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CONNIE FAHNESTOCK 1927—2020

We acknowledge the passing of Connie Fahnestock and we honor her legacy as founding mother of JCHS and long-standing champion of Hiwan Museum. In his book, *Evergreen*, John Steinle describes Connie as, "the dynamo who energized creation of Jefferson County Historical Society". She was that and much more. Connie played a major role in preserving the Hiwan Homestead as a house museum and was tasked to return the house back into a home representative of Douglas and Camp Neosho era. Thanks to Josie Hoover, charter member of JCHS, and to Joan Ball for offering their reminiscences of Connie. Josie recalls, "Connie was always being on the move, ready to take on the world. When Connie lived on Bear Mountain in Evergreen, she would drive to Jeffco airport every morning to take her flying lesson then return to Evergreen in time to open the museum".

Josie continues, "Before moving to Evergreen, Connie lived on Long Island and volunteered at museums. She felt something was missing in docent-led tours so after becoming the Administrator of Hiwan Homestead Museum, she organized the 'hands on' programs for school children". Josie recounts that Connie worked with Jeffco schools and developed the Colorado History program that included 'Grandmother's Trunk', the Journey Cake baking session and the spinning and weaving segment still in use in today's educational programs. In Josie's view, 'Connie never knew a stranger and put this to good use in learning the history of the Evergreen area and of the families who had lived at Hiwan. This resulted in Connie's book, *From Camp Neosho to Hiwan Homestead*. "Joan Ball also has fond memories of Connie's request that Joan bring her fourth grade students to 'try out' a new history program at the museum, which Joan and the students did with delight. The original concept of these pilot educational programs remain today as a vital component of Hiwan Museum through the Colorado History educational program. It was Connie who applied for and received designation for Hiwan Museum on the National Register of Historic Landmarks in 1974.

We stand with pride and gratitude for Connie for establishing a vital volunteer corps who teach the history programs and guide tours of our house museum. Connie's vision of museum and society volunteerism has been the keystone that continues to support the Society's efforts to preserve and present area history for current and future generations. See Connie's obituary at <https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/canyoncourier/obituary.aspx?n=connie-fahnestock&pid=195121503&fhid=32285>

FRED ROSENSTOCK AWARD

EMAHS was the recipient of the 2019 Fred Rosenstock Award for outstanding contributions to Colorado history. The distinction and cash award were presented by Tom Noel of the Denver Posse of Westerners at the



group's annual meeting on December 18, 2019. Specifically, EMAHS was awarded the prize for the preservation and care of our many collections housed at Hiwan Museum. Gratitude is owed to the Hiwan staff over the years for their attention and safe handling of our artifacts.

Steve Friesen and Monta Lee Dakin nominated Hiwan Museum/EMAHS for the Rosenstock award. The couple assisted with the inventory project and were impressed with the collections stating, "Among the standout holdings are Southwestern rugs, quilts, men's and women's clothing from the 19th and early 20th centuries, western-themed artifacts and a large collection of Native American pottery. These artifacts and the museum tell the story of Hiwan's occupants along with the history of the mountain area around the town of Evergreen". We are fortunate to have been awarded this recognition of the many people and hours spent in collecting and preserving our artifacts.

Events

March 14

Women's History Month presentation by Bonnie Scudder and Peg DeStefano.

Join EMAHS in welcoming these ladies in a presentation honoring the 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, guaranteeing women the right to vote. Reservations are encouraged for this free event held at Hiwan Museum on Saturday March 14, 2020 at 10 am to noon.

May 4 Spring Tea 11 am and 2 pm seatings.

Enjoy the historic setting of Hiwan Museum as you enjoy tea with finger sandwiches and desserts, served on vintage china by our all-volunteer team. Reservations and payment are required for this event by phoning 303-909-7388.

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