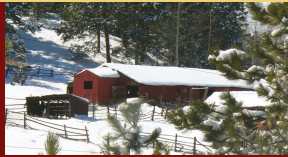


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## WORLD WAR II: A FAMILY'S VIEW

By Elaine Hayden

America's involvement in WWII meant extreme sacrifices for families who offered their sons, husbands, uncles, brothers and fathers to battle and to preserve freedom in so many corners of the world. Many gave their lives in the war effort, others worked in defense plants across America, producing equipment and supplies for the troops. Housewives endured years of rationing for shoes, sugar and gasoline while diligently saving tin, scrap metal, rubber and paper for collection and eventual recycling into war equipment.



Long before the war was declared, Margaret Evans Davis, granddaughter of Governor Evans of Colorado Territory, and her family escaped the rigidness of city life in Denver by spending summers at her cabin on Corral Creek adjacent to the Evans Ranch, west of Evergreen. The cabin, nestled in the woods in the shadow of Mt. Evans, was built in 1924 and featured living areas, a 30' long sleeping porch, kitchen, complete with wood burning cook stove, and a double stone fireplace reaching to the ceiling of the cabin. The serene vistas were enjoyed by many from the front porch of the cabin and by walks and hikes on the property.

Despite having one son serving as a Naval Pilot and eventual POW in the Japanese theater, Mrs. Davis felt there was more she could offer to the war effort on the home front. Far from the front lines and the attendant hostilities, Mrs. Davis' desire to help emerged with the offer to comfort soldiers that were convalescing from war injuries at the

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# REFLECTIONS: President's Pen

by Diane Fuchs

Well, as of now the snow has melted from most of our yard. A few of my tulips are pushing their leaves through the ground. The seasons of the Evergreen mountains are so beautiful.

Our participation in the **Alternative Gift Fair** was very successful and brought in a little over \$1,000. We had a new book to sell which was entitled "Lost Ski Areas". It sold very well and we plan to offer it again at the next Alternative Gift Fair. Michael Stills made some wooden toys for purchase and most of those were sold quickly. Elaine Hayden's idea of little gift boxes were a big hit. Thanks to all who were so generous with their time and creative ideas.

On January 16, 2015, JoAnn Dunn was present, along with myself, at History Colorado's Review Board for a review of JoAnn's application for the placement of Medlen School on the National Register of Historic Sites. We should hear by the end of April if our **Medlen School is a National Registered Historic Site**. This will be most exciting and we are planning on holding a celebration at the Medlen School house.

March 1 was a well attended **Winter Gala** for our members. We had a fantastic program put on by Bonnie Scudder (a

member), who presented a beautiful slide show on Stauton State Park and her book on the area entitled "The Secrets of Elk Creek". Anita and Jerry Johnson (also members) provided a wonderful array of desserts.

The **32nd "Spring Fling"** Volunteer Appreciation lunch will take place at the Hiwan Homestead Museum on May 4th.

June 27th is the day of our Antique Appraisal Event in the Grove "**The Antique Grove Show**". Candy Porter has organized along with other members of the board a top

notch appraisal event with appraisers from the Golden Armadillo and a local Native American jewelry expert. Reservations for appraisals will begin on May 15th. Each customer may bring in 5 items to be appraised at \$5.00 each. Be looking for the announcement of this event. For pre-registration call 303-233-5351 or register online at [JHSCiolorado.org](http://JHSCiolorado.org).

June 28th the day after the Appraisal Event will be our **Annual Membership Brunch**. This will be held at the wonderfully historic Brook Forest Inn from 11-1. We have not been there since 2011. It will be a full

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for \$15.00 (same price as in 2011) plus a program by Tom Hayden. Be looking for the announcement in the mail and please make your reservation by June 22, 2015. Remember, this event is our annual meeting where voting takes place for board members and officers

**The Annual Peach Sale** will be in August. Peaches will be \$33 per box and must be pre-ordered and paid for by July 12, 2015. We will probably order just a few extra boxes. I will be sending out the peach sale postcards by June 1, 2015. Make check out to JCHS and mail to JCHS P.O. Box 703, Evergreen, Colorado 80437. Prior to July 12th, Contact Diane Fuchs for further information at 303-674-9639. Afterwards, contact Max Lankston via e-mail at mkoctagon@aol.com or by phone at 303-697-8932.

### **Membership Renewal**

Please find enclosed your membership renewal request and envelope. Please send your renewals in by July 1, 2015

Please renew your annual dues by the end of July by inserting a check, made out to JCHS, in the provided envelope. Kindly fill out the renewal slip and, if you have an e-mail, please include it. Our e-mails are the only means of communicating with you in a timely fashion on many issues.



*Diane Fuchs*

President  
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### **Historic Bits and Pieces about JCHS From "Highlights of Our History 1973-2005"**

1973: Founding of Jefferson County Historical Society  
1975: Connie Fahnestock was named the first director of the Hiwan Homestead  
1977: First Mountain Rendezvous held in "The Grove".  
1981: First Discovery Days held.  
1983: First Spring Fling and after school program.  
1985: The "old-fashioned" flower garden planted in front of the museum.  
1989: Banners hung in the chapel.  
1991: Deed to Medlen School given to JCHS by South Turkey Creek residents.  
1994: John Steinle became the director of the Hiwan Homestead Museum.

### **CONGRATULATIONS-21 YEARS!!! (To be Continued next Issue)**

#### **JCHS Book Club:**

Meets the fourth (4th) Wednesday of the month in Eric's house (the museum offices) at 12:30 pm. Our selections for the summer are:

April 22: "Clara and Mr. Tiffany"  
May 27: "The Woman"  
June 24: "Year of Wonder"  
July 22: "Nothing to Envy"

**We are delighted to welcome our newest member of the JCHS board.**

#### **Elaine Hayden**

I am proud to say I am a Colorado native having been born and raised in Denver. I have lived in Evergreen for 30 years and have come to appreciate the rich history of our mountain area and the colorful personalities that remain a vital component to the character of our community. Through my association with the Hiwan Homestead Museum and the JCHS, I have come to appreciate the art of volunteerism and an understanding of the importance of historical context in modern society. I am honored to serve on the Board of the JCHS and to be able to participate in various projects associated with historic preservation in our mountain community and beyond. I live in the Evans Ranch area of Evergreen with my husband, Tom.



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Fitzsimmons Army Hospital in Denver. The idea grew to reality when groups of 8 to 12 men were brought to the cabin for a week's long period of rest and relaxation in the Colorado Rockies during the summers of 1943 to 1945. Assisted by Mrs. Roth, the excursions to the nearby Vance Creek offered the men a short but welcomed respite.

## "We Can Do It: Jefferson County in WWII" Exhibit opened on May 8, 2015.

There is little record of this generous gesture on Mrs. Davis' part. What remains is the cabin, oral history and a guest book that was endearingly signed by the soldiers from across the country.

In viewing the guest book, one truly gets a feel for the importance of this diversion from WWII from the perspective of those who served on the front lines. The 90 year old cabin remains today, despite some convenience remodeling, and serves as home to me and my husband, Tom Hayden, Margaret Evans Davis' grandson. We often contemplate the stories we would hear if the walls could talk!

The original cabin guest book from this historic period is on display at the Hiwan Homestead Museum's exhibit featuring memories of WWII. Stop by and take pleasure in the presentation and rich history that Jefferson County and the mountain area contributed to the war effort during WWII.



Current view from cabin porch



## Mountain Genealogists Society

Family History Questions?

**Friday Family Finders**  
**Evergreen Library**

From now through October 2015, MGS members will be available the **Final Friday** of each month to help with your Genealogical inquiries.

**12:30 to 4pm**  
**Final Friday of the Month**

Learn more at [www.mountaingenealogists.org](http://www.mountaingenealogists.org)

## Annual Peach Sale

Available: Early August

Peaches will be \$33 per box

Checks payable to JCHS

Mail: JCHS

P.O. Box 703, Evergreen, Colorado 80437.

**\*\*\* Must Pre-order by July 12th \*\*\***

For More Information: Read **President's Pen** on **page 3** or visit our website at:

[www.jchscolorado.org](http://www.jchscolorado.org)



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 16th 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 2-4 (**Program FULL**), June 9-11 (**Program FULL**) and June 16-18 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](http://www.jchscolorado.org)). For more information you may call Jo Ann Dunn, program coordinator, at 303-674-1695.

## PIONEERPALOOZA

### PIONEERPALOOZA AT HIWAN HOMESTEAD MUSEUM

Pioneerpalooza will take your child back to a simpler time as they explore the pioneer history of Colorado through activities, crafts, tours and games. Meet Buffalo Bill and other famous people from Colorado's glorious past! Enjoy pioneer food including a journey cake for your arduous trip out West!

Junior Pioneers make their homestead at eh Hiwan Homestead Museum and learn about pioneer life on the Front Range! Pioneers visit a different Open

Space park each afternoon and learn about the amazing history of Jefferson County!

Your child will discover the past through enriching and engaging activities in a nurturing summer experience to remember!

Dates: Monday, June 22th – Friday, June 26th, **ONE WEEK ONLY!**  
Time: 9:30 – 3:30 PM (campers get free supervised lunch)  
Fee: \$125 for the week  
Location: Hiwan Homestead Museum, 4208 South Timbervale Drive Evergreen, CO 80439

Who: Junior Pioneers (7 – 9 years old) and Pioneers (10 – 12 years old)

TO REGISTER/INFORMATION  
Andy Spencer, Education Coordinator  
702-497-7650  
Email: [HiwanEd@jeffco.us](mailto:HiwanEd@jeffco.us)

Or register online at:  
[WWW.JCHSCOLORADO.ORG](http://WWW.JCHSCOLORADO.ORG)

Pioneerpalooza 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.

# HIWAN HAPPENINGS

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



## **PORTRAYAL OF MIEP GIES, LIFELINE FOR ANNE FRANK FAMILY**

*Saturday, May 30*

One of the unsung heroes of the Holocaust.  
Portrayed by Judy Winnick.

## **PIONEERPALOOSA!**

*Mon-Fri, June 22-26*

Pioneer history of Colorado through activities, crafts, tours, games. Registration required, \$125

## **ANTIQUES GROVE SHOW**

*Saturday, June 27*

Antiques Appraisal, Registration and Fee

## **CHILDREN'S SUMMER PARTY**

*Monday, July 13*

Boys and Girls 6 and up. Registration and \$10 Fee.

## **HIWAN KIDS CRAFT CLASSES**

*Tuesdays & Thursdays, July- August*

## **MOVIE IN THE GROVE: TUMBLEWEEDS**

*Saturday, Saturday, July 18*

Accompanied with live music by famed pianist Hank Troy.

## **"FLOWERS FOR A FRIEND" STATUE DEDICATION**

*Saturday, July 25*

## **BLUEGRASS CONCERT IN THE GROVE**

*Saturday, August 1*

Rousing selection of bluegrass tunes. Free

## **40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL**

*Saturday, August 8*

40th Anniversary Celebration of Jefferson County  
Open Space.

## **EVERGREEN FINE ARTS FESTIVAL**

*Saturday and Sunday, August 22 & 23*

49th Annual Evergreen fine Arts Festival  
sponsored by the Evergreen Artists Association.  
Juried show of fantastic artwork from across the country.

## **OUTDOOR QUILT FESTIVAL**

*Saturday, September 26*

11th Annual Hiwan Outdoor Quilt Festival,  
featuring over 100 colorful quilts and coverlets  
displayed around the museum grounds.

## **SCARECROW HARVEST FESTIVAL**

*Saturday, October 10*

Evergreen's newest tradition!

## **HIWAN HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION**

*Friday, October 30*

Featuring tricks, treats, snacks, stories, and costumes in the spooky old mansion! Free.

## **EVERGREEN HOLIDAY WALK**

*Friday, December 4*

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

## **HIWAN CHRISTMAS TEA**

*Monday, December 14*

Festive Christmas tea with special Holiday program and museum tour. Reservations Required.

## EXHIBITS

**"We Can Do It!" Jeffco in WWII***May - November*

Original photos and memorabilia illustrate the war effort on the home front as well as veterans who served.

**Christmas Decorations***November - January 2016*

Colorful, Fun Decorations in the style of times past in Evergreen.

**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](http://www.JCHSColorado.org).

**ANTIQUES GROVE SHOW****Hiwan Homestead Museum****Saturday, June 27, from 10 AM to 4 PM**

Do you have some family heirlooms that have been stashed away for years? What are they worth?

Jefferson County Historical Society has arranged for professional antiques experts to evaluate your antiques and give verbal appraisals. The appraisers have a wide range of expertise including paintings, prints, Native American artifacts, glassware, books, toys, collectibles and more. Special guest Sandy Cooper from Evergreen's Silver Arrow will evaluate vintage Indian jewelry. So clean out those attics and basements and see just how valuable some of your "junk" may be!

***The fee for each item appraised is \$5 cash with a limit of 5 items per person.***

***To pre-register call 303-233-5351.***

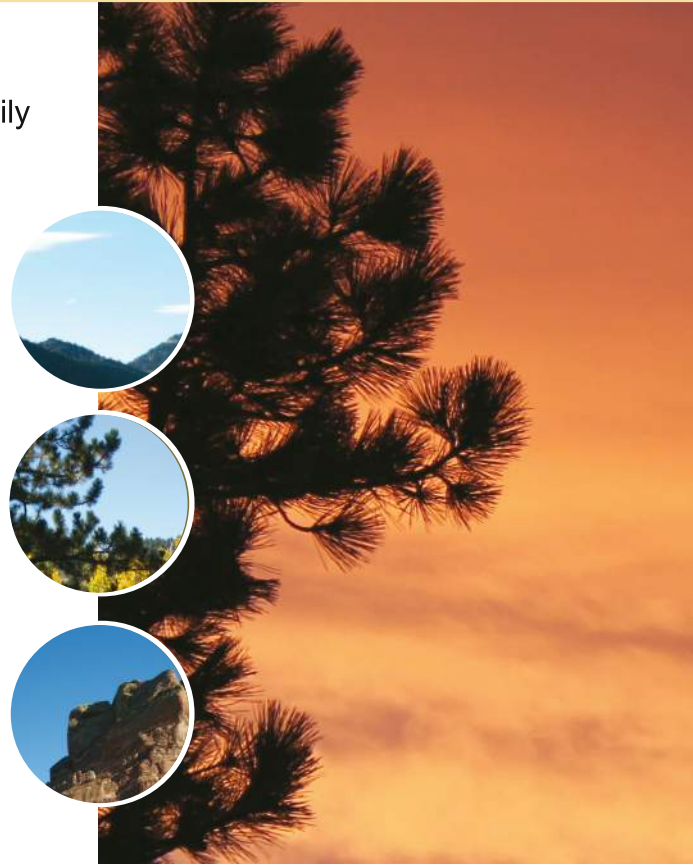
*All proceeds from the appraisal will benefit Hiwan Homestead Museum's programs and activities sponsored by JCHS. The museum will be open for guided tours during the appraisal. Pre-registration for the appraisals is encouraged.*

***No furniture, firearms, gold or precious stones, please.***



## DATES TO REMEMBER

- May 30 - Portrayal of Miep Gies, Lifeline for Anne Frank Family
- June 2-18 Medlen School Days
- June 22-26 - PioneerPalooza Day Camp
- June 27 - Antiques Appraisal
- June 28 - Membership Brunch at Brook Forest Inn
- July 13 - Children's Summer Party
- July- August - Hiwan Kids Craft Classes
- July 18 - Movie in the Grove ("Tumbleweeds")
- July 25 - "Flowers for a Friend" Statue Dedication
- August 1 - Bluegrass/Folk Concert
- August 8 - 40th Anniversary Celebration / Ice Cream Social
- August - Peach Sale, First Week of August
- August 22-23 - Fine Arts Festival
- September 26 - Outdoor Quilt Festival
- October 10 - Scarecrow Harvest Festival
- October 30 - Hiwan Halloween Celebration with Library
- December 4 - Evergreen Holiday Walk
- December 14 - Christmas Tea



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