



*MARY HELEN CRAIN*  
*Florist — Writer — Homemaker*

*Much of the history of Evergreen and Jefferson County would have been lost forever were it not for the talent, foresight and writings of Mary Helen Crain.*

*Mary Helen was born in Cincinnati, Ohio on February 23, 1903. After retiring from the florist business, she and her husband, Willard, moved to Evergreen. They both became active in the community, and when the local weekly publication needed feature articles, Mary Helen started interviewing long-time residents. Soon her history stories became the most popular part of the paper. Her articles appeared in numerous other publications, and she authored two books, A Circle of Pioneers, and History of Evergreen. Mrs. Crain has received many honors, including several awards from the Colorado Press Women. She was named "Person of the Year" in 1980 by the Evergreen Chamber of Commerce.*

*Mrs. Crain spearheaded a project to preserve Evergreen's first schoolhouse, and she was instrumental in forming the Jefferson County Historical Society. Her historical writings have been an inspiration to others to preserve the history of the Evergreen area.*