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Buffalo Horn Chair—Returning Home to Pine Ridge

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our mountain area and representative of the time period of the Williams and Douglas era at Camp Neosho as well as the Hiwan Ranch's Buchanan era. The community responded by donating to the museum and Society, many items that represented the 80 years between 1893 and 1973.

Among donations and gifts received was a buffalo horn chair, gifted to the Society in March, 1975 by then Evergreen residents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Baroch. The chair's provenance was purported to have been gifted to the family of this Evergreen resident and was held in the family for many years. While not having direct relevance to our mountain community, Connie accepted the chair on behalf of the Society as a point of interest in history in a broader scope.

Robert Baroch reported to Connie that the chair had been given in a trade arrangement around 1900 near Rawlins, Wyoming between Matt Baroch, a young Union Pacific Railroad agent, and a band of Lakota from Chief Red Cloud's Pine Ridge Reservation. A named Oglala, a sub-tribe of the Lakota Sioux, Chief Red Cloud (1822-1909) was considered one of the last great Chiefs and influential leaders of all Plains tribes. According to the Barochs, the story attached to the chair was reported

to have been a ceremonial horn chair from the Red Cloud band. The chair, originally upholstered in red trade cloth and leather, has had appraisals and repairs performed over the years in the hands of the Society. The chair was a prominent feature in the museum and held the fascination of the guests. (An informative work in regard to the Sioux and other Plains tribes can be found in the book, *The Dull Knives of Pine Ridge* by Joe Starita.)

In 1975, Connie Fahnestock was deep into her task of turning back the hands of time as she was the director of the newly formed Hiwan Homestead Museum. Her efforts included a plea to the community to donate or gift items that held relevance to the history of

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REFLECTIONS: President's Pen

By Elaine Hayden

As 2022 comes to a close it is good to report that EMAHS is gaining back ground we all lost to the pandemic. We welcome many new members and Hiwan staff as they get a glimpse of Hiwan in pre-pandemic days and the enthusiasm and events that have come to define the Society. We once again are able to present and open the museum to many of the events and activities that previous mandates did not allow for.

September saw our 2nd History Happy Hour, held on the second Friday of each month. This open event holds the potential of becoming a forum for discussion on all things pertaining to history. The relocation of all of EMAHS' archives; library, photos, history files, oral histories and maps began in September as did the relocation of Education Specialist, Jennee Hancock's office. Jennee is now ensconced in the museum in the former break room. Volunteers Sue Knepley and Sue Ashbaugh have been a valuable resource in identifying and insuring safe handling of our collections.

October brought a new exhibit entitled, *Outside In*, to the museum with feature artist, Mindy Lundy displaying her photography and her familial link to Acoma Pueblo culture. We welcomed many guests to the exhibit opening on October 14th. The exhibit will remain open until April. Also on October 14th, Jennee and I welcomed visitors from Pine Ridge, South Dakota. Visiting were Chief Henry Red Cloud, Gloria Red Cloud and John Red Cloud who are direct descendants of the storied Lakota Chief Red Cloud (see article Horn Chair).

Jennee offered Hiwan docent refresher sessions that covered everything from new approaches to telling the Hiwan story, to a tech session that helped those unfamiliar with the various devices we employ at Hiwan. Our Hiwan Halloween event was well attended and signals that

the community is ready to return to a bit of normalcy in gathering together. Volunteers offered activities, refreshments and a kid and pet costume parade. The Evergreen Nature Center and JCOS were also represented.

Turning the calendar to November is a harbinger to a busy season for the Society. The volunteer crew of Rosemary Barenbrugge, JoAnn Dunn, Diane & Hank Fuchs, Mark Joyce and Yuri Weydling, Pat Jurgens, Jan Murphy, Joyce Rutherford, Bud & Juanita Weare and myself represented the Society at the Alternative Gift Fair on November 12-13th. Our sales were on par with recent years as was the pleasure we had in visiting with community members. We look forward to next year's fair.

Candy Porter has relocated to Omaha, Nebraska but remains our Hiwan tea organizer from afar. Despite being unable to host teas since 2019, Candy sold out seats to three teas in a matter of two days with her contact list from previous years. We look forward to two days of welcoming guests for tea sipping at the museum on December 5th and 6th.

All volunteer docents, history educators and weekend docents were invited to an appreciation brunch and museum decorating session on November 21st. This event heralds in the holiday season at Hiwan while showing appreciation to our loyal and capable volunteers. The Holiday Open House will be held on December 9th from 5 to 7 pm and will welcome the community to enjoy holiday music, refreshments and activities in the museum that is dressed for the holidays.

I send my best wishes for contentment and peace in the Year 2023 as we move into the 50th year of Society existence. Thanks to all who have helped me fulfill my sixth year as EMAHS President.

Events

December 5th and 6th
Hiwan Holiday Teas **SOLD OUT**

December 6th
Colorado Gives Day

December 9th
Hiwan Holiday Open House
5 to 7 pm Hiwan Museum

Winter Hours

Hiwan Museum Winter Hours Hiwan Museum will have shortened hours from November 1, 2022 through April, 2023. The museum will be open for tours on Thursday and Friday from 12 to 4 pm with Saturday and Sunday tour hours from 12 to 4:30 pm. Reservations can be made by visiting the Hiwan Museum website or eventbrite.com and walk-up visitors are always welcome. Private tours of large groups may be accommodated when the museum is closed by calling Erica Duvic at 720-497-7653.

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Fast forward to October, 2022 when Hiwan Museum welcomed guests from Pine Ridge, South Dakota. Fifth generation descendants of the Lakota Chief Red Cloud, Henry, Gloria and John Red Cloud visited the museum while on a return trip from Arizona where they were fortunate to retrieve a ceremonial pipe that had belonged to Chief Red Cloud. Thanks to an internet search, the Red Cloud family was able to track the pipe to a collector in Arizona and discovered a link that led them to Hiwan Museum and the buffalo horn chair.

Jennee Hancock and I welcomed the Red Clouds to Hiwan as they requested a glimpse of the chair that they believed had belonged to Chief Red Cloud from Pine Ridge Reservation. Their excitement upon viewing the chair was palpable as was their obvious sense of pride, reflected in their eyes. They reported that Chief Red Cloud often exchanged

items for food and supplies as the tribe had been relegated to the reservation at Pine Ridge in 1889, following the seizure of the sacred Black Hills by the U. S. government.

As acknowledged in the Deed of Gift documents, on file at Hiwan Museum, signed by Mr. and Mrs. Baroch and Connie Fahnestock, the Society was given the benefit of having no restrictions as to use or disposition of the chair. The chair was accessioned into the collection, proudly displayed in the museum and was an object of much interest despite having no direct link to the Evergreen story. In 2020, the chair fell into disrepair and was stored in an archival storage room at the Hiwan Museum where it rested until the Red Clouds paid their visit.

With the unanimous vote of the EMAHS Board of Directors, the horn chair was de-accessioned and presented as a gift

to the Red Cloud family who returned the chair to the Pine Ridge Reservation. The Red Cloud family is deeply grateful to the Society in choosing to return this piece of their shared heritage; likewise, the Society is recognized as taking action that is viewed as true preservation of history. Upon restoration, the chair will be exhibited and welcomed into the Red Cloud School Heritage Center at Pine Ridge, South Dakota where the chair will serve as a source of cultural pride and a representative of the rich heritage of the Lakota culture. While the Hiwan Museum visitors and docents will miss viewing and sharing the story of the horn chair, our role in the possession of this chair over the past 47 years can be considered as serving as caring guardians of this article of Lakota history.



Center, Henry Red Cloud with Gloria Red Cloud and John Red Cloud

Hiwan Holiday



Friday, December 9
5:00–7:00 p.m.

28473 Meadow Dr.
Evergreen, CO

Celebrate community and the holiday season at Hiwan Museum!
This free, open-house event will feature live seasonal music, traditional refreshments, craft activities, and Christmas decorations in an elegant historic setting.



Ice Skating Evergreen Lake

By Elaine Hayden

While the iconic Lake House at Evergreen Lake has earned notoriety for its stunning beauty and utility in our community and beyond, the sod roofed his-toric warming hut nestled in the hillside on the banks of Evergreen Lake has a long and storied past. Built in the mid 1930s by a team from the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC), an agency created by Franklin Roosevelt as part of his New Deal, the warming hut has helped to foster many nostalgic memories from generations of residents and visitors.

Ice skating on Evergreen Lake was made avail-able to hearty enthusiasts beginning in 1928, shortly after the dam was built and the lake formed. The sheer joy of skating was the lure as there were no amenities in the early days until the warming house was built. It has been stated that in the early years, skaters provided their own shovels and brooms to remove snow from the icy surface, indicating the fervor exhibited for this outdoor activity. Lighting, ice grooming and music arrived at the ice rink years later. Today the ice rink is managed by the Evergreen Park & Recreation District (EPRD) that boasts the world's largest outdoor ice rink groomed by a Zamboni ice groomer. In addition, rink-side lighting enables the enjoyment of nighttime skating.

According to a notice printed in the leaflet, Denver, January 29, 1948, the Denver Chamber of Commerce and the Denver Figure Skating Club staged an afternoon presentation of skating events ranging from solo and pairs figure skat-ing to speed skating exhibitions. All events fea-tured, "sparkling musical accompaniment". The event was held at center ice and, according to the historic record, spectators were offered trans-transportation from Denver via

bus service at the cost of \$1.15 round trip while parking space at the lake was offered for 25 cents. This event, cou-pled with the charm of open air skating helped to promote Evergreen Lake as a destination for a day's worth of outdoor fun. The multi-acre, outdoor ice rink contin-ues to lure skaters from the Evergreen area as well as Denver area visitors.

In more recent history, students from nearby Wilmot and Evergreen High School counted the hours until the end of the school day when they would traverse the snow covered Evergreen Golf Course on a direct route to the lake with skates and hockey sticks slung over their shoulders. Offering an inviting space to re-invigorate icy cold fingers and toes, the quaint warming hut also served as a gathering spot for the commu-nity of skate enthusiasts or those merely wanting to gather with friends. At one point in time, a bonfire would be lit in the small dirt parking lot at the west end of the lake that offered another form of warmth. The warming hut provided skate rentals, hot chocolate and snacks as well as refuge from the bitter cold temperatures of the multi-

acre open air ice rink. The small nature of the hut structure lent an atmosphere of coziness and warmth. The pervasive aroma of wet wool mittens, water soaked floor boards and the errant single sock or glove peeking from under the log benches were all part of the charm of skating at Evergreen Lake in years past.

The long and active life of the warming hut came to an abrupt halt when in 1993 a fire gutted much of the interior of the historic structure. While the integrity of the logs remained intact, the renovation proved to be arduous and expen-sive. The thought of demolishing the hut brought resounding public appeals to preserve the his-toric integrity of the warming hut. The EPRD obtained a grant from the Colorado Historical Society to determine the feasibility of rebuilding the structure. While the charred remains of the warming hut stood in the shadow of the newly constructed Lake House, the hut was eventually restored, retaining much of the enchantment and character of the original structure.

In 1993 Evergreen Lake welcomed a



Warming hut and skaters in 1986

new feature on the west banks that emerged as the Lake House. The newly built center of lake activity became the skate hub as well as a visitor center of sorts that welcomes summer guests to the lake. Built by Arrowhead Design Company and headed by local resident, Scott MacKenzie, the 5,000 sq. foot structure enhances the beauty of the lake and surrounding area by serving as a community center made available to many organization's meetings and fundraisers as well as a popular wedding venue. Our community is fortunate to have had many groups and individuals involved in the analysis and creation of this successful and splendid addition to the character and eminent standing of Evergreen and the lake area, specifically. It is difficult to imagine the lake's visual aspect in days before the construction of the Lake House. Photographs and oral histories are a testament to the importance of the historical record by way of acquainting many current residents of the historic character of the lake and the community. The landscape and utility of Evergreen Lake has progressed from a dirt parking lot on the west banks of the lake and the warming hut serving the skating community to the conception and completion of a stunning community gathering place that was once a mere vision in the eye of the EPRD and concerned community leaders.

Presently, Evergreen Lake dominates the regional winter scene as far as ice skating and the ever-growing popularity of ice fishing. Anticipation for opening day at the lake heightens as the lights are turned on and the night-time grooming of the lake ice begins. Opening day for ice skating is dependent upon the ice thickness and condition, monitored by EPRD safety standards. Public ice skating is encouraged and enjoyed by all ages and abilities. Numerous ice hockey rinks are made available for pick-up games or private rink rental

and convenient hockey and broomball equipment rental is offered. In 1995 the organization, Drive Smart, established a festive and popular New Year's Eve event, Skate the Lake, that continues today through the sponsorship of the Evergreen Chamber of Commerce and has emerged as a holiday tradition for many families from Evergreen and afar. Proceeds from this festive celebration benefit local charities.

The future of the historic warming hut was insured by the EPRD in the early 1990s. The Evergreen Nature Center, operated by the Evergreen Audubon Society opened its doors in 2008 to serve as a center for those interested in nature studies and continues to be a vital component of the lake's importance to the area. The preservation of this structural reminder of Evergreen's past and the repurposing of the space is a gift for all visitors to enjoy. While the original purpose and ambiance of the hut has been transformed, the honor of the humble structure has been preserved.

Today, the historic warming hut and the Lake House sit in tandem as representations of the importance and integrity of Evergreen Lake and the foresight of the Evergreen community whose progressive movement to improve, yet preserve the lake environs has evolved into a birders paradise, thoughtful wetland preservation and an open public space for all to enjoy.

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The Book Shelf

By Elaine Hayden

EMAHS member, author and fisherman par excellence, Ron Belak, has brought us his book, *Fly Fishing Colorado's Backcountry-Strategies for High Lakes and Small Streams*, published in 2018 by High Lakes Press, Kittredge, Colorado. This book offers both the beginner and experienced fisher an understanding of the techniques of fishing in general and understandable terms. Descriptions of how to choose the appropriate fly for successful angling are explained in terms that de-mystify the choice of flies that increases your chance of a nice catch. Included in the book is a chart with Ron's suggestions for ideal fly choice as well as feeding habits of high country trout. Belak includes advice on the most functional equipment from rods and reels to waders and belly boats. An extensive review of backpacking and camping gear that helps the high country angler or hiker enjoy the experience of the high country is a very informative guide.

This title has an impressive number of color photographs that showcase some of the most remote backcountry areas in the Colorado region as well as photos of specific equipment. Photo credits belong to Ron, unless otherwise noted. Ron is a long-time essayist for the *Colorado Outdoors magazine*, a publication of Colorado Parks and Wildlife. Visit Ron via www.ronbelak.com

EMAHS is proud to offer for sale this title as well as Ron's 2021 book, *The Fishing Guide to 800 High Lakes in Colorado*. Both of Ron's titles are excellent gift choices as well as good reading material in preparation for your next high country outing.

For More Information

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