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Wheat Ridge Historical Society Hosts May Festival Saturday, May 9th, 2015

-Event will feature Maypole Dance, bluegrass music and antique appraisals-

Wheat Ridge, Colorado (April xx, 2015) – Wheat Ridge’s Historical Society will present its May Festival on Saturday, May 9th, 2015, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The free outdoor/indoor festival will be held at the Wheat Ridge Historic Park at 46th Avenue and Robb Street and will provide a day-filled with entertainment and pioneer history.

Festival activities/features include:

- A special children’s Maypole dance – a tradition that dates back to 16th Century Europe.
- Performances by local bluegrass and Celtic musicians.
- A traditional lunch cooked on an antique, wood-burning stove.
- Antique appraisals performed by internationally renowned dealer and appraiser Eron Johnson. Appraisals will be available for \$5 per piece from noon to 4 p.m. Money raised from the event will fund museum maintenance.
- Knitting, quilting and rug making demonstrations.
- Vintage car displays

The event will also feature guided tours of the five buildings at the 160-acre park, which include the James H. Baugh House, the oldest cabin still on its original site in Colorado; Wheat Ridge’s first post office, the Coulehan-Johnson Cabin, a red brick classic cottage built in 1910 and the Sod House, a National Historic Landmark.

Vendors should call 303-421-9111 for booth information.

For more information about the festival, visit the historical society's website at <http://www.wheatridgehistoricalsociety.org/Joomla/> or check out the Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/470259743138507/>

About the Wheat Ridge Historical Park

Owned by the City of Wheat Ridge, the Historical Park is devoted to depicting the original Baugh homestead from 1859 to 1889. A path in the tall prairie grass gives visitors a small sample of the arduous and often deadly passage settlers had to undergo to cross mile upon mile of prairie to reach their destination.

Some areas of the park have been cleared for crops and orchards. Seasonal demonstrations in plowing, planting, and harvesting take place in these areas and provide a rich living history learning experience. Other period activities that are performed include animal husbandry, log hewing, apple cider pressing, and cooking.

The museum at the Historical Park is operated by the [Wheat Ridge Historical Society](#). It is open for tours Fridays from 10 am to 3 pm. For information, please call (303) 421-9111.

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