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Marigreen Pines

from UPHS' Discovering Ute Pass, Volume I

Tickets for the 2018 Marigreen Pines Estate Tours are still available at the UPHS Gift Shop!

Thomas Cusack and his wife Mary Greene Cusack arrived in Cascade in 1895. The couple made their home in Ellinor Cottage until Mary's death in 1922 of cancer. Although construction of Marigreen Pines was underway, Mary died before the mansion's completion in 1923. Thomas honored his wife by naming it for her.

Being an astute businessman, Thomas Cusack acquired more land in the Cascade area. In 1920, he purchased the Cascade Town and Improvement Company, effectively buying the town of Cascade. This was the first known private purchase of a town in the United States. He planned to develop the area as a resort similar to Green Mountain Falls complete with a new hotel, racetrack and club rooms.

Cusack personally monitored every detail of the construction. He traveled to Europe to find furnishings and imported expensive and exotic materials to give the mansion the look and atmosphere he wanted. He hired Italian craftsmen and painters to complete the more intricate decorative details.



Marigreen Pines Dedication, 1923

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Papa wanted to build a spectacular house, recalled Anne Cusack Johnson in a 1981 UPHS Oral History interview. Mother wanted everyone to have log cabins instead. After she died in 1922, the family urged him to go ahead with his plans because he was so lonely.

After completion of Marigreen Pines, Ellinor Cottage was used by visiting family members with young children. The little ones slept peacefully in the old house while their elders dined and entertained in the big house. Thomas Cusack only enjoyed Marigreen Pines for a few short years before he died from pneumonia in 1926 at the age of 68.

Ellinor Cottage still stands today, and is visible from Highway 24, although multiple additions mask the original structure.

In 1978 the Cusack family donated the Marigreen Pines property to the Congregation of the Holy Cross in South Bend, Indiana. It is operated by the Holy Cross Novitiate.

Every three years the Ute Pass Historical Society hosts a tour of the property, including Marigreen Pines, Ellinor Cottage, the grounds, and Holy Rosary Chapel just a short distance from the mansion.

Tickets for the 2018 Tours are available at the UPHS Gift Shop, located at 231 E. Henrietta Avenue in Woodland Park. For more information, call 719.686.7512. You may also download a ticket order form from our website: utepasshistoricalsociety.org.



Marigreen Pines Mansion,
Cascade, CO
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Ellinor Cottage
Cascade, CO
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UPCOMING EVENTS:

UPHS' Annual Cemetery Crawl

Wednesday, July 4th, 1 to 3 p.m.

Parking at 540 Manor Court in Woodland Park

Tickets are \$5.00

Triennial Marigreen Pines Tours

Saturday and Sunday, July 14th and 15th

Tickets available from 10 to 3,

Wednesday through Saturday

at the UPHS Gift Shop, located at

231 E. Henrietta Avenue in W.P.

Tickets cost:

General public: \$25

Patrons and groups of ten or more: \$20

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Bronc Day

Saturday, July 28th

Green Mountain Falls

UPHS Traveling Book Store will be there with a great assortment of books.

Mountain Arts Food Kitchen

Saturday and Sunday, August 4th and 5th, behind the Cultural Center in Woodland Park.

Your choice of hot dogs, brats or a cheeseburger with a drink and chips-all for \$6!

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Larry Black turns Eighty



It's hard to believe, but world traveler and UPHS benefactor, Larry Black, just celebrated his 80th birthday June 11th.

Larry has been a longtime benefactor and honorary Lifetime Patron of the Ute Pass Historical Society for years. He is a valued volunteer, signing up for jobs such as tour guide and many UPHS programs for over thirty years.

After teaching 6th, 7th, and 8th grades for 30 years in Woodland Park, the long-time resident has pursued his avid interest in the Ute Pass area. He is a popular docent and speaker at Mueller State Park, a co-author of several books and a DVD, and has donated many hours and hundreds of dollars to UPHS over the years, including the Memorial Garden, Oral History Project, printing and office supplies.

Happy birthday Larry!

Just in Time for...Cheesecake

Crust

1/2 pound graham crackers,
crushed
1/4 c. unsalted butter, melted

Filling

2 pounds cream cheese, softened
3/4 c. granulated sugar
2 large eggs
2 T. fresh lemon juice
1/2 t. vanilla

Topping

1/2 c. sour cream
1/4 c. granulated sugar
1 T. lemon juice
1/2 t. vanilla

Prepare the crust: Mix the graham crackers and the melted butter. Press into a cheesecake pan and freeze.

Prepare the filling: Position the rack in the center of the oven and preheat to 350. Using a mixer, beat the cream cheese and sugar until creamy. Add the eggs, one at a time, while mixing. Add the lemon juice and vanilla and blend well. Pour batter into frozen cheesecake crust. Place it in the oven and bake 35 to 40 minutes, until the top starts to pull away from the sides a bit loose in the center. Take the cheesecake out of the oven, and set it on a rack for 10 minutes. This will cause the cake to sink slightly.

Prepare the topping: In a small bowl, combine the sour cream, sugar, lemon juice and vanilla. Pour into the center of the cheesecake and spread evenly, after the cheesecake has cooled for 10 minutes. Place the cheesecake back into the oven for 5 minutes only. Cool for one hour before serving.

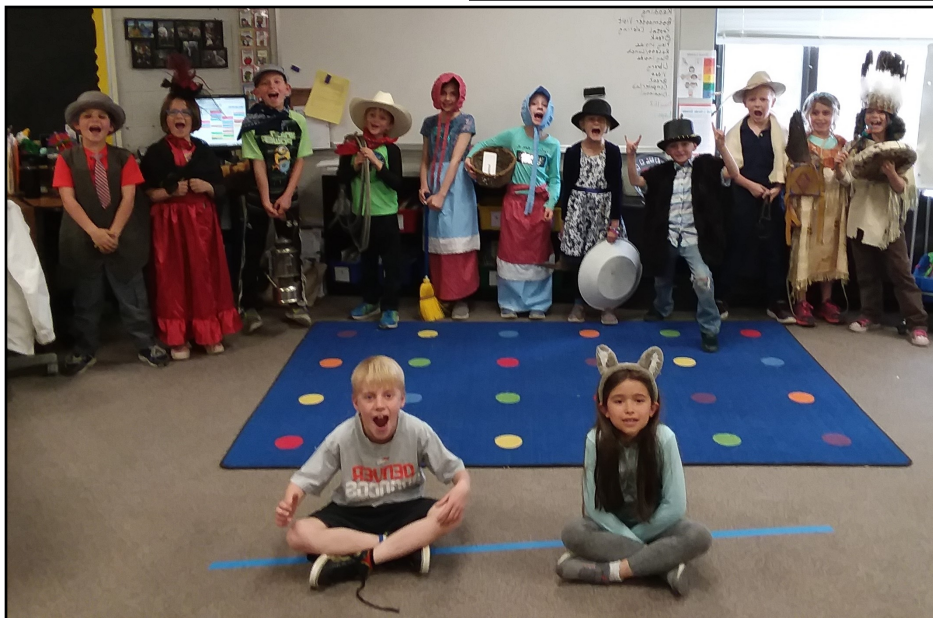
Makes one 10-inch cheesecake.



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Jeffco School Tour

Columbine Elementary



*Summit Elementary
In-Class Tour*

Contact Ute Pass Historical Society to schedule your 2018-2019 school tour today!

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