



Historical Commission

The Jefferson County Historical Commission

was established in 1974 to encourage and engender stewardship of the history of Jefferson County. The Board of County Commissioners appoints the members of the JCHC, comprised of eleven citizen volunteers, representing every part of the County.

On-Going JCHC Activities

Preservation of Cultural Resources

JCHC is available to assist members of the community with navigating the application process in listing a property to the State and National Register of Historic Places, as well as assisting in grant applications to the State Historic Fund.

JCHC, together with a host community, organized an Historic Preservation Symposium each May to discuss topics of current interest in the preservation community. In recent years the Symposium has been held in Conifer (2010), Westminster (2011) and Ken-Caryl (2012).

The Landmark Program promotes the preservation of significant buildings and structures contributing to local history. Such recognition may also qualify these resources for grants and recognition at the state and national levels. As of January 2012 thirty-seven sites in Jefferson County have gained local landmark status.

JCHC coordinated and managed a county-wide Cultural Resources Survey from 1999-2002. The final report described the historic context of a century of County development and reviewed more than 4,000 buildings in unincorporated Jefferson County. The report is available on the County website at jeffco.us.

Education and Outreach

In 2011 JCHC coordinated activities related to Jefferson County's Sesquicentennial Celebration, culminating with a gala on November 18 at the County Fairgrounds.

JCHC members are available to present on topics of local interest through the Speakers Bureau.

We have developed a Place Names Directory, available through jeffco.us. This is currently being updated.

Publications

We publish an annual magazine, *Historically Jeffco*, with articles relevant to local history. The magazine is distributed at no charge to County libraries, schools, and local historical societies. Individual copies of past issues may be obtained through Planning and Zoning.

The annual Writers' Award Contest solicits articles for publication in *Historically Jeffco*. Winners in the adult and youth categories are recognized at the Hall of Fame party.

JCHC has developed a series of informational brochures of historical interest, including our agricultural, ranching, and tourism heritage. We also have a directory of Museums and Historic Sites. In 1985 JCHC members published *From Scratch: A History of Jefferson County*. A few copies are available for purchase from Planning and Zoning.



Jefferson County Landmark Gov. Vivian Mansion, Golden

Recognition of Good Works

Each autumn JCHC inducts two designees (one living and one deceased) for inclusion in the Hall of Fame. Photographs and biographies of the honorees are added to the honor roll, located outside of the County Commissioners Hearing Room at the Courts and Administration Building. Nomination forms are available through the web site.

For more information about these programs and for application forms please visit www.historicjeffco.org or call the County Planning and Zoning department at 303-271-8708.

Becoming A JCHC Member

Do you have an interest in helping preserve Jefferson County's heritage? Consider applying to the JCHC. Members are expected to attend the monthly meetings and serve on committees in their areas of interest and/or expertise. Contact the County Planning and Zoning Department at the address below for further information, or at the website.

JCHC Meetings

Meetings are generally held on the first Monday of each month, at 1PM, in the Jefferson County Courts and Administration Building. The public is always welcome to attend.



Sen. Norma Anderson, 2011 Hall of Fame inductee, and Family

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