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Program Schedule:

August 2016 — November 2016

September 15, 2016, 7:00 PM – "Colorado Inventions and Inventors of the 19th Century" - Bill Reich

October 20, 2016, 7:00 PM – "The Legacy of Juan Batista De Anza" - John Anderson

November 17, 2016, 7:00 PM – "A Tale of Two Husteds" - Jack Anthony

Note there is no program in December

Mark your 2016 Calendars

Saturday, August 6, 2016, 9 AM - 5 PM: Annual Return of the Rocky Mountain Chautauqua

Saturday, September 26, 2016, 10 AM - 3 PM: Fall Colors and Cripple Creek Heritage Center Tour



Contributing to this issue:

John Anderson, Jack Anthony, Tom Baker
John Engs, Jane Milne, Mike & Sigi Walker
Thanks to all who reviewed and commented!

A Newsletter of the Palmer Lake Historical Society and the *Lucretia Vaile Museum*

PLHS History Series Presentations - Updates

The Palmer Lake Historical Society has been extremely fortunate to attract interesting and knowledgeable presenters for its History Series programs. But have you wondered: What has happened with the restoration of the Friends of the Cumbres & Toltec tourist sleeper? How is the USS Colorado, scheduled to launch in 2017, coming along? Or, how many more prayer trees has John Anderson been able to locate in Colorado? And, has Jane Milne been able to meet again with Orphan Train survivor Stan Cornell of Pueblo? In this issue of the Newsletter we hope to answer these questions.

In April of 2014 John Engs presented the history of Car 470, an 1889 tourist sleeper, and the progress made to restore it to its originally-built condition. These cars were used to bring workers to the mining, ranching, and railroad industries, and homesteaders to settle the West. The cars had a rather austere interior, with twelve pairs of wooden bench seats and wooden bunks above the seats that folded up against the car's side walls. Passengers brought their own bedrolls. Pullman built ten such cars for the D&RG. Car 470 was eventually bought by the "Friends," moved to Chama in 1994, and in August 2009 moved to the Pikes Peak Trolley Museum in Colorado Springs, where an enclosed shelter was erected to protect the car and the volunteers from weather.



Photo above from one of the March 2016 work sessions.

John has been a "Friends" volunteer for over 15 years, serving on the board of directors since 2009. He became co-chair of the projects committee in 2010. He has worked on several restoration and reconstruction projects, including the re-conversion of Passenger Box Car 451 and the reconstruction of steam Pile Driver 'OB'. Since 2007, he has been the site leader of the Colorado Springs group restoring Car 470. Volunteers work on the car every other Saturday. Visit <http://friendsofthectsrccos.blogspot.com/>

In February 2015 Dick Cooper related the history of the ancestral namesake ships that preceded the new USS Colorado – the Civil War era Steam Screw Frigate USS Colorado, WWI era USS Colorado ACR-7, and WWII Colorado BB-45. He then provided the history and status of the current USS Colorado, SSN 788, a Virginia class (nuclear) submarine - the most advanced in the Navy. It is designated to be christened "USS Colorado" when it is launched in 2017. We learned about the Navy tradition of when a ship is named for a state, the namesake state creates a commissioning party and helps adorn the ship.

From the USS Colorado (SSN 778) Commissioning Committee website:

It is a naval tradition for a warship to proudly display a unique emblem, called a Ship's Crest. These crests are displayed on uniform patches for the ship's crew and ship's plaques as well as other places where such an emblem is appropriate throughout the life of the ship. The ship's first Commanding Officer has the responsibility and distinction of selecting the design of that crest. The USS Colorado (SSN 788) Commissioning Committee offered to assist and the CDR Franklin in conducting a contest to solicit designs for consideration.

After reviewing the entries, the Commanding Officer and crew selected Michael Nielson as the winner of the Senior Division Ship's Crest Design Contest. Michael was born and raised in Colorado, graduated from high school in Arvada, was selected for the Navy Nuclear Power Program, and later was selected for the Seaman-to-Admiral program.

At right, Ensign Nielson's ship's crest



A Michigan native, Dick Cooper is a retired Naval Reserve Commander and a retired public school teacher who moved to Palmer Lake in 2005. He is immediate past president of the Colorado Springs chapter of the Navy League and a member of the USS Colorado Commissioning Committee. See www.uscoloradocommittee.org

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President's Message



Colorado pioneer Barney Ford wrote, "We shall not fail our future by losing our past." Born a slave in Virginia in 1822, Ford became a successful businessman and an advocate for civil and voting rights in the years leading to Colorado statehood in 1876. His life story is part of our state's past that can inform and inspire our future. His admonition to keep the past alive is the core mission of the Palmer Lake Historical Society as we offer programming and other resources to our community.

We hope you enjoy and learn from programs in the Monthly History Series. In this year's lineup, **three** programs are debut performances of new material. In May, author Joyce Lohse presented "Spencer and Julie Penrose: Community Collaborators," drawn from her brand new biography. Coming in October, John Anderson presents "The Legacy of Juan Batista De Anza," and in November Jack Anthony brings us "A Tale of Two Husted's." All programs start at 7:00 p.m. at the Palmer Lake Town Hall and are open to all.

Our Annual Father's Day Ice Cream Social brought over 200 folks together on the Village Green to enjoy free ice cream and pie, listen to music by singer/guitarist Nick Davey, and connect with friends new and old. Thanks go to the Rock House for donating the ice cream and to Village Inn-Monument for providing the pies.

We hope to see you in August for the annual Return of the Rocky Mountain Chautauqua and later for the "first annual" Fall Colors tour to Cripple Creek.

This Newsletter gives updates on four prior programs in the History Series: restoration of the C&TS tourist sleeper, the nuclear submarine USS Colorado, discoveries of more Ute Indian prayer trees in the area, and a Pueblo resident who came west on one of the Orphan Trains.

The Palmer Lake Historical Society is staffed exclusively by volunteers. If you are not a member, please join and consider donating some of your time and talent. Email us at PLHS@PalmerDivideHistory.org or call 719-559-0837 for more information or to volunteer.

Tom Baker

Below: May board meeting of your 2016 officers



Photo by Sigi Walker

THEN AND NOW: Tri-Lakes Photos from the Past and Present

When the Air Force Academy was being developed, a number of buildings were moved off the property of what was then East Husted and West Husted. Below are some then and now photos from our History Series November program, "A Tale of Two Husted's."



Above left: Branding Iron Cafe, once a saloon, a post office, then a church, after closing ca 1956



Above right: 1901 Husted residence in Palmer Lake after moves from Husted and later from Monument Batch Plant in 1976, ca 1977

Below left: Relocated Branding Iron incorporated into residence in Monument, 2016

Below right: Relocated building now in Palmer Lake, 2016



The arrival of the railroad made travel a great deal easier along the Front Range, but in the end both the D&RG and the Santa Fe built their own "Husted" depots.



Above left: Husted D&RG railroad station, ca 1922



Above right: Husted Santa Fe railroad station ca 19??

Today, nothing remains of the two depots except a few pieces of broken concrete, according to historian Jack Anthony, who will present the November "Husted's Tale."

Below: "Reynolds Ranch House," the only residence still standing from Husted days, located on the Western Museum of Mining & Industry property (Text and photo courtesy of the museum)



Included in the State Register of Historic Properties in 1997, the **Reynolds Ranch House** has two distinctive characteristics. First, it is a Queen Anne Farmhouse in a rural setting. Second, it is the last vestige [still in its original location] of the once-thriving community of Husted, a former Denver & Rio Grande railroad supply town and depot. Prior to the museum's ownership, nine different families owned the house. The previous owners have made minor modification over the years. The museum intends to restore the

home as an 1894 Queen Anne farmhouse before providing tours and other interpretive activities.

"Then" photos courtesy of Lucretia Vaile Museum; "Now" photos by Mike Walker except as noted

Upcoming PLHS Programs and Events August through November 2016

Social Hour at 6:30 PM, Presentations begin at 7:00 PM in the Palmer Lake Town Hall

Thursday, July 21, 2016 – "The Goodnight Legacies"

Presenter: Larry Schlupp



The life and legacies of Charles Goodnight (1836-1929), a major influence in the mid-nineteenth century growth and breadth of the cattle industry in the West, are presented. Primarily a self-educated man, Goodnight's strong moral character, far-ranging insight, strong entrepreneurial mind, inventiveness, and ability to attract and establish beneficial relationships established the foundation of what is today the oldest ranch in the Texas Panhandle. He also had operations in Colorado, the JA Ranch.

Larry Schlupp earned a BS in Mech/Ind Engr from North Dakota State Univ. A founding member, vice-president, webmaster, and primary presenter of Historic Douglas County, Inc., his presentations include *Earth, Wind & Fire* and *Breeds, Brands & Early Ranchers* and his portrayal of Daniel C. Oakes.

Thursday, September 15, 2016 – "Colorado Inventions and Inventors of the 19th Century"

Presenter: Bill Reich



Colorado businesses today include many high tech industries, but cutting edge technology is not new to our state or our time. The folks immigrating to Colorado during the nineteenth century brought new ideas and solutions to the many problems they encountered. There were patents for all kinds of devices, railroad, mining, bicycles, agricultural equipment, inventions by women inventors, medical, and others. Bill Reich looks at Coloradoans whose inventions helped them survive and prosper during the 19th century.

Bill Reich is a Colorado native and a graduate of the University of Colorado at Boulder with Bachelor of Science degrees in Business Management and Mechanical Engineering. He spent his professional career in management of small, start-up, technically oriented companies and in engineering product design.

Thursday, October 20, 2016 – "The Legacy of Juan Bautista de Anza"

Presenter: John W. Anderson



Appointed Governor of New Mexico in 1778 by King Charles of Spain, Juan Bautista de Anza vowed to rid Spain's colonies of Comanche attacks. Heading north from Santa Fe, he travelled across the San Luis Valley into what is today Old Colorado City and attacked a Comanche base camp near the present site of downtown Colorado Springs. The final battle resulted in the death of Comanche Chief Cuerno Verde and his band of raiding Comanches on September 3, 1779.

John Wesley Anderson has lived in the Pikes Peak Region since 1956 and was the 26th Sheriff of El Paso County from 1995 to 2003. He previously presented on *Ute Indian Prayer Trees of the Pikes Peak Region* and *Rankin Scott Kelly, First Sheriff of El Paso County, Colorado Territory 1861-1867*.

Thursday, November 17, 2016 – "A Tale of Two Husted"

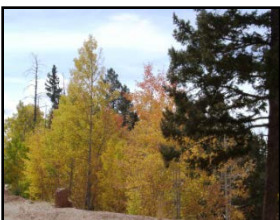
Presenter: Jack Anthony



Jack Anthony discusses East and West Husted, two former "tank town" communities that served the Denver & Rio Grande and Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe railroads. In the mid 1860s, settlers faced tough and dangerous situations including Indian attacks. Learn about the Husted family, the hotels that once served rail travelers, the cafes and churches and businesses once located on what is now Air Force Academy property. He will describe what remains to be seen today.

Jack Anthony is a graduate of the Air Force Academy. For 37 years, he has served in various military, intelligence, and NASA roles as an engineer, educator, leader, and operator. Jack successfully spear-headed the effort to have the Palmer Lake Star included on the State Register of Historic Properties.

First "Annual" Fall Colors and Cripple Creek Heritage Center Tour



Saturday, September 26, 2016, 10 AM - 3 PM. Join this caravan tour for a breath-taking view of spectacular fall colors. We'll drive up Highway 24 to Divide, then drive south to the Cripple Creek Heritage Center. We will have a box lunch at the Center. There will be at least 1-½ to 2 hours to tour the exhibits and take in the outside views. We'll continue into Cripple Creek for a short tour of the town before heading back to Palmer Lake.



More Updates on PLHS History Series Presentations *(continued from page 1)*

In April of 2015 John Anderson's presentation focused on the culture and history of the indigenous Ute Peoples between 150 and 450 years ago and on the sacred living artifacts they left behind. He explained the long history of Ute Indian Prayer Trees and the surprising fact that many of these Culturally Modified Trees (CMTs) can still be found across the Pikes Peak region. Anderson then described what to look for and where - in the land around the sacred mountain known to the Utes as "Tava" (Pikes Peak).

After the Waldo Canyon and Black Forest fires, Anderson sought to become the voice of "education, appreciation and preservation" of the prayer trees. During the restoration work, many prayer trees that had survived the fires were being cut down because people didn't understand their cultural significance – or thought the twists and turns in the trees were caused by disease. To help educate the public, he led a hike through Fox Run Park in September 2015, pointing out examples of various types of prayer trees.

John asked the April History Series attendees to let him know when they found or suspected the location of prayer trees. Since his presentation John has had several people tell him they attended his talk and many have emailed him pictures of Prayer Trees on their land or in their neighborhoods. New Ute Prayer Tree discoveries continue to be made in El Paso County, including recent discoveries in March 2016 in Fox Run Park, despite many previous hikes.

John and his colleagues have made several exploratory field trips across Colorado, making fascinating Ute Indian Prayer Tree discoveries in Douglas, Jefferson and Pueblo Counties. Spruce Mountain, north of Palmer Lake and south of Larkspur, has several very nice Ute Prayer Trees, and Elk Meadows Park has several very impressive Ute Prayer Trees discovered outside of Evergreen, CO. One of the most impressive recent Ute Prayer Tree discoveries was of a huge Ute Trail Marker Tree, located on Tower Trail at the base of Pueblo Mountain in Beulah, CO. After visiting this Spirit Tree, Dr. James Jefferson, Southern Ute Tribal Elder and Spiritual Leader, decided to host the 4th Annual Ute Prayer Tree Gathering in Beulah this year July 17-20, 2016. *See photo at right*



John Wesley Anderson, a retired engineer, has lived in the Pikes Peak Region since 1956 and was the 26th Sheriff of El Paso County from 1995 to 2003. He collected arrowheads as a youth on the family ranch in eastern El Paso County and has always been fascinated with Native American history, culture and artifacts. John is the author of the book *Ute Prayer Trees of the Pikes Peak Region*.

In November 2015 Jane Milne presented her research on Orphan Trains and related the story of her personal interviews with Pueblo resident Stanley Cornell, whom she continues to visit regularly. Stan, age 6, and his younger brother Victor, age 4-½, were sent West on one of the Orphan Trains, a social experiment between 1854 and 1929 which brought an estimated 200,000 orphaned, abandoned or poor children to the West. They were to work on farms and otherwise "earn their keep." It was the precursor of today's foster parent programs. The photo at right was taken when Stan was 5 years old and Victor was 3-½ years old, just one year before the boys left their home.

Jane describes Stan as a "happy man" who has become a special friend. He is now 96 years of age, and while health issues restrict his daily activities, Jane reports that he is still very sharp mentally. His brother Victor is 1-½ years younger and lives in Moscow, Idaho, but is unfortunately not in good health either. Stan is quite surely the last Orphan Train survivor in Colorado, and he and Victor are probably the last two Orphan Train riders nationally.

In 2012 his biography was recorded by his wife, Earleen B. Cornell, and published by Morris Publishing, Kearney, NE. To this day, he sometimes recalls new information not included in the book, much to the surprise of friends and family. You can purchase Stan's story by either ordering it directly from the publisher (800-650-7888) or from Mrs. Cornell in Pueblo by calling 719-542-6400.



Jane Milne continues to present programs on the CF&I Steel Mill, on Pueblo - the Saddle Capital of the West, on the life of a pioneer woman on the eastern plains of Colorado, on Pueblo immigrants, and about a Pueblo "ma and pa" grocery store family. Her newest project, in which she partners with a retired Pueblo teacher, is a presentation on the history of the Harvey Girls, including a brief biography of Fred Harvey, and the story of two Harvey Girls and a few of their fellow Harvey Girl friends.

Lucretia Vaile Museum Hours:

Saturday 10 AM - 2 PM all year
 Wednesday 1 - 3 PM Sept - May
 Wednesday 1 - 4 PM June - August
 1st Thursday of month: 10 AM-noon
 For information or tour requests,
 call 559-0837 and leave a message.

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