

Palmer Lake Library Events

The Palmer Lake Book Group meets at 9 a.m. on the first Friday of each month. Please call 481-2587 for the current selection. All patrons are invited to attend this monthly book group.

The Third Saturday at Palmer Lake program on Sat-

urday, Jan. 21 will be a craft program presented by the Palmer Lake Art Club. The program is open to all ages, and no registration is required.

Please note that all Pikes Peak Library District facilities will be closed on Monday, Jan. 16 in observance of Mar-

tin Luther King Day.

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Palmer Lake Historical Society, Nov. 17

Husted railroad towns once thrived

By Sigi Walker

On Nov. 17, 20 brave people gathered during a snow-storm to hear local historian Jack Anthony present the debut of his new program, *A Tale of Two Husted*, as part of the Society's Monthly History Series. Anthony included slides and a short video in his presentation.

A Tale of Two Husted documents the two adjacent "tank towns" of East Husted and West Husted. Beginning in the late 1890s, the two Husted depots, midway between Colorado Springs and Palmer Lake, became a place for the D&RG and ATSF railroads to pick up passengers and shipments of agricultural products. The towns grew into thriving communities until the 1920s, when they went into decline as the number of automobiles increased.

In the mid-1950s, the development of the U.S. Air Force Academy resulted in the removal or demolition of the remaining buildings. Only the Reynolds Ranch House remains in its original location and can be seen east of Interstate 25 on the property of the Western Museum of Mining & Industry (WMMI) on Colorado Springs' north side.

Anthony is well-known for his advocacy to list the Palmer Lake Star on the State Register of Historical Properties. He is a graduate of the Air Force Academy and for almost 40 years has served in various military, intelligence, and NASA roles as an engineer, educator, leader, and operator.

Mark your calendars for two dates in January. On Tuesday the 17th, Anthony will repeat his presentation of *A*



Above: Reynolds Ranch House remains as a last vestige of the two Husted. Photo by Mike Walker.

Right: Historic photo of D&RG railroad "Husted" station sign. Photo courtesy of Larry Green.



Tale of Two Husted. Note that this is a joint program of the WMMI and the Palmer Lake Historical Society and that the venue is the WMMI, located at 225 North Gate Blvd. (use I-25 Exit 156). The event is free and open to all. Light refreshments will be served before the presentation. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the program begins at 7. For more information, visit our website at www.palmerdividehistory.org or call 719-559-0837. To reserve, call 719-488-0880 or RSVP to rsvp@wmmi.org.

On Thursday the 19th, the Annual Potluck and Membership Meeting will be held at the Palmer Lake Town Hall from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The Historical Society furnishes the ham, rolls, coffee, and tea. Attendees are asked to bring a salad, side dish, or dessert. Local artist Joe Bohler will entertain with his rousing style of honky-tonk piano. This program is free and open to all. ■

Western Museum of Mining & Industry News

Museum receives Haunted Mines donation, displays trains



Above: On Dec. 14, the Haunted Mines haunted house presented the Western Museum of Mining & Industry (WMMI) with a check for the 2016 donation amount of \$111,456. The Haunted Mines operates on the museum property on North Gate Boulevard and acts as a fundraiser for the museum, which is a 501c3. From left, board Treasurer Mark Yoder and Executive Director Richard Sauers accepted the check for the museum from Haunted Mines President/CEO Angel Nuce and representative Ken Quigley. Information on the museum is at www.wmmi.org and information on Haunted Mines is at www.hauntedmines.org. Photo by David Futey.



Above: Through the end of January, the Western Museum of Mining & Industry (WMMI) will display an exhibit on model trains and historic train photographs. The exhibit, created by museum volunteer Johnnie Zeornes and museum staff person Audrey Gregg, shows the differences in model trains, from N gauge with a 9mm distance between rails, to G gauge with a 45mm distance between rails. O gauge and HO gauge trains will be operated periodically by museum personnel. Also included in the exhibit is a display on how to create scenery, a handmade railroad from around 1910, and information on railroad history such as the joining of the transcontinental railroad. The exhibit walls are lined with rare William Henry Jackson photo prints from the museum collection. The photos depict railroads at various locations in Colorado as Jackson was commissioned by railroad companies to take promotional photos to draw the interest of Eastern travelers. Information on this and upcoming events at the museum is at www.wmmi.org. Photo by David Futey.

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