

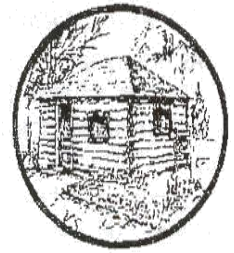


UTE PASS HISTORICAL SOCIETY & Pikes Peak Museum

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Ute Pass Historical Society & Pikes Peak Museum Celebrates 40 Years in 2016

Ute Pass Historical Society is the outgrowth of a 1970's Cascade Library effort to organize an oral history program. "Founding Mothers" Mary Ann Davis, Sandra Lampe and Jan Pettit provided formal training, and sponsorship was provided by the Ute Pass Lions Club. This program and the tremendous amount of material collected from early settlers and their families became the focus of the Society.

Serving as the founding Board of Directors were residents of the Ute Pass who at that time were believed to be the oldest living descendants of pioneer families: Hal A. Brown, Dorothy Hart Conn, Irene Denny, Les Gayler, Lois LaHaye, and Ralph Lofland set the course for the Society. Incorporated as a nonprofit organization on November 19, 1976, the Ute Pass Historical Society was founded to:

- Collect, preserve and organize regional historical material and promote publication of the results of the efforts.
- Stimulate interest in history of the region and further its use in all local educational institutions.
- Provide a means through which organizations interested in the history of the Ute Pass area can work together.
- Form, promote and operate a resource center and an area museum.

The first project the group embarked upon was to place 12 Pikes Peak Granite markers at historic sites between Cascade and Divide. A Local Assistance Grant from the Colorado Historical Society funded the project. The markers were made by the Spence Monument Company, each showing an incised drawing of the particular building or buildings, and include the dates of existence. The markers are still visible at all of the sites. Contact UPHS for information, including a map of marker locations.

From its inception until 1980 the Society functioned out of the Cascade Library as guests of the Pikes Peak Library District.. Billed as "the smallest museum in the world" the Society's first museum space opened on June 1, 1980, in a single 800 square foot cabin in Green Mountain Falls. Built as part of the Brockhurst Riding Academy servicing the "dudes" vacationing in Ute Pass, this log structure was revitalized as the first museum and office for UPHS. Swift and progressive "growing pains" moved UPHS in succession to a site along Hwy 24 at Fountain Creek, at the eastern entrance to Cascade. UPHS moved from that site to the "Brazen Head" location, at the west entrance to Woodland Park on Hwy 24 in 1991.

The exhibits in the five historic buildings in History Park continue to evolve and change, based on themes or in recognition of local events. Currently, the Midland Railway Exhibit in the Carroll Den highlights aspects of the railway that built communities as it traversed the Pass. The original town jail, also known as the *Calaboose*, was built in 1891, and is also located in History Park.

Presently, the Ute Pass Historical Society's Office, Museum Center and Research Office are housed next to the Woodland Park Public Library, at 231 E. Henrietta Avenue in Woodland Park. Staffed by volunteers, we encourage inquiries regarding Ute Pass families, landmarks and history, and offer reproductions of historic photos for sale. The cabins are available for tours by appointment.



Rear from left: Kathy and Dennis Stockton, Mary Ann and Jack Davis, Marion Vance, Amy Hopfe, Karla and Ted Schweitzer, Claudia Eley, and Vern Renter

Front from left: Jane Lass, Larry Black, Donna Finicle, Virginia Shippey, and Jason Pearce

Memorial Garden Dedicated October 3, 2015

The day was perfect for the Dedication Ceremony, emceed by UPHS President Donna Finicle and long time volunteer and benefactor Larry Black. The garden and stones were funded by donations.

The focal stone reads:

*Ute Pass Historical Society Memorial Garden
Remembering those who helped
preserve the history of Ute Pass.*

The surrounding stones are etched with names of past volunteers and benefactors who worked diligently to keep Ute Pass Historical Society & Pikes Peak Museum operating for 40 years-since November 19, 1976. Larry Black mentioned a few of the names on the stones, including Dee Breitenfeld, who was so vital in all aspects of UPHS.

Larry also mentioned a few of the people with whom he had recorded interviews before their passing. The Oral History program was started in 1978, and Dee Breitenfeld spearheaded the program until her passing in September, 2014. The program provides a permanent record of the musings and memories of the *old timers* who had a hand in making Ute Pass and its towns from Cascade to Divide what they are today.



Downtown Woodland Park, Looking West, ca 1900

Anna May Wellington Photo

Upcoming Event:

The Ute Pass Historical Society & Pikes Peak Museum will hold our Annual Patron Luncheon on Sunday, January 31st at 12:30 pm at the Ute Pass Cultural Center. This coming year, we are celebrating 40 years of service in Ute Pass. Local author, Larry Black, will present *100 Years of Woodland Park*.

The City of Woodland Park is celebrating their 125th Anniversary, and are co-sponsoring the event. The event, including the luncheon, will be open to the public. A small donation of 125 cents would be appreciated in honor of the City's anniversary. R.S.V.P. to Darlene Jensen at 719.687.5231 or djensen@city-woodlandpark.org by January 25th.

**UPHS recognizes our
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- Larry Black * Paul and Patricia Crowson
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- Janet Pettit * Claude Wiatrowski

Thanks to our Amazing Volunteers!

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Donna Finicle, UPHS President

Letter from our President...

As the old year is passing and the new one coming soon, I would like to wish everyone Happy Holidays.

Here at the Historical Society we are celebrating another very good year. It was a year of accomplishments and checking things off of our "to do list." We were able to start much needed repairs on buildings in History Park. With the help of Lee Willoughby and Mary Menz, we started a Pioneer Garden with old fashioned cottage plants. Several volunteers helped paint the deck and

benches at the Museum Center and by the Immer Cabin in History Park.

We also established Memorial Garden in honor of our now gone patrons who helped our Society preserve the history of our area. This is an ongoing project.

Our fundraising events went well, with Marigreen Pines tours the best of all. It took scores of volunteers to coordinate these events and I thank all of them. It is because of our volunteers that the Historical Society has been able to be a viable organization all these years. Next year is our 40th anniversary! Please join us at the Annual Patron Luncheon in January to celebrate with us as we mark this milestone in our efforts to preserve and share the history of the Ute Pass Region. See Page 3 for details.

Stuffed Cabbage Soup

Aunt Mary sent this recipe to me a couple of months ago, and since then I've made it three or four times! She is from Michigan so knows how comforting hearty soup is on cold winter nights. It is super easy, and super tasty. We use ground elk instead of beef, and sometimes fresh tomatoes. Doesn't matter, you can even use ground turkey and it's still yummy ... as good as stuffed cabbage but quick and easy. Serve with crunchy bread and a crisp green salad. Enjoy! Judy

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| 1 pound lean ground beef | 1 can (8 oz.) tomato sauce |
| 1 large white onion, finely chopped | 2 cans petite diced tomatoes |
| 3 cloves garlic, minced | 4 c chopped green cabbage |
| 1-1/2 teaspoon paprika | 5 cups unsalted beef broth or stock |
| 1/2 teaspoon thyme | 1 cup cooked brown rice |
| | Salt and black pepper to taste |

In a large soup pot set over high heat, season the ground beef with salt and cook, using a potato masher to break the meat into small pieces as it browns.

Drain any fat from the pot and reduce the heat to medium low. Add the onion, garlic, paprika and thyme and cook 5-7 minutes until the onions are soft. Add the tomatoes, tomato sauce, beef stock and cabbage, and season with the remaining salt and black pepper to taste.

Bring to a boil, reduce the heat to low, cover and simmer until the cabbage is soft, about 35 minutes.

Add the cooked brown rice and simmer 5 more minutes before serving.

For an unusual and slightly sweet flavor, include 1 teaspoon of ground cinnamon and 1/8 teaspoon of allspice with the paprika and thyme.



“Mountain Man” Comes to the Divide Community Club

Local author, Ken Valles, brought his entertaining and historical stories of James Beckwourth, Jedidiah Smith and Jim Bridger and others to the Annual Potato Soup Supper on October 23rd.

He told of their struggles from 1806, when Lewis and Clark completed the “Voyage of Discovery” through the late 1840s, when the demand for beaver pelts declined to almost nothing.

The beaver fur hat had been a popular fashion accessory in Europe for over three hundred years when the silk hat replaced it, virtually ending the fur trade in America.

Outhouse Gets New Home at History Park



After many years of waiting, the outhouse has finally found its new home in History Park. Originally used at the Pikes Peak Community Club in Divide, the outhouse was “rescued” several years ago by Dee Breitenfeld, who donated it to the Ute Pass Historical Society.

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THANK YOU!

The Ute Pass Historical Society's Board of Directors is grateful to our loyal patrons and enthusiastic volunteers. Without your generous financial contributions and dedicated volunteer service, we would not exist. Thanks to all of you for supporting our mission to preserve and share the history of the families and communities of the Ute Pass area of Colorado. It is an honor to serve you!