



CONNIE FAHNESTOCK
Historian

Connie Fahnestock has been at the forefront of historical preservation in Jefferson County for as long as she has lived in Evergreen. She moved here in 1972 from Long Island, New York with her husband, James, and four children. Before coming to Evergreen, she worked as a librarian and administrative assistant at the Conklin House Museum in Huntington, New York. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Journalism from Purdue University and her Master of Science degree from Long Island University. Her master's thesis was titled "Preservation in Historical Society Libraries."

Mrs. Fahnestock acted as chairman of the first meeting of the Jefferson County Historical Society, helped write the bylaws, and served as president for two years. In 1975 she became the first director of the Hiwan Homestead Museum and served in that capacity until 1986. While director, she helped develop the interior and interpretation of the museum for visitors, and helped initiate and organize school programs for fourth graders - programs that are still in use. She organized SPECIAL TOURS FOR SPECIAL PEOPLE, for blind, disabled, deaf and nursing home residents.

Connie wrote FROM CAMP NEOSHA TO THE HIWAN HOMESTEAD and was a regular contributor to the CANYON COURIER newspaper and the EVERGREEN MAGAZINE.

She served on the Evergreen Centennial-Bicentennial Committee and Save Heritage Grove Campaign. She also helped organize the Jefferson County Historical Commission and served on its first appointed board. From 1976 to 1984 she served on the Board of the Colorado-Wyoming Association of Museums and received its first President's Award. In 1975 she received the Evergreen Chamber of Commerce Person of the Year Award.