

A Letter From The EMAHS President

We have enjoyed a busy summer at EMAHS and Hiwan Museum. The successful Discovery Days, Hiwan Kids programs and the Medlen School Days sessions were all well attended and deemed a success by the day-campers and volunteers as well. Thanks to Jennee, Robin, JoAnn Dunn and all of your volunteer helpers for presenting these programs with such enthusiasm.

The annual membership brunch and officer election meeting was held on June 26th at the Timbervale Barn. We were entertained by Evergreen's John Ellis who illuminated Evergreen's past with his telling of growing up in the community he still calls home. The Board elections yielded a new President Elect, Stuart Collins and two Directors at Large, Sue Knepley and Joyce Rutherford. I am looking forward to working with our 2022-2024 Board.

We held our annual site visit / Board meeting at Medlen School on July 20th. It is always a treat to visit one of our most treasured assets. Thank you JoAnn and Pem for sprucing up the school in advance of our visit. The Evergreen Downtown Business Association's Duck Derby was held on August 6th. EMAHS was well represented at the event by Samuel Collins and Yuri Weydling. Thanks to these two volunteers for serving as EMAHS ambassadors. Thanks to the hard work of Diane Fuchs, Yuri Weydling, Mark Joyce, Max Lankston and Bud Weare, our Western Slope Peach Sale was another success this year. This combined effort in sales and distribution resulted many happy folks who enjoy the bounty of Colorado peaches! Thanks, too, to those who continue to support EMAHS through peach purchases.

The Board is currently in discussion with JCOS concerning significant changes in the administration and storage of the Society's collections and the physical space we have traditionally occupied at Eric's House. EMAHS is being asked to relocate our records, library and other research materials into the museum building. We are weighing possible storage sites within the museum that will continue to allow for public access to our research collection while preserving

the integrity of the museum. Sadly, the JCOS/Hiwan Museum curator, Andrea Keppers, was laid off by JCOS on August 1st. We send Andrea our farewell, best regards and note that she will be missed as a valued member of the Hiwan team and a helpful friend.

The EMAHS mission states our pursuit of the preservation and protection of historic sites. EMAHS is supporting the efforts of the Jeffco Historical Commission to nominate the historic South Platte Hotel to the Colorado Preservation, Inc. Most Endangered Places List. The Denver Water Board has slated the South Platte Hotel for demolition in coming months. Additionally, I have submitted a letter asking the DWB to reconsider their current plan of action. These worthy efforts of the JCHC and other historical societies upholds the EMAHS mission of preservation of the historic record.

Thanks to the EMAHS members for the continued support of your Board and your society as we move forward to another year of opportunities.

Events

September 9th History Happy Hour 4:30-6:30 pm at Hiwan Museum. All

are invited to attend our round table discussion of history

related topics.

October 14th History Happy Hour 4:30-6:30 pm at Hiwan Museum.

October 28th Hiwan Halloween Celebration 4-6 pm. There will be lots of fun for the entire community as this outdoor event will

offer activities, crafts, a costume parade and snacks.

November 12th & 13th Alternative Gift Fair at Evergreen Lutheran Church

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