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Membership Renewal

With this newsletter, you are being reminded to renew your membership. **Your membership ends on July 1, 2023.**

Please renew your membership online this year by going to EMAHS.org and paying your dues, or by printing the renewal form (included) and sending in a check to: EMAHS, P.O. Box 703, Evergreen, Colorado 80437. Please print the form and include with your check any changes in your address, phone number, or e-mail. You may also write the changes on an additional sheet of paper and please be sure to identify yourself.

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EMAHS's Newest President: Stuart Collins

By Stuart Collins, EMAHS President

Greetings and salutations. My name is Stuart Collins, and I am delighted to step into my new role as the latest president of EMAHS.

A few facets about me to familiarise you with the man behind the title: I am a proud Brit, pledging allegiance to our King. My academic background roots in history, with a specialisation in post-colonial world histories. I'm a political scientist, and I work as a professor at Purdue Global.

My connection with Evergreen, Colorado, started in 2011 when I moved here, and I was immediately taken by the rich heritage and lively spirit of the community. My fascination for the micro and macro facets of its local history made me feel right at home.

In 2018, my affiliation with our historical society began when I was elected to its board. I was elected the 'president elect' in 2022. I became president in December 2022.

As I humbly step into the role of president, I am mindful of the legacy left by my esteemed predecessors. My vision for EMAHS is to embark upon a new era of collaboration with Jefferson County Open Space (JCOS), broaden our membership base,

increase our outreach, and enhance our contribution to our beloved Evergreen Mountain Area community.

This year, we mark a significant milestone, the golden jubilee of our historical society. We are brimming with plans to celebrate this landmark event, with further details to be shared soon. Together, let's continue to 'preserve the past and enrich the future' for many more decades.

EMAHS Remembers David Noyes

By Stuart Collins, EMAHS President

We recently experienced a profound loss in our society. David Noyes, a devoted member and respected board member, recently passed away last. His contributions to our community were immeasurable, including playing a crucial role in the preservation of the Grove. David also collaborated effectively with the highway department to ensure the installation of historical signs on Hwy 74 and Douglas Park Rd. His tireless efforts and passion for our shared history will be sorely missed.

REFLECTIONS: President's Pen

By Stuart Collins, EMAHS President

"DREAMS DO COME TRUE! This summer, the Jefferson County Open Space Commission purchased the Hiwan Homestead in Evergreen. The Society has agreed to manage it as a heritage center. As soon as certain alternations are made to the building for public safety, it will be ready to begin providing a home for an active county historical program. A unique example of mountain architecture and a National Register Site has been assured of a future of service to the community for generations to come...When the society was formed in April of 1973, its avowed purpose was to enjoy, protect and promote our heritage. Little did that small nucleus of history buffs realize the explosion of historical opportunities and interest that awaited them. And now, 150 members strong, this group has a chance to initiate a historical program for the county that will limited only by imagination and funds. The initiation of serviceable program in the Homestead by 1976 is the hope...of our society: to produce a functioning 3 part programs: museum exhibit, school, and creates." (JCHS's The Record, 1974)

Greetings and salutations.

As the newly elected president of the Evergreen Mountain Area Historical Society (EMAHS), I am both humbled and inspired as I look back on our rich 50-year history. It's truly an honor to step into this role at such a significant moment - our golden anniversary - and to follow in the footsteps of the visionaries who set this organization on its path.

The partnership between Jefferson County Open Space (JCOS) and EMAHS, originally formed as the Jefferson County Historical Society (JCHS), has stood as a testament to community collaboration and dedication for half a century. From the passionate efforts of our founders in

the early 70s, to the present day, both organizations have worked tirelessly to preserve, protect, and promote the natural beauty, history, and cultural heritage of our beloved region.

Reflecting on our journey, the restoration and transformation of the Hiwan Homestead into the vibrant Hiwan Heritage Park remains a touchstone of our shared history. This monumental task epitomizes the spirit of our mission and the enduring power of community partnership. This architectural gem, saved from potential development and neglect, is today a living testament to our region's rich history and culture, hosting numerous exhibits, educational programs, events, and more.

The past five decades have been a testament to what we can achieve when we work together toward a shared goal. Yes, our journey has not always been smooth - but the path of preservation is rarely so. Today, we stand on the shoulders of those who came before us, those who saw the importance of safeguarding the natural beauty, history, and heritage of the Evergreen mountain area community. As we look forward to the next chapter of our story, we do so with the knowledge that our work continues to enrich our region and provide a bridge between the past, the present, and the future.

EMAHS Board Meeting Monthly Newsletters

By Stuart Collins,
EMAHS President

Welcome to our monthly newsletter archive! Our historical society's mission is to preserve, protect, and promote the history of the Evergreen Mountain area. As part of this endeavor, we continually seek ways to enhance the transparency and engagement of our community.

This is why we've decided to provide you with detailed insights into our monthly board meetings. We believe that sharing the core discussions and decisions from these meetings will not only keep you informed about the ongoing efforts of the Society, but also encourage a stronger dialogue between our board and our valued members.

We welcome your feedback, ideas, and questions. After all, this is not just the story of the Evergreen Mountain Area Historical Society; it is also the story of our community, our history, and our shared past.

Thank you for your support, your enthusiasm, and your dedication to preserving our shared heritage.

Enjoy the read!

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Sharing the Hiwan Story

By Bill Bottoms, EMAHS Board Member and Hiwan Volunteer

Do you enjoy the treasures of Evergreen? How about the history of this special town and the people who made it special?

The history of Camp Neosho / Hiwan Ranch dates back to 1893 when Dr Jo William bought 1100 acres with a small shed. From there the store was joined by Fr Charles Douglas who's love for music and Native American art and culture were unmatched except by their son Eric. From 1893 to 1918 their lives and influence grew along with the house. The Williams/Douglas family, through their passion for music and art, created a true legacy in Evergreen and Denver until 1938 when Dr. Jo passed away.

The second chapter of the story began in the summer of 1938 when the Buchanan family from Oklahoma rented the ranch as a summer get away. By the end of the summer, Darst Buchanan, a successful oil man, was convinced by his daughters to buy Camp Neosho. From then until 1973 the Buchanan's changed the name of the ranch to Hiwan, raised turkeys, expanded the ranch to Central City / Black Hawk and established a well-recognized breeding heard of Hereford cattle. The family closed the ranch in the 1960's and sold their land. In 1973, the last of the land including the main house was bought by Jefferson County Open Space (JCOS) and turned into today's museum.

You can learn more about this story and share it with visitors from all over the world as a Docent / Tour Guide at Hiwan Heritage Museum. The museum is open Tuesday through Friday from noon to 4:00 staffed by volunteers. On Saturday and Sunday, the museum is open from noon to 4:30 staffed by part-time employees of JCOS. You can be a part of this team and share this great story of Evergreen history. For more information call Erica Duvic at 720-497-7653.

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The Moths: Pest Control and Preservation Measures at Hiwan

By Stuart Collins, EMAHS President and Erica Duvic, Heritage Stewardship Supervisor

Erica and I would like to share some important updates on our recent efforts to maintain the integrity of our collections here at Hiwan.

Over the past few months, JCOS begun implementing a new pest monitoring program in conjunction with JCOS's regular temperature and humidity monitoring. Regrettably, this new program has confirmed our suspicion of a clothes moths infestation, which we believe originated in the closet containing our cherished hat collection. The infestation has unfortunately extended as far as Jennee's office, though we're relieved to report that our textile collections stored in the attic and workroom, particularly in Mary's Bedroom, remain unaffected.

In response to this issue, we've engaged our pest control contractor to eradicate these unwelcome guests. Furthermore, we've sought the expertise of a conservator to assist us in preserving and restoring our valuable hat collection. As part of our long-term strategy to prevent such incidents in the future, we're looking into acquiring proper containers to store the hats post-treatment.

The infested closet has now been thoroughly cleaned, and our vigilant monitoring of the museum for further moth activity continues. It's worth noting that while we have trapped moths in the rolled textile storage room and the attic textile storage, this does not necessarily indicate that the textiles in these rooms are affected.

In our clean-up efforts, we removed a total of 75 hats along with some miscellaneous items from the affected closet. All these hats have been individually wrapped, and their accession numbers duly recorded, preparing them for a trip down to Denver. Here, they will undergo a freezing process to eliminate any lingering pests. Please bear with us as this process, which will be carried out in at least three different batches, will take some time before the hats are ready to make their return to the museum.

We appreciate your understanding as we navigate this situation. Rest assured, JCOS and EMAHS is dedicated to preserving and protecting Hiwan's collections while ensuring the museum remains a safe and enjoyable space for all our visitors. We look forward to updating you on our progress in our next newsletter.



Pictured are: Erica Duvic, Director of Hiwan Heritage Park and Jade Martin, Heritage Resources Historian

Hiwan Heritage Park Update

By Stuart Collins, EMAHS President and Erica Duvic, Heritage Stewardship Supervisor

Starting off the new year, JCOS repaired a water main leak in the Hiwan's cellar, a complex task that involved drilling a new hole through the foundation. This essential work led to some visible disturbances on the building's west side. This team's scope of work extends beyond repairs, including addressing ongoing snow and ice removal challenges and exploring more sustainable solutions for drainage improvement around the building. In alignment with JCOS's commitment to environmental sustainability, JCOS also considering halting irrigation around the building and reintroducing native grasses to the area, while continuing mowing services at a reduced frequency.

Simultaneously, JCOS has been diligently working on the ongoing update of Hiwan's Historic Structure Assessment, which covers an exhaustive condition evaluation of both the interior and exterior structure. JCOS examined several critical areas on campus. These include assessing the storage load capacity of the second floor in Mary's bedroom, understanding the impact of tree roots on the foundation near the dining room window, and inspecting the leaning foundation of Eric's house along with site drainage issues affecting its structural integrity.

A significant finding from this inspection was the inadequate floor support in the Mary's room that stored our rolled textiles. Given the weight of these textiles, JCOS had to relocate them unless we opt for structural changes that would affect the sitting room. A relocation to the attic was considered but dismissed due to its insufficient load capacity. JCOS and EMAHS developed a plan to move the textiles to the basement, a process that will involve the construction of new racks. As part of this ongoing work, we're pleased to update that all artifacts have been successfully removed from Mary's Bedroom as of May, 2023.

In tandem with these evaluations, JCOS embarked on broader restoration efforts at Hiwan, involving collaboration with Park Construction and restoration contractors to complete a Log Restoration and painting project this summer.

As JCOS and EMAHS continue our stewardship journey, we remain dedicated to preserving the integrity of Hiwan, ensuring the seamless integration of our rich history with the evolving present, and crafting a sustainable future. With the collective efforts of JCOS, EMAHS, and our wonderful community, we stride confidently into the rest of 2023, fully committed to preserving and enhancing the legacy of Hiwan Heritage Park.

Evergreen Mountain Area Historical Society: Call for Nominations

By Stuart Collins, EMAHS President and Rosemary Brenbrugge, EMAHS Nominations Chair

The Evergreen Mountain Area Historical Society (EMAHS) is excited to announce the commencement of its annual 'Call for Nominations'. This is your chance to become a leading voice in preserving and promoting the unique history of our beloved mountain area.

We are currently seeking nominations for the following positions:

- **Treasurer:** This crucial role involves managing financial matters, ensuring accurate bookkeeping, and presenting financial reports to the board.
- **Secretary:** The Secretary is responsible for maintaining accurate records, taking minutes at board meetings, and helping to facilitate communication within the society.
- **President Elect:** This individual will be groomed to take over the presidential role, involving leadership of the society, strategic decision-making, and serving as the primary spokesperson for the organization.

Board Members (Three positions): Board members play a critical role in the society, contributing to strategic planning, policy setting, and overall governance.

Whether you have a passion for history, a skill for strategic thinking, or a desire to give back to your community, we welcome nominations from all interested parties. The EMAHS thrives thanks to the diverse perspectives and dedicated service of our board members and officers.

If you are interested or know someone who would make a great candidate, please contact our Nominations Chair, Rosemary Brenbrugge, at LandRbrugge@aol.com. It's important to us that we include a diverse range of voices in these roles, so we highly encourage nominations from all corners of our community.

This is a wonderful opportunity to make a lasting impact on our community by ensuring the rich history of the Evergreen Mountain Area is not only preserved but celebrated for generations to come. Please consider nominating yourself or a passionate individual in your network to contribute to our mission. We look forward to receiving your nominations!

'Dreams do come true': EMAHS, JCOS, and Hiwan Heritage Park

By Stuart Collins, EMAHS President

In honor of our Golden Jubilee, the Evergreen Mountain Area Historical Society (EMAHS) is thrilled to present an extensive exhibit this fall, celebrating the vibrant 50-year history of our organization and the beloved Hiwan Museum, the Grove, and Medlen School. This showcase traces our remarkable journey, from founding the Jefferson County Open Space (JCOS) and Jefferson County Historical Association (now EMAHS), to the meticulous restoration and preservation efforts that have shaped the Evergreen mountain area community. Through a stunning collection of photographs, primary documents, and engaging narratives, we invite you to relive our shared past and reflect on the rich cultural heritage we continue to preserve.

Our exhibit features a series of informative panels, each narrating a distinctive chapter of our history:

Panel #1 provides an overview of the creation of JCOS in 1972, underscoring the public commitment to preserving the natural environment amidst rapid population growth and development.

Panel #2 delves into the establishment of the Jefferson County Historical Society (JCHS), now known as EMAHS, an organization formed to protect and promote the rich history of Jefferson County (later, the Evergreen mountain area community).

Panel #3 reveals how JCHS identified and endeavored to save the historic Hiwan Homestead, a cultural gem at risk of neglect or development, by transforming it into a living museum.

Panel #4 chronicles the successful acquisition of the Hiwan Homestead by JCOS in 1973, a testament to the compelling appeal made by JCHS members and their dedication to preserving this precious asset.

Panel #5 celebrates the grand opening of the Hiwan Heritage Park and Museum in 1975, following an extensive restoration process aimed at authentically reflecting the lives of its original inhabitants.

Panel #6 spotlights the preservation efforts for the Grove, a significant addition to the Hiwan Heritage Park and Museum complex, highlighting the successful community fundraising campaign and ongoing stewardship by JCOS.

Panel #7 shares the story of the Medlen School, a charming 1886 log building restored and transformed into a unique educational platform for children, offering a glimpse into the educational traditions of the past.

Panel #8 culminates in a snapshot of the tireless conservation work by JCOS and EMAHS, illustrating the lasting impact of our joint mission to preserve the region's natural beauty and historical landmarks.

We're excited to share these tales of our past and invite you to join us in celebrating our collective heritage. As we reflect on our journey thus far, we also look ahead with anticipation to the promise of the next 50 years and beyond.

We look forward to welcoming you to our Golden Jubilee exhibit.

2023 Medlen School Update

By JoAnn Dunn, Director of Medlen School and EMAHS Board Member

Everything is in order for the 22nd year of Medlen School Days. There are 22 children enrolled in Week 1 and 24 in Week 2. Besides the students, there are two helpers, who are former students, each week.

Last August our beautiful tree was struck by lightning during a huge thunder storm. After consulting tree experts, we decided to let it heal itself. That was a relief because it's the favorite place for picnics at the end of each session.

Last month when starting to clean the schoolhouse, the heat did not start. After much discussion, we now have a new electric heater so the students will be warm.

The teacher for each week is Jo Ann Dunn, and her assistant for Week 1 is Diane Fuchs and for Week 2 is Diane Palaschak.

The Bookshelf: 'Colorado in the Civil War' by John Steinle

By Elaine Hayden, Former EMAHS President, EMAHS Member

John Steinle has once again succeeded in bringing awareness to a period in Colorado history that adds a piece to the puzzle in regard to the state's importance in stabilizing the Western Expansion and the economic success of the state. In his latest narrative, *Colorado in the Civil War*, Steinle maps the course of the American Civil War and the involvement of Colorado and surrounding states in the period of 1861-1865. With the fall of Ft. Sumter in South Carolina in April 1861, the American Civil War erupted into a nationwide battle to preserve the Union with Colorado playing an important role in this history.

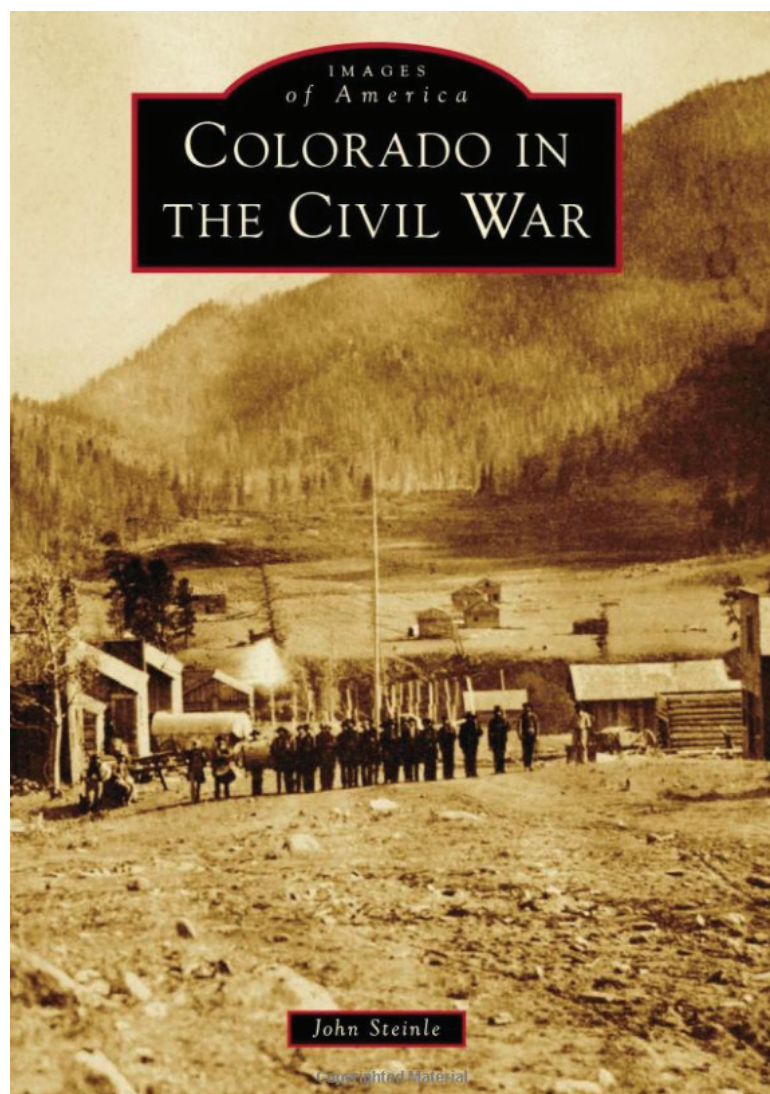
In the years leading up to the Civil War, Colorado was a fertile ground for military enlistees and volunteers with a large population of gold seekers and those who were disenchanted with their lack of success in the gold fields. The formation of a cohesive military presence in the form of volunteer regiments and construction of military forts allowed Colorado a dominant role in Union preservation, with a willing populace to fill the ranks. Military and economic issues shrouded the state as trade routes through Colorado were often intercepted and the Native population strived to retain their homelands.

Beginning in 1861, central to the Confederate cause were the trade routes that intersected Colorado including the Santa Fe, Overland and Smoky Hill Trails. Conversely, central to the Union cause was the preservation and protection of these trade and travel routes while insuring these important routes did not fall to Confederate control. Steinle guides readers through the travails of Colorado enlistees, casual militias and volunteer units who fought battles in Missouri and the close-to-home battle against Confederate troops at Glorietta Pass, New Mexico. A recounting of the battles with pro-Confederate Texas militia in Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma illustrates the importance of the Colorado regiments who fought for the Union cause alongside military units from as far away as New York.

Steinle's skill in researching and the analysis of historic events is evident in this 125 page volume. With the inclusion of maps and profiles of a cast of characters, the narrative of Colorado's contributions in the preservation of the Union reveals a full view of the importance of Colorado's military might during this period. With a host of historic photographs and renderings and the inclusion of site maps of forts, the panorama of Colorado's military history comes to the fore.

This compelling book of military history does not insulate the reader from the broad scope of injustice directed at Native tribes in Colorado with accounts of the Sand Creek Massacre and the battles at Colorado's Beecher's Island and Summit Springs in the late 1860s, following the official end of the Civil War.

John Steinle's impressive body of work, thus far, consists of *Evergreen* (2017), *Conifer* (2019), *Colorado and the Silver Crash* (2021) and *Colorado in the Civil War* (2023), all are published by the Arcadia Publishing Company and available for purchase from EMAHS.



The Bookshelf: 'Poppy: A Novel About a Colorful Colorado Life' by Jack Maher

By Elaine Hayden, Former EMAHS President, EMAHS Member

Jack Maher, grandson of Frederic (Eric) H. Douglas, has penned a narrative in novel form that chronicles the extraordinary life of his grandfather, affectionately known as Poppy.

Eric Douglas was the son of Dr. Josepha Douglas and Fr. Charles Winfred Douglas who established Camp Neosho (now Hiwan Museum) in Evergreen and whose tireless spirit helped to grow the community in ways that remain evident today.

For readers who know little of the accomplishments of Eric Douglas, this novel provides a glimpse into his life in a fluid and fictional form while alluding to his true life experiences and inspirations. Drawing from documented instances, Maher has successfully presented the noteworthy contributions of Eric Douglas. A world acclaimed authority on Native art, a respected friend of many Hopi, Navajo and Cheyenne tribal artists, a recognized museologist and a pioneer in gallery and museum presentations, Douglas strived to illuminate the creative qualities of Native art and to emphasize the interconnectedness of humanity on a global scale.

Through presentations at major museums throughout the world and with the guidance of tribal members, the presentation of Native culture through style shows that showcased both traditional textiles in dress and regalia of Native cultures, Douglas was considered a premier authority on Native art in the academic world. This designation allowed him to become the curator at Denver's Chappell House and his rise to becoming the director of the Denver Art Museum's Native American Arts collection.

While this book contains factual information and incidents, Maher has exercised his creative license in very subtle ways throughout the book. Maher's work is clearly an homage to his grandfather and informs the reader of this man's extraordinary life.



Jack Maher

Poppy

A Novel About A Colorful
Colorado Life

Upcoming Events

June

8th to 10th and June 15th to 17th
Medlen School Days **Sold out**

8th to 11th and June 15th to 18
Discovery Days at Hiwan **Sold out**

August

28th: Harvest Tea **Canceled**



Picture provided by Laurie Romberg,
Elk at Evergreen Lake

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For more information about the Evergreen Mountain Area Historical Society or Events happening at Hiwan Museum go to:

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