

by Diane Fuchs

It always amazes me how quickly summer changes into fall here in the mountains. Most of the leaves are off our aspen trees now. JCHS had a very full and exciting summer, what with our summer programs and all the events happening at the Hiwan Homestead.

We had a wonderful Volunteer Luncheon in April with 40 plus in attendance. Rhonda Frazier, Jefferson County Archivist, presented an extremely interesting program on what needs to be placed in the county archives and what is already included in the archives. The event was topped off by a wonderful Fresh Tracks lunch ending with the ice cream creations of Gwenn Wilson our member chef.

Our summer history education programs were most successful. See article about Pioneerpalooza, formerly Discovery Days. The summer programs provided wonderful educational opportunities for college and high school interns. Serving on the scholarship program known as Bootstraps, I often see high school students put down their volunteer work with the Hiwan Homestead Museum as one of their volunteer experiences. If members have high school students in their family encourage them to volunteer at the Hiwan

Homestead Museum, it has an impact on their college applications as well as scholarship applications.

Medlen School, the historical society's authentic "One Room School House" had full enrollment (61 elementary school aged children) for this summer's educational programs. JoAnn Dunn for her 16th year coordinated and directed the historical education programs. Currently, JoAnn is going through the arduous process of gathering and submitting information to have Medlen School placed on the National Register of Historic Places. This is being done with the help of History Colorado staff member, Heather Peterson.

Medlen School is on the State Register of Historic Places.

The Daughter's of the American Revolution presented the early part of June an authentic style 36 star US flag to Medlen school and well as another one which was placed in the one room school at the Hiwan Homestead Museum. David Noyes and Jan Murphy, both JCHS board members, were present at the museum for the ceremony. Thanks go to both. The 36 star flag depicts the flag used in school room during the respective periods of time at Medlen School at the Hiwan Homestead school room.

August brought a very successful peach sale. We sold 90 boxes and

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hope to sell more this next summer. This gave us a profit of \$838 for our various historical projects.

Speaking of David Noyes, I hope you all read the "Upslope" portion of the Canyon Courier on October 8, 2014. The signs denoting the Evergreen Conference center as a "National Historic District" were put in place by the Colorado Department of Transportation. These signs would never had been placed had David Noyes not followed through. Thanks again

David for your tenacity and thoroughness.

Meghan Vickers has again done our featured article. A huge thank you goes to Meghan for taking the time out of her busy schedule to write this article.

Upcoming event put on by JCHS is the Winter Gala. This will be in early March. We are also planning on have a fundraising event for the JCHS programs of appraising antiques. This is scheduled to take place on June

27th, 2015 at The Grove. If you are interested in reading historical fact or fiction come join us for the Hiwan Book Club held on the 4th Wednesday of every month at 12:30. For the book selections please call Diane Fuchs or Joan Ball. There is no meeting for November and December is a potluck on December.



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***In Memoriam:
Joan (Quigley) Davis
1927 - 2014***



Image from Canyon Courier

Joan's many friends are saddened by her passing but have been blessed to have known her and will remember her for the kind words, generosity and always cheerful personality. We have lost a dear friend who loved her family and friends. She always had a kind word for everyone.

JCHS was so fortunate to have Joan and Dave's dedication to Hiwan Homestead Museum and Heritage Grove over the years. Many events and activities were successful because of their efforts. Joan remained an active volunteer because she loved the Museum and everyone involved there.

So many local children, now grown, fondly remember Joan's wonderful shop, Small Things, with its many treasures and welcoming atmosphere. Her love of miniatures and her many "miniature friends" kept her young at heart always.

Joan will be missed by all who knew and loved her. --Sue Ashbaugh

Joan was a long time JCHS member and volunteered in so many ways. She served as the book chairman for many years, making sure our books were distributed to book stores throughout the mountain area. Far and above what she volunteered for is that she had the most remarkable positive outlook on life. I never heard her complain or say anything negative. Last we saw each other was at our "Crafty Ladies" gathering at Dale Devine's home. That was just 4 days before she had a stroke and she baked wonderful bread and muffins for the meeting.

I will always remember her toy store on main street and then in the Lake Point shopping center. She was so helpful in helping me build by daughter's doll house. So many others know her so much better than I. -- Diane Fuchs

HIWAN HAPPENINGS

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



SPECIAL EVENTS

Friday, December 5th.

EVERGREEN HOLIDAY WALK

Community Christmas celebration with Christmas decorations, children's crafts, holiday snacks, and chestnuts roasting on an open fire. Free event.

Monday, December 15th.

HIWAN CHRISTMAS TEA

****** Reservations Required******

Festive Christmas tea with special Holiday program and museum tour.

PIONEERPALOOZA

For over 30 years the Jefferson County Historical Society and Jefferson County Open Space (Hiwan Homestead) have offered "Discovery Days": an extraordinary summer camp opportunity for kids to learn about their local history in a fun and nurturing environment. As educators we are constantly engaging with our parents and kids to providing easy-to-use, enjoyable and rewarding programs and as times change, so too do our programs. Over the last several years our community parents have enjoyed an increasing range of activities for their kids and for their hard-earned dollars. Like many summer programs the attendance at Discovery days has been dwindling.

Following a great deal of discussion between myself and local parents, teens and kids we decided to 'rebrand' Discovery Days as 'Pioneerpalooza' and a range of changes were made including: Monday – Friday full day programs; a provide healthy lunch, and daily expeditions to a range of Open Space parks. With all these extra activities there was price increase but nobody seemed to mind because of the exceptional quality of the program.

In June 2013, thanks to our program coordinator, Jeanne Tucker, and our amazing teen volunteers, Pioneerpalooza was a great success with increased attendance and positive reviews from all our parents and partners. We hope that you will join us in expanding this program and allowing us to provide entertaining heritage education in our community for a long time to come.

EXHIBITS

June - November

HIWAN HOMESTEAD AND ITS PEOPLE

Exhibit exploring the fascinating background of the families that owned the Hiwan property, their friends and influences.

November - January

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

Colorful, fun decorations in the style of times past in Evergreen.

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The cinder block bathroom/incinerator that was located behind the main house. According to Rosalie Hopper, one side of this odd structure was a bathroom, with a throne-like toilet and tub, and the other was a trash incinerator. Apparently the only person to use this outbuilding was a lawyer/family friend who had bad body odor and the servants made him use it for his bath.

What did we find out about the Buchanans? Well, for instance, Darst Buchanan sold his company, Hanlon-Buchanan, to Warren Petroleum for \$13 million after World War II. To put that in perspective, he purchased Camp Neosho for a mere \$60,000. What became of all that money? Maybe buried treasure????

We learned that Joan Landy, one of Darst's daughters, went to college for design. Several of her fabric and wallpaper designs were donated to the Museum in conjunction with this exhibit. Joan was also known for riding her horse with her oxygen tank up until just a few days before her death. Another of the Buchanan daughters, Barbara Kirchner, had a horse that was named "Damn It." Apparently she kept yelling "slow down, damn it" and the name stuck!

We learned so much more, but you'll have to come by the Museum and check out the exhibit. "Remembering Our People" will be on display in the Museum through Sunday, November 23, 2014. Or come listen to some of the oral histories in the Jefferson County Historical Society collection; these can be found in Eric's House. You might learn something new—we sure did!



DATES TO REMEMBER

November 15 - Alternative Gift Fair

December 5 - Evergreen Holiday Walk

December 15 - Hiwan Christmas Tea

January 1 - July 2015 - Membership

Renewal Drop Date



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