



**CONNIE FOX**

*Volunteer, Historian, Writer*

*Connie Fox was born and raised in Bellflower, Illinois and moved to Edgewater, Colorado in 1971. Married to John Fox, she has two daughters and 6 grandchildren.*

*As a volunteer Connie served as historian during the time her husband was Mayor of Edgewater. She inventoried and maintained over 300 local historical items and established a small museum of Edgewater history, comprised primarily of pioneer photographs and artifacts. She collected and displayed over 100 photographs of Edgewater men and women who served in the military. She served on the Edgewater Historical Society and established the Edgewater Landmark Preservation Commission to promote the history and preservation of local landmarks, organized and guided efforts in establishing the first three local historic landmarks for Edgewater, which include the Orum House, Edgewater Christian Church and Edgewater Gateway Sign. She also established the Edgewater Festival Committee to promote the Edgewater 2001 centennial celebration.*

*In addition, she coordinated efforts in grant funding to rehab the Edgewater Christian Church to be used by the community for meetings, expanded library, city archives and historical museum and established the Edgewater Heritage Foundation to preserve, promote, solicit and encourage the historical, cultural, artistic, musical and dramatic functions of the City of Edgewater for the general public. Connie helped secure funding to do a building survey of over 400 Edgewater structures.*

*Connie worked closely with author Trina Robbins in the publishing of her book, "Nell Brinkley and the New Woman in the Early 20th Century". Nell was an artist and illustrator, and the daughter of Edgewater's second mayor and one of its founding fathers, Robert Sterrit Brinkley. She compiled a file of Brinkley's illustrations and searched for and found and interviewed Brinkley's granddaughter. Connie researched and published a 156 page pictorial book on Edgewater, which included over 300 photographs and numerous interviews with member's of early Edgewater families. She passionately pushes her historical philosophy, "You have to know where you have been so you know where to go."*

*Connie Fox was elected to the Jefferson County Historical Commission Hall of Fame in 2005.*