

Niwot Historical Society (NHS)

2024 Annual Report

Annual Meeting & Election of Board Members was held via electronic communication in February 2024.

Nominations for the 2025 Board are open now.
Current candidates:

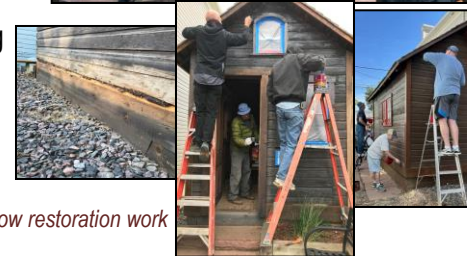
- President** - Kathy Koehler, Lectures, Newsletter, Media, Tours
- Secretary** - Mary Claire Collins, Secretary, Museum, Tours
- Treasurer** - Terry Larsen, Finances, Insurance, Museum
- Director** - Donlyn Arbuthnot, Consulting Director
- Director** - Rob Gordon, Lecture Support, Snow Removal
- Director**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



Fire House Restoration Honor – The Boulder Heritage

Roundtable is a partnership of various local history and historic preservation minded organizations with the common goal to preserve Boulder County's history. In 1993, the Boulder Heritage Roundtable began to recognize community individuals who have demonstrated a substantial contribution or leadership role in the field of archaeology, local history, or historic preservation with a newly created Square Nail Award. Nominated by their peers and presented at an annual award ceremony, the Square Nail Award symbolizes a lifetime of achievement for individuals who have greatly contributed their time and resources to preserving our collective local history. Due to the tremendous support for our local history the individuals dedicated to preserving it, the Heritage Roundtable has awarded the Square Nail Award to over 80 individuals. We are so proud of our little Fire House Museum. Kathy Koehler accepted the award.

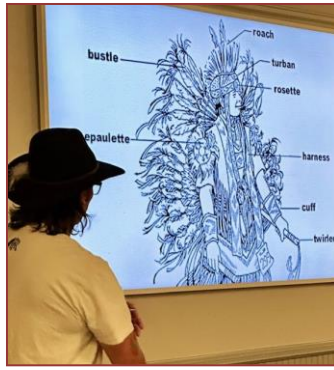
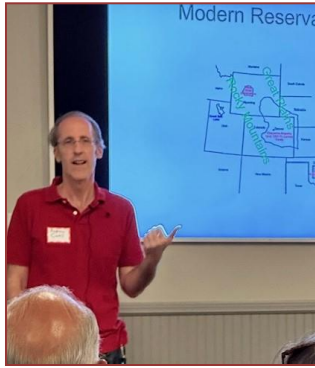
Thank you to volunteers! Photos at right: top is a slide at award ceremony, bottom photos show restoration work



The Fire House Museum

The little Fire House Museum has welcomed many visitors this year. Mary Claire led BVWS fourth graders on a tour. We always enjoy sharing Niwot's history and meeting new people. Donlyn Arbuthnot shared many stories at a visit with her cousins from Oregon (*left*) and Ann Dyni brought some guests from Fraiser Meadows. (*right*).





~ Lectures ~

In this 13th season we hosted three Now&Then lectures, featuring :

Arapaho Culture

(Left to Right)

**Fred Mosqueda,
Andrew Cowell,
Tom Mayer**



Overview of some activities for the Niwot Historical Society in 2024

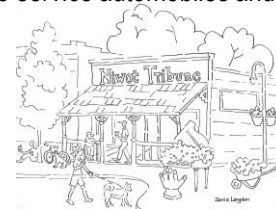
The Directors and Volunteers keep the organization moving forward with support of our members and the Niwot community:

- Our archives continue to grow with generous donations of Niwot area history.
- We began our research to document the growth and development of the Niwot area since it was platted with Boulder County on March 30, 1875. The first chapter honors the Native Americans who lived on this land before the Pikes Peak Gold Rush and the Treaty of Fort Wise. Chapter 2 begins with the year of the platting of the town and advances through 2024. The book will be published in the first quarter of 2025 for the Sesquicentennial Anniversary.



Photography By Jeff Setrver

- 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 11th season of creating and sharing holiday greeting cards of Niwot history with current members. This year the featured property is at 190 Second Avenue. The west building opened as a garage to service automobiles and the east building was the Niwot Mercantile which was built in 1907. Both properties are today the Wise Buys Antiques business.



- Our Coloring and Activity pages started in 2016 and this year features a sketch to color by Niwot artist Jane Langdon of 198 Second Avenue, the Niwot Tribune building.
- Lyndsey Cumberland, Farmers Insurance Agency in Niwot, donates her resources and works with Terry to obtain estimates for insurance for the organization. Thank you.
- The NHS participates in Niwot Business Association events throughout the year. For "Around The World" day, we created a poster with countries of origin for some early Niwot area homesteaders along with NHS Board 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 the NHS and NCA members who volunteered at a fun night in Niwot. .
- The Left Hand Grange No.9 / Niwot Hall continues to provide storage for Niwot Historical Society artifacts, serves as the venue for our lecture series, lease site for the Fire House Museum. Our annual donation is our thanks for the partnership.
- Thank you to the video team, Bill Decker and Patrick Bohan, for taping and producing our March lecture, *Arapaho Culture*.
- Thank you to Warren, Carlson & Moore LLC's availability for legal issues and annual CO Secretary of State payment.
- We shared digital photos with Niwot Hall for the history section of their newly designed website.
- The 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 lecture, future activities, your input and ideas are valuable.