



LARKSPUR HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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Larkspur Historical Society (LHS) offers a variety of activities for southern Douglas County residents interested in learning about past, present, and yes, even future history.



Oxen Day at the Crull Cabin
Photo courtesy of John Koller

CRULL/HAMMOND CABIN

This 1873 cabin is opened to the public at least once each year, complete with publicity and programs of interest. This year, in mid-May, LHS featured Rolland and Paula Johnson, Spring Valley residents and owners of Three Eagles Ranch with a rare breed of cattle known as milking Devons. The Johnsons provided animals and a two wheel oxen cart. Children were given rides in the cart. Society members provided homemade cookies and bars of soap as gifts to guests.

The cabin was chink-daubed this summer by the owner of the cabin, Douglas County Facilities Management. This project had been done at an earlier time and was in need of repairs.



Bev Noe Talking with the Children at Spruce Mountain Ranch

In early October, Larkspur Elementary second grade students, teachers, and parents began their annual tour of southern Douglas County at the cabin.

We journeyed to the home of "Grandma Noe." Ida May and her son, Ken, presented an interesting program on ranching. Ken had a saddled horse and demonstrated hay baling. We ended the exciting day at Spruce Mountain Ranch, a historic site. Children were treated to a history lesson by Beverly Noe, an LHS member, who lived on this ranch as a young girl. Following the information presented by Mrs. Noe, hay rides and fishing were enjoyed by the students.

Larry Schlupp and the Douglas County Department of Public Works plan to move a large kiosk from the Town of Larkspur storage area to the cabin. This kiosk was originally placed by Colorado Department of Transportation at a Larkspur rest stop which has been closed. This kiosk will contain history of the immediate area and will be the responsibility of LHS.



LHS's 2009 Landmarked Properties

LHS LANDMARKS THREE

Penny and Danna, along with the Board of County Commissioners, landmarked the Frink House, the American Federation of Human Rights and the Spring Valley School House. This process is an important part of preserving our history.

RANCH WORK

Ida May and Sue have researched their way through 91 area ranches. Some of the other subjects touched on because of their research include: Rhyolite, Oaks Saw Mill and the Red Men Society.

With all the research that has gone into the Spring Valley Cemetery tour Penny wrote the history of the Spring Valley Cemetery. One can visit some of those interred there

through biographies that were researched and used on the tour that has become an annual event. All of these subjects can be found on our web site. We are always looking for more historic photos and information the area.



Paula Johnson as Anna Geiger

SPRING VALLEY CEMETERY In June, LHS joined with the Spring Valley Cemetery Association for the second annual walk. LHS members served as re-enactors: Annette Gray, Sue Koller, Garry O'Hara, and Dave Hamling. Member, Kent Brandeberry presented Indian artifacts for the enjoyment of guests.

There will be a third annual walk in 2010. Would you be interested in representing one of the cemetery's denizens? If so, call Penny Burdick at 303-688-0654.



LHS Educating the Public on the 4th

JULY FOURTH CELEBRATION

LHS joined with the Town of Larkspur for the annual Independence Day Celebration. At this event, LHS released the LHS-produced 2009 Larkspur poster, featuring a panorama view of the town in 1928 as well as a current view photographed from the same camera site in 2009. The poster sold for \$30.00 and sales were brisk. If