

Fuzz: When Nature Breaks the Law

By Mary Roach (W.W. Norton & Co.) \$26.95
 What's to be done about a jaywalking moose? A bear caught breaking and entering? Mary Roach tags along with animal-attack forensics investigators, human-elephant conflict specialists, bear managers, and danger tree faller blasters all over the world. Combining little-known forensic science and conservation genetics, Roach reveals as much about humanity as about nature's law-breakers. Fascinating, witty, and humane, Fuzz

offers hope for compassionate coexistence in our ever-expanding human habitat.

Gastro Obscura: A Food Adventurer's Guide
 By Cecily Wong and Dylan Thuras (Workman Publishing) \$42.50

Created by the ever-curious minds behind *Atlas Obscura*, this guide transforms our sense of what people around the world eat and drink. Covering all seven continents, it serves up a loaded plate of incredible ingredients, food adventures, unex-

pected dishes, delicacies, and edible wonders. It reveals food's central place in our lives, history, science, art, and traditions from historical to recent discoveries. (Available Oct. 12)

Until next month, happy reading.

The staff at the Covered Treasures can be contacted at books@ocn.me.

September Library Events

Math tutoring returns

By Harriet Halbig

Free math tutoring has returned to the Monument Library! Monday afternoons from 3:30 to 6:30, come to the library for free help with math at all levels. No appointment is necessary. All volunteer tutors are experienced teachers. Tutoring will not be held on library or school holidays.

The community room is available for reservations. Please see the website PPLD.org and look under services under meeting/study rooms. Be sure to have alternate dates in mind

Construction on the ADA-compliant ramp at Palmer Lake Library continues.

Please note that all library facilities will be closed on Monday, Oct. 4 for staff training.

Harriet Halbig may be reached at harriethalbig@ocn.me.

Right: Construction continues on the new ADA-compliant ramp at the Palmer Lake Library. Photo by Lisa Ward, manager of Mobile Library Services.



Palmer Lake Historical Society, Sept. 16

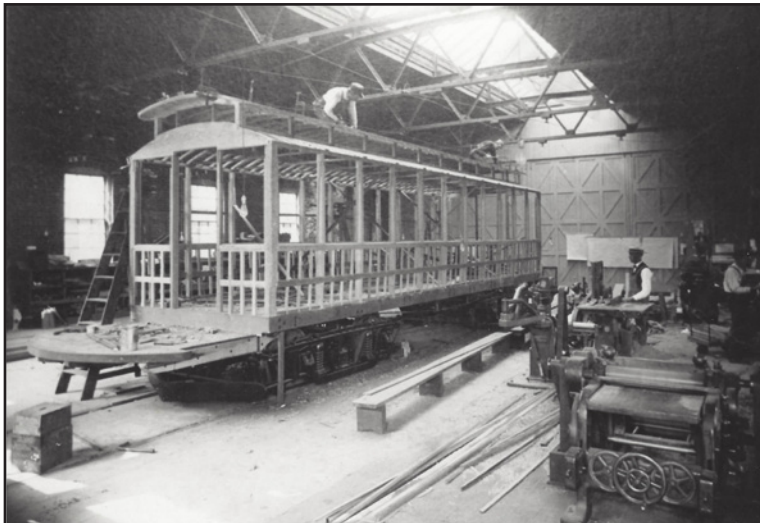
Pikes Peak Trolleys: past, present, future

By Sharon Williams

On the evening of Sept. 16, the Palmer Lake Historical Society resumed its monthly scheduled program at the Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce Community Meeting House in Monument. *Pikes Peak Trolleys*, a fast-paced, photo- and fact-filled program by John Haney, was presented to a captivated, full-house audience.



Above: Pikes Peak Trolleys program presenter John Haney. Photo by Wayne Russert.



Above: Trolley under construction in trolley car barn, 500 S. Tejon St, Colorado Springs, c.1906. Caption by Sharon Williams/John Haney. Photo courtesy Pikes Peak Library District collection.

Trolleys, streetcars, and trams were used interchangeably to describe the same mode of horse-drawn and electric-powered form of urban rail transportation. Early in the 1890s, trolley systems were prevalent in the Colorado towns and cities of Denver, Trinidad, Durango, Aspen, Leadville, and Grand Junction.

The Colorado Springs area was blessed by a streetcar system that was one of the best to be found anywhere. This had much to do with Winfield Scott Stratton, who became the owner of the Colorado Springs Rapid Transit Railway Co.

Haney's presentation covered the history of streetcar service pre- and post-Stratton, how it

affected the lives of residents and what became of it. He reviewed what is happening presently in the trolley world and what we might imagine for the future of downtown Colorado Springs.

In 2018, studies for consideration of re-establishing a trolley system in Colorado Springs were presented to the city administration with no objections.

Haney is a Colorado Springs native whose family has been here since the 1890s. In the 1980s, he helped found what is now the Pikes Peak Trolley Museum and Restoration Shop, located at 2333 Steel Drive, Colorado Springs, 719-475-9508.

The Palmer Lake Historical Society monthly programs are presented at 7 p.m. every third Thursday of the month at Tri-Lakes Chamber of Commerce-Community Rm, 166 Second St., Monument. The Oct. 21 program, *The Long Expedition*, will be presented by John Stansfield. Info: 719-559-0837, www.palmerdividehistory.org.

Sharon Williams can be reached at sharonwilliams@ocn.me.

High Altitude Nature and Gardening (HANG)

Autumn with an altitude

By Janet Sellers

*Stems heavy with seeds
 Frosty mornings, pick them now,
 Apples red, and green.*

September gave us many warm afternoons and only a few chilly mornings. October looks to do the same, and we can still get our harvests, especially with using the frost cloth as help. I will be putting up the hoops and the frost cloth for autumn and winter gardening. February will be our coldest month, so I still have hope for October, November, December, and possibly January for some crops to thrive. If they are in the ground and growing in October, they'll keep going for months if protected.

We've had some very sneaky varmints in the garden and likely some grasshoppers tasting our delicious food crops. I think I planted about 50 green bean plants, and I got nothing except the "almost" bean pods and then something grabbed them all. Varmints didn't invade any of the plants

I sprinkled with cayenne pepper, but any rain or sprinkler watering washes that off and then the food is up for grabs. Every year is different, and a challenge, but worth the effort if only a lovely time out with nature and the soil to heal the soul.

The apple trees around town have had a bumper crop, with plenty to share, and the pears are everywhere. These late bloomers always thrive despite our late snowy, frosty weather that zaps my March apricot blooms. Driving around town, we see the apple and crabapple trees loaded with fruit, and most of the cherry trees are loaded, too. Chokecherry harvests were record high, and I hear that friends' chokecherry brandies are in full swing.

Many in our community have reported bumper crops and wonderful harvests especially with the evasive tomatoes. This is quite a coup, because sometimes we get a great crop and sometimes we don't. Lots to consider. Our annual September frost made a lot of gardeners hurry

out to get the green tomatoes yet again for green tomato salsa. I just toss them in the freezer and use them as needed, which is so easy compared to canning. I got just a few strawberries all season and look to have a full bed of them next year.

In October, when most people think that harvesting is key, we can also put in seeds and start some late season, cold weather crops. I have newly planted beans, beets, herbs, peas and the like and they are thriving. I had to let my radishes go to seed pods, but frankly, those taste the best, even better than the radish root. The tender pods are laced with a light, delicate radish flavor. Snow peas also thrive now.

Tell us your local gardening secrets—we'd love to hear from you.

Janet Sellers is an avid lazy gardener, letting Mother Nature lead the way. Send your successes and tips to JanetSellers@ocn.me.