

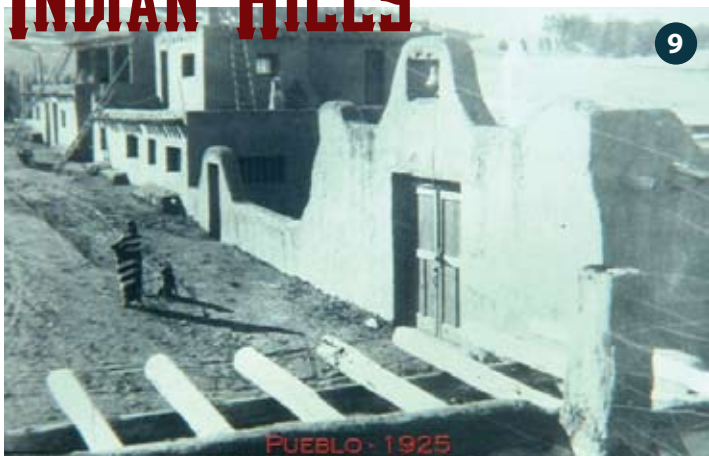
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INDIAN HILLS

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by Max Lankston

Indian Hills, a place of ponderosa pine forests, flowery meadows and quiet solitude with elevations between 6,800 and 8,500 feet, was once a summer hunting ground for the Ute Indians. Now, it is home to approximately 1,500 residents, some of whom have been privileged to have lived here more than 50 years.

The region of Indian Hills was known first as the North Fork of Turkey Creek and then as Parmalee Gulch, named after one of the earliest settlers in the valley. John D. Parmalee¹ came to Colorado in 1860 at the age of 47. In 1866, the territorial legislature granted Parmalee a charter to build his Denver and Turkey Creek Toll Road² from Morrison by way of Turkey Creek Canyon to Tiny Town and Conifer. This toll road was completed in 1870, and is still visible in several locations in the canyon along Hwy 285. Parmalee also operated sawmills and shingle mills in the area. The residence known as the "Parmalee House"³ was believed to have been built around 1859 and is where Parmalee may have lived during his road building and sawmill operation days. The attached porch was the Post Office from 1926 until 1951.

The Parmalee School⁴ was built in 1896 and was the first known school in the area. This log building mysteriously burned to the ground on the last day of school in 1918.

In 1918, George Olinger (of Olinger Mortuaries) began to purchase land for development of summer cabins and named the area "Indian Hills."⁵ He first bought 160 acres at the mouth of Parmalee Gulch and christened it Arrowhead Park.

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REFLECTIONS : President's Pen

by Diane Fuchs

We have some exciting events coming up as we enter the holiday season. Take a close look at the details contained in the newsletter.

New Board Members

It is my great pleasure to introduce to the JCHS membership our two new board members, Mike Bornhouser and Jan Murphy. We have been so fortunate to have JCHS members with phenomenal talent volunteer for our board.

Mike Bornhouser is a retired attorney who has lived in Evergreen for eight years. He not only volunteers for JCHS and the Hiwan Homestead, he also volunteers for the Humphrey Museum, EChO Food Bank, the Evergreen Nature Center, Trout Unlimited and his political party.

Jan Murphy was raised and educated in Evergreen, Colorado. She taught Colorado history classes for six years at the Lockheed Martin's Evening Institute. Jan is the author of two great books, *Outlaw Tales of Colorado* and *Mysteries and Legend of Colorado*. Both of these books are available at the Hiwan Homestead. Jan was also one of our presenting authors in 2008 for the "Reflections" event at Mount Vernon Country Club.

It is with regret, that we say goodbye to Sue Jones and Mike Goldblatt. Sue Jones has moved with her husband, Doug, to Durango, Colorado; but she is still going to update our website. Mike has many business commitments and was a wonderful asset to JCHS due to his thorough knowledge of the trees of Evergreen. He is the owner of Lamm Tree Service.

Alternative Christmas Fair

November 14 & 15

Evergreen Lutheran Church on Highway 73



We are getting ready for the creation of items to sell at the Evergreen Alternative Christmas Fair. Dale Devine and Randi Marcos have so kindly offered to direct this effort. The Alternative Christmas Fair is to be held on Saturday, November 14 and Sunday, November 15. This event is our largest fundraising effort for the year. The creative production staff for the fair is meeting on Tuesdays. Feel free to call the Hiwan Homestead

Museum to find out how you can contribute your talent to their planning efforts. Volunteers will be needed to staff the JCHS booth on both days. Please contact Diane Fuchs if you are interested in helping out.

Heritage Grove Transfer

The transfer of "Heritage Grove" is still moving along. We were hoping to have the transfer completed by the first of August, but it is looking as though it will be the first of November. There have been some complications in the title, and these are being addressed. Perhaps by the time you receive "The Record" the transfer will be complete.

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Roadside History Tours

Mike Strunk, JCHS board member, along with your Jefferson County Historical Society and additional input from the Conifer Historical Society, is putting together a pamphlet called "Roadside History Tours." It is in its infancy as I write this article, and much still needs to be done before it comes to fruition.

JCHS' New Book

The publication, *Modern Modes for Mountain Meals*, is now complete and is available at the Hiwan Homestead for \$15.00. It will also be available at the Alternative Christmas Fair. This is a phenomenal walk down mountain-history lane. This cookbook was first published in the early 1950s as a fundraising effort by the Kittredge and Evergreen PTA. A copy of this book was purchased at a second-hand store some 55 years ago. Hank Alderfer was given the book in the spring of this year by Sidney

Whitford and Dottie Manchette. We were thrilled to publish this piece of local history originally published 60 years ago. There are wonderful sketches of local business advertising, such as Canon House Café, Melody House, Crager Roofing, Robinson Motor Co., and, of course, Evergreen Service Station owned and operated by Herman Olde and Son. Buy your copy or give it as a Christmas gift. It is full of wonderful recipes all tested for high-altitude cooking.

Review of Summer Events

Max Lankston's presentation at the June membership brunch was absolutely wonderful. Our summer school program at Medlen School was a great success. Most of the classes were full for the three one-week programs. Mike Goldblatt sprayed the trees in the grove for any beetles, and the grove was used by the Evergreen Artists' Association for the Art Festival in August.

Membership Renewals

Are we still waiting on your membership renewal? Do you remember if you paid your dues? Please call me at 303-674-9639 to check on the status of your membership or to pay your 2010 dues. Don't let this be your last copy of "The Record."

I hope you all had a wonderful spring and summer.



Diane Fuchs
President

Jefferson County Historical Society
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Volunteer

There are openings at Hiwan Museum for many volunteer positions. Here's your opportunity to:

- learn more about local history
- learn a new skill
- serve the community
- take part in group outings to other historic sites

For more information, call the Museum at 720-497-7650.

Volunteer Awards

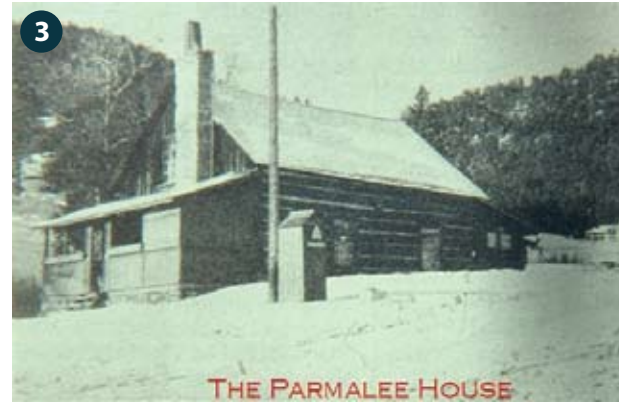
Fourteen of the most active teen volunteers have been nominated by the Hiwan Museum staff for the Open Space Outstanding Volunteer Award this year. The members of the dedicated group are: Keely & Maggie Bachrodt, Dakota Green, Marissa Hughes, Kalah & Jessamyn Hutchins, Brian & Ellen Kassay, Kristin Shirk, Emily & Katherine Schroeder, Sarah Stewart, Madeline

Tarasar and Hannah Velte.

The members of the group were awarded a Special Open Space Award as "Outstanding Role Model for Youth." The presentation was made by Don Klima at the Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast on October 3.

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Large billboards were placed at the Turkey Creek and Bear Creek entrances to Parmalee Road advertising “Indian Hills for Your Mountain Home.”⁶ Timber for cabins was cut from the hillsides and dragged to building sites by teams of mules.

HoChaNeeSta (Chiefs Inn)⁷, a tea room and soda fountain, were constructed in 1922 near the present Post Office. It was the first stopping place for busses and cars bringing sightseers and prospective buyers to Indian Hills.

In 1885, Benjamin Eden, a tollgate keeper on the Turkey Creek Canyon Toll Road, began buying property from Martin Luther in the open western end of the valley. His holdings were known as “Eden Park” and grew to over 1,000 acres. In 1921, Eden sold his property to George W. Olinger to supplement Olinger’s real estate development plans. Eden Park included the Indian Hills Country Club House⁸ and its nine-hole golf course. The Club House was destroyed by the Indian Hills Fire Department in 1986 at the request of the owner.

The 1925, NaTeSo Pueblo⁹ was built as a promotional real estate project by George Olinger. Adobe bricks were hand made on the property and laid by members of the Navajo, Tesuque and San Ildefonso tribes who were bussed in by Olinger from New Mexico. The Pueblo became a popular tourist attraction. The Indians were skilled in dancing in their colorful costumes and making pottery, jewelry and weavings. In the 1990s, the Pueblo underwent an historic restoration project and is now a private residence.

Beginning in 1926 through 1929, an artist colony called “Monte del Ouray”¹⁰ was established where writers, artists, actors and musicians could meet during the summer months. Many summer cabins were constructed for their studies and recreational events. Most of the artists considered themselves vacationers who were getting away from their jobs and pursuing other cultural interests.

In 1911, John Brisbane Walker purchased the Mt. Falcon Property and built a home there. Walker also dreamed of building a Summer White House¹¹ there where Presidents could have a summer retreat. He encountered financial difficulties, and the Summer White House never materialized. His home was destroyed by fire in 1918, it was re-built and later, in 1951, it was struck by lightning and is in ruin today. Mt. Falcon is now a Jefferson County Open Space Park.

Indian Hills is unique in that it offers the residents the serenity of sunrises to the east and the snowy peaks to the west. Here one can enjoy a quiet quality of life, along with business, employment and educational opportunities nearby.



1896 PARMALEE GULCH SCHOOL



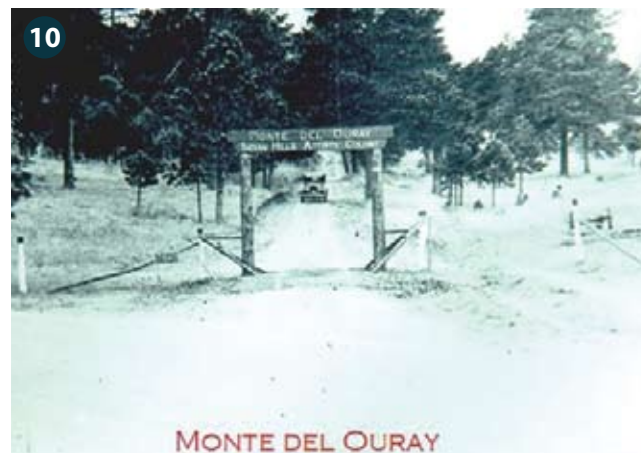
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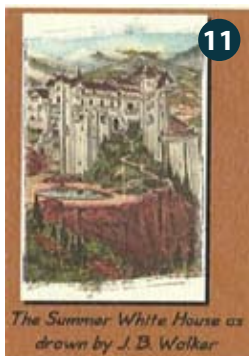
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INDIAN HILLS COUNTRY CLUB



MONTE DEL OURAY



The Summer White House as drawn by J.B. Walker

HIWAN HAPPENINGS

Hiwan Happenings contributed by John Steinle, Meghan McGinnes and Sue Ashbaugh



Adult Education

Adult Education and craft classes, sponsored by JCHS, are ongoing at Hiwan Museum. Call the Museum for the class schedule. Everyone is welcome to join these informative, inexpensive and fun sessions. Learn something new! Meet folks with similar interests!

“Felt to Fabulous,” November 10 at 10:00 a.m., will amaze you with the possibilities using old felted sweaters! \$5 will cover materials (except the sweater) and instruction. Fun & easy. Call the Museum to register, 720-497-7650.

Instructor: Nancy Lerner

Needles & Friends

Needles & Friends group meets the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 12:30 p.m. in Eric’s House at the Museum. Learn something new, finish a project and make new friends! Lots of fun and open to everyone.

150 Years of Our Mountain Communities

If you haven’t had a chance to see “150 Years of Our Mountain Communities: A Photo Montage,” make sure you stop by Hiwan Homestead Museum by November 22. This exhibit celebrates the 150th birthday of Evergreen, Bergen Park, Conifer, Indian Hills, Kittredge, and Idledale with photographs taken from the 1800s through today. These photographs are all part of the Jefferson County Historical Society’s extensive collection. The panels from this exhibit are available for community use after the exhibit has ended. Please contact Meghan at 720-497-7650 if you are interested in borrowing any or all of the panels.

Renovations at the Museum

Make sure to stop by the Museum and check out the new carpets and floor finishes. The three area rugs (in the sitting room, living room and spinning room) have all been replaced after at least ten years of use. The stairway up to the break room has a new, matching runner, and the old carpet in the back hallway has been removed and the floor refinished. It looks great! One other flooring addition that you have to check out is the pink shag carpeting in the re-creation of Wendy’s room upstairs. If you thought shag was gone, you’re wrong! Come see the absolute pink-ness that is Wendy’s room!

Book Club

Book Club meets in Eric’s House at the Museum the 4th Wednesday (usually) of each month at 12:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome! Join our lively, casual discussions!

Scheduled Books: Nov. - No Meeting
Dec. 2 - (luncheon) - an Alexander McCall Smith book
Jan. 27 - *Book Thief* - Markus Zusak

Photo Legacy Project

After completion of our grant cycle, we have discovered that JCHS has more photos than originally thought. Although the grant and matching funds have been exhausted, JCHS has decided to fund the rest of the reorganization project. Pat has now catalogued over 3,000 images and is hard at work on the rest. After she has completed cataloguing the rest of the photos, Hiwan Homestead Museum will host a reception to celebrate this major milestone, and prepare for the next stage of digitization. Please feel free to stop by and take a look at what she’s doing.

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Decorating for Christmas

After "150 Years of Our Mountain Communities" comes down, Hiwan will be decorating for Christmas. It's hard to believe that it's that time already, but we have chosen an international theme for the Hiwan decorations this year. We feel this is a fun and different theme from other years, but it still fits in with the character of the house. Historically, the families traveled extensively, and the collection in the Museum includes the international Julia Douglas doll collection.

We are looking for items that are representative of the country/region that they are from or intended to represent. In other words, it should be clear to visitors that the item is from or made to look like it is from a certain country/region. We also encourage any items that are indicative of Christmas traditions from around the world. Thanks everybody, and we look forward to another spectacular Christmas season at Hiwan Homestead Museum!

Call the Museum at 720-497-7650 if you have items that you would like to loan for decorations. We will start accepting items for loan during the first week of November.

We will decorate the entire Museum on Monday, November 30 - the Monday after Thanksgiving. Everyone is welcome to attend decorating day. We ask that you let us know you are coming because we provide lunch and need to know how many will be here. The fun starts at 9 a.m. and continues as long as it takes. Come when you can and stay as long as you like!

Christmas Tea

Hiwan Homestead Museum and the Jefferson County Historical Society will be hosting a Christmas tea on Monday, December 14 at 11:30 a.m. Feel free to call 720-497-7650 to reserve your space today! Reservations are required and a donation is requested (\$15 for JCHS members and groups of 4 or more; \$12 for non-members).



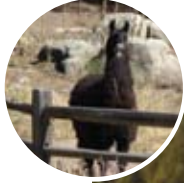
EVERGREEN HOLIDAY WALK

The Holidays begin with a bang in Evergreen with the annual Evergreen Holiday Walk on Friday, December 4th. In the spirit of this exciting and fun community-wide celebration, Hiwan Homestead Museum will host its own activities from 6 to 9 p.m., on that date. Shuttles for the downtown festivities will leave and return to the Museum parking lot. Museum volunteers will be roasting chestnuts on an open fire and offering hot cider for the people waiting for the shuttle.

Inside the Museum, the Christmas decorations will be hung throughout the 17-room log mansion dating from the late 1800s. An 18-foot-tall Christmas tree will decorate the huge living room. Bands and choirs from Rocky Mountain Academy will perform throughout the evening. Holiday crafts for children will be offered in the 1876 Centennial Schoolroom. The Museum will be filled with the magical traditions of Christmas-past during this gala celebration. This event is free to the public and no reservations are required.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Nov 10 - Felt to Fabulous Adult Education Class
- Nov 14 & 15 - Alternative Christmas Fair
- Nov 22 - Last Day of "150 Years of our Mountain Community"
- Nov 30 - Holiday Decorating Day at Hiwan Homestead
- Dec 2 - Book Club - an Alexander McCall Smith Book
- Dec 4 - Evergreen's Holiday Walk with Events at Hiwan
- Dec 14 - JCHS Christmas Tea



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