

Niwot Historical Society (NHS)

2023 Annual Report

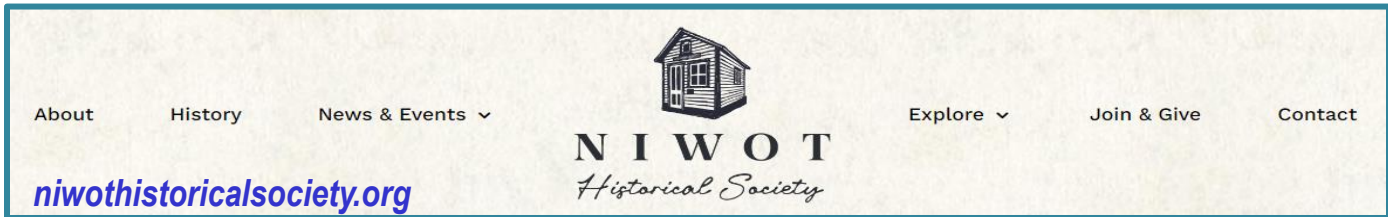
Annual Meeting & Election of Board Members was held via electronic communication in February 2023.

Nominations for the 2024 Board are open now.



- President** - Kathy Koehler, Lectures, Newsletters, Media, Tours
Secretary - Mary Claire Collins, Secretary, Museum, Tours
Treasurer - Terry Larsen, Finances, Insurance, Museum
Director - Donlyn Arbuthnot, Consulting Director
Director - Rob Gordon, Lecture Support, Snow Removal
Director - Joan Grunzweig, Leased Photos, Tours, Museum
Director - Vivian Knaus, Archives, Museum Exhibits, Website
Director - Leonard Sitongia, Web Master, Audio/Video, Museum
Director - Kirk Stewart, At Large Director, Museum, Projects
Director - Diane Zimmermann, Membership, Museum, Tours

New Website ~ Leonard took the lead to work with the technical designer, Alicia Zamora, to create a new website that is capable of sharing more information. With some financial support from the Niwot LID, we were able to build this new site. Vivian created the expanded tab for sharing more archived history. They both have uploaded photos, stories, a timeline, documents, announcements, newsletters, and so much more as the site continues to grow.



The Fire House Museum ~ The little Fire House Museum has been open to visitors for many community events depending on volunteer availability and the weather since the building has no heat or air conditioning. A second coat of stain was applied this year so the building is in good condition. The window trim is contracted with a skilled restoration painter in the 2024 painting season.

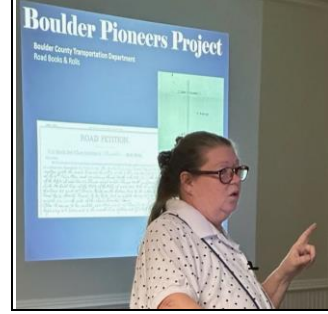
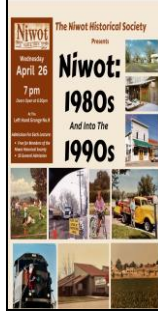
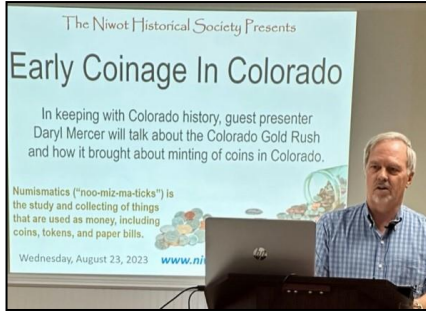


Kirk coordinated the Rotary Club of Niwot volunteers who helped to stain the Fire House this fall.

Some volunteers at the little Fire House Museum this fall greeted visitors: Robin, Leoard, Terry, Mary Claire.



Five Lectures ~ In this 12th season we hosted five *Now&Then* lectures, featuring history of:
 ~ *The Disney Life* ~ *Niwot in the 1980s & Into The 1990s* ~ *Early Coinage In Colorado* ~
 ~ *Early Residents In Boulder County* ~ *The Haunted West* ~



Overview of some activities for the Niwot Historical Society in 2023

The Directors and Volunteers keep the organization moving forward with support of our members ad the community:



- Our archives continue to grow with generous donations of Niwot area history. Three graduates (Jo Ann, John, Nancy) met and shared stories with Vivian of their days attending the third Niwot schoolhouse.

- We were fortunate to have a candidate for his Eagle Scout Badge from BSA Troop 161 in Niwot to organize and create an expanded flagstone area on the south side of the Fire House Museum. We donated to the project an amount we have been spending on weed control for the whole area, now we will need to maintain half the area. This project expanded north from an Eagle project a few years ago that was for the Grange Hall.



- We donated our annual gift to the Left Hand Grange Hall to be applied to the updated audio / video system that they will install. The new system will be used at our *Now&Then* Lecture Series.



Photography By Jeff Setvver

- Our Mission statement says that we share Niwot area history. We share history on our website, in the Museum, at lectures, in newsletters. This is our 10th season of creating and producing holiday greeting cards that share Niwot history of a property with current members. Packets of cards are available to the public for a donation to help cover related costs. This year the featured property is at 7980 Niwot Road. It is not landmarked, but it is significant in Niwot as it was a health club and today is the Niwot Market.
- Lyndsey Cumberband, Farmers Insurance Agent in Niwot, donates her resources and worked with Terry to obtains estimates for insurance for our Fire House Museum, the archives storage, and the BOD.

- The NHS participates in Niwot Business Association events throughout the year. For "Around The World" activity, we created a poster with countries of origin for many Niwot settlers along with BOD heritage countries. The Niwot Community Association organizes the 4th of July in Niwot and the Fire House Museum is always busy with visitors.

- The NHS shared a tip jar at *Rock&Rails* with the Niwot Community Association. Thank you to *R&R* and for all the NHS and NCA members who volunteered; a fun night in Niwot.

- We documented the tree sculptures being cut down for restoration work on them.

- The Left Hand Grange No.9 continues to provide storage for Niwot Historical Society artifacts, serves as the venue for our lecture series, leases the site for the Fire House Museum.

- Thank you to the video team, Bill Decker and Patrick Bohan, for taping and producing lectures.
- Thank you to Warren, Carlson & Moore LLC's availability for any legal issues.

- We wrote letters of support for restoration grant applications being filed by Boulder County Parks and Open Space on projects and communication of concern to Boulder County Historic Planning Department and the Niwot Design Review Committee regarding the lack of maintenance at the landmarked Bader House, 210 Franklin Street.

- The many volunteers who supported the NHS in various ways this year and every year are greatly appreciated. Thank you.



We thank our generous members and sponsors for inspiration and keeping us engaged on Niwot history. Volunteers and Members are our greatest resource. Please continue to volunteer for committees and future activities, your input and ideas are valuable.