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CHSM

Conifer Historical Society and Museum

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You and your guests
are invited to the first annual
Conifer Historical Society and Museum's

Holiday Tea and Quilt Show Fundraiser

Saturday December 13, 2008
at

The Barn
Evergreen Memorial Park
www.evergreenmemorialpark.com

10 am - 2 pm

Free admission for the Quilt Show
of historic Conifer area quilts

Reservations recommended for Tea

Seatings at 10 am, 11 am, noon, 1 pm

\$8 advanced reservation

\$10 at the door, space available

Call 303.697.0871
ask for Suzi Morris
www.coniferhistorymuseum.org

Funds raised go toward CHSM's
Oral History Project

*** DID YOU KNOW ***
Scenes from the 1969
Robert Redford movie
Downhill Racer
were filmed in Conifer.

This issue of CHSM can be found at:
<http://coniferhistorymuseum.org>

More details inside on page 2.

Suzi Says

Letter to the community

by Suzi Morris, CHSM President

Autumn Greetings,

Exciting news! On December 13, CHSM will host the first annual Holiday Tea and Quilt Show from 10:00 to 2:00 at the Evergreen Memorial Park Barn (26624 N. Turkey Creek Rd., Evergreen, CO 80439).

This unique location will provide the perfect setting for our theme of historical quilts, "Pieces of Light." Every quilt is like a stained-glass window, displaying colors of fabric to create designs. Admission will be free!

We would love to display *your* historic quilts with traditional patterns of the past. Our goal is to have dozens of traditional quilts that were made prior to the 1960s. Let us know if you have one you will share with us. I will display a lovely baby quilt my grandmother made for my birth. Although my family was not in the Conifer area at that time, this quilt is over 50 years old and eligible for exhibit. Another CHSM mem-



ber will exhibit a quilt made from old cloth flour sacks, a popular source of material in the 1930s.

Join us for our very special Holiday Tea at the Quilt Show. The lower level of The Barn will be transformed into an authentic English Tea Room with linen covered tables and a buffet of delicate cucumber, watercress, chicken curry salad and smoked salmon sandwiches as well as pastries, scones and Devonshire cream.

Make your reservations for tea at 10:00, 11:00, Noon, or 1:00 PM. Tickets purchased in advance are only \$8. Come for a leisurely tea with your friends and then browse through the quilt displays. Tea tickets will be \$10 if purchased on the day of the event at the Quilt Show, if space

is available. Call me at 303.697.0871 and make your reservations now for this special holiday treat!

Do your holiday shopping at the Quilt Show and purchase local history books, our popular note cards depicting local historical buildings, and DVDs from our local history talks. These are gifts that your loved ones will enjoy. One CHSM member's 78-year old mother, who lives in Iowa, orders boxes of the Pleasant Park School note cards as they remind her of the one room school she attended in the 1930s.

Call me before December 1, to make your reservations for the Holiday Tea. All proceeds benefit our oral history project, preserving the memories of the Conifer community.

Suzi Morris

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Old Timers' Picnic

by Elaine Hood

Almost 100 current and former Conifer residents attended the first annual Old Timers' Picnic held Sunday August 24 at the Pleasant Park School. Hosted by the Conifer Historical Society and Museum (CHSM), the event was an opportunity to visit with folks who have lived in the Conifer area for decades. The primary mission of CHSM is to capture the oral histories that these people can tell. What was it like to live in Conifer when the only road to Denver was gravel? Where did families buy groceries before the supermarkets appeared? What were the occupations of the early residents?

The event began with a picnic lunch held in the shade of the schoolyard, while being serenaded with old-time songs sung by area resident Doug Birdsong. A short program followed, emceed by former Conifer High School Principal Barry Schwartz, honoring many people in attendance.

Those who have lived in the



Gerta Moss' family lived on the farm with the Yellow Barn from 1946-1955.



The above photo shows just a few of the picnic attendees who had lived in the Conifer area for over 40 years who lined up for a photo.

Right: Several antique car owners brought their show cars to the picnic, which delighted everyone.



photos by Charles Baker

area for over 40 years were officially recognized as 'old timers' and presented with a certificate. Other certificates were given to those who had traveled the farthest (from Florida!), those who had the most family members in attendance (Kuehsters) and the person who had lived in the area the longest (Myrtle Beeler).

Lyle and Colleen Currier, owners of the Yellow Barn from 1955-1988, were there to regale listeners with tales of using a go-cart to zoom down Barkley Road. Inge and Hank Flavey's property, behind Elk Creek Fire Department's station number 1 was a nudist colony in the 1950s! Oh, the things we learned talking to

these 'old timers'!

After the program the crowd enjoyed visiting with old friends who had moved away, but had returned for the reunion. A crowd of men could be found gathering around several antique automobiles and the children squealed in delight when a horse riding group showed up.

CHSM is looking for members who are willing to join for a mere \$25 in annual dues to help fund their oral history project. If you think preserving the stories of Conifer's early history is a worthy cause, contact President Suzi Morris at 303.697.0871 or visit their web site at www.coniferhistorymuseum.org.



Video & DVD production Services
 Contact Bob Potrykus: 720.261.0860
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Where is the Holiday Tea and Quilt Show?

The Barn
 Evergreen Memorial Park
 26624 N. Turkey Creek Rd.
 Evergreen, Co. 80439
 www.evergreenmemorialpark.com

Remember, the Quilt Show is FREE and you can attend any time between 10 am and 2 pm. You must buy tickets to attend the tea.

Notecards



Give the gift of notecards

Give the gift of notecards honoring the Conifer community this holiday season.

Beautiful notecards illustrating the rich historical buildings of Conifer are available for sale. Over 24 different cards can be purchased in 7 different packages.

Each photo was taken by local photographer Lana Turner. Proceeds of sales go towards furthering the endeavors of CHSM.

Look for the CHSM booth at the Conifer Newcomers Boutique November 8 at the high school, or contact Suzi Morris to buy some today.

Cost and order information is also available on the "Museum Store" page at: www.coniferhistorymuseum.org.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| October 12 | CHSM meeting, Pleasant Park Grange, 6:30 pm |
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| December 13 | Holiday Tea and Quilt Show |