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Upcoming EHPS Events

December 4th - Wednesday

Monthly EHPS Study Session at 6 pm followed by the General Meeting from 6:30 - 8:30 pm at the City Center Community Center. Everyone is welcome at both meetings.

December 5th - Thursday

December 6th - Friday

December 7th - Saturday

EHPS is participating in the Englewood Christmas Parade. We have rented a trailer that will serve as our float complete with a giant snowman designed by Sharlene's nephew Noe. Please join us for a planning meeting on Thursday, December 5th from noon to 1pm at Sharlene Barker's home. The address is 1400 E. Dartmouth. On Friday we will be decorating our float at the home of Lee Sanchez. Please join us at 3131 S. Humbolt St. anytime after 11am to 5pm. On Saturday we will be meeting at 8:30 am to walk & ride in the parade. If you would like to volunteer to help assemble and decorate the float or participate in the parade please contact Sharlene Barker.

December 8th - Sunday

Join EHPS at the Englewood Public Library on Sunday, Dec. 8th from 1pm - 5pm. We will be archiving the remaining historical artifacts.

Ongoing EHPS Events

Joanne Michaelis is actively working on oral histories. If you know someone who would like to have their story told, or someone who is interested in transcribing from audio, please let us know.

January 24th Lecture

Ida May Nicholl, outreach chair of EHPS is our upcoming speaker for Friday, January 24th. She is a long time bottle digger and researcher and has made presentations to other bottle collecting groups. Old bottles can tell a great story and some are worth a lot of money. Join EHPS at the Englewood Public Library at 3pm for this lecture.



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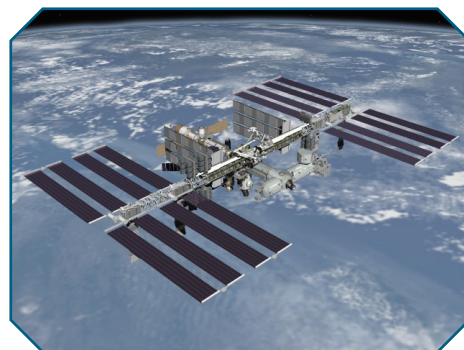
EVERYTHING OLD IS NEW AGAIN!

by Paul Skizinski

A newsletter for an organization dedicated to preserving history should contain articles about old things. Right? So why, you might ask, does this article about state-of-the-art technology appear here. Well, think of it this way: if you look up into the heavens, you will see some of the oldest created matter in the Universe, such as stars, planets, comets and asteroids. And what better platform for observing those old things than one of the gems of modern technology, the International Space Station. How many of you, Dear Readers, have actually seen the Space Station as it passes over your home on its way

around the Globe? If you know where and when to look, you can see it. It's the third brightest object in the sky, after the sun and the moon. The conditions must be just right. The sky must be clear, or mostly clear; it must be dark where you are standing, but the Station must be in sunlight, so it is best viewed shortly before sunrise or shortly after sunset. As it travels around this "Third Rock from the Sun", the Earth is rotating, so the Station's path is different every time. Where will it be next time it is visible to you? Visit this web site: <http://spotthestation.nasa.gov> and follow directions, providing the

name of your country, state and city. You will receive notification in an email prior to each time the Station is visible from your home. The email will provide the time it appears, location in the sky, direction of travel and length of time it will be visible. Happy viewing!



EHPS PAST EVENTS Report

NOVEMBER LECTURE

Bev Cummins did a wonderful job talking about her dolls and sharing stories about their histories at our November lecture. Had you ever heard of the Dionne quintuplets? She told us their story, with which she had a personal connection. Thank you Beverly!



HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL

In October EHPS hosted a booth at the Englewood Recreation Center Halloween Carnival. The event was very well attended. EHPS hosted a coloring contest and the winners were: Brianna Donohoo who won a gift card to Chucky Cheese, and Jayson Alvarez & JaMarcus Briggs who both won McDonald's gift cards.



EHPS needs a home!

Englewood Historic Preservation Society is actively seeking a permanent home. If you know of any building up for lease that might work as a museum, allowing space for storage of archives and general meeting & lectures, please let us know. The City Center Community Center are graciously allowing us to use their place for our meetings, but they have no place for a museum.



ENGELWOOD HISTORIC PRESERVATION SOCIETY BOARD

EHPS hosted a photo booth at Sheridan Days where patrons dressed up in fun outfits including the EHPS Board of Directors. All of the pictures can be seen on the EHPS Facebook page. (*Vice President Paul Skizinski not included.*)



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The History of the Gothic Theatre *By Doug Cohn*

(information from VintageTheaters.com)

The Gothic Theatre was created in the 1920s. Currently it is used as a concert venue; however, when it first opened it was used as a movie theater. It was the first location in Denver to show talkies. The theatre quickly became a popular entertainment destination among local society. The Gothic's distinguished art decoration and architecture also provided a scene of interest to many people. The rounded walls and recessed inlets are still present today, providing a historical touch. In the 1940s, the Gothic experienced a change of ownership. As a result, the exterior was changed to conform to modern times. As time passed the Gothic had many

different owners, each struggling to gain success with the theater. Eventually the place was shut down. In 1988, two friends, both of whom had a passion for music, restored the Gothic, surpassing its original design and entering the venue to the ranks of the most renowned theaters in Colorado. They bought the building out of bankruptcy, ultimately saving it from demolition. Deciding to keep the historical interior, they rebuilt the theater from the foundation to the roof. Additionally, they hired designers and artists to help remodel certain aspects that fit into their vision. Now the theater has a fresh paint scheme, newly made wrap-around

balcony, and a renovated marquee. People who have attended the theater have claimed that the Gothic is "probably the best local music venue in terms of light, size and sound. Another reviewed that it is "a relatively intimate concert venue. AEG Live began managing the venue in 2013.



A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

We are seeking people to write articles for our newsletter and local newspapers. Please consider sharing a story of historical significance with your Englewood Community. We have a highly paid professional staff who can assist in writing. (Editor's note: Hey, I didn't get my check!) We want to do more field trips. Do you have any suggestions? How about one to the Greeley Freight Station Museum? Contact Doug Cohn for more information.

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