



LARKSPUR HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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LARKSPUR HISTORICAL SOCIETY
is a small society but active, dedicated to identifying and preserving the history of southern Douglas County.



Welcome to Spring Valley Cemetery

SPRING VALLEY CEMETERY WALK

Larkspur Historical Society (LHS) joined with the Spring Valley Cemetery Association and sponsored the "first annual cemetery walk of the Spring Valley Cemetery". This event was well-attended with over 100 folks enjoying reenactments by representatives of ten families. Three of our Society members, Ida May Noe, Dave Hamling, and Johanna Harden, were in full-costume and presented their stories of the Noe family, Patrick Murphy and Anna Russell.



L to R: AKA - "Irish Pat Murphy, the Noe Family and AKA - Anna Russell

This event was such a success that LHS plans to repeat it in 2009, the third Saturday in June. Please watch various publications for additional information as June nears. Upcoming events can also be found on our LHS website at:
www.larkspurhistoricalsociety.com.



The CRHS Bus Tour – A Rainy Day at the Crull

CASTLE ROCK BUS TOUR

In August, LHS hosted the Castle Rock Historic Society (CRHS) on a bus tour of southern Douglas County, ending at the Crull Cabin.



Ida May Noe on the CRHS Bus Tour Telling the History of Eagle Mountain Ranch

Approximately 40 members of CRHS participated and despite a rainy day, enjoyed the presentation by Penny Burdick, Danna Hamling, Sue Koller, Ida May Noe and Larry Schlupp. The tour group was invited into the American Federation of Human Rights and received a most interesting history lesson from Rosario Menocal, Grand Secretary General of the Honorable Order of American Co-Masonry.

CRULL/HAMMOND CABIN

In September, the second grade students from Larkspur Elementary School made their annual visit, in conjunction with their studies of Douglas County history. Their guides, Penny Burdick, Danna Hamling, and Sue Koller, in period dress, enjoyed the lessons as much as the children. Dave Hamling and Larry Schlupp

renovated the gate at Crull Cabin. Five of us met in November to oil the cabin logs. At that time, we noticed disappearing chink-daubing (cement-type material between the logs). While we are talented folks, we do have our limitations and will need some assistance from Douglas County with the restoration of the daubing.

COUNTY-WIDE PARTICIPATION BY LHS

Danna Hamling and Penny Burdick served on the Douglas County Historic Preservation Board in 2008. Through our membership, LHS participated in the 90th celebration of the Douglas County Fair, hosting a booth. Larry Schlupp, Garry and Joan O'Hara gave time and talent to the fair project. LHS also participated in the annual Art Fest held in Castle Rock.

The American Federation of Human Rights was approved as a County landmark in 2008. The Frink House in Larkspur is currently in the landmarking process and Spring Valley School has been submitted for consideration.

Larry has volunteered to serve in a new organization that has been created by the County to begin in 2009. The organization is being called "Historic Douglas County". Participation is open to all residents of Douglas County. For additional information on this board, please contact Larry at 303-681-3537.

MORE MEMBER ACTIVITIES

✓ Ida May, Sue Koller and Ann Aviles continue their extensive ranch-research work and posting of the information on the LHS. Continue to check the LHS website,

www.larkspurhistoricalsociety.com, for all of the updates on the ranches.

✓ LHS attended the Saving Places Conference at Colorado Preservation, Inc. and plan to attend in February 2009. This conference is open to the public. For additional information, contact Danna at 303-681-3738.

✓ Sue Koller became a television star in December. She and her mom, Patricia Shaver, appeared in a segment

of "History Detectives," a PBS production. Mrs. Shaver appeared in an incubator at the 1933 World's Fair in Chicago. The program, entitled "Sideshow Babies" will air in June 2009.

HISTORY –“LIVE” ON SITE...

The Larkspur Historical Society is not only dedicated to identifying and preserving the history of southern Douglas County; it also is a society whose members strive to visit historic locations to increase their personal knowledge for better educating others. Informally throughout the year, members get together to hike, explore and visit historic sites both in and outside of the Larkspur area. Here are some of the sites our members on-site-browsed in 2008...

✓ Danna Hamling, Sue Koller and Larry Schlupp went on a hiking and driving tour around Perry Park that became known as the "Dreams Gone Awry Tour," so named because they concentrated on discussing in depth the "Dream Gone Awry" or Echo Hills County Club (now defunct) high above them on the Walls of Jericho.



Greenland Post Office Building
September 2008

✓ Penny Burdick, Danna Hamling, Ida May Noe and Larry Schlupp walked around Greenland, particularly speculated on what ultimately Douglas County might do to preserve the historic Greenland Post Office as well as the Greenland town site at large.



Overlooking the town of Castle Rock from the Madge Quarry

✓ The Madge Rhyolite Quarry was hiked by Sue Koller, Danna and Dave Hamling and Larry Schlupp in early September. The hike was known as the "Rock-on Expedition."

✓ In mid-September, the better part of a day was spent at this historic Higginson Ranch which today is known as the Spruce Mountain Ranch. Bill and Beverly Higginson Noe shared their history and photographs with the current owners of Spruce Mountain Ranch. The LHS members attending the tour were treated to a delightful lunch and an interesting overview of ranching techniques being practiced with the ranch's herd of Angus cattle.



Dave Hamling in Search of the Downed B-17
"Are we lost?"

✓ In early October, Dave Hamling and Larry Schlupp hiked, clawed and fought through some of the "roughest country known to man" in the Pike National Forest in search of the fateful crash of the B-17 in February 26, 1944.

2009 UPCOMING...

✓ LHS is meeting with Open Space, an arm of DC government, in January to discuss the Greenland Post Office Building. This is a building located at

the Greenland town site and one that has historic significance.

✓ LHS is also working with the Town of Larkspur, Larkspur Post Office, and the American Federation of Human Rights to place historic photographs of Larkspur around the town. The Federation has many historic photos and has offered to share them.

MEMBERSHIP, "LIFE BLOOD" OF LARKSPUR HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Although relative small in membership size, LHS covers the largest geographic area of any historical society in Douglas County, covering the areas of Larkspur, Greenland, Spring Valley, Cherry Valley and Perry Park as well as the bygone communities of Huntsville and Glen Grove. Members refer to LHS as truly a working society since most of its members actively volunteer for work projects and tasks that directly benefit the society and the community.

Active membership is the life blood of the society. The election of officers each year provides leadership for the Society's activities. Two new officers were added in 2008; Larry Schlupp as Vice-President and Sue Koller as Secretary.



If you are interested in history, specifically history of southern Douglas County, please feel free to join us. There is a place for you. You can find a membership form at the bottom of this page, on our LHS website at www.larkspurhistoricalsociety.com, or call Penny at (303) 688-0654 for more information.

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