

# **Niwot Historical Society**

2010 - 2011 Annual Report

April 2, 2011

The following members of the Board of Directors were elected at the Niwot Historical Society (NHS) 2010 Annual Meeting:

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| President:        | Laura Skaggs           |
| Vice President:   | Rob Gordon             |
| Secretary:        | Connie Herbst          |
| Treasurer:        | Darwyn Herbst          |
| Members-at-Large: | Anne Dyni, Donna Sinor |

The NHS Board met seven times to conduct historical society business.

NHS successfully presented its first grant application to the Niwot Local Improvement District Advisory Board and received \$1500 towards production of the “Niwot on the Rails” exhibit at the Longmont Museum.

The Left Hand Valley Courier chose NHS to receive proceeds from the annual Rubber Duck Race. Volunteers sold virtual ducks at nine Rhythm on the Rails concerts, at four Niwot Farmers’ Markets, at four First Friday Art Walks, and at two Pancake Breakfasts. NHS broke duck sales records. A total of 676 ducks were sold at \$5.00 apiece. All proceeds were directed to fund the Longmont Museum exhibit.

Two students from the Niwot High School International Baccalaureate program, Kit Goncharov and Zach Thomas, volunteered countless hours over last summer to the NHS in designing and launching our website: [www.niwohistoricalsociety.org](http://www.niwohistoricalsociety.org)

NHS participated in four community events: Fourth of July, Nostalgia Day, the Left Hand Valley Courier Duck Race, and hosted a booth at Shepherd of the Valley Waldorf School Harvest Faire.

NHS Board members participated in monthly meetings with curators at the Longmont Museum to design and implement the “Niwot on the Rails” exhibit. Volunteers moved all of the artifacts and photographs to the museum. Invitational postcards were mailed to NHS members, to members of all other Niwot civic organizations, and were placed in all businesses for public distribution. Two advertisements ran in the Left Hand Valley Courier promoting the event and the Niwot Business Association weekly online update continues to promote the exhibit. Special thanks to Anne Dyni for seeing this project through to completion.

NHS is represented on the new Niwot Sculpture Park Steering Committee, has donated \$200 and written a letter of support towards a planning grant application to Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO).

The refurbished Left Hand Grange is providing secure closet space on their second floor for NHS archival use. NHS installed an electric outlet and a pest deterrent system in the closet to ensure safe storage.

Twelve artifacts were donated to the NHS during 2010-2011 and have been archived.

Four issues of the Niwot Gazette Newsletter and several topical updates were distributed by mail or email and posted on our website.

Thirty three photographs from the NHS collection were provided for the Longmont Museum exhibit and two were purchased for use in a video promoting Niwot. Anne Dyni was interviewed for the same promotional video.

Membership now includes 49 households and dues renewal season is underway.

The NHS brochure was revised and reprinted.

By request, Walking Tours of Niwot were given to 30 members of Historic Boulder and to the 4<sup>th</sup> grade class from the Waldorf School.