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Membership Renewal

The membership in Evergreen Mountain Area Historical Society is a one-year membership, from July 1 to July 1. The membership fee is so very important to the society. We have continuing expenses of insurance and taxes as well as supporting the society's activities and projects.

Please find the renewal slip on page 8 of this newsletter. You may make a copy of it and send in your membership dues via check made out to EMAHS and mail to Evergreen Mountain Area Historical Society, P.O. Box 703, Evergreen, Colorado, 80437. You may also renew your membership online by going to the society's website [emahs.org](https://emahs.org/support/). Make online payments to <https://emahs.org/support/>

Sincerely;
Diane Fuchs, Membership Chair 303-674-9639

Happy Birthday Evergreen!

*By Nancy Judge, President/CEO
Evergreen Area Chamber of Commerce*

In 1865, Dwight Wilmot requested that the federal government place a post office in our community. When asked what it should be named, Dwight responded, "Evergreen" because he loved the beauty the evergreen trees around him provided. This was the first official time the name Evergreen was used to refer to this area and thus our "beginning." Being an unincorporated community, there is no other start to "Evergreen." While Evergreen as a location and a place that we call home, has existed much longer than 150 years, 2025 is the year of our 150th anniversary. So Happy Sesquicentennial, Evergreen!

To celebrate our heritage and to provide opportunities for the community to learn more about our beginnings, a group of local individuals and organizations have been hosting monthly "Sacred Spaces" events. Each of these events is focused on a different area of Evergreen and speakers are brought in to provide historical information and insights. There is still time to get in on the fun at the following events:



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REFLECTIONS: President's Pen

By Stuart Collins

Dear EMAHS Members,

The strength of our Historical Society rests on the shoulders of our dedicated volunteers and members. We are deeply grateful for all who contribute their time and talents to preserving Evergreen's rich history!

I am delighted to announce the revival of our beloved holiday teas! Our first event, a Mother's Day Tea, to be held on May 19th. Invitations were initially sent to our membership and then extended to the public. Nine dedicated volunteers have pledged their time to ensure this special gathering's success. The tea will feature a delightful selection of refreshments, including brie bites, quiche, finger sandwiches, homemade scones, and desserts.

On May 3rd, I had the honor of presenting "deDisse Ranch to Evergreen Lake: A Story of 'Fair Condemnation'" at the Evergreen Lake. This presentation, organized by the Evergreen 150 non-profit coalition led by the Evergreen Chamber of Commerce, explored how the Denver Mountain Parks system acquired the deDisse property in the 1920s to create what we now know as Evergreen Lake. Whereas the transformation from a deDeisse ranch to a 420-acre public recreation area reflects Evergreen's evolution from a frontier settlement to vibrant mountain community, said transformation was not without personal heartache. I am currently adapting this research into an article for the upcoming issue of Historically Jeffco.

Speaking of Historically Jeffco, Mark Joyce and I are collaborating on an article about the Bergen Park one-room schoolhouse, exploring its significance to our community's educational heritage.

I want to extend heartfelt thanks to Rosemary Barenbrugge, our treasurer, for her tireless efforts in transitioning the society's insurance coverage, resulting in hundreds of dollars in savings for our organization. Rosemary's work with Gallagher Insurance has secured improved coverage at significantly lower costs while adding more coverage.

Our education programs are flourishing, with Jennee Hancock's Discovery Days (June 2-5 and 9-12) and JoAnn Dunn's Medlen School Days (June 3-5 and 10-12) approaching rapidly. These programs continue to connect new generations with our local history.

The Buffalo Park School relocation project is making excellent progress. EPRD will soon pour the concrete foundation at Marshdale Park, and the moving company is actively preparing for the June move from Wilmot Elementary. Working with EPRD with John Steinle's singular help, we have committed \$25,000 toward this \$50,000 project. Our fundraising efforts will potentially include (we finalize said plans) commemorative paving stones and potential matching funds from our community.

JCOS recently completed a thorough deep clean of Hiwan, with valuable assistance from Brian Hudson, Dianne Palaschak, JoAnn Dunn, Gil Gulbrandson, Deb Cash, and Mary Ann Craft. We are grateful for their dedication to maintaining this historic treasure.

The EMAHS board looks forward to our annual luncheon and board elections on June 8th at Timbervale, featuring Peter Anderson and Kim Marklund's presentation on their Evergreen Firefighters book.

Mark your calendars for upcoming events: Our annual EMAHS Ice Cream Social with JCOS on July 16th, and our participation in the Evergreen 150th Anniversary celebration on August 2nd, both held in the Grove.

Looking forward to seeing you at our upcoming EMAHS luncheon.

Stuart Collins
President

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Why I Volunteer?

By Diane Fuchs

I volunteer with the Evergreen Mountain Area Historical Society because I have a passion for history and especially for the history of my "adopted" hometown, Evergreen, Colorado.

I grew up in Greeley, Colorado and most of my family grew up in Denver. My father's side was from Europe and immigrated to Central City in 1885 and played an important role in the history of Denver. My mother's father was a civil engineer and built the highway over Wolf Creek Pass and several other highways in southwestern Colorado. I majored in history at the University of Colorado and taught history for 11 years in Anaheim, California. Needless to say, I have a real passion for especially Colorado history.

When we moved to Evergreen in 1977, I was amazed at the number of historical buildings that were still in use. We had dinners at the Brook Forest Inn, Mother's Day Brunch at the Baehrden Lodge, great Italian food at Cavalari's. We ordered sides of beef at the small grocery store, "Super Foods", in downtown. Olde's gas station was still downtown and "The Post House" was the one of the first places we ate. There was no shopping mall at the Lake shopping center. However, there was a large dance hall on the site. So many things have changed and then again most of the buildings downtown are still being used. However, The Troutdale Hotel is no longer along Bear Creek but was still standing proud when we moved to Evergreen.

When I retired, I wanted to be involved in the history of Evergreen. Sue Ashbaugh, former education director at the Hiwan, ask me to help teach at the Hiwan and I became a volunteer teacher in 2002. I so enjoyed teaching the children and I still do by helping JoAnn Dunn at Medlen School every June. I served as president

of The Society for 10 years and have served on the board for 22 years and continue to serve.

I have also served as a volunteer in many other arenas that seemed to hold the same interests as myself. I have served on the board of Bootstraps, as a girl and boy scout leader. President of the Marshdale Elementary PTA. I have been a member of the American Association of University Women for over 50 years and served as State President and other offices. With the help of other AAUW members in Evergreen we initiated the Mountain Area Science Fair, which is still occurring every year at the elementary schools. "I volunteer to help make a difference."



Evergreen Mountain Area Historical Society July 2024 - June 2025 Board Members

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| President | Stuart Collins |
| Recording Secretary | Jennee Hancock |
| Treasurer | Rosemary Barenbrugge |
| Corresponding Secretary and Membership | Diane Fuchs |

DIRECTORS AT LARGE

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| Director | Hank Fuchs |
| Director | Gil Gulbrandson |

NON-BOARD POSITIONS

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| Newsletter Editor | Laurie Romberg |
| Membership | Diane Fuchs |
| Web Master | Nick Arnold, Generation Web |

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June 7 from noon – 2pm at Bear Creek Cemetery. Join us to learn about our forefathers who are interned here while enjoying the beautiful, historic resting place.

July 3 from 6-9pm at Buchanan Ball Fields. All are welcome to this one-time event called “Illuminate the Past” where individuals will share stories of growing up in Evergreen, and organizations will share the piece of Evergreen’s history that they possess.

July 5 from noon – 2pm at Congregation Beth Evergreen. CBE celebrates their 50th anniversary by opening to the community and partnering with MALT to provide the history of Elk Meadow Park and Noble Meadow.

August 2 from 3-5pm at Hiwan Heritage Park (aka: The Grove) for an old-fashioned ice cream social
– 2pm at Church of the Transfiguration. This part of Evergreen was originally known as the Evergreen Conference Center and it includes many outbuildings. Learn about this community and the purpose of each of the buildings in a walking tour that will end at Lariat Lodge.

October 4 from noon – 2pm at Wilmot Elementary to learn more about Dwight Wilmot and his family and the Buffalo Park (one room) School.

It is often said that history is our guide to the future. 2025 will be the year that we all learn so much more about this community we call our home. Join us and be part of the conversation guiding our future.



EVERGREEN AREA
Chamber of Commerce

150 Year
Celebration!

June 7 2PM

Bear Creek Cemetery History

July 3 6-9PM

**Illuminate the Past Story Telling
Buchanan Ball Fields**

July 5 Noon-2PM

**Congregation Beth Evergreen 50th
Anniversary Celebration history of Elk
Meadow**

August 2 3-5PM

**Ice Cream Social Hiwan Heritage Park
Church of the Transfiguration Tour 2PM.**

October 4 Noon - 2PM

**Wilmot Family History
Wilmot Elementary School**



PLEASE JOIN OUR



Mother's Day
TEA
at Hiwan Museum

MONDAY, MAY 19

11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

\$40 PER PERSON

To reserve a seat, please visit
emahs.org/events

28473 MEADOW DR, EVERGREEN, CO 80439



Why I Volunteer?

By Rosemary Barenbrugge



When you hear the saying "lead by example" in my family this meant "Service." During my entire life our family looked to my mother (Miss Lelia) to show us how to wisely use our free time. When Miss Lelia was 22 in early 1942, she enlisted in the United States Navy as a nurse. She was the second class of women to enlist in the Navy that year. From southwest Louisiana it was a bit of a shock but met with excitement that soon she will be off to San Diego and the well-known Balboa Naval Hospital. Mother jumped in with both feet to learn, not just her nursing assignments, but what it meant to be in the military. She learned how all the officers were to dress and how they had to wear their military metals and

ribbons. She remembered just being fascinated by this (not very important) aspect of her job but still FUN. The fun continued when mom was assigned to two motion pictures productions as a consultant ... making sure all the military uniforms were put together correctly. As children we loved these stories – mom was pretty "cool." As the war was ending, my parents met and our family began. Mom was active in the Farm Bureau and PTA as President for many years. As kids we thought it was odd when she would make cookies and we could not have any until she returned from her meeting. When we grumbled about this arrangement, she would let us know that this is how we "all serve" then smiled and gave us all the cookies-at-once. Mom would continue her duty to "Service" throughout her life and always encouraging her family to do so too!

My life started in Service at 12 helping with the Farm Bureau events. I became skilled with laying out the paper goods for their large BBQ fundraisers and was elevated to organizing the side dishes at 14. When I entered high school, volunteers were needed to join the Student Council. Mom encouraged me to "serve." Our principal was not just teaching the formal workings of an organization, but teaching us to be "involved thinkers" during the meetings

and how to make a difference. I took this hands-on experience into adulthood.

I was so lucky to find the Hiwan Museum and the Society in the mid-80's. As an officer of a local Bank, we were encouraged to be involved in the community. There are so many wonderful organizations in Evergreen, I just did not know which one to choose. One day I read an article in the Canyon Courier about the good work that they were doing with public tours, so I dropped by on my lunch hour and took a tour. Just so happened my tour guide was Connie Fahnestock (need I say more). Here I am still at Hiwan and still learning about our community through the special projects I have been involved in – like the current Exhibit Room. How fun it was to work with Sue, Liz, Laura, and others to bring this exhibit to life while revisiting Evergreen's history.

I am proud to currently serve on the Board of EMAHS and work with such gracious people. It really is a special organization. If anyone of you has an interest no matter how small please reach-out to me (jchscolorado@gmail.com). We have many projects going on I know we can find something that will resonate with you. While thinking about your options you might even hear the word "Service" in the back of your mind, like Miss Lelia did in 1942.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP LUNCH

JUNE 8, 2025

11:30am-1:30pm

\$20.00/Person (payment at the door)

Timbervale Barn (parking at Hiwan Museum)

Program: Peter Anderson and Kim Marklund on the 75 years of the Evergreen Fire/Rescue Dept. and their new book *Burning Bright*

RSVP please soon at:

JCHSCOLORADO@gmail.com

Evergreen Mountain Area
Historical Society



DISCOVERY DAYS



Open to kids ages 7-12 who are excited to explore history through hands-on activities including crafts, games, and food!

Two Sessions Available

- June 2-5 9:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- June 9-12 9:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Hiwan Heritage Park, Evergreen

\$100 per child. Scholarships available.
Register at DiscoveryDaysEMAHS@gmail.com

Medlen School Days



*Experience the life of Schoolchildren
in 1920's Rural Colorado*

-Two Sessions-

June 3-5 and June 10-12
9am to 12pm

\$40 per child

Registration: MedlenSchoolDays@gmail.com
Contact: JoAnn at 303-503-5978



EMAHS Events

MAY 19 – Mother’s Day Tea (11am – 12:30pm)
Catered Tea

JUNE 2 - 5 and JUNE 9 - 12 (9:15am-12pm)
Discovery Days – 2 sessions

JUNE 3 – 5 and JUNE 10 - 12 (9am-12pm)
Medlen School Days – 2 sessions

JUNE 7: Bear Creek Cemetery – (12pm–2pm). Join The Evergreen Chamber and other Society members to learn about our forefathers who are interned here while enjoying the beautiful, historic resting place.

JUNE 8: Annual Membership Lunch – (11:30am-1:30pm)
Location: The Timbervale Barn.
Presenters: Peter Anderson and Kim Marklund on the 75 years of the Evergreen Fire/Rescue Dept. and their new book “Burning Bright”

JULY 16: EMAHS & JCOS Ice Cream Social (1pm-3pm) at Hiwan Heritage Park
Ice Cream Social for volunteers within both organizations

AUGUST 2: (3pm-5pm) at Hiwan Heritage Park
Evergreen’s 150th Sacred Spaces - Old-fashioned Ice Cream Social

THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER

Just Being Kids (free program) - Time and location to be released soon.

The Record is published two times per year by the Evergreen Mountain Area Historical Society. Deadline for the Fall/Winter 2025 issue is November 1. Email your submissions to Laurie Romberg at laurieromberg@comcast.net.

For More Information

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

www.jchscolorado.org

Join Us! Support local history with your membership in EMAHS:

Benefits Include:

- A subscription to “The Record” the EMAHS newsletter.
- Special invitations for history programs and social events.
- Field trips to museums and historical sites

Evergreen Mountain Area Historical Society Membership Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email Address: _____

Enclosed is my check for annual membership (select the category that best suits you and your family):

_____ \$25 Pioneer

_____ \$150 Mercantile (business membership)

_____ \$50 Miner

_____ \$ _____ (Donation)

_____ \$100 Rancher

Memberships are fully tax deductible, less the fair market value (fmv\$5.00) of benefits received.

Tell me more about: _____ **Volunteering opportunities** _____ **Making a memorial gift**

Detach and mail to: **Evergreen Mountain Area Historical Society, P. O. Box 703, Evergreen, CO 80437**

Or go on line to **EMAHScolorado.org** and click on Join!