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August 2010 Edition

Denver's Old House Society is a nonprofit organization dedicated to educating owners of old (50+ years) houses and helping them protect their neighborhoods.

Dear Old-House Lover,

August is so lovely. Blue skies abound and the flowers are glorious. What a perfect month to take a picture of your beloved old house and submit it to our [Old House Album](#). It's easy to do. Just submit a digital photo to us along with the name of your neighborhood and a brief description of your home.

Over 425 people attended the Capitol Hill guided walking tour and garden party July 24. You can get copies of all the scripts we use on our walking tours in the Educational Events section of our Web site [Neighborhood Histories](#)

Our August tour in the brand new Ghost Historic District in Northwest Denver is almost sold out. In September we are returning to the Country Club neighborhood since that tour sold out last April.

As part of our August 1 birthday celebration, we announced the date and location of the 2011 Old House Fair, the biggest event of its kind west of Chicago!

Remember you can find us on Facebook and Twitter!

Today's Kitchens

Stainless steel and granite tops -- around when your old house was built? "We are only caretakers of these houses.....Imagine someone in 2075 exclaiming 'Look at those rainbow granite counters and recessed lights---must have been

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remodeled...!" Jane Powell Bungalow Kitchens

Denver's Old House Society Presents a Guided Walking Tour and Garden Party in Highlands Ghost Historic District Near Highlands Square - **Only 20 Tickets Left - Hurry!**



Photo courtesy of Front Range Research Associates, Inc., Photographer Roger Whitacre, October 2009

Saturday, August 21, , from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. join us on a guided walking tour in the Highlands neighborhood. The outdoor tour focuses on Denver's newest historic district, the Ghost Historic District.. [Tickets](#)

The area is immediately adjacent to the famous Highlands Square business district from Irving Street to Lowell Boulevard and was named for the developer Allen M. Ghost. Afterwards, enjoy light refreshments in the outstanding garden of one of the homes, a 1902 Queen Anne. Participants

Susan V.
 Gregory
 Randy Hale
 Mary
 Hamilton
 Lolly
 Hauptman
 Harkness
 Heights
 Neighborhood
 Assn.
 Tomas Hart
 Karen Harvey
 Iris Hawkins
 Alanna
 Herrera
 Joan Holmes
 Susan & Bob
 Homiak
 Barbara &
 Michael
 Homs
 Carla Huston
 Kathleen
 Hynes
 Noelle
 Jackson
 Rob &
 Jennifer Jess
 Kim Johns
 Michael Johns
 MeriLou
 Johnson
 Janice Marie
 King
 Jeff & Lisa
 Kipp
 Steve Kite
 Nadine Lee &
 Ted Krull
 Mark & Leigh
 LaFon
 Tom &
 Deborah
 Lamm
 Eric Lane
 Valerie
 Lawton
 Julie Lee
 Claudie
 Leffler
 Jan & Joe
 Leone
 Sherry
 Liberato
 Kevin Loewen
 Beverly Longe
 Bonnie
 MccCartney

 Alan Martin
 Heidi Massa
 M. Masterson
 David
 Mathews
 Dan Milne
 Richard &
 Gail Montoya
 Bill &
 Rosemarie
 Murane
 Joel & Julie

are limited to the first 100 ticket holders. Owners of Front Range Research Associates Laurie and Tom Simmons, who did the research of the area, and Marilyn Quinn, who spearheaded the application for the historic district, will be available for questions.

The Ghost Historic District is the 50th Denver Historic District and only the sixth one in Northwest Denver. When this part of Denver was being developed, Highlands was a separate city known for its clean air and water. Today, it is a "hip area to live," because of the near-by Highlands Square business district, known for its many famous restaurants and boutiques.

Today's Kitchens

"The craftsmanship and now irreplaceable resources that went into them (bungalow kitchens) should not be lightly discarded. Even a modest bungalow was built with old-growth lumber of a quality that is difficult to find nowadays, and we can no longer afford to send all those resources to the landfill just because we want to be fashionable."

Jane Powell, *Bungalow Kitchens*

***Back by Popular Demand!* Denver's Old House Society Presents a Guided Walking Tour in the Gilded and Genteel Country Club Neighborhood Saturday, September 11**



Noble
Dianna
O'Neill
Molly Parrish
Jody Phillips
Harry &
Shirley
Plummer
Stan & Leslie
Pollard
John Hayden
& Keith Pryor
Marilyn
Quinn
Mary Rae
Catherine
Rands
Annette Rau
Joyce
Reitman
Michael
Ritchie
Shirley Schley
Mike
Shannon
Brian Shaw
Janet Shaw
Barbara
Sheldon
Gerre Shenkin
Jean Shirley
Tom & Jackie
Short
Tom & Laurie
Simmons
Wendy Sjorn
Nancy
Stewart
Michelle
Sturm

Ed & Kate
Sultan
Vincent
Szafranko
Victoria
Thomas
Terry Tomsick
Jessie
Tramutolo
Millicent
Turner
Patricia
Untiedt
Victoria Vans
Ann Valentine
John & Janine
Vanderburg
Judy & Paul
Vorndran
Claire Walter
Doug Walter
Mark Wessley
Bill West
Will White
Nancy
Widmann
Chris & Sarah
Witte
Barbara
Wright
Barbara Yost

Spend part of a lovely Saturday afternoon, September 11, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on a guided walking tour in the Country Club neighborhood. The tour focuses on the history and architecture of this area, homes, historically, of the city's rich and famous. Afterwards, enjoy light refreshments in the garden of one of the homes. Tickets are available online [Tickets](#) or at select retailers listed on our site. The cost is \$10 person.

Brought back by popular demand - the tour in April sold out - the tour will begin and end at a private home in the Country Club neighborhood. Participants will be put in small groups with a tour guide. The tour will last about one hour and will cover approximately a four-block area. Comfortable shoes are suggested.

Now a historic district, the Country Club neighborhood starts on the north side of First Avenue, across from the Denver Country Club, extends about five blocks along Circle Drive and from University Boulevard to Downing Street. "William and Arthur Fisher, in collaboration with prominent Boston architect, Frederick Law Olmsted, Jr., designed the exclusive Country Club Place subdivision between Franklin and Race Streets in 1909. Architecturally fascinating mansions and grand houses designed for Denver's social and political elite define the 380-home neighborhood," according to www.denvergov.org/AboutDenver/today_neighborhoods.asp.

Susan Bradley, The Bradley Group, LLC, Real Estate Services, is the tour sponsor.

Today's Kitchens

"If you want a kitchen with cabinets that resemble furniture, art-glass chandeliers, and marble floors, then please build a new house and put it there; leave the old houses alone. When making decisions about the kitchen in an old house, it is almost always better to make it simpler." Jane Powell Bungalow Kitchens

Amy Zimmer
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Join Our Mailin

Denver's Old House Society Announces Date and Location of 2011 Old House Fair



Denver's Old House Society announces that the 2011 Old House Fair will be held Saturday, Feb. 5, 2011, at the Tivoli. Specifically for owners of houses at least 50-years old, the event includes workshops, exhibits and tours of the historic venue. The date was chosen to coincide with the 2011 Saving Places Conference, held by Colorado Preservation, Inc., February 2-4. The Society also announced the Old House Fair's first sponsor is the University of Colorado Denver College of Architecture and Planning.

The Old House Fair attracts participants from throughout Denver, the metro area, Boulder, communities along the I25 corridor from Pueblo to Fort Collins, and mountain towns such as Estes Park and Evergreen. Workshops focus on enhancing energy efficiency, maintaining and restoring old houses, and appropriate design elements for specific architectural styles and eras. Exhibitors include companies that specialize in old houses and retailers and artists who cater to owners of Victorians, Bungalows, Denver Squares, Tudors and Mid-century Modern homes.

"It seemed only natural to have the Old House Fair the Saturday following the Saving Places Conference", stated board chair, Suzanne Minear, AIA.

"Our focus is educating owners of old houses, providing them with the knowledge and tools to save the most personal pieces of our past, our homes. We wanted to make sure the conference attendees, many of whom come from communities outside of Denver, had access to this information at a convenient time and location for them."

"We sometimes lose sight of the preservation needs of historic homeowners

when dealing with the ever-challenging task of protecting the historic resources across Colorado," says James Hare, Executive Director of Colorado Preservation, Inc. "However, keeping historic houses in our neighborhoods, and keeping people living in them, is part of the foundation for historic preservation. We are very excited to be partnering with OHS to create a unique educational opportunity for participants at both the 2011 Saving Places conference and the OHS Fair"

The only organization of its kind in the state, Denver's Old House Society is a nonprofit organization, dedicated to educating owners of old houses (50+ years old) and helping them protect their neighborhoods. Founded on Colorado Day, August 1, 2008, Denver's Old House Society, Inc. is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes and works, in conjunction with local people and organizations, through educational and advocacy efforts.

Today's Kitchens

"A period kitchen looks right. In an old house, it appears timeless, not dated. It belongs there." Jane Powell, Bungalow Kitchens

Cityscape

Denver has a new zoning code. If you want to know what zone your home is in, go to the property records section [property records](#) of denvergov.org and type in your address. Once you get to your property record, click on current zoning, located at the bottom right. A map will pop up and give you information on zoning. Also, you can contact the office of your city council district for this information and explanation of all of the letters.

Thought You Would Like To Know ---

Nominations for *Colorado's Most Endangered places List 2011* are due August 16. [Colorado's Endangered Places](#)

The 32nd Annual Park Hill Home Tour will be held September 19, 2010, from 11-5 and will feature 7 homes representing a diversity of architectural styles from the 1930's. There are homes that still have their original footprint and homes that have been bumped out, bumped up and dug out! Come see how creative we

can be with our beloved old homes! A lively street and art fair accompanies the Home Tour and will take place in the 2000 block of Kearney Street where 3 of the homes are located. Artisans, jewelers, toy makers, massage therapists, and creators of gourmet food products, specialty clothing items, accessories, body and bath products will all be hand to tempt you with their wares.

You can still reserve a space at the street fair for only \$75...best deal in town! Once again, we will be offering non-profit organizations a free space. For street fair info and reservations, email stacymcdonald@earthlink.net.

Advance tickets are \$13 and will be available after August 22 at www.parkhillhometour.com and all area King Soopers. Day of tickets are \$15.00 for adults, \$8 for seniors and \$4 for children under 5.

The ninth season of Congress Park Neighbors Historic Speakers series is presented by the CPN Historic Preservation and Education Committee. Lectures run May through October, with a lecture given the last Wednesday of each month. The lectures are held at Heitler Hall, National Jewish Hospital, at 7 PM, unless otherwise stated. Note the change of day, location, and time for the October research session at the public library. Lectures are free and open to the public. Parking is available in the lot on Jackson Street. This schedule is also posted on the Congress Park web site at www.congressparkneighbors.org.

Denver's Old House Society strives to leave a legacy of charming Denver neighborhoods of well-preserved old houses, sensitively maintained, jewels of the "Queen City of the Plains."

Sincerely,

Denver's Old House Society