



# Englewood Historic Preservation Society

## Preserving Englewood Colorado History

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### Upcoming EHPS Events for April

#### April 2nd - 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. We will be voting at our meeting on Wednesday April 2 to select several officers and board members. Everyone is welcome at both meetings.

#### April 5th - Saturday

Tri-County Health Dept. is disposing of office furniture and Marian Greenway has reserved several items for EHPS. We need trucks and volunteers to pick up the items from 15400 East 14th Place in Aurora and take them to storage in Marian's shed in Englewood. We will meet at 8:00 am in Aurora. Please contact Matt Crabtree for details at 720-841-5384.

#### April 10th - Thursday

Join the Rocky Mountain Chapter of the Association for Preservation Technology and EHPS for a LoDo Walking Tour & Pub Crawl. Learn the history and sample the spirits of some of LoDo's historic bars on a tour conducted by Denver's foremost historian, Dr. Thomas J. Noel. We will meet at Slaterpaul's offices at 1331 19th Street, Denver, CO 80202 at 4:00 pm. Stops may include Sakura Square, El Chapultepec, Hop Alley, Cruise Room, and Blake Street Vault.

Feel free to bring any friends or prospective members. Please RSVP to <http://rockymountainapt.wordpress.com/events/lodotour/> or visit our website for a direct link. The tour is limited to 20 people. There is a \$10 suggested donation. Drinks are on your own.

#### April 12th & 13th - Sat. & Sun.

The Rocky Mountain Railroad Heritage Society will have a symposium at Hampden Hall in City Hall from 9am - 3pm. The weekend event will be all about railroads, stations and saving railroad history in Colorado. Call 303-269-9768 for more details. The cost is \$20 for one day or \$25 for both.

### EHPS June Event



Join EHPS at Cushing park on Saturday June 7th for a Potluck Picnic. Everyone is welcome. There will be games for the kids and historical info about the history of the park. Be sure to bring your own food and some chairs. Stay tuned for more details or visit the EHPS website.

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## April 25th Lecture



Join the Englewood Historic Preservation Society for our monthly lecture at the Englewood Public Library at 3 pm. April's lecture entitled "A Trip to Central City," will be given by James Prochaska, former director of the Gilpin County Historic Society. Before highways were built, people arrived at the gold fields on foot or horseback. In the later years, the Colorado Central Railroad built a line to Central City. We will learn about the Richest Square Mile on Earth and the Face on the Bar-room Floor. The event is open to the public with complimentary refreshments served. Donations greatly appreciated.



## EHPS Seed Saver Program

EHPS has placed our order with Seed Savers, and all the seeds will be delivered to us soon. All those who made a purchase can expect to receive the seeds promptly after they arrive. Thanks to everyone who helped our organization by participating in this fund-raiser. It was a success, and we may decide to participate in the program again next year.

## THANKS to Frame de Art & owner, Brian Hart

EHPS wishes to thank local Englewood business, Frame de Art and owner Brian Hart. Frame de Art generously donated framed pictures to the Englewood Historic Preservation Society's open house event last summer. Here are some details about Brian and his store.



We recommend you get all your framing needs met there.

"I love owning Frame de Art which will be 23 years young March 15th, 2014," says Brian. "The best part is meeting and networking with all my customers, and giving back to the community. I enjoy helping other business owners succeed!"

Brian helped put together the Business Improvement District in Englewood and was a major player during its existence. He is actively involved with the City and other businesses in town. He understands that if we work together we can all succeed. He works extensively with non-profits to help them with their missions. He is friendly, knowledgeable and cares

about every person who walks in the door. "Every day I try to think like this is my first day in business," he said. "I don't ever want to lose that passion. Thank goodness we've been staying busy. I don't ever take it for granted." This month, Hart celebrates the 23th anniversary of Frame de

Art, but he says it seems more like 10 years since he opened his first framing store near Denver University. In 2006, the business relocated to 3065 S. Broadway in Englewood and has since become a fixture in south metro business circles.

Frame de Art has won numerous awards from the South Metro Chamber, Channel 7 News, the City of Englewood, The A List and Experience Pros.

Brian, thank you and congratulations on 23 years in business!

## ASK JIM!!! ASK JIM!!!

*Jim McLellan is interested in gathering and sharing stories about old Englewood. Will you as readers share your own personal stories from that time period? He would like to draw out memories from our readers that would create an exciting and fun exchange. Will you participate? This is a great way to share your memories of old Englewood. Please write something and tell your stories.*

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## *History Mystery*

The Englewood Historic Preservation Society got a phone call from an attorney, Michael Poindexter in Lakewood whose wife found an Englewood High School class ring from a 1961 graduate. Mike and his wife would like to find the owner and return the lost ring. What can an historic society do to help? I knew we did not have any records from those days and have not found any in the history closet in the library. I meet with members of the 1960s classes from Englewood High School every month, and I asked them for help. I was told the school district does not keep those kinds of records, and neither does the high school. One of the people had a year book from 1961 and offered to look up all the people with those initials. I got an email a few hours later from Betty Keddington with a name and phone number. I gave the name to Michael and they contacted the person. The ring will be reunited with its owner in early May.

## *The Red and White Grocery Store 275 E. Girard Ave.*

The year was 1910. Englewood was seven years old and was just beginning to grow from scattered farms into a town. A man came to town who had emigrated from Canada. He had first gone to Delta, Colorado and farmed. Then, he tried his hand gold mining near Berthoud Pass. That venture became too

expensive having to pay to have the ore shipped to Pueblo. Then, he moved to downtown Denver and purchased a grocery store. His name was Herman McCready. His grocery store on Larimer St. was successful and some of his best customers were the ladies of the night. He saw an opportunity to open a store in the new town of Englewood. He found a piece of vacant land on the corner of Girard and Grant and had a building constructed. The store opened in 1910 and served the citizens until 1927 when he died.



The McCready's lived in an apartment on the first floor and rented out eight sleeping rooms upstairs. The people upstairs shared one bathroom. A rumor around suggests that some of the ladies from downtown Denver moved to Englewood around the same time and lived upstairs. I have not been able to confirm that. A relative remembers Mrs. McCready shoveling coal into the giant furnace in the basement. That furnace and the coal storage room are still there but the furnace uses natural gas instead of coal these days.

Red and White Grocery was one of many local markets around Englewood. Before Safeway, King Soopers, Walmart and 7-11, people bought supplies at the neighbor

hood stores. Bob's Grocery at the corner of Washington and Floyd is the last one I know about that is still in business. If you look carefully as you drive around, you will see a number of buildings with corner entrances. Many of those were neighborhood stores in former years. One former corner store at 4293 South Cherokee Street that operated into the 1980's, doesn't have the characteristic diagonal entrance, but rather a "false front", with the entrance facing Cherokee. It is now a private residence.



The McCready children continued to live in Englewood for many years. Ginger Shirey graduated from Englewood High School in 1952. She must have been in the first class graduating from the new high school that had just opened that year. The building was converted to apartments in the 1940s and is still in use as an apartment house. Much of the information for this story came from an article in the Englewood Independent Jan. 17, 1979.

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Mission**

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