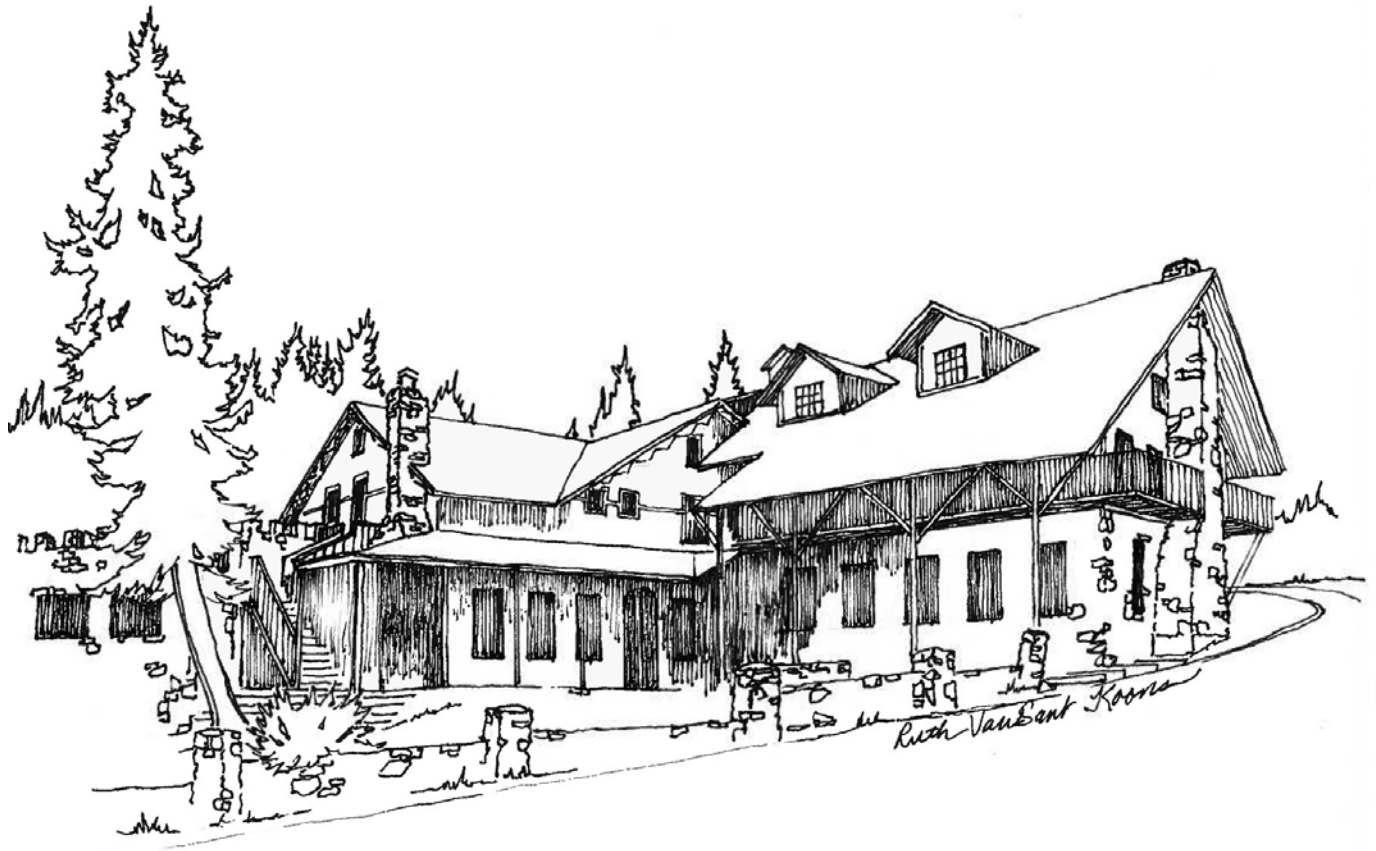


Brook Forest Inn



Brook Forest Inn near Evergreen started out as a small cabin that is now the main portion of the Inn's lounge and parlor rooms. The cabin was originally constructed in 1909 on a 350-acre homestead claim. After renovating the old cabin, building some additional structures, planting crops and landscaping the grounds, the Brook Forest Inn opened in 1919.

At that time, the owners of the Inn, Edwin Welz, of Vienna, Austria and his wife Giggi of Switzerland began renovating the Inn to incorporate a European flare and create what they referred to as their own "Little Switzerland." Later additions included a section with white quartz rock in a Gothic design that included medieval turrets.

The Brook Forest Inn was listed on the National Register of Historic Places for its architectural significance as a good example of Rustic design with Bavarian and Gothic influences. The Inn is also an important example of a successful tourist resort and local entertainment venue in the Evergreen region and has played a vital role in tourism in Evergreen and along the Front Range.

On July 29, 2009, the Brook Forest Inn was listed on the National Register of Historic Places and the Colorado State Register of Historic Properties in recognition of this property's contribution to the heritage of the State of Colorado.

