

A Message from Our President: Kathrine Backe

Let me first thank those with whom I work on the board. It is the dedication and commitment of this volunteer board that in no uncertain way is responsible for making a difference in taking care of the gift of Marcroft Hall by providing leadership for its functions and maintenance. If only we could tell all of the stories of those before us and those who will follow, how this Association has created an opportunity to share fellowship and further community awareness, we would most certainly be in awe.

With that in mind, we are constantly striving to maintain balanced budgets for the Association. This past year at our Annual meeting in August, we discussed membership fees and how we are going to need to be more attentive to budget issues. As a result, the membership voted to raise fees for families to \$50.00 and singles to \$30.00. This vote was supported by 97% of those in attendance. (The other suggestion was to raise fees to \$60.00.) You will see the voice of membership reflected on this year's application. Together with looking at fees, the board is also identifying projects that need to be brought to the membership in an effort to plan for the caretaking of Marcroft Hall. The issues that need attention according to how we would prioritize them are: 1. We have a furnace that is as old as the building and does not serve to heat the building appropriately. 2. We need new light fixtures, as the present ones are worn where the bulbs are placed. We are looking at how to best fix that issue. 3. We have talked about tables and chairs. The membership voted to get round tables when we replace current ones and begin to purchase new chairs as we have many that are no longer safe. We would keep the current *safe tables and chairs* for functions that require these tables and look to replace necessary chairs. So, the current board is busy investigating the best course of action on the above. What we always encourage is membership input. In addition, when we ask for donations to special projects, we are hopeful that the membership steps forward.

This past year was a record year for hall rentals and that extra support has kept us afloat. However, we are seeing competition in the area for rental space and cannot continue to expect such financial support each year. The hall was well used this past year for potlucks, bridge, poker, meetings, rentals, CWPP events and the Arts & Craft Show chaired by Helen Smithwick. Our thanks to her and the committee that assisted.

This next year we are planning for a new event in lieu of the Art & Craft Show; please read about that on an enclosed page. Patricia Wines will chair this event. We are also very excited about a new adventure the board approved at the February meeting. It is called the "Young Ambassadors" (YA!) - A Community's Pride. We have created a program to attract young families and youth. We invite you to read the enclosed description of that program and eagerly look for your participation in whatever way you can. We have also created a calendar that reflects events in Chipita Park, Green Mountain Falls and Cascade over the course of the summer months. We are making an attempt to be inclusive and asking all community members to support the events. The calendar is in this newsletter and updated if necessary on our website.

In closing, I would like to extend my warmest welcome in the new year to the current and new members. It has been a pleasure serving on this board. These past seven years has been both challenging and rewarding. Moving forward, we ask the many talented individuals in the Association to come forward and share in the care and leadership of the Association and Marcroft Hall. I thank you for the many ways you support each other and I look forward to many more good times together. That which is loved is always beautiful!

An Invitation

Joining and participating in the Association is a great way to meet neighbors, make friends and have fun. Marcroft Hall is free for Association-sponsored activities; it's the perfect place to have book clubs, game, card or craft groups, cooking classes and other activities. Be sure to mark those areas of interest to you and your family on the back of your membership application. Each area of interest would need one person to act as coordinator. Feel free to pencil in any areas of interest we have overlooked and let us know whether you could assist in getting the group started. Be sure to consider becoming a mentor in our Young Ambassador program.

Note for Potlucks at Marcroft Hall..

The Association has events and potlucks planned at Marcroft Hall. At all the potlucks, the Association supplies the main entrée, coffee, lemonade, wine, beer and pop. **All you need to bring is a vegetable, salad or dessert to serve 10 people.**

As in the past, our first potluck comes with an invitation to bring a new neighbor and invite them to become a member. If you choose to bring a guest(s), please consider a donation to assist with potluck costs.

*****Monday, April 11, 2011 Membership application deadline for directory inclusion.**

You may also download an application on our website at chipitapark.org

Current Board of Director's Terms

Kathrine Backe, President	August, 2011	If you are interested in serving on the board, please indicate that on your application form.
Pat Hein	August, 2011	
George Long	August, 2011	
Chris Reimer, Vice-Pres./Hall Rental	August, 2012	There is a place for you to indicate interest near the bottom of the form. We need you!
Barbara Miller, Treasurer	August, 2012	
Beth Jones, Secretary	August, 2012	
Chan Berryman	August, 2013	
Roger Parsons	August, 2013	
Patricia Wines	August, 2013	

Tidbits

**We need a new flag for the Marcroft Hall. Would like a larger/nylon one if possible.

**The trout club has an opening for one member. Contact Richard Toth—684-2030

**We need volunteers for spring cleaning day at the Hall in May. Watch for the date in an email.

**Check out the calendar as all slash/mulch sites are scheduled.

**Keep the calendar of events for 2011 for our three communities.

**The CPA is taking bids for lawn maintenance this summer. Average of 4-5 cut times with extensive weed-eating. Send bids to Barb Miller, Treasurer. P.O. Box 724, Cascade, CO 80809

Calendar of Local Events – 2011

June 4, Saturday – Wildfire Education Forum/Breakfast/Special Event 8:00-11:00 a.m. (MH)

June 3-4-5 Slash/Mulch Site – Check flyer for details. Fri.9-2, Sat. 9-4, Sun. 9-12 (BB)

June 12, Sunday – 5:00 p.m. **Potluck** Theme: Fiesta Entrée: Enchiladas & a Piñata (MH)

June 21 – Tuesday, CO Springs Concert Band @Gazebo 7:00 p.m. (GMF)

June 20-25 – Friends of Library 2/1 books – Donate 2 take 1 (FOL-C)

June 25-27 - Creative Writing Workshop 9-4 Saturday, GBKick OFF—Meet the artist 1_2:30 (GB)

June 27 - July 1, 9-3 Youth Theatre Workshop 3:00 p.m. Youth Theatre Showcase (GB)

June 29, Wednesday—6:00p.m.(tentative) CO Springs Youth Symphony At Studio (GB)

July 1, Friday—6:30 p.m. Hackenwerth Dedication@Studio Keigwin Performance (GB)

July 2, Saturday– 9 a.m.-Trail Hikes/Nature Discovery& 7 p.m.Hackenwerth Dedication @ Church
Gospel Music Workshop of America concert (GB)

July 5, Tuesday—Brett Weston Reception at CS Fire Arts Center (GB)

July 17, Sunday – 5 p.m.**Potluck** Theme: Luau w/Pig Roast - Hawaiian attire if you like. (MH)

July 31, Sunday – Women’s Club Ice Cream Social/Cascade Pavilion 11-4:00 (C)

August 6, Saturday – Bronc Day (GMF)

August 9, Tuesday – Midland Brass Concert 7:00 p.m. (GMF)

August 13, Saturday – Slash collection site – one day only. 9-4 (BB)

August 13 – Bag of Books Sale (FOL-C)

August 14, Sunday – 5 p.m.**Potluck** Theme: Hoedown w/hot dogs, hamburgers and Birthday cakes.
5:00 p.m. (USO 70-year celebration during cocktail time) Annual meeting at 5:40 p.m. (MH)

September 17&18 – Slash/Mulch Site: Sat. 9-4 and Sunday 9-12 (BB)

September 17 - Saturday, **Fall Fun Fest** 10-5:00 “Lazy Old Dogs” Dance/Music 6:00-9:00 (MH)

October 2, Sunday – 5 p.m. **Potluck** Theme: Oktoberfest w/Brats – Austrian Music (MH)

October 8, Saturday – Cascade Fire District Chili Supper 4-8 p.m. at the Fire Hall (C)

December 3, Saturday – Women’s Club Art & Craft Show 10-3:00 at the Fire Hall (C)

December 4, Sunday – 5 p.m. **Potluck**/Christmas w/ Chicken and music by Bud Kreuzer (MH)

Codes for where events are held:

MH – Marcroft Hall

GMF – Green Mountain Falls

BB – Bus Barn

FOL-C – Friends of Library, Cascade

C- Cascade

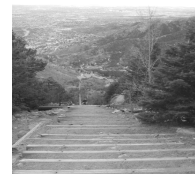
GB- Green Box - Installations at Studio, Church, and Library

FALL FUN FEST Fundraiser, Saturday September 17, 10 am-4 pm

Come and join us on Saturday September 17th from 10 am to 4 pm for our first annual Chipita Park Association FALL FUN FEST at Marcroft Hall, 9105 Chipita Park Road, Chipita Park. This is our big fundraiser of the season, so please come out and support your community. We will be holding a wonderful silent auction and have fun activities for kids. An array of delectable international foods and scrumptious baked goods will be served and for sale. Find out what we are all about: information about our “Young Ambassadors” program, and other activities and events will be available, as well as Ute Pass facts and things to do in the area. Dance to follow. Please contact Patricia Wines at (719) 684-7736 or gpwines@hotmail.com for more information.



In Memoriam



“But he knows the way that I take when he has tested me, I will come forth as gold.”

Charles Houchin	2010
Bill Hoover	2010
Bob Young	2010

John Miller	2010
Cheryl Shelton	2010
Ethel Reimer	2011

SLASH - MULCH

Ute Pass Community Program
Weekends of...



*****June 3-4-5 Friday 9-2, Saturday, 9-4, Sunday 9-12**

*****August 13, Saturday—Slash collection one day only. 9-4**

*****September 17-18 Saturday, 9-4 and Sunday, 9-12 Only**

Will accept **SLASH** material that is a max. 6-foot length and up to 8-inch diameter.

Will NOT accept stumps (root balls), dirt, lumber, fence posts, trash, yard rakings, or rocks!

NO EXCEPTIONS LOADS WILL BE CHECKED

Location: behind school bus barn on Chipita Park Road for slash site.

DONATIONS PLEASE SO THAT WE CAN CONTINUE THIS EVENT!

Community Pride



A great many people visit our communities each year. How we care for our communities leaves an impression and tells all about us as neighbors. We encourage residents to take pride and care of this beautiful area. If you need assistance cleaning your yard, trimming trees, getting rid of old items, please feel free to contact Chipita Park Association and we will assist in finding you help.

“Young Ambassadors” YA!

A Community’s Pride

What is the “Young Ambassadors” program? Chipita Park Association (CPA) recognizes that we have many young families in our communities that could be invited to be part of a program that helps the family and children learn more about/and become vested partners in our communities. Through *membership in Chipita Park Association*, we will make every effort to establish the partnerships for a successful program. It is our intent to invite families from Chipita Park, Cascade and Green Mountain Falls to participate. As you read further in this document, you will gain more knowledge about what we hope is the beginning of something wonderful for our communities. If **you** are a responsible, hidden talent, fun person – we need you as a mentor. We will link a young person(s) from Chipita Park, Cascade or Green Mountain Falls with a mentor that will meet school-age children and youth on basis of the individual program designed by mentor and directors. We are first going to focus on the months of May-September. Programs may have various times/schedules based on priorities of the mentor. A calendar of events will be provided at the first general meeting of families. TBD.

Mission: To build community pride and involvement by linking school-age children and youth with an adult mentor(s) that will establish a program that benefits both the persons involved and the community.

Goals: Year One

Establish community support and involvement from Chipita Park, Green Mountain Falls and Cascade.

Create an active process for seeking mentors and young ambassadors. This year it will be through the newsletter received by all three communities and phone calls.

Serve approximately 30-50 children and youth ages 6-18 in our first year. This is dependent on adult mentors that we believe are also benefitting from this program. We expect 15-20 mentors.

Guidelines for participants:

Membership in Chipita Park Association (Insurance purposes).

Mentor contracts of commitment to the program. (To include background checks)

Parent/student contract outlining commitment of responsibilities when participating.

Examples of Programs:

Hiking/Field Trips

We currently have two adult mentors that will guide trips twice a month for (5) participants. Trips could last from 3 hours to one-half day and will be either Monday or Tuesdays. They will provide a description upon registration. We could use another set of mentors to grow this program.

Cooking or Baking: One mentor so far and looking for more. Will likely be Monday or Tuesday mornings.

Woodworking/Art/Crafts: Looking for mentors.

Fishing: Looking for mentors. We have one so far.

Dancing: Looking for mentors for teaching traditional dance steps at Marcroft Hall to CD music.

Gardening: Looking for mentors to help beautify community places with flowers grown by participants.

Photography: We have one mentor and looking for another to work with participants on this project from the three communities.

Movie Night: Currently looking at Tuesday p.m. with both movies for the young and families. Need a few mentors to assist with this evening event: June-August with number/schedule TBD.

Concerts/Greenbox events: Have the “Young Ambassadors” act as ushers and participants in the concerts held at Green Mountain Falls in June and August as well as the Greenbox events. And more as mentors come forward.

If you are interested in participating in this program as a mentor or youth, please complete this information form and return with your completed CPA application. For donation checks to this program: **Make checks payable to Pikes Peak Community Foundation (Young Ambassadors)** which is tax deductible. They are a 501 (c) 3 organization. You may go directly to their site at PPCF.org and go to donor central to make a donation as well.

Name _____

Interested in being a mentor/ _____ area?

Address _____

My child/youth would like to participate (age)

Phone: _____

Call Patricia Wines at 684-7736 or

Email: _____

Kathrine Backe at 684-2603 for more info.

Chipita Park, Green Mountain Falls and Cascade Earn National Recognition For Wildfire Preparedness

Because of its efforts to reduce the vulnerability of homes and landscapes to wildfire, these three communities have earned Firewise Communities/USA® recognition from the National Firewise Communities Program. These communities worked with both the GMF and Cascade fire districts, USFS and the Colorado State Forest Service (Woodland Park) to conduct a wildfire hazard assessment and develop a plan to address safety concerns. Residents then worked together to implement the plan. To receive such recognition, the communities had to meet a rigorous set of requirements. The communities completed the following activities:

- Worked with local fire and/or forestry agencies to remove flammable vegetation from around their homes and other neighborhood structures.
- Created and distributed questionnaires to determine public attitudes and awareness about wildfire risks.
- Conducted vegetation and fuel mitigation at various points around the perimeter of the communities.
- Held a fair or information event during which Firewise information was distributed.
- Conducted numerous community meetings and open houses to explain and educate the community about the Firewise Communities plan.

This program is a nationwide initiative that recognizes communities for taking action to protect people and properties from the risk of fire in the wildland/urban interface. Many thanks go out to those who continue to serve on the Ute Pass Community Wildfire Protection Committee and we welcome new members and people ready to take leadership positions in continuing our success. Please join us at our celebration of recognition at the June 4, Saturday Education Forum and Breakfast at Marcroft Hall from 8:00-11:00 a.m.