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## September 2009 Edition

*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,

It's Old-House Fair Time! Please join us at our autumn fair Saturday, September 12 and stop by our booth. It's always a pleasure to see you. The Old-House Fair is the only event in town where you can get information specifically for old houses, houses age 50 or older!

We have lots of exciting events planned for the fall, including a frightfully delicious dinner at one of Denver's spookiest Victorians, located in one of Denver's earliest neighborhoods.

Denver's Old House Society received a birthday present for all present and future [founding members](#) from Colorado Preservation, Inc. (CPI), a nonprofit, statewide historic preservation organization that provides assistance in historic preservation to Colorado communities through a statewide network of information, education, training, expertise, and advocacy. A complementary membership to CPI is offered to all members. Thank you, [CPI!!](#)

Our free [reference and referral](#) section on our Web site, is a wealth of information for owners of old houses.

Don't forget our "Favorite Old-House Award." Nominate yours today. You and the homeowners could be honored at our annual awards dinner, scheduled for late January. [Favorite Old House](#)

### Fall Tip #1:

It's important to clean gutters out in the fall for two reasons: proper water drainage away from the house and maintenance of the gutters.

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## Come to the Old-House Fair!



Over 30 Exhibitors were at the spring Old-House Fair held on the west side of town. *Photo by Kevin Molick*

**The autumn Old-House Fair is scheduled for Saturday, September 12, on Denver's Lowry campus at the Stanley British Primary School, 350 Quebec Street, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The cost is \$10 per person, payable at the door.**

**The Old-House Fair offers 12 workshops on subjects pertinent to old-house owners, exhibits of numerous companies and organizations with products or services for homes build over 50 years ago, and tours of the school, which for many years was open only to Air Force officers and their families. Exhibitors have been requested to provide free 15-minute consultations. Proceeds from the "Old-House Cafe," operated by the school's students, will be used for their trip to London.**

**Six energy efficiency workshops, called the green track, will be offered. The other six workshops will present information pertinent to old houses.**

## **Workshop Topics, Times and Presenters**

### **9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.**

**Taking Care of Old Trees** - Bill Cassel, Denver Forestry Department

**Bricks, Mortar & Masonry** - Diane Travis, Rocky Mountain Masonry Institute

### **10:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.**

**Restoring/ Maintaining Old Windows** - Nancy Lyons, Lyons Historic Windows

**Architectural Styles 101** - Brian Shaw, URS Corporation

### **11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.**

**Photovoltaic Solar Panels (Making Electricity with the Sun)** - Matt Johnson, Namaste Solar

**Sensitive Additions** - Paul Bormann, Bormann Eitemiller Architects

### **12:30 p.m. to 1:15 p.m.**

**Heating an Old House & Energy Efficiency** - Dennis Brachfeld, All About Saving Heat.com

**Updating Kitchens with the Look of Yesteryear - Two Homeowners Share Their Experience** - Amy Carbone, Ph.D., Mental Health and Financial Therapist & Elizabeth J. Wheeler, Ask GENIE! communications

### **1:30 p.m. to 2:15 p.m.**

**Efficient Use of Water & Conservation Rebates** - Zachary Lovato, Denver Water

**Saving Your Antique Wood Floors** - John Van Camp, Van Camp's Quality Floors

### **2:30 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.**

**The Unmentionables: Sewers, Plumbing and Waste Water** - Josh Ward, Applewood Plumbing, Heating and Electric, Kemper Hipple, Hydro Physics Pipe Inspection Services, Kevin Mueller, Denver Waste Water Department

**Stained and Leaded Glass Windows - Restoration, Repair and Protective Glazing** - Lynn Bingham Phoenix Window Restoration, Inc.

## **Exhibitors**

Classic Homeworks, All About Saving Heat & Windows, Lutomski Stained Glass

R.M. Design & Construction, Lapis Design and Build, The Wall Rebuilder, Namaste Solar

Denver's Old House Society, Modern Bungalow, Van Camp's Quality Floors, Xcel Energy  
Phoenix Window Restoration, Nostalgic Homes, Lyons Historic Windows, Denver Water  
Applewood Plumbing, Heating and Electric, Hydro Physics Pipe Inspection Services  
Stark Lumber, Denver City Council - Carol Boignon, at Large (& staff from various city departments)  
Whittier Home Tour, This Place in Time, LLC, Reusch Historic Window, Housecalls Remodel and Repair, LLC  
Custom and Historic Millwork, Jess Architecture, CJ Development, Pfeiffer Construction, and GB3Energy Solutions

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#### **Fall Tip #2:**

Water is often said to be the number one enemy of old houses. Water that is not properly drained away causes cracks in stucco, brick mortar, siding, and foundations. Wet gutters are not happy gutters because the materials they are made out of can be harmed by water. So, in the fall put on heavy rubber gloves and scoop out the leaves and other debris.

### **Harkness Heights Neighborhood Guided Walking Tour - Bungalows, Denver History, and an Original Home Theater!**



*The Victorian Theater Photo by Suzanne Minear*

Spend part of a lovely Saturday afternoon, Oct. 10, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on a guided walking tour in the enchanted northwest

Denver neighborhood of Harkness Heights. The cost is \$10 person. Pre-registration is required by contacting Denver's Old House Society, Inc. at 303-916-4359 or signing up at [Harkness Heights](#) The tour's sponsor is Modern Bungalow, a unique store in the University Hills Plaza Shopping Center, which features furniture, lighting, accessories, pottery, and floor coverings for today's handcrafted home. [Modern Bungalow](#)

The tour will focus on architecture of bungalows, cottages and Denver Squares and the area's distinctive history, including the goals of early Italian families to live in this neighborhood. The tour will be on the east side of the neighborhood and start and end at the Victorian Theater, 4201 Hooker Street. After the tour, refreshments will be served in the theater's rose garden where Northwest Denver natives, Denver City Auditor Dennis Gallagher, and Duchess Iacino Scheitler, the wife of the late Denver City Councilman, Bill Scheitler, will share their memories of the theater and neighborhood. Members of the Harkness Heights Neighborhood Association will be on hand to discuss what's happening now.

### **Fall Tip #3:**

Make sure downspouts are securely in place.

Seal any leaking gutters.

Trim any branches or vines that are scraping or invading gutters or downspouts.

## **Join Us for a Foreboding Dinner in a Spooky Victorian, One of Denver's Oldest and Scariest!**

Saturday, October 24, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. join us for a fearsome dinner and shocking discussion about the restoration of a large Victorian home with other old-house lovers. Rumor has it that frightfully shocking former inhabitants will be attending, too. Reservations are required. Costume attire is optional. [Look Out!](#) The cost is \$40 per person. Lots of cats inhabit this house.

***Thought You Would Like To Know .....***

**The Park Hill Home Tour**, the oldest of the area's neighborhood home tours, is scheduled for Sunday, September 27. The tour will feature seven homes, reflecting an eclectic blend of age and styles, ranging from one of the most notable of the historic mansions on Forest Parkway to an alley house that utilizes interesting recycled and green materials. Tickets are available at King Soopers, Spinelli's Market, the Park Hill Bookstore and the GPHC office at 2823 Fairfax Street. For more information, please contact Roberta Locke at 303-355-4492 or [robertalocke@aol.com](mailto:robertalocke@aol.com) **Congress Park Historic Speaker Series**, Wednesday, September 30, 7 p.m., National Jewish Hospital, Heitler Hall, 1400 Jackson, free. John Van Camp, Van Camp's Quality Floors, "Saving Your Antique Floor."

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***