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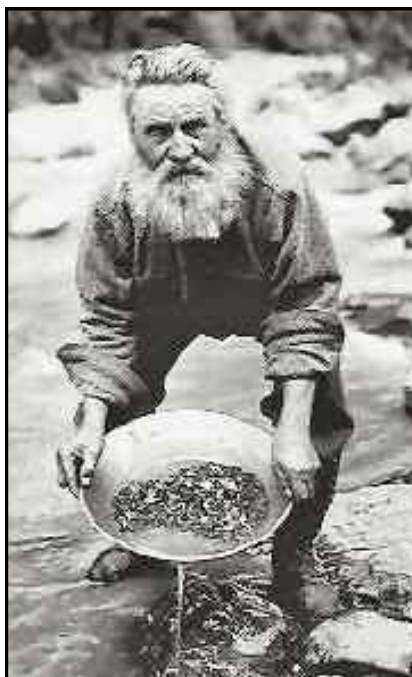
Buckskin Joe, Colorado

The mining community of Buckskin Joe was established in 1859, just west of the present day town of Alma. Like many mining camps that came into being during the Gold Rush, the town was built by a small group of prospectors.

In the early 1860s, Buckskin Joe had blossomed into *the liveliest little burg in South Park*. News of the gold discovery spread quickly and, by the spring, other miners began pouring into the new settlement. A drifter and prospector named Mr. Phillips filed a mining claim. The claim did not look rich, so Phillips soon moved on. *Buckskin Joe* Higgenbottom, who wore buckskin clothing, hence his name, assumed Phillips' claim for his own, including its excellent water rights. He soon traded the workings for a gun and a horse, gave up the water rights to pay his whiskey bill, and left for the mines of the San Juan Mountains.

The claim was taken over by a group of prospectors who soon discovered it to be rich with gold. By September of 1860, all the claims in the district had been purchased and 2,000 men were working in the area. Soon, the town was bustling with saloons, gambling halls and traveling minstrel shows. The street was lined with stores, an assay office, a courthouse, a mill, and three hotels. It became the county seat in 1862, until the courthouse was moved to Fairplay in 1867.

The mining district reportedly produced \$16 million in gold from 1859 until the mill closed in 1866. Most of the inhabitants moved away to other mining camps and towns to seek their fortunes after the mill closed.



Joseph "Buckskin Joe"
Higgenbottom

The recent history presentation
"A Road Trip Down Buckskin Gulch"
has been recorded and is waiting for you at:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=cfpQEk5FvPY

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Buckskin Joe, 1864

Hundreds Fight the Snow to Attend the Celebrations

Do you know what a Shivaree is? Do you know what Rocky Mountain Oysters are made from? Have you ever tasted mountain lion?

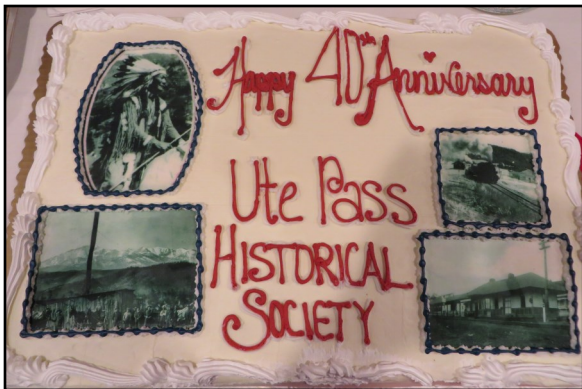
These questions and many more were answered by keynote speaker Larry Black's presentation: *100 Years of Woodland Park*. A long time resident and retired teacher, Larry has collected many stories and background information about Woodland Park. He is the chairperson of the oral history program for UPHS, and has many first person stories from old timers and descendants alike.

Over 300 people attended the 40th anniversary of the forming of the Ute Pass Historical Society and the 125th birthday celebration of Woodland Park. Many folks dressed in period costume and Broncos garb (*root, root, root for the home team!*), adding a festive as well as historic feel to the gathering.

Attendees buzzed with excitement as they reminisced with long-time friends. Local musician Bill LaReaux played and sang country tunes that contributed to the event's western atmosphere. A hearty lunch of chili was prepared by UPHS volunteers. The cornbread and salad were donated by Circle H Smoke House. All was served by helpers from the Woodland Park Teen Center.

Several former mayors were present, including Carol Kenney, Al Born, Clarke Becker, Gary Crane and Steve Randolph. Two enormous birthday cakes, both chocolate and white, were devoured by all.

Thanks to the City of Woodland Park and UPHS patrons and volunteers. And special thanks to everyone who pitched in, including The Main Street program, whose efforts made the celebration memorable!



Dave Perkins as James Burnside
Marty Wilson as Moses Baldwin
Photo by Nancy Desilets



Larry Black as the Keynote Speaker



It's Heeeeeeeeere!!!! (Almost)

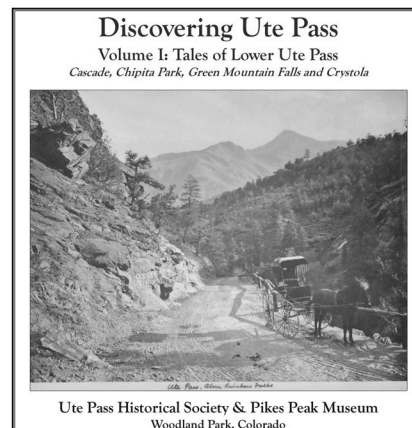
The long-awaited history of Ute Pass is soon to be a reality. Two of the authors, Mary Ann Davis and Claudia Eley, along with proofreaders and volunteer index preparer Lucie Haskins are diligently combing through *The Book* to make sure it's ready for prime time.

Kudos to our loyal benefactor Larry Black along with Mary Lou Penny and Nancy Desilets for their generous donations that help offset costs of printing *The Book*.

Remember when *The Book* was really just one book? Thanks to the spirit of Ute Pass area residents, we received enough donated photos, memorabilia and stories of days gone by to fill two books! *Discovering Ute Pass: Volume I, Tales of Lower Ute Pass* includes Cascade, Chipita Park, Green Mountain Falls and Crystola. *Volume II*, coming this summer, covers Woodland Park, Edlowe, Divide and Midland.

Discovering Ute Pass, Volume I will be well worth the wait. Watch for word of its release and book signing shindig. It will be available in the UPHS Gift Shop for \$22.

Reminder: UPHS Patrons receive a 10% discount.



Ham and Asparagus Pasta

Nothing says Spring like ham and asparagus, and who doesn't like pasta? Combine three favorites in one easy-to-prepare dish, serve with a crisp green salad and fresh berries for dessert and you're ready for even the fussiest eater. This dish is a family pleaser while elegant enough for company.

Ingredients

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| 1/2 T butter | 1 C chicken broth |
| 1 T olive oil | 1/4 C heavy cream |
| 1 small onion, thinly sliced | 1/2 C Parmesan cheese, grated |
| 1 C ham, diced | 1/2 lb thin spaghetti, cooked |
| 2 C asparagus, cut into 1/2" slivers | Salt and pepper to taste |

Directions

In a large sauté pan, cook the onion in the butter and oil until soft. Add the ham and cook for a few minutes. Stir in the broth and simmer until reduced a bit. Add the asparagus and cook for about three minutes until just tender. Mix in the heavy cream, let cook for a minute or two to combine the flavors. Add the spaghetti, cook just briefly to heat thoroughly, then add the Parmesan cheese. Toss all to combine. Salt and pepper to taste. *Note: If the mixture is too thin, make a slurry of 1 T of flour and 3 T chicken broth, stir in and allow the sauce to thicken. You can also substitute smoked salmon for the ham for a yummy seafood meal.*

Upcoming Events

Free tours begin June 4th, every Saturday through September 17th.

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. 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.

July 4th: Annual Cemetery Crawl at the Woodland Park Cemetery, 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. Visit with some of the pioneers resting there!

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The Moose is Loose Finale, 2016

The Woodland Park Annual *Moose is Loose* activities came to an end on Saturday, February 27th, with a morning of fun and entertainment at the Ute Pass Cultural Center. UPHS helped out with a brief history of Woodland Park by Larry Black, followed by several stories of pioneer times by UPHS Cemetery Crawl re-enactors. Present were Woodland Park pioneers James and Montana Burnside (David and Michelle Perkins), Nancy Mooney (Jennifer Bittman), Bert Bergstrom (Arlo Baumgarn), and Sarah Baldwin (Miriam Gillespie). The Cemetery Crawl is an annual event, held every 4th of July at the Woodland Park Cemetery from 1 to 3 pm.

The storytelling was followed by a lively dance routine by kids from Dana's Dance Studio.



Speaker Larry Black



UPHS Board of Directors Member, Paul Loyd

More Photos From the Patron's Luncheon



Helpers from the Woodland Park Teen Center



Beautiful Cookies Supplied by Sweet Mountain Bakery



UPHS Patron
Kathleen Clifton
and
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UPHS President Donna Finicle and
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Prepare to Cut the Cakes

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