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## **Renowned Educator Emily Griffith Portrayed at Hiwan Homestead Museum**

Hiwan Homestead Museum and the Jefferson County Historical Society are pleased to announce that they are hosting Debra Faulkner in a first-person portrayal of Emily Griffith on **Monday, March 10 at 2 PM**. Although Griffith ended her education with Grade 8 she went on to become a world-famous educational pioneer with her Opportunity School in Denver. The School was open to all people, even at a time when the racist organization the **Ku Klux Klan** was at the height of its influence in Colorado. Griffith's story doesn't end there. In 1947 she and her sister were inexplicably murdered in their mountain cabin, a mystery still unsolved to this day. Faulkner's portrayal will explore Griffith's life and death, with a new theory of who-done-it - and why.

Colorado historian Debra Faulkner has a Masters in History from the University of Colorado at Denver and currently teaches at Metro State College. She has served on the board of the Colorado Women's Hall of Fame and is a longtime volunteer with the Colorado Historical Society. Her biography of Emily Griffith, *Touching Tomorrow*, won the 2006 EVVY Award for best nonfiction from the Colorado Independent Publishers Association. She is also co-author with Dr. Tom Noel of *Colorado: An Illustrated History of the Highest State* (American Historical Press, 2006).

A suggested donation for Debra Faulkner's program is \$5 per person. Pre-registration is required; for registration or information call Hiwan Homestead Museum at 303-674-6262.

Hiwan Homestead Museum is a 17-room log mansion constructed in the Rustic style of architecture. It is located in Evergreen at 4208 S. Timbervale Drive. Hiwan Homestead Museum is a Jefferson County Open Space facility operated in partnership with the Jefferson County Historical Society. The Museum was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1974.