

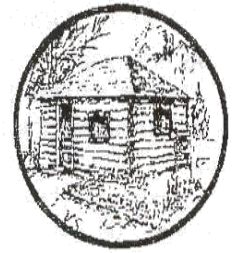


## UTE PASS HISTORICAL SOCIETY & Pikes Peak Museum

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### Ute Pass Historical Society's Historical Markers

By Trevor Phipps

The Ute Pass Historical Society was established in 1976 and the organization's first major project was to place 12 granite historical markers to mark historical hotels and other notable buildings from the past that are no longer standing but that played a part in the colorful history of Ute Pass.

When I first heard about the existence of the historical markers, I was immediately intrigued. I got a map of each marker's location from the Ute Pass Historical Society and went on my own to find the markers located in Woodland Park.

When I found the marker for the Woodland Hotel, once located near what is now Foxworth-Galbraith, I realized that it was hard to find because it had been covered by weeds and had sunken into the ground. After doing some research, I realized that the markers showed signs of wear and tear because they are over four decades old. Green Mountain Falls residents Jim and Claudia Eley are among the surviving members of the group that took on the project so that people could remember the locations of historic buildings for years to come. The late Harold Shippey and his wife Ginny, along with one of the Historical Society's founding members, Jan Pettit, were also part of the group that placed the markers.



*Whenever possible, we tried to place them right where the building had been, Claudia explained. But there were some exceptions to that because we didn't want to put them where no one could find them easily. In fact, I think we failed on that because a couple of them are too obscure for anyone to notice.*

The markers were made by a monument company in Colorado Springs with some specific requests. *I remember Jan (Pettit) specified it had to be Pikes Peak granite, Eley said. In every case, Jan had acquired an easement from the property owners so that they would allow it to happen, and if they sold the property, the new owner had to agree to protect the markers.*

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### Cascade Canon Depot, Ramona Hotel, and Crystola Brotherhood Cyanide Mill Markers

Photos by Trevor Phipps

After writing an article about the markers and their history, I wanted to find them all and do some work on the stones to make them a little more visible. However, during my training as a guide for the Marigreen Pines tour, I realized that finding them all might not be such an easy task as we were unable to locate the Cascade Depot marker. After talking to others, I eventually found the hidden marker.



I asked my friend Tommy Allen, who I help with the *Stories from the Midland* podcast, to help me clean all of the markers. We hit the streets of all the towns in Ute Pass with shovels and a weed whacker. Our goal was to officially locate all of the markers and then use GPS technology to pinpoint each one's exact location.

We started in Cascade and then moved further up the pass until we got to all 12 of the sites. Luckily, we were able to locate them all, mostly due to help from some friendly neighbors in the area.

What we found was that some of the markers had been well-kept and were in perfect shape and easy to find. Others, however, were like the Woodland Hotel marker that needed some work with the weed whacker and a little hand digging.

By the time we had finished our adventure, Tommy and I had successfully cleared all of the spots and made the historical markers much easier to find. And now that we have found their exact locations with GPS, people in the future should no longer have any issues finding all 12 locations.

The map of the locations is available with the purchase of *Discovering Ute Pass, Volume I: Tales of Lower Ute Pass*, published and sold by the Ute Pass Historical Society in Woodland Park. The map and detailed 2 directions can be found in the back of the book.

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**KWAPIL, MARG ED**  
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Kwapil, Margaret (Marg Ed) Celebration of Life. Marg Ed, passed away in her sleep on August 15th, 2022, just two weeks shy of her 91st birthday. There will be a Celebration of Life for Marg Ed on Sunday October 9th at the Fredrick Meijer Gardens, 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. As she would have wanted, this will be a casual event with music, food, and friends. Marg Ed was preceded in death by husband Ray Kwapil, her sister Mary Ann Conn Davis and brother Malcolm Conn IV, both of Green Mt. Falls, CO, and is survived by son Gary Conn of Grand Haven, MI, son Bryan Kwapil and son-in-law



Rodney Kenel of Milwaukee, WI, and son Jeffrey Kwapil of Milwaukee WI, in addition to nephew Craig Burdick of Sarasota FL, brother in-law Jack Davis of Green Mt. Falls, CO, and nieces Katie Gardner of Cascade CO, Laurie Waalkes of Denver CO, and Shelley Davis of Denver CO.



*Marg Ed Conn Kwapil Dorothy Conn Mary Ann Conn Davis*



*Marg Ed and Mary Ann in Front of Hartsholme*

## Western Heritage Day at Mueller State Park

*by Renee Rowcliffe*

The Ute Pass Historical Society always enjoys being a part of Mueller State Park's Heritage Day. We look forward to it every year.

My favorite part is seeing all of the kids and their families dressed up as pioneers, miners, or Ute Indians for special pictures at our "photo booth." Everyone is so cute and happy.

There are so many fun things for families to do--from making butter to panning for gold and being a part of the banjo man's band. Everyone finds something to love.

The weather was great this year. That, combined with the excellent work by the organizers, made us eager for the next one.



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#### UPCOMING EVENT:

**Saturday and Sunday, November 5 and 6: Annual Crafts Fair, Marcroft Hall, 9105 Chipita Park Road, Cascade**



#### 'Tis the Season... for Zucchini Bread

3 eggs, room temperature  
2 t. vanilla  
1 c. raisins  
1/2 c. oil (I like grapeseed)

2 c. sugar  
2 c. shredded zucchini  
1 1/2 t. cinnamon  
1/4 t. nutmeg

3 c. flour  
1 t. baking soda  
1/2 t. baking powder  
1 t. salt  
10 oz. crushed pineapple

Combine first 3 ingredients; cover with plastic and set aside for 1 hour. Grease and flour 2 bread pans. Pre-heat oven to 325. Mix ingredients and bake for 1 hour. Let cool for 15 minutes; finish cooling on a tray.

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**ENJOY!!!**



Mary Ann, left, Marg Ed, right  
Christmas Pageant, Columbine

Marg Ed and her husband Ray Kwapil donated the Brockhurst Riding Stable Office to UPHS. It's now one of the Cabins in History Park.



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