



LARKSPUR HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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2012 ACTIVITIES



Ida May Noe

An Open House was held at the PHILIP S. MILLER LIBRARY on April 7th to honor Ida May Noe, the longest serving member of LHS. Refreshments and a film of Ida May's life were served by members. The attendance was extraordinary to honor our Historian.

In May, LHS teamed up with HISTORIC COLORADO and participated in National Historic Preservation month. The one room Greenland School House was opened to the public. Many photographs and reminiscences were shared that day.



LHS at OPEN SPACE DAY at PRAIRIE CANYON RANCH

Susan Hultman

John Hultman

HISTORIC DOUGLAS COUNTY, INC. sponsored a day at the Prairie Canyon Ranch, south of Franktown. Many members participated in this fun-filled day. John and Susan Hultman were there with their antique firearms, yarn spinning, and rug making display. Carol Krueger was armed with her butter churn and bread. Both of these attractions pull in a lot of folks.

Following the purchase of the Spring Valley School by DOUGLAS COUNTY OPEN SPACE, June and July were spent at the School house, cleaning the thirty five years of domestic living,

restoring the facility to its one room school house status. Black Widow spiders, mouse droppings and dirt were cleaned by Karen Johnson, Carolyn Jones, Jim and Janet Weglarz, Penny Burdick, Danna Hamling and Judy Hammer of the DOUGLAS COUNTY PRESERVATION BOARD. Several charitable organizations were recipients of the removed home furnishings.

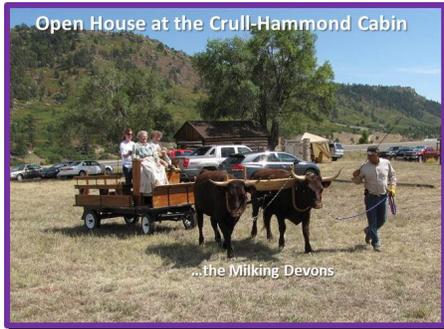


LHS Members—Danna Hamling (L) & Bonnie Bell (R)

Rebecca O'Horo, Miss Larkspur & Teen Colorado

2012 Douglas County Fair

Members join in at the DOUGLAS COUNTY FAIR the first weekend in August. This was a good year for our participation as we had Carol, Danna and Penny churning and serving bread and butter. Miss Teen Colorado, Rebecca O'Horo circulated the Events Center and encouraged folks to come over for a sample of bread and butter.



Open House at the Crull-Hammond Cabin

...the Milking Devons

In September, the Crull/Hammond cabin was opened. Spring Valley residents, Roland and Paula Johnson, brought their *Milking Devon* oxen along with an oxen cart, providing rides for interested guests and members. John and Susan Hultman were also special guests.

Also on that Saturday in September,

members joined up with the LARKSPUR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE in the Town Park for their Autumn Harvest and Craft Show. A banner donated by Bob and Glen Leise made its debut that day. An excellent piece to attract interested folks.



Larkspur Elementary School Presentations

A morning in October was spent sharing local history with the second grade classes at Larkspur Elementary School. There were five Society members presenting their stories to the children – a one room school teacher, a local rancher, a pioneer woman, a Union soldier and Grandma Noe.

Danna planned and conducted a walking tour of Larkspur in October for the WOMEN'S CLUB OF NEW HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH of Castle Rock. The highlight of the day was a tour given by Rosario Menocal, President of the AMERICAN FEDERATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS headquartered in Larkspur.



Penny & the Penny Burdick Tree

Larkspur Tree Lighting

...Decorating the Penny Tree

A plaque was placed at the base of "The Penny Tree". The tree was re-visited in November when it was decorated for the

annual LARKSPUR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE *Tree Lighting Ceremony*. Jim and Janet fashioned large one cent pieces to honor Miss Penny.

Danna, Jim, and Janet assisted with refreshments at the *Tree Lighting Ceremony*. Danna sold commemorative coffee mugs donated to LHS by the TOWN OF LARKSPUR. The weather could not have been better and the occasion was well-attended.

The aforementioned events are the kind of history events LHS is involved with throughout the year. We would like you to join us and help us make history come alive.

Larry Schlupp, Bob Liese, Barbara Darden of SCHEUBER AND DARDEN ASSOCIATES, and whoever else you wish to name are working on securing a grant from the State Historic Fund (SHF) for the Greenland Post Office. LHS has applied twice for this grant money in 2012. We have been denied on both applications primarily because of the preservation dollars of the SHF used for the Capitol Dome Restoration. Many of the LHS meetings in 2012 held discussions about ways the Society could raise substantial funds to help DOUGLAS COUNTY OPEN SPACE defray costs of this substantial project.

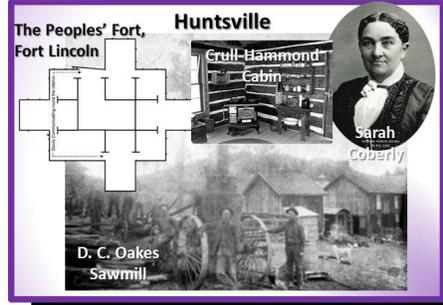


The building was stabilized in November through the efforts of Larry and Judy Hammer, Administrator of DOUGLAS COUNTY COMMUNITY PLANNING AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT.

LHS feels the Greenland area is a pivotal piece of our historic history. Bonnie Bell requested of Douglas County resident, Rick Taylor items from his Mother's estate pertaining to the Greenland Post Office. Rick has been

a good steward of Dorothy's post office pieces.

The old Huntsville site, YOGI BEAR JELLYSTONE PARK CAMP-RESORT, saw a lot of work in 2012. Larry puts together various archeological crews in "digging Huntsville." This area is revealing new things of great interest – people from the East Coast sharing stories of



their fore-bearers in Douglas County, new photographs, areas revealed thanks to the work of resident goats. Crew members are using metal detectors and finding artifacts. The *Peoples' Fort* and the *Coberly Hotel* are being considered for rebuild by the ownership of JELLYSTONE PARK.

EXTENDING HISTORICAL KNOWLEDGE

LHS applied for and received a grant from the PHILIP S. MILLER FOUNDATION to cover expenses associated with the rebuild of our society website. The new website will be coming on line in 2013.



A resident living in a historic home along Highway 105 appeared at a meeting wondering about "core dating" some logs in her home. Member, Garry O'Hara, does this and a field trip was arranged for all interested members to accompany Garry and watch him work.

LHS was approached by Judy Hammer regarding potential relocation of the Miksch/Helmer cabin in the Roxborough area. We are

open to this cabin being placed near the Crull/Hammond if other locations nearer its original site cannot be found.



Miksch-Helmer Cabin

ABOUT OUR MEETINGS

After 22 years of playing fast and loose with the timing of LHS meetings, Carole Krueger suggested that we set a certain date and time. So, here we are beginning 2013, meeting the second Monday of each month at 9:30AM. Meeting place will either be the Fire Station or Town Hall in Larkspur. Please watch the Perry Park Sentinel each month for updates.

LHS does *History Lessons* at regular meeting. In 2012, we had some fascinating history lessons – John and Susan spoke about the Mountain Men and fur trade in Douglas County, Bob and Glen did a railway trip from Denver Union Station to Pueblo. Larry prepared and served sack lunches and provided a geology lesson at the Greenland School.

Larkspur Historical Society members strongly believe that preserving our area history and pioneering culture is imperative and a top priority for the benefit of future generations. Join Larkspur Historical Society and become a part of our rich and important history.



Larkspur Historical Christmas Party - 2012

LARKSPUR HISTORICAL SOCIETY 2013 Officers

- President: Danna Hamling
- Vice-president: Bill Noe
- Secretary-treasurer: Larry Schlupp
- Historian: Ida May Noe
- Webmaster: Bill Noe

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