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Denver's Old House Society is a new nonprofit dedicated to educating owners of old (50+ years) houses and helping them protect their neighborhoods.

Dear Old-House Lover,

Do you believe it? The year 2010 is here, so we are welcoming homeowners of old houses built in 1960 or before. Welcome! We use the definition of the National Trust for Historic Preservation for an old house: 50 years old or more.

Thursday, January 21, we will be honoring four people who have truly made a difference for Denver, the Queen City of the Plains, at our annual awards dinner, reception and silent auction. Without their work, what would our city look like? Undoubtedly, we would have lost much of our history because many of our old houses would have been destroyed. We are honored and privileged to acknowledge Nancy Widmann, Bill West, Everett Shigeta, and Chris Murata for all of their work to save our old houses. The winners of the 2009 "Favorite Old House" award will be announced at the dinner. They are very excited and deserving to receive this award, which was determined by the number of votes we received from our Web site. A very special thank

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you to our two sponsors of this event: jcHutch.com and Nostalgic Homes. We sincerely appreciate their help and financial contribution. (See story below for more information.)

Thanks to everyone who donated to Denver's Old House Society and/or became a founding member in 2009. Your financial support for our efforts to educate owners of Denver's old houses and help them protect Denver's beloved old neighborhoods will assure that our homes and neighborhoods will continue to be an asset of the Mile High City. Compared to other great cities, Denver has few old houses and neighborhoods. We need to safeguard with education and advocacy efforts those that we do have. Please donate today.

Remember, look for us on Facebook, and become a Fan of the Denver's Old House Society page.

Burr! Baby it is cold outside!

A good time to pull down shades, close blinds or draw curtains is 4 p.m. Covering windows when the sun is going down is a good way to help your old house stay warm.

Honoring Those Who Made a Difference

Denver's Old House Society will present four awards at a dinner scheduled for Thursday, January 21, 2010, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Denver Consistory, 1370 Grant. Tickets for the reception, dinner, and silent auction are \$70. Tables for 8 are available. For [tickets](#) or call, 303-916-4359. Last year the event sold out. jcHutch.com and Nostalgic Homes are sponsors of the event.

Each year the Society honors exceptional old-house educators and neighborhood protectors, with a grand award for an extraordinary job in elevating the perception and preservation of old houses and neighborhoods. Award recipients this year include:

Victoria Vans
Ann Valentine
Judy & Paul Vorndran
Claire Walter
Doug Walter
Mark Wessley
Bill West
Will White
Barbara Wright
Barbara Yost
Amy Zimmer

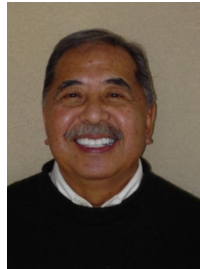
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Nancy L. Widmann - "Grand Old-House Lover Award" - Researched numerous areas of Denver for historic designation consideration and wrote many books about Denver neighborhoods.



William West - "Exceptional Old-House Educator Award" - Investigated areas of Curtis Park, one of Denver's oldest neighborhoods, and informed numerous individuals, groups and organizations about its historic significance.



Chris Murata and Everett Shigeta - "Astonishing Neighborhood Protector Award" - Dedicated themselves to uphold the integrity of historic districts and houses and contributed their professional expertise when neighborhoods and homes were under consideration for historic designation by the city of Denver.

In addition to these awards, Denver's Old House Society will also honor the owners of the home that was voted "Favorite Old House" by a Web site ballot. Homes were nominated that have been lovingly maintained over the years, or whose owners reversed years of neglect and restored them to wonderful neighborhood assets.

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Make sure your indoor water pipes don't freeze. Open cupboard doors to get heat to pipes. When it is near zero degrees or below zero, consider letting a small stream of water run through the pipes.

Date Announced for Denver Old House Fair

Denver's Old House Society's Old House Fair is scheduled for Saturday, March 27, 2010, at the historic Highland Masonic Temple Center, 3550 Federal Boulevard, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The cost is \$10 per person. Businesses interested in exhibiting and sponsoring the event should contact the Society now at 303-916-4359. Exhibit space has sold out for all previous fairs.

The fourth Denver Old House Fair will be bursting with information distinctively crafted for owners of houses that are at least 50 years old. Workshops will focus on maintaining houses for value and energy efficiency and gracing their architectural style inside and out. For the first time, local independent retailers will offer furniture and decorative items for sale. Further, Denver officials will be available to answer questions on a variety of topics from zoning to inspections. Numerous exhibitors will be on hand to showcase products and services that are specific for houses built from 1860 to 1960.

Workshops will present information on a variety of topics: The green track will offer a concentration of information for increasing and enhancing energy efficiency while reducing carbon footprints. The home track's emphasis is appropriate design elements for specific architectural styles and eras, maintaining and restoring old houses, and the new zoning code.

New this year will be various retail vignette areas boasting the latest and greatest in design for Victorians, Bungalows, Denver Squares, Tudors and Mid-century Modern homes. From fancy lace items for a Queen Anne to shiny chrome wares for the Ranch will be for sale.

Tours of the historic Highlands Masonic Temple Center will

begin at 10 a.m. and at 2 p.m. The building has been a treasured northwest Denver landmark for over 90 years!

Sponsors of the Old House Fair so far include: Modern Bungalow, Style 1900, Van Camps Quality Floors.

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Make sure the fireplace damper is closed when you are not using the fireplace.

Denver's Old House Society strives to leave a legacy of charming Denver neighborhoods of well-preserved old houses, sensitively maintained, jewels of the "Queen City of the Plains."

Sincerely,

Denver's Old House Society