

NIWOT GAZETTE

Newsletter of the Niwot Historical Society

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Be a part of Niwot's future by helping to preserve our past.



Thank You For Your Support Always, **We Need YOU !!**

We have Director positions on the Board and we would enjoy having you join the team, especially as we enter our Sesquicentennial Year of Niwot.

We need a Website Director and other positions. Volunteer, Leonard Sitongia, is not running for re-election in 2025 and we need your help to recruit a person who knows WordPress. Leonard worked with the web designer to create our new website and it is running smoothly. He has been outstanding and a wonderful asset to the Niwot Historical Society for many years. Here is a description of this position:

Niwot Historical Society Webmaster Volunteer

The webmaster should be experienced in maintaining a WordPress website. Manage WordPress plugin configuration and updates. Frequently monitor webmaster email to make sure that automatic software updates are successful. Monitor email alerts about problems and troubleshoot them. Monitor website performance to make sure it is alive and reasonably responsive.

The webmaster should be experienced in managing the website provider, being able to login, interact with provider support staff, update settings, keeping DNS current and troubleshooting poor provider performance. Ideally the webmaster would be familiar with the CloudFlare caching service, which speeds up the website.

The webmaster creates content in the WordPress website on the behalf of the Historical Society President and other board members as needed. Content creation is simple to do and a manual is provided. And, Leonard will be glad to walk through the pages if there are questions.

Please contact us if you are interested or forward this Newsletter to a friend who might be interested. info@niwothistoricalsociety.org

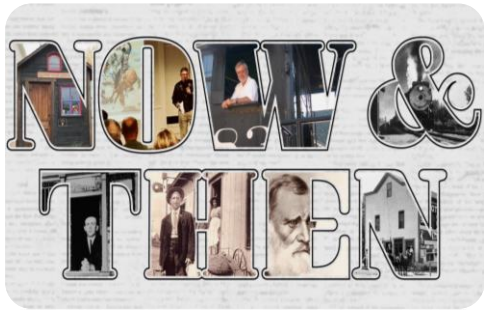
Information about Lectures are posted on www.niwothistoricalsociety.org

We are heading into our **Sesquicentennial Year** since Niwot was platted on March 30, 1875.

We hope you will join the community in 2025 to learn, respect, and celebrate the growth and development in this area of the Boulder Valley.

Your Niwot Historical Society is producing a book to share documented events and people who worked to create this wonderful place that we call home today.

Our Now&Then Lecture Series will start the Sesquicentennial Year with a tribute to our Native American tribal peoples who were here prior homesteaders.



Wednesday, February 26, 2025

7pm (doors open at 6:30)

At **Niwot Hall** (195 Second Avenue)

(formerly called Left Hand Grange No.9).

Fort Chambers: A Call For Boulder To Reckon With Our History And Build Right Relationships With Indigenous Peoples Today

Throughout our country, people are assessing how we memorialize our history, especially in regard to racial injustice and conflict. This is an immediate challenge – and opportunity – for the people of the Boulder Valley. The City of Boulder’s Open Space and Mountain Parks (OSMP) department is considering how to develop the site of Fort Chambers, one of the staging grounds for the 1864 Sand Cree Massacre where 230 Arapaho and Cheyenne people were killed. Right Relationship Boulder is urging OSMP to implement the wishes of the tribal people and develop the property as a Site of Conscience. We are also urging both the City and the County to return more open space land to the tribes. – *Paula Palmer*

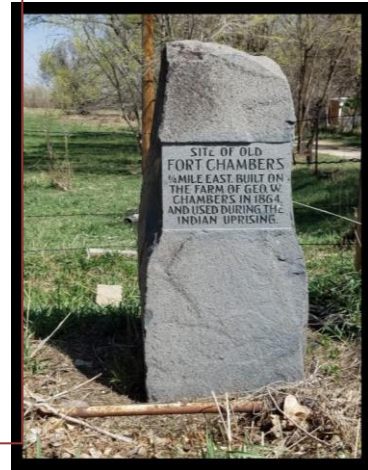


Photo courtesy of Paula Palmer

PHOTO ON RIGHT: The City of Boulder removed this marker about a non-existent “Indian Uprising,” but Arapaho and Cheyenne tribal representatives want it to be re-installed to demonstrate how their history has been misrepresented in Boulder.

--- In the early 1800s, the eastern plains, at the foot of the Rocky Mountains, in what is now the Boulder Valley, was a homeland for Native American tribes. The Niwot area was the winter home for the Arapaho and some Cheyenne tribes. The entire Boulder Valley was the ancestral homeland of numerous Indigenous Peoples for decades. **1790 - 1800** – Arapaho and Cheyenne arrive after being pushed south from the Great Lakes region by the Sioux. **1803** – Haystack Mountain becomes property of the U.S. Government after the purchase of the Louisiana Territory **1820** – Major Stephen Long arrived and claimed that this land is the “Great American Desert.”

Fire House Museum ~ Open



Saturday, November 30th,

The Fire House Museum will be open from 10:30am-Noon.

We will have candy canes for guests and would enjoy some volunteers to help hand them out and greet visitors.

Thank you **Bernard Mendonca** and your family for helping at the Great Pumpkin Party. Mary Claire and I appreciated the help.

The annual Holiday Parade begins at 11am at Murray Street and Second Avenue.



Happy Thanksgiving wishes from your Board of Directors.

Holiday Greeting Cards will be mailed to all current Niwot Historical Society Members in early December. The cover photos are courtesy of Niwot professional photographer Jeff Server and the card features 190 Second Avenue.

~ Wise Buys Antiques ~

Carrie and Tim Wise opened their doors in 1986 at 121 Second Avenue and in 1990 moved to their current location. Carrie and Tim are members of the Niwot Historical Society and have been active contributors to the growth and spirit of Niwot all these years.

Thank you!

Your membership and support is always greatly appreciated.

Visit our new website and view and read about Niwot, the artifacts, the stories and the surrounding area history:

www.niwothistoricalsociety.org

Members, Volunteers and Friends are our most valuable resource.

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