

# Larkspur Historical Society Activities and Accomplishments for 2013

By Danna Hamling President

Representing the Society, President Danna Hamling attended the Colorado Preservation conference, “Saving Places 2013” held at the Convention Center in downtown Denver. This conference is held annually in early February in Denver. Guests come from all over the State and organizations make presentations on their preservation projects to share with the attendees. Danna has been attending these conferences for twelve of CPI’s seventeen years.

Following the February meeting, Penny Burdick, Danna Hamling, Bill Noe, and Larry Schlupp met with Doug DeBord and other Douglas County personnel to discuss changes the Society would like to see in preservation and management of County owned properties of historic interest.

February 23<sup>rd</sup>, Danna attended Greater Denver Metro History Day at Legend High School in Parker, Colorado. Various high schools from Denver and the southern part of the front range were represented with student projects. These projects were created for competition at the County and State levels. Danna was a judge, representing the Larkspur Historical Society, along with Larry Schlupp and Jim Weglarz, representing Historic Douglas County.

Three Society members, Ann Aviles, Bill Noe, and Janet Weglarz volunteered to revise the By-laws of the Society. This looked like a herculean task from the outside looking in but they accomplished this in an expeditious manner. Out of the revision, came a formal meeting date for the LHS meetings – the second Monday of each month.

Twelve members of the Society enjoyed a tour of the historic JA Ranch on Hunt Mountain. The tour was given by ranch foreman, John Anderson. It was a pretty Colorado day in April.



Larkspur Historical Society Members  
and Guests on Hunt Mountain



Original Governor Hunt Cabin  
J A Ranch Current Owner



The Town of Larkspur as  
viewed from the top of Hunt  
Mountain.  
The Town is located in the trees  
between the two roads.

May 18, 2013, Armed Forces Day, found LHS in the Spring Valley Cemetery. This was in celebration with History Colorado and National Historic Preservation Month. We were joined with presentations by three Civil War outfits, including a Scottish bagpiper regiment and LHS member, Bob Leise. Demonstrations were given throughout the day. Two local residents re-enacted their military forbearers. Check out more pictures of this exciting at this link.

<http://www.historicdouglascounty.org/larkspur-recognizes-veterans-at-2013-armed-forces-day-event>

The Larkspur Area Chamber of Commerce hosted a grand opening of the Larkspur Area Town Park Saturday, June 1, 2013. LHS members, Bill and Danna manned the LHS tent with local site books. It was an old fashioned almost summer day, complete with hot dogs, hamburgers, apple pie, baseball games and etc. It seemed that there were more Larkspur residents checking in with us that day than we have ever seen at an event.

The Society tri-fold was edited and printed. A new selection of six note cards were printed for sales at events where the Society is found dispensing our history. As well, the original set of six were reprinted.

A request from LHS for grant monies from the State Historic Fund for the rehabilitation of the Greenland Post Office was granted June 1, 2013. Bob Leise has been appointed the LHS administrator. Many hours of work has gone into this program by Secretary/Treasurer, Larry.

The annual Douglas County Fair was held August 9, 10, 11 at the DC Fairgrounds. Society members, Phyllis Bonser, Glen Leise, Jim and Janet Weglarz, Larry, and Danna represented LHS Saturday, the 10<sup>th</sup> for three hours. The booth is sponsored by Historic Douglas County, an organization with ties to local historic organizations. HDC had a good location and there was more traffic than last year interested in learning and sharing our local history.

August 24<sup>th</sup> was Prairie Canyon Ranch, an event sponsored by HDC and Douglas County Open Space. This wonderful example of a pioneer ranch is located south of Franktown and east of Highway 83. Danna, Penny, Phyllis, and Glen participated, demonstrating butter churning. Bread and the hand churned butter are served to guests, along with some history.

The September meeting was held in the pavilion in the Larkspur Area Park. A pot luck followed the meeting – good weather and delicious food prepared by present members.

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# Armed Services Day - 2013

Larkspur Historical Society and Spring Valley Cemetery Association presents...

## VETERANS & VALOR

## MUSKETS & PIPES

**Spring Valley Cemetery**  
**May 18, 2013**  
**11:00 AM – 2:00 PM**

Come Celebrate Armed Forces Day...Enjoy the Action and Festivities...Honor 77 of Our Military Defenders—Civil War through Vietnam—Buried in the Gently Rolling Country Hills of Spring Valley Cemetery under the Watchful Eye of Pikes Peak in the Background...

- Battle Skirmishes
- Musketry Demonstrations and Cannon Firing
- March with Wooden Rifles...for Children or Daring Adults!
- Hear Families Talk about Their Military Ancestors

The 79<sup>th</sup> Highlanders represent the 79<sup>th</sup> New York Volunteer Infantry, military regiment organized on June 20, 1859 in the State of New York. The 79<sup>th</sup> gained fame during the American Civil War for its service in the Union Army.

- Bagpipes Soothing the Countryside and Soul with Unforgettable Music
- Reading the Names of Our Veterans
- Lt. Col. UMSC (retired) David Pruett Speaker
- Civil War Artifacts
- Light Refreshments

Spring Valley Cemetery  
 13944 Spring Valley Road, Larkspur, CO 80118

On a beautiful Saturday, May 18, 2013 – *Armed Forces Day*, at Spring Valley Cemetery in southeastern Douglas County, *Larkspur Historical Society* and the *Spring Valley Cemetery Association* honored the seventy-seven buried veterans (Civil War through Vietnam). The day was an insightful and memorable day for both the participants and attendees. The event featured the pageantry and music of the 79<sup>th</sup> Highlanders Bagpipe Band, the Civil War reenactments of life during that period of time by the Castle Rock Civil War Unit, the Leise Family providing Civil War cannonades and Lt. Col. RET David Pruett's providing solemn words about service, patriotism and obligations. One hundred forty people attended this veteran-honoring event that was highlighted by the reading of names for those buried in the cemetery by war and branch of service. Penny Burdick and Johanna Harden provided the readings, punctured by the firing salutes of cannons and muskets, remembering all of our veterans who participated in these wars on our behalf ...to protect our Country and our Freedoms. Please enjoy the pictures which follow that commemorate and document that Day of recognizing honor and valor.

May God Bless the United States of America.

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has donated the bottles to the Douglas County History Repository in Castle Rock. Go to <http://www.douglas.co.us/museum/> to see hundreds of artifacts; prehistoric, historic and heritage. September 14<sup>th</sup> was a good weather day and many guests stopped by.

At least once a year, the Crull/Hammond cabin is open to the public due to the efforts of LHS members. This one room cabin is oft visited on the “Open House” day by locals driving by and seeing the activities or through an advertising campaign. Society members enjoy showing off this one room cabin that is one of our accomplishments. Members demonstrating of a long ago era were Susan Hultman, spinning wool into yarn and crocheting rag rugs with her fingers, Jackie Murphy, quilting and Bev Noe, a baby quilt counter cross stitch. Susan’s husband, John Hultman, displays firearms, antique and reproductions. Home baked cookies and warm apple cider were served on this September 28<sup>th</sup> Saturday.

Bill and Danna visited the Miksch/Helmer cabin in the Roxborough area. This small cabin, dating back before the turn of the last century, has recently been secured by Douglas County and will be a rehabilitation project of the Roxborough Area Historical Society.



Danna attended the Eastern Colorado Museums & Historical Societies meeting in October at the Melvin School in Aurora.

The historic Melvin School is a project of the Cherry Creek Valley Historical Society. Ideas are shared among these small venues.

The Larkspur Historical Society has on-going projects throughout the year that are not as visible as our events. A slate of candidates for the officers of LHS 2014 has been prepared to be voted on in January 2014, the website was revised in 2013 by Bill Noe, a “book of motions” is now in existence, thanks to the efforts of Larry Schlupp. A mission statement has been added to our program “the voice of history of Southern Douglas County and Divide Country”. Member, Ann Aviles was the journalist of record with the Perry Park Sentinel, keeping local residents abreast of LHS activities.

The Yogi Bear Jellystone Park camp ground asked LHS for assistance in historic designation. This camp ground sits on a site formerly known as Huntsville. Huntsville was once the home to the Coberly Half-way House, The People’s Fort, a saw mill and clay mine. Owners of Yogi Bear were referred to the Town Council of Larkspur to begin the process since they are within the boundaries of the Town limits.

Penny Burdick has a nomination for historic designation of the Allis Ranch near Greenland in process. It could be presented to the Board of County Commissioners in December 2013.



**Allis Ranch  
Greenland, Douglas County  
Colorado**

The “Penny Tree” is set to go for decorating November 22, 2013. This will be the third annual tree lighting event in the Larkspur Area Town Park. In 2012, the decorating committee adorned the “Penny Tree” with large pennies, fashioned by Janet. The tree has lights and some traditional decorations along with the pennies.



*Penny Burdick  
With the Perry Tree  
2012*

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