



# LARKSPUR HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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## NEWSLETTER

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### 2010 HIGHLIGHTS WITH LARKSPUR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

LHS has a close working relationship with the elementary school to keep history alive for the children.

LHS dedicated a Larkspur poster and a plaque to Betty Prince at Larkspur Elementary during an all-school assembly in February. Betty was the founder and first president of Larkspur Historical Society.

In September, PENNY BURDICK, DANNA HAMLING, SUE KOLLER and LARRY SCHLUPP conducted the annual second grade tour.



Danna Hamling tutors a second grade group and parents at the Ben Quick Ranch site

LHS began the tour at the Crull-Hammond cabin, followed by a stop at the Ben Quick property, showcasing the rhyolite and frame houses. The third stop was the one-room Greenland School house which has been restored by Douglas County's Historic Restoration Specialists. The children and parents received a bit of education as to school days of a by-gone era. Following lunch and a hike out of the Greenland Trail Head, the group headed into Larkspur to the home of long-time resident, Mary Garcilaso. Mary's home is a transformed railroad box car.

At the end of the tour day, LARRY presented each second grade student with a piece of rhyolite from the Madge Quarry near Castle Rock. Bars of soap made by DANNA were presented to the second grade winners of the playground game "Hot Potato" at the Greenland School.

### TIES WITH LARKSPUR

LHS participated in Larkspur Parks and Recreation's revitalization program by purchasing a tile emblazoned with LHS's logo.

LHS also participated in the Town of Larkspur's annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration in the Park. LHS was joined by JOHN and SUSAN HULTMAN. JOHN is a collector of antique and antique reproduction firearms and SUSAN demonstrated yarn spinning.

Early in December, LARRY and DANNA, decked-out in Victorian costumes, joined Parks & Recreation in the annual tree lighting event.



DANNA and LARRY in Victorian dress

### CRULL - HAMMOND CABIN

In May, the cabin was opened to the public in celebration of Colorado Archaeology and Historic Preservation Month. LHS dedicated a large kiosk donated to LHS by the Town of Larkspur and that had been placed on the Crull property. By April 2011, the kiosk will feature information on the Town of Huntsville, the Crull/Hammond cabin and other pertinent history of this area. The kiosk information was prepared by DANNA, BILL, the Douglas County Historic Preservation Board, and the Douglas County Community Planning and Sustainable Development.



The Crull-Hammond Cabin and kiosk

### RIVERSIDE CEMETERY

In May, GARRY and JOAN O'HARA led LHS on a tour of Riverside Cemetery. A number of the pioneers and frontiers people from the Huntsville and Larkspur areas are

interred in Riverside ...names like D. C. Oaks and his family, William Crull and various Higginsons.



GARRY teaches and DANNA inspects the Riverside old crematory oven

### TOURING WITH THE GRAND LADIES OF LARKSPUR...

In June, LHS members spent a day under the tutelage of MARY GARCILASO and BONNIE BELL, two ladies who know and love Larkspur. MARY and BONNIE identified many old



Representative Homes in Larkspur Heights

sites of interest - two roping arenas, railroad section houses, the original location of the Santa Fe Railroad station. We also toured Larkspur Heights in the American Federation of Human Rights vicinity. Many of these small homes once belonged to the Federation and were built for the summer denizens, attending programs sponsored by the Federation.

### HUNTSVILLE

Huntsville was once a thriving community north of Larkspur before there was a Larkspur. Starting in September, LARRY has undertaken a project of identifying some of the Huntsville sites of note - The People's Fort (aka Fort Lincoln or Oakes Folly), Mrs. Coberly's Hotel, and D. C. Oakes sawmill.



Quincy Burdick and Mitchell Kelly portray 1885's Mattie and Lorenzo Leppert being married by "Reverend" GARRY O'HARA

### 2010 SPRING VALLEY CEMETERY TOUR

The Society hosted the third annual Spring Valley Cemetery Tour, replete with re-enactors. 2010 saw a couple of unique features of the tour: A frontier style wedding and a general store, replete with dill pickles and a period cash register.

### CHAUTAUQUA

Early in August, DANNA and PENNY joined with the *Palmer Lake Historical Society* in their annual Chautauqua program. This two and one-half day event celebrates the oldest Chautauqua program in Colorado. DANNA and PENNY demonstrated the art of butter churning and shared Douglas County history at this well-attended day in a park.

### DOUGLAS COUNTY FAIR

Also in August, DANNA, PENNY, BILL, DAVE and LARRY worked the LHS booth at the Douglas County Fair.



The Rhyolite railroad bridge across Carpenter Creek ...Southwest area tour east side of Spruce Mountain Road

### IN-DEPTH TOUR OF THE SOCIETY'S SOUTHWEST AREA

In October BILL NOE led LHS on a tour of little known historic places in the southwestern area of Douglas County ...Hank's Canyon, Beacon Tower, Schubarth Sawmill, Butler Canyon and Ranch and the Scott Ware Ranch.

### LHS's THE "RIDE THROUGH TIME"

In November and December LHS presented an 1859 through present day "Ride Through Time" to first the Parker

– Elizabeth Riding Club and secondly to the Walkie-Talkie's hiking group. Larry Schlupp made the presentations.



Greenland School Site

### GREENLAND TEA

The Society hosted an open house and tea in November at the Greenland School. Refreshments and memories were served in the former one-room school house. A number of LHS members as well as guests had attended the school.



Remembering in Classroom



Visiting 'round the Punchbowl



Danna Hamling Reflecting on the Restoration with Judy Hammer of Douglas County

Restored interior of Greenland School  
...Pictures courtesy of Norma Miller, DC Museum Repository

### LHS COMPLETES LARKSPUR TIMELINE

In December LHS completed a twenty-six month task of research and documentation, creating an extensive timeline for the town of Larkspur. The timeline can be found on the LHS website.

### DEDICATED MEMBERS

DANNA and PENNY continue volunteer curating at the Douglas

County Repository where recently a virtual museum has been established.

LARRY continues to serve at Vice-President of Historic Douglas County.

Monthly, SUE writes interesting, history-oriented articles for the *Perry Park Sentinel*.

### IDENTIFYING AND SAVING HISTORY

PENNY BURDICK worked diligently on saving history in 2010. PENNY identified numerous properties in southeastern and southwestern Douglas County to the Douglas County Historic Preservation Board for review for preservation significance by URS Corporation. In addition to PENNY's site identifying work, she worked tirelessly on documenting and submitting Greenland for Douglas County land-marking and initiated the action to potentially preserve Spring Valley School.

### FUND RAISING

LHS had several fund raising projects in 2010. This year, we designed and printed six grayscale note cards of historic areas of interest. Sales of the notecards have been good. We are also selling the 2011 calendar as produced by Historic Douglas County. Both the notecards and calendar depict excellent examples of local historic areas.

LHS also received funds from our unique general store at the Spring Valley Cemetery Tour as well as numerous donations both from the cemetery tour as well as Crull Hammond Cabin open houses.

### NEW "VIRTUAL" MUSEUM

Douglas County Historic Preservation has unveiled a "Virtual Museum" website that allows one to view exhibits and learn about objects in the museum repository. Try it at:

<http://www.douglas.co.us/historic/museum>.

The site is really well done and very educational.

### "JOIN US" Larkspur Historical Society

Over the last few years we've concentrated on LHS's southern sites. This year, we plan to go north to uncharted territory for some of us. Did you know there was a town called Dakan? ...Danna Hamling, President

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