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February 2010 Edition

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

Dear Old-House Lover,

When we hold events, we try to select historically significant locations. We think we outdid ourselves when we selected the Molkery for the Feb. 20 Saturday Morning Workshops.

Say what? What is a Molkery? Why it was "the" best place for a tuberculosis, consumption, cure back 100 years or so. Breathing in the various bovine smells and Colorado's dry air was thought to work wonders. Now, wonderfully restored, it is a delightful community center in Denver's beloved neighborhood of Montclair.

Compared to other great cities, Denver has few old houses and neighborhoods. We need to safeguard with education and advocacy efforts those that we do have. We were very sad to learn of a tragic loss of history in the Wolff Place Historic District. (See below story.)

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Inspection Time is Here!

A sunny February day is the perfect time to give your home's exterior an inspection. The hour or so that you invest in this activity could save you thousands of dollars in future repair costs.

Meet Me at the Molkery



The Molkery - Courtesy Lyons Historic Window

Denver's Old House Society hosts Saturday Morning Workshops® February 20 at the Molkery, 6820 East 12th Street in Denver's Montclair neighborhood. Three 45-minute [workshops](#), all focusing on the exterior of the home, will be offered, and exhibitors will present information on products and services for old houses. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and the first workshop is at 9:00 a.m. The cost is \$10 per person. Seating is limited.

[Tickets](#)

Inspect the Roof!

Are there any missing, broken, or warped shingles or tiles? Does the asphalt shingle roof look lumpy or bumpy? (This could be from a shingles below the top layer.) Are there lots of mineral granules on the roof? Any pools of water? Is the roof sagging? How's the flashing around the chimney or steep-sloped areas? Is it sagging or wobbly?

**Old House Fair Tickets
 Available Now - Workshops
 Announced**

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Denver's Old House Society's Old House Fair is scheduled for Saturday, March 27, 2010, at the historic Highland Masonic Temple Center, 3550 Federal Boulevard, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Special pre-fair tickets for \$7 are available now until March 20 at select locations. The cost is \$10 at the door.

[Tickets](#)



Highland Masonic Temple - Photo by Elizabeth J. Wheeler

Workshops will present information on a variety of topics: The green track will offer a concentration of information for increasing and enhancing energy efficiency while reducing carbon footprints, including a workshop titled "Kitchen Design with Green in Mind." The home track's emphasis is appropriate design elements for specific architectural styles and eras and maintaining and restoring old houses. One of the workshops will cover Oriental rugs "101" and styles for various home types. A panel on Denver's yet-to-be-implemented new zoning code will be offered.

Sponsors of the Old House Fair so far include: Applewood Plumbing Heating Electric, Modern Bungalow, North Denver News, Style 1900, Van Camps Quality Floors, Xcel Energy

Inspect the Walls, Windows and Doors!

Is decorative woodwork firmly in place and tightly caulked to prevent water damage? What shape is the paint in? Is it peeling, curling, blistering or chalking? Are there any loose, cracked or missing clapboards or shingles? Do I hear a hollow sound when I knock on the brick with the rock? (There could be a problem with the sub-surface.)

Just \$50 ??

Denver's Old House Society sends condolences to the people of Wolff Place Historic District for the demolition of the 107-year-home at 3122 Osceola Street, which was a contributing structure to the district. We also extend our deepest sympathies to the children of Colorado for the loss of this piece of their history.



This Denver citizen lost a piece of his history Photo submitted by his grandmother, who is a Denver citizen also

[Denver Post Article](#)

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