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**Founding Member,
Mary Ann Davis, Passes Away at 85
Katie Davis Gardner**

Mary Ann Davis

March 5, 1936 - June 24, 2021

Mary Ann was born 85 years ago at St. Francis Hospital in Colorado Springs. She was a lifelong resident of Green Mountain Falls, and the third-generation to live in the 1888 family home, *Hartsholme*.

Mary Ann attended Manitou High School and received her BA degree from the University of Colorado, Boulder. She married Manitou classmate Jack "C" Davis Jr. They raised three daughters and devoted their lives to their educations and upbringing. She was a talented artist, seamstress, award-winning quilter, and partnered with Jack in the family business.

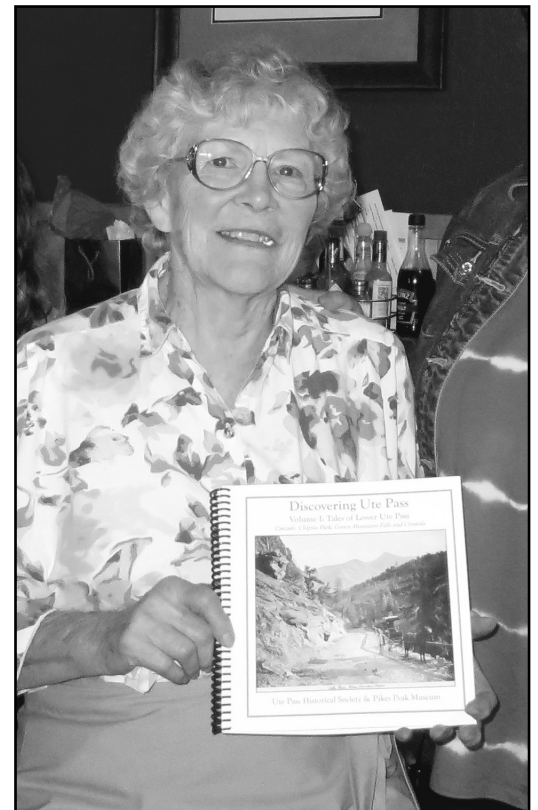
Mary Ann was a founding member of the Ute Pass Historical Society, as was her mother Dorothy Hart Conn. She followed in her parents' footsteps as an energetic community volunteer including work for the Ute Pass Elementary School and The Colorado Springs School. She was an El Paso County election judge for many years.

Mary Ann was a font of knowledge about local history and an author of history books about the Ute Pass Region and its residents. Known for her welcoming smile, kind heart, and strong spirit, she was cherished by her family, friends, and her beloved Ute Pass community.

She is survived by her husband Jack, their three daughters and sons-in-law, four grandchildren, four nephews, a niece, her sister Margaret Edna Conn Kwapil, and Jack's sister and brother-in-law. She was preceded in death by her parents, Malcolm and Dorothy Hart Conn, and her brother, Malcolm Conn IV, "Baby Brother".

Plans for a summer memorial in 2022 are pending. Donations in lieu of flowers may be sent to the Ute Pass Historical Society, P.O. Box 6875, Woodland Park, CO. 80866.

Mary Ann will be laid to rest at Memorial Gardens in Colorado Springs near her parents.



*Mary Ann Davis at book-signing
for Discovering Ute Pass, Volume 1*

My Friend, Mary Ann Conn Davis by Myrna Lindholm

My dear friend Mary Ann Davis...what an inspirational woman!! She was so gifted in all she did; her books, quilting, etc., etc. She put her whole self into everything she did. She was very quiet, so caring and thoughtful of everyone...as gifted as she was in all she did, she did not *toot her own horn*. She was one of the most humble people I have ever known. What she accomplished spoke volumes.

Some of my fondest memories of Mary Ann were going on walks around Green Mountain Falls. Sometimes we went down to the Elementary School and back. We enjoyed participating in the *Pony Run* at the school, an annual fundraiser.

A few years ago, Mary Ann wanted to hike up the Catamount Trail to the Garden of Eden, a *very* challenging climb. Our group started out on a great spring day, and it did prove tough! Our efforts were rewarded by a beautiful mountain meadow worthy of its name.

As we enjoyed lunch in this lovely spot, we thought the rugged descent would be a bit much for her knees. We called on her husband, Jack, to drive up the Pikes Peak Highway and pick us up at the South Catamount Reservoir. When he arrived at the Toll Gate, he learned that the reservoirs were not yet open for the season, and he could not proceed. He told the gatekeeper: *I HAVE to go get them. They are all old ladies!* He may have exaggerated our ages a bit! Fortunately, a female Ranger, who referred to us as *The Rebel Ladies*, was provided to escort Jack into the closed area and rescue us. One time, Mary Ann asked me to hike Thomas Trail with her. We did that, too, and had a wonderful time. I also took her to Paint Mines in Calhan for a hike. She and Jack joined me on an ice fishing trip. WOW! What an adventuresome woman! Mary Ann always met the challenge, and we were all rewarded by her perseverance.

Top right: Mary Ann Davis and Rescue Ranger
Lower Right: Mary Ann and Jack Ice Fishing

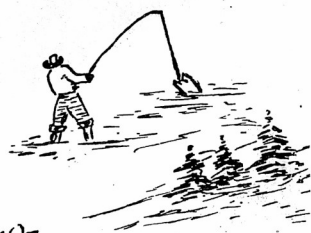


Mary Ann and Myrna "reaching the top"
at Paint Mines in Calhan, CO.



Mary Ann was very friendly toward me and remembered her mother speaking of my grandmother, Mrs. Stewart...one of the owners of Columbine Lodge in the '50s. She also gave me the copy of my grandmother's orange bread recipe ... which you published in the newsletter. It is a family treasure now. Mary Ann Davis is remembered fondly by me.

Thomas Headlee



COLUMBINE LODGE
GREEN MTN. FALLS
COLORADO

SOUR CREAM PANCAKES

- 2 cups pancake mix
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1 1/2 cups milk
- 1 egg, beaten
- 2 tablespoons melted shortening

Add sour cream, milk and beaten egg to pancake mix all at once and stir lightly. (If batter seems too thick, add 1/4 cup milk.) Somewhat lumpy batter makes light, fluffy pancakes. Lightly stir in melted shortening. Pour 1/4 cup batter for each pancake onto hot, lightly tressed griddle. Bake to a golden brown, turning only once.

ORANGE BREAD

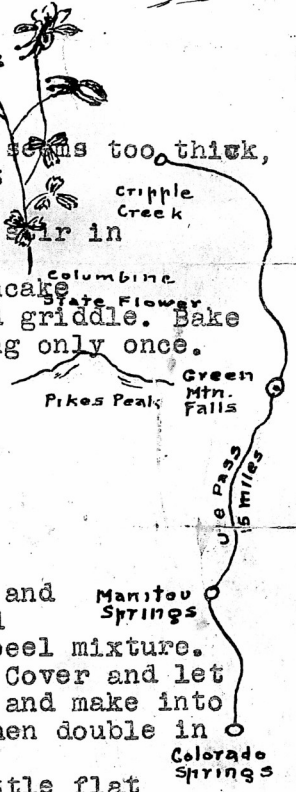
- 2 packages dry yeast- dissolved in 1/2 cup luke warm water.
- 2/3 cup Crisco
- 2 cups scalded milk
- 1 table spoon salt.
- 3 eggs, beaten
- Flour to make stiff dough.

Pour scalded milk over crisco and salt. Mix yeast mixture and 1/2 cup sugar in small bowl. When milk is luke warm, add eggs and 3 cups flour-beat. Add yeast mixture and orange peel mixture. Add flour to make stiff dough but able to stir with spoon. Cover and let rise one hour. Work down. When double in bulk, work down and make into loaves in bread pans. (Makes five medium loaves.) When double in bulk bake 45 minutes in 350° oven. We served it as toast for breakfast. We made it in the little flat toaster.

Orange peel mixture.

Put peeling of six oranges through ~~chicken~~ food grinder. Cover with salt water- let stand over night or for several hours. Drain and rinse. Add 2 cups of water and 2 cups of sugar and cook slowly until clear but not dissolved. in that huge mixing bowl. I always took my pans and food grinder from home. No doubt you have some. Patricia and I always took two coffeemakers each from home for coffee making. Also some of our pottery dishes. No doubt you will do the same.

I made hot cinnamon rolls three or four mornings a week. I used a roll recipe-probably you have one of your own- if not, I would be glad to give you mine. I made the dough in the morning, put it in the refrigerator and then just before going to bed, I would roll out dough, spread with soft oleo, sprinkle with brown sugar and cinnamon and roll and slice. I dotted the bottom of baking dishes with oleo and brown sugar and put rolls on top. Coverd and then inthe morning they were just right to bake.



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A Tribute to Mary Ann Davis by Claudia Eley

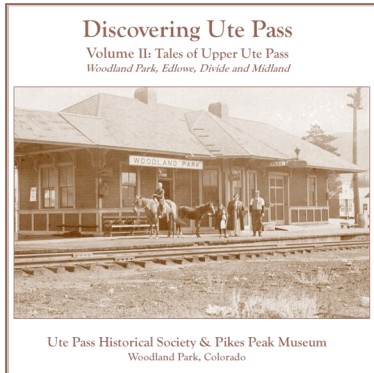
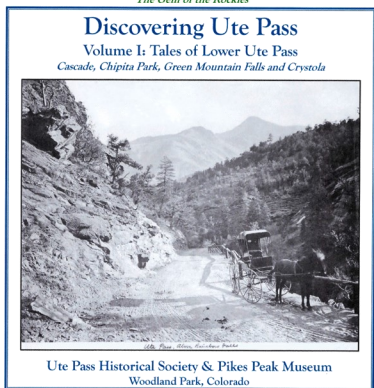
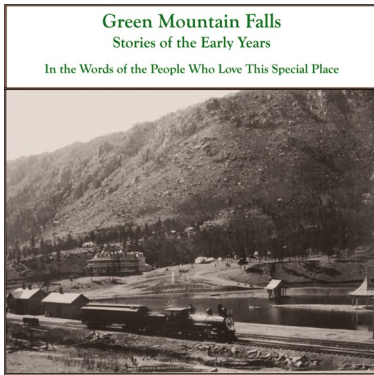
A few years ago, the Ute Pass Historical Society wanted to publish a book about the history of Ute Pass, a huge undertaking! Mary Ann was right on board, concentrating mainly on Green Mountain Falls and lower Ute Pass where she had grown up.

Mary Ann called on her many friends in the area: pioneers, settlers, ranchers and "summer people". They shared memories and pictures galore! Before we knew it, such a wealth of material was collected that it led to the book *Green Mountain Falls: Stories of the Early Years*, published in 2013. The book was so popular that it inspired many more contributions to be used in two more volumes on Ute Pass.

It was my great privilege to work with Mary Ann on all these and see how she pulled wonderful memories and pictures from all her sources.

And she was a wonderful person and friend in every way. There is a huge void in *Green Mountain Falls*, now filled with warm and wonderful memories. We all miss her so!!!

Mary Ann was an author on these three books, published by UPHS



Mary Ann and Claudia, signing *Discovering Ute Pass, Volume I* at the Crystola Inn, 2016



Thanks to Myrna Lindholm and Claudia Eley for the use of their photos, and their beautiful messages...



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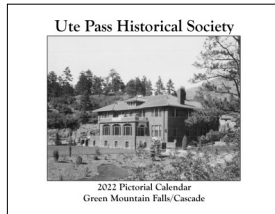
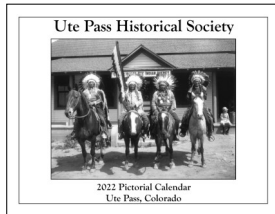
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2022 14-month pictorial calendar
Ute Pass or Green Mountain Falls edition

Mueller State Park Heritage Days Celebration

On Saturday, August 14, Ute Pass Historical Society participated in celebrating Heritage Day, an annual day of family celebration of the Ute Pass pioneers, held at Mueller State Park.

Families enjoyed a wide variety of activities from churning their own butter to hearing anecdotes and jokes from the pioneer era.

UPHS had a display of the history of butter churns, an area for families to dress up as pioneer characters for fun pictures, and an area stick pony games. It was great fun for everyone!

Pat Hyslop, center, and other volunteers, share a laugh

July 4th Cemetery Crawl ... a big hit with visitors and reenactors

Jon and Lori Van Sant of
Green Mountain Falls as
Moses and Montana Burnside



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