



BARBARA & EUGENE STERNBERG
Historical Authors, Community Advocates

Barbara and Eugene met in her homeland of England during World War II. Eugene had come from Czechoslovakia before the war to study architecture at Cambridge University. Barbara graduated from the London School of Economics with a degree in Sociology. They became engaged just before he was offered a professorship at Cornell University in 1945. Barbara obtained a job with the British Embassy in New York. They were married in Ithaca, New York in 1946 and shortly thereafter, moved to Colorado where Eugene joined the faculty of Denver University and opened his own architectural firm. He was a firm believer that to be a good teacher of architecture, one needed to be a practicing architect. Some of the landmark buildings he designed are the Denver General and National Jewish hospitals and the Arapahoe Community College. He was interested in buildings with a social purpose and designed many schools, churches and city halls in addition to medical and housing complexes. Barbara obtained a Masters Degree in Urban Sociology from DU and taught there as well as Colorado Women's College and Emily Griffith Opportunity School. She also became a Jungian therapist.

*In 1972 the Sternbergs moved to Evergreen and became an integral part of the fabric of Evergreen. Through their combined talents they published the book titled: **Evergreen: Our Mountain Community**. The first printing of the book was dedicated to the people of Evergreen and offered at cost. In 1993 an updated version was printed and offered to the Evergreen Kiwanis Foundation. Funds from the books have been donated to the Jefferson County Open Space for shelters in Elk Meadows, scholarships for the Children's Advocacy Center, Operation Bootstraps and the Evergreen Middle School Builders Club.*

Barbara became one of the "Founding Mothers" of the Open High School and started the Friends of the Evergreen Library. Eugene served as a member of the Jefferson County Planning Commission for 10 years. He created the Evergreen Design Task Force which served as a model for the present day Evergreen North Balanced Land Use Effort. Eugene volunteered his expertise to design projects for the Senior Resource Center, the Evergreen Ambulance Facility, the Evergreen Recreation Center, and the new county administration buildings on Jefferson County Parkway.

The Sternbergs helped form the Art for the Mountain Community, a non-profit organization. The group has commissioned statues for the Library, Lake House, Hiwan Homestead, and has developed a program where artists are invited to display sculptures in the community. Barbara and Eugene Sternberg were elected to the Jefferson County Historical Commission Hall of Fame October 16, 2004.