

# Niwot Historical Society (NHS)

## 2025 Annual Report

Annual Meeting & Election of Board Members  
was held via electronic communication in February 2025.

**Nominations for the 2026 Board are open now.**  
**Let us know in what area you are interested.**

**Contact:** [info@niwothistoricalsociety.org](mailto:info@niwothistoricalsociety.org)

Current candidates:

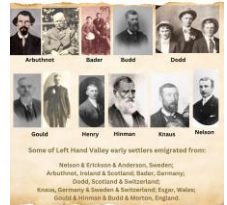
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| <b>President</b> | - Kathy Koehler, Lectures, Newsletter, Museum, Media   |
| <b>Secretary</b> | - Mary Claire Collins, Secretary, Museum, Tours        |
| <b>Treasurer</b> | - Terry Larsen, Finances, Insurance, Museum            |
| <b>Director</b>  | - Donlyn Arbuthnot, Consulting Director                |
| <b>Director</b>  | - Rob Gordon, Lecture Support, Snow Removal            |
| <b>Director</b>  | - Joan Grunzweig, Leased Photos                        |
| <b>Director</b>  | - Vivian Knaus, Archives, Museum Exhibits, Web History |
| <b>Director</b>  | - Gregg Merithew, Web Master                           |
| <b>Director</b>  | - Brooke Moulto, At Large Director, Special Projects   |
| <b>Director</b>  | - Diane Zimmermann, Membership, Museum, Tours          |



ca 1873 Bureau Of  
Land Management  
Over Current Map of Niwot  
BLM Map - Section 25, Township 2N, Range 70W



Some Miners  
& Homesteader  
Family Names



This was Niwot's Sesquicentennial Anniversary year of being platted  
on March 30, 1875.

An Anniversary celebration was held  
in Niwot Hall on Sunday, March 30, 2025.

There was music, drinks, ice cream, cake, a photo booth, slide show,  
we (NHS) had a history table sharing information on the 150 years since  
plating. The Hall was filled with members of homestead families,  
six generations of early settlers were represented, some folks wore  
vintage apparel, and a time capsule was available for guests to share

messages. The event was open to the public so resident and friends of Niwot attended the celebration.

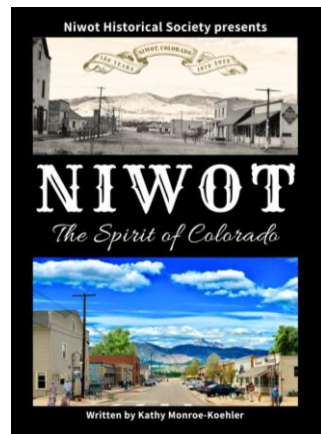
**Fire House Museum** – The little Museum was  
open for community events and hosted several tours of the Niwot  
Historic District. In photos on the right, are two tours of students in  
grades 4 and 6 that Mary Claire conducted. The tours always  
come to the Museum as a final stop and the classes are presented  
a certificate of participation in the Historic District tour. The Fire  
House Museum has participated in many local events for visitor to  
view the displays, handing out treats on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, Halloween,  
Holiday parade, and numerous times to sell the Sesquicentennial  
book we published this anniversary year.





## ~ Lectures ~

The Boulder County Heritage Center volunteers from Walker Ranch shared their specific areas of interest. Tim shared blacksmith work and Lauren spoke about cooking.



In September we presented a lecture to share the work on the research and the publication of our Sesquicentennial Anniversary book: **NIWOT, The Spirit Of Colorado**, 230 pages, color, almost 600 photos. In the last quarter of 2025, we were honored to have the book admitted to the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Library in Washington, D.C.

## Overview of some activities for the Niwot Historical Society in 2025

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

- 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. We shared some of our archived photos with the Sesquicentennial committee to put on lamp post banners this year.
- Our archives continue to grow with generous donations of Niwot area history. One of the artifacts was accessioned into the Theobald Collection. It is a ballot box created for Tom Teobald when he became president of the Niwot Community Association.



Photography By Jeff Setver

- This is the 12<sup>th</sup> year that we have created a holiday greeting card to share with our current members. Sharing history of Niwot is part of our mission statement and this year we are telling a brief history of the property at 290 Second Avenue, Osmosis Art and Architecture. The building was constructed in 1912 by the Seventh Day Adventist congregation. Osmosis moved from Boulder to Niwotin 2004, remodeled this building, and then moved to this address.

- Our Coloring & Activity Pages remain popular with all ages who take them along with the Walking Tour brochure whenever they visit the Museum. Thank you Jane Langdon and Ellen Haswell for all the sketches you have provided for many years..
- We appreciate the continuing support and project partnerships with businesses and organizations in our community: Niwot Hall/Left Hand Grange No.9, Niwot Community Association, Warren Carson & Moore LLC, Niwot Business Association, Niwot Market, Lyndsey Cumberland of Farmers Insurance Group, Rock & Rails Concert Series, Niwot Community Connections, Rotary Club of Niwot, Jeff Server Photography, Luann Erickson of a Denver DAR Chapter, Fred Mosqueda. Thank you.
- 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.
- Last, but far from least, we are most appreciative of all the professional work on some research, design, coloring, layout, licensing of NIWOT: The Spirit Off Colorado by Road Trip Publishing. The book created for our Sesquicentennial Anniversary year in Niwot would not be as special as it is without the personality you added to the publication. Thank you.

*This has been a special Sesquicentennial Anniversary year in Niwot. 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.*

Photo, Right, is at 150 year celebration, 'March 39, 2025: Donlyn Arbuthnot is wearing a hand sewn apron that her grandmother stitched & wore.

