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Murder in Cascade from **Ute Pass Historical Society's Latest Book** **Discovering Ute Pass, Volume I**

In a 1996 Oral History interview with Jan Pettit, Cascade resident Harry D. Pole related an enigmatic tale about a body found in Cascade. The murder was never solved, and the curious reader will find mysterious twists to the story.

In January of 1949, Ivan and Florence Waugh owned the Red Cloud Inn located in Cascade. On the evening of January 18th, Walter (Joe) Parsons, a young 18-year-old employee of the Waughs, had dinner with his employers, as was his custom. At around 9:30 p.m. Joe left for his own cabin. Mr. Waugh heard his feet crunching in the gravel as he headed to his bed. The next morning Joe didn't show up for work as usual. When Mr. Waugh went to check on the boy, he found the cabin door standing open. The heater was going, but Parsons was not there, and it appeared his bed had not been slept in.

While unusual, Mr. Waugh was not alarmed, because Joe often left the resort for a day or so. Two days later, his body was discovered by a couple driving from the Garden of the Gods to Colorado Springs. The coroner's report stated that the body was found nude, except for a pair of socks.

It was young Parsons, and he had been strangled to death. His clean clothing was tied into a bundle and left near the body. There was no damage to the clothing and strangely, his undershorts were missing. Mr. Parsons had a head injury that the coroner determined was not serious, but the ligature marks on his neck were prominent. The case was never solved.



Red Cloud Inn, 1921
Ute Pass Historical Society

Ute Pass Historical Society's Latest Book Meets with Great Fanfare



Three of the five authors, from left: Larry Black, Mary Ann Davis and Claudia Eley



It was like "Old Home Week" at the Crystola Roadhouse for the book release

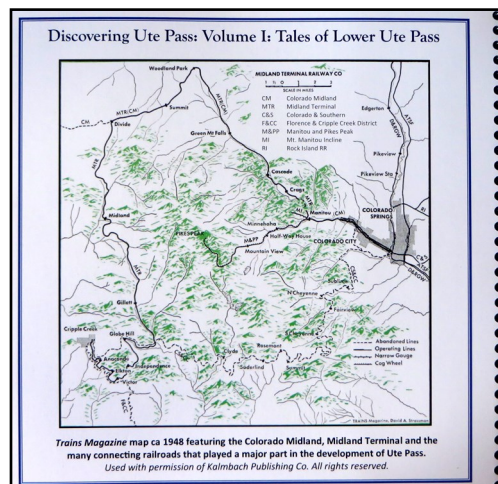
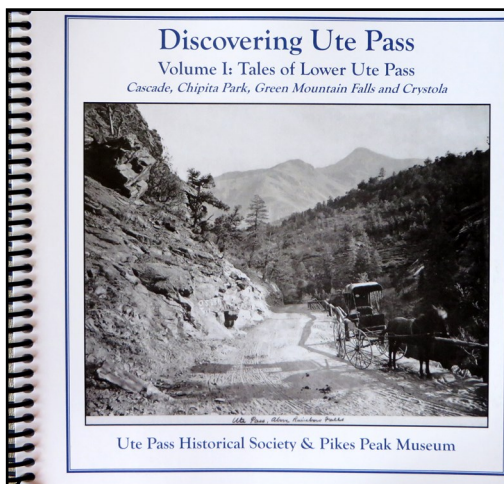
Friends and neighbors, and some passers-by, joined UPHS at the Crystola Roadhouse on Saturday, May 28th, for a book-signing of their newly released, *Discovering Ute Pass, Volume I*, which chronicles the development of Lower Ute Pass, beginning with Cascade and traveling westward up the Pass through Chipita Park, Green Mountain Falls and Crystola. The history comes alive through the use of stories, anecdotes and first-hand accounts of the health-seekers and pioneers who first came to the area in the mid-1800s.

Hundreds of photos punctuate and personalize the tales of the early days. *Discovering Ute Pass: Volume I* retails for \$22 and UPHS members receive a 10% discount.

Watch for information about *Volume II*, coming soon. It covers the history of Upper Ute Pass, picking up the westward journey at Woodland Park, continuing through Edlowe, Divide, and Midland.

The Ute Pass Historical Society thanks Larry Black for providing the means with which to make this a "party", and the Crystola Roadhouse owner and staff. We couldn't have done this without your help!

Volume I is also available on our website: UtePassHistoricalSociety.org.



Upcoming Summer Events:

MONDAY, July 4—4th Annual Cemetery Crawl

Woodland Park Cemetery, 650 Short Street.
Tours run every 15 minutes from 1 to 3.
Cost is \$5, and tickets are available at the gate.
Please call UPHS at 719.686.7512 or e mail
uphs@peakinter.net for more information.

SATURDAY, July 30—Bronc Day, Green Mountain Falls. UPHS Traveling Book Shop will be there selling books, including the NEW Discovering Ute Pass, Volume I.

SATURDAY, July 16—Mountain of the Sun, A Grass Roots Summer Concert.

Aspen Valley Ranch
1150 South West Road, Woodland Park.
Gate opens at 11 a.m.; music from noon to 7 p.m.
Several bands and local artists to perform.
Local beer and food will be available for purchase.
Bring your own picnics, lawn games, and chairs.
No glass, firearms or animals allowed.
Adults: \$12; 11 to 18: \$6; children under 11: FREE
All proceeds to benefit the Gordon Jackson Foundation educational programs.
For more information: 719.687.9351
<https://www.ppcf.org/our-projects>

SATURDAY/SUNDAY, August 6th and 7th —Mountain Arts Festival. The Ute Pass Historical Society Food Booth serves brats, hot dogs or hamburgers, chips and a drink—all for \$5.00. Proceeds benefit the Ute Pass Historical Society. The Pavilion at UPCC.

Free Tours of History Park

The **Ute Pass Historical Society & Pikes Peak Museum** offers free guided tours every Saturday. The walking tour of historic downtown Woodland Park begins at 10 a.m. and takes about 90 minutes. The walking tour meets at the Museum Center in History Park, 231 E. Henrietta Avenue. This year the tour will include local flora and fauna.
Tour the historic buildings of History Park from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m.
All tours are weather permitting.

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4th Annual UPHS Cemetery Crawl

Take a walk around the Woodland Park Cemetery on Monday, July 4th and meet some of the old pioneers who are resting there.

Tours run every 15 minutes from 1 to 3. Cost is \$5, and tickets are available at the gate.

The cemetery is located at 650 Short Street in Woodland Park.

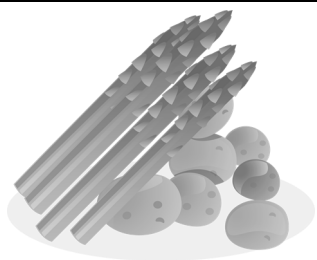
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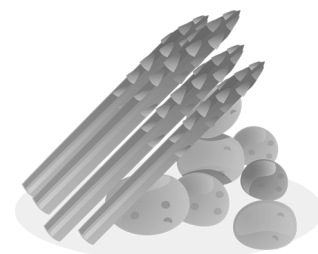
**Ute Pass Historical Society President,
Donna Finicle, portrays Anna Lacey**

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Asparagus Potato Salad



1 lb. Yukon Gold potatoes,
cut into 1-2 inch pieces

1 bunch asparagus (1 lb.),
trimmed and cut into
2 inch pieces

1/4 c. sour cream
3 T. tarragon vinegar
2 T. Dijon mustard
1/4 t. dried dill weed
Salt and pepper to taste
1 c. torn fresh basil

Cover potatoes with cold water by one inch; season with salt. Bring potatoes to a boil over high heat, then reduce heat to medium, and simmer until potatoes are tender, 8-10 minutes. Add the asparagus during the last two minutes of cooking. Drain potatoes and asparagus; transfer to a baking sheet to cool to room temperature.

Whisk together sour cream, Dijon, vinegar, and dill weed in a large bowl for the dressing; season with salt and pepper. Add potatoes and asparagus and toss with dressing. Stir in basil before serving.

Ute Pass Historical Society Volunteers Provide Support for the Woodland Park 125th Birthday Information Booth at a Recent Farmer's Market

On Friday, June 8, volunteers representing the City of Woodland Park and the Ute Pass Historical Society teamed up to host a booth at the weekly Woodland Park Farmers' Market. It was a joint celebration of the City's 125th Anniversary and UPHS' 40th. The booth featured hands-on activities for both kids and adults. Kids loved playing the Indian drums and bear growlers hand made by a UPHS volunteer. All ages enjoyed trying to identify the animal pelts on loan from Ken Valles—and the noses on passing dogs were working overtime! Kids colored pages of wildlife, mountain men and of course the Rocky Mountains. Over fifty people entered the "Guess How Many Cotton Balls are in the Jar" contest. The winner, Gary Hamm, guessed 137 when there were actually 136 cotton balls in the jar. He is convinced we started with 137 and accidentally dropped one. He won a \$10 gift certificate for use in UPHS' Gift Shop.

UPHS thanks Suzanne Brown of the City, Trevor Phipps from *News of Woodland Park* and UPHS volunteers Nancy Desilets and Lisa Huff. Be sure to visit the City-UPHS booth on the second Friday of the month, July 8, August 12 and September 9.



Lisa Huff and Trevor Phipps



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It is an honor to serve you!*