

DR. JUDITH VON AHLEFELDT
Landscape Ecologist, Historian
Author/Publisher, Teacher



Education

- Bachelor of Arts - College of Wooster - Biology Major
Chemistry/Amer History Minor (1965)
- Master of Science – Entomology – Cornell University (1969)
- PhD – Landscape Ecology – Colorado State University (1992)

Experience

- Teacher - College, and Jr. High/High School biology/chemistry teacher (1970s-80s)
Colorado College - 1970-72 ; Colo. Springs School Science Dept. Chmn - (1972-1980);
Air Academy HS - biology/chemistry teacher (1980-81); (Research/Teacher);
UCCS(1981-85); CSU (1986-1988)
- Environmental Education for Teachers and Resource People - Colo Sprgs 1970's USFS
- Environmental Education for Univ of New Mexico – Ghost Ranch Abiquiu, NM 1975, 1977)
- Summer Botany Course – Rocky Mountain National Park – 1982
- Xeriscape – CSU Extension – late 1980s
- Forest Ecologist, Medicine Bow National Forest, US Forest Service (1990-1997)
- Private Consultant – Forest Health - Subdivision Forest Health/Colo Interstate Gas (1996-2000)
- Owner/Publisher - Black Forest News (Oct., 1997 - July, 2014)

Public Service

- Organizer of Cleanup of 13 miles of Monument/Fountain Creek - Earth Day 1970
- Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments Open Space Advisory Committee 1971- 73
- Founding citizen and first Secretary of El Paso County Parks Board – 1972
- Founding member of Palmer Land Trust (William J. Palmer Parks Foundation) 1975
- Springs Area Beautiful Association Awards (two) – late 1970s
- Community Advocate – Black Forest Preservation Plan (1974, 1988, 1999);
Chair of B Forest Land Use Committee - 1974-1985;
Chair of Black Forest Transportation Committee, (2006-2011);
EPC Master Plan - Local Outreach Team - 2019
- Keeper of the Keys to Black Forest (1998)
- Organizer/coordinator of Black Forest Community Conservation projects (2006 - present)
- Palmer Land Trust – Volunteer – White Paper on *Rare Plants of Pineries Open Space* - 2006
- Black Forest Together Forest Recovery Symposia – Invited Speaker 2013
- SAMCOM Invited Speaker – Annual Community Forestry Meetings 2013-2014
- El Paso County Long Term Fire Recovery Committee (2013-14) (Total loss fire victim)
- Organizer of Post-fire Rare Plant Assessment - Pineries Open Space (2015)

Publications/Authorships

- *Thunder, Sun and Snow - History of Colorado's Black Forest* (1979)
- *Landscape Ecology of the Palmer Divide, East Central Colorado* (1992) (PhD Dissertation)
- *Biophysical and Historical Aspects of Species and Ecosystems – Forest Plan EIS*
Baseline Report – von Ahlefeldt and Speas Medicine Bow National Forest 1996
- *Historical Variation in Mid Continent Grasslands-* Rocky Mountain Research Station General Technical Report
– in Process
- Owner/Publisher of *Black Forest News* (Oct., 1997 - Aug. 2014) – 842 issues - weekly
- Numerous articles on Ecology, Forestry, Botany, Ornithology, Geology, Local Land Use Issues
- Post-Fire Rare Plant Assessment for Pineries Open Space (for El Paso County Parks) - 2015 (In Progress)

Watersheds, Fire, and Flood

- *Best Management Practices for Black Forest Restoration 2013 –*
Prepared for post-fire recovery – Black Forest Together - 4000 copies distributed after Black Forest Fire