



The Record



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A President's Farewell: Elaine Hayden

It is with pride that I now attach my name to the list of past presidents of JCHS/EMAHS that includes Connie Fahnestock, JoAnn Dunn, Joan Ball and Diane Fuchs, to name only a few. It is through the efforts of the leaders and members of the Society that we have remained a strong and vital organization in maintaining our traditions and observing our mission of preservation of the historic record in our mountain area of Jefferson County.

I assumed chairmanship of the EMAHS in 2016 with the goal of raising awareness of the importance of the Society in our mountain area communities. We began with a re-branding of the Society by a vote of the Board and membership that now identifies us as the Evergreen Mountain Area Historical Society with the inclusion of our neighbors in Indian Hills, Kittredge, Idledale, Morrison and Conifer.

Over the past six years we have seen success and community recognition with our Evergreen Historic Home Tour; the re-introduction of our popular and well attended Hiwan Teas; elevation of our presence at the annual Alternative Gift Fair, resulting in profit gains year after year and the various History Round Tables, History Happy Hours, book signings and presenters that showcase history and stories from a broad range of participants.

It has also been important to me to support community organizations and businesses that help to engender a strong community for all, including sponsorship of the ECHO Annual Turkey Trot and the EDDBA Annual Duck Derby.

In 2019, we contracted with Steve Friesen and Monta Lee Dakin, museum consultants, to create and initiate a plan to inventory the entire collection and the creation of a plan for organizing the

collections process. Their association with us resulted in Hiwan Museum and the Society stewards winning the Rosenstock Award for Outstanding Contributions to Colorado History, as well as receiving a monetary award from the Denver Posse of Westerners.

One of my final and most satisfactory acts as chairwoman of the Society was to meet with descendants of Chief Red Cloud and facilitate the return of what we named the Red Cloud horn chair. With a unanimous vote from the Board, this accessioned artifact was returned to the Pine Ridge Reservation where it will be displayed at Red Cloud School Heritage Center in Pine Ridge, South Dakota.

Incoming EMAHS President: Stuart Collins

It is with humility and excitement, that I, Stuart Collins, take the helm at EMAHS. In our next newsletter, I will highlight our current and future endeavors. Exciting times await!

Events

2023 Hiwan Home School Days

March

Friday, March 31
Journey to Jeffco

April

Friday, April 28
Pueblos and Plains
Ideal for 3rd and 4th graders studying Indigenous history.

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