



# The Record



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## Stuart Collins: President's Pen

As we look back on the delightful gatherings that marked our recent events – from Halloween, the Alternative Gift Fair, our Holiday Teas, and the Hiwan Holiday Open House – it is evident that our historical society thrives on the spirit of community and shared history. Your enthusiasm and participation have made these occasions truly special.

Now, as we stand on the threshold of a new season, we eagerly anticipate an array of exciting events in the near future. This year promises growth and exciting opportunities for EMAHS members to participate in new projects. As the Board develops five-year plans for EMAHS and Hiwan, we eagerly seek your input to better support our mission-driven goals of preservation and education. Your thoughts on priorities and project ideas are vital, providing a unique chance to contribute to these discussions over the next few months. Concurrently, we are establishing the following committees:

### Standing Committees:

- Accession/Deaccession Committee (EMAHS organizes and declutters!)
- Exhibit Committee (inside of the museum)
- Education Committee (outside of the museum)
- Events Committee (including Fundraisers)

### Select Committees:

- EMAHS Board Nomination Committee
- Hiwan 50th Anniversary Committee (joint with Jefferson County Open Space)
- Hiwan Strategic 5-Year Plan Committee (joint with Jefferson County Open Space)
- EMAHS 5-Year Plan Committee
- EMAHS and JCOS Standard Operating Procedures Committee + Cooperative Agreement Committee (joint with Jefferson County Open Space)

If you have a passion for any of these areas and wish to contribute your expertise, ideas, and time, we invite you to join a committee. For more information or to express your interest, please contact us at [info@emahs.org](mailto:info@emahs.org). Your involvement is the key to our continued success.

EMAHS is delighted to announce its membership in the Evergreen Downtown Business Association, marking a collaborative effort to strengthen ties between our historical society and the local business community. This partnership opens the door to exciting future projects, including the potential development of walking tours and historical placards on downtown Evergreen buildings. Together, EMAHS and the association intend to celebrate and preserve the town's rich history, creating immersive experiences for residents and visitors. This collaboration reflects our shared commitment to showcasing the unique heritage that defines Evergreen.

The Hiwan Accession Project, is a collaborative effort between EMAHS and JCOS. The project has unearthed intriguing artifacts, notably the 6'x8' Douglas painting, raising questions about its storage and disposition. Additionally, the identification of a potential President McKinley White House document adds a fascinating historical dimension and perhaps involves a future donation to the Library of Congress. Also, the project discovered two original photos featuring Chief Little Raven and Julia Bent from the Sand Creek Massacre. A future trip to the History Colorado Center will tell us more.

In conclusion, I have just one more request. Through our website and Facebook page, I field a number of history-related questions from our community. I would like to put together an email list from our membership (and even outside) that I could contact with, "hey, was there a fox farm near El Rancho?" FYI: yes there was! If interested, please contact me at [info@emahs.org](mailto:info@emahs.org).

Take care all,  
Stuart

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# Say Hello to Shannon Stage



Shannon Stage is a Historic Preservation professional with expertise in condition assessments, managing restoration projects, and working with contractors to preserve historic buildings. She has a Master of Fine Arts degree in Historic Preservation from Savannah College of Art and Design.

Shannon has worked at Jefferson County Open Space for the past year as a Heritage Resources Specialist focused on Buildings & Structures. In this role, she conducted condition assessments of 145 JCOS heritage buildings and managed the restoration of the Hiwan Museum. She also worked closely with the JCOS Park Construction team on heritage preservation projects.

Prior to joining Jefferson County Open Space, Shannon worked for 8 years at Historic Denver, Inc. There she managed State Historical Fund grants for restoration projects across Denver, oversaw Historic Denver's facade easement program, assisted with local historic landmark designations, and worked on community preservation projects, along with community outreach and engagement. She also previously managed Historic Denver's walking tour program which included volunteer management.

With her background and expertise in historic preservation and heritage resources, as well as her experience at JCOS this past year, Shannon Stage will be an excellent addition as the Heritage Stewardship Supervisor role at Hiwan Heritage Park.

## Events

### Picture This: Evergreen History in Photos

- Date: 04/21/24.
- Location: Timbervale Barn.
- Time: 1-3pm

### Medlen School Days

- Dates: June 4-6 and June 11-13
- Location: Medlen School
- Time: 9am-12pm

### Discover Days

- Dates: June 3-6 and June 11-13
- Location: Hiwan
- Time: 9:15am-12pm

### Colorado Peaches

- Date: Summer 2024 (TBD)



Photo by Laurie Romberg