

Publications Awards—Books—Fiction

Nominated by the Fremont County Chapter

Mackie D'Arge for *Lifting the Sky*

The committee chose this well written novel for ages 10 – 14 about a young girl who finds herself living on the Wind River Indian Reservation. Although she has moved often with her mother, the girl feels like this place is home. This is D'Arge's first book.

CONTACT:

Mackie D'Arge, P.O. Box 631, Crowheart, WY 82512 (307) 486-2311
Fremont County Historical Society – Maggi Layton

Publications Awards—Books—Non-fiction

Nominated by the Sheridan County Chapter

Shannon D. Smith for *Give Me Eighty Men – Women and the Myth of the Fetterman Fight*

In this book, Smith re-examines the works of the two Mrs. Carringtons in the context of contemporary evidence. The book both challenges standard interpretations of the American myth and shows the powerful influence of female writers in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries.

CONTACT:

Shannon D. Smith, 5950 Gunbarrel Ave., Unit F, Boulder, CO
Sheridan County Historical Society – Judy Musgrave

AND

Nominated by the Park County Chapter

Nancy Heyl Ruskowsky for *Two Dot Ranch – A Biography of Place*

This book tells the history of a ranch that is very special to people in Park County. The book begins with the founding of the ranch by John Chapman in 1878 and continues through several owners until January 2000 when its sale by Yves Burrus to the new owners is complete.

CONTACT:

Nancy Heyl Ruskowsky, 331 County Road 6rt, Cody, WY 82414 (307) 587-3968
Park County Historical Society – Lynn Houze

Honorable Mention:

Nominated by the Platte County Chapter and Fremont County Chapter

Marcia Meredith Hensley for *Staking Her Claim – Women Homesteading the West*

This account of twenty-one female homesteaders offers a fascinating look into the lives of women taking advantage of the first chance in the history of our country to own property of their own. Their stories display a wide variety of motivation and success while attempting this difficult, isolating, and dangerous undertaking.

CONTACT:

Marcia Meredith Hensley, P.O. Box 376, Farson, WY 82932 (307) 273-9466
Platte County Historical Society – Patsy Parkin
Platte County Historical Society – Maggi Layton

Publications Awards—Books—Autobiography or Biography

Self-Nominated

Earle F. Layser for *I Always Did Like Horses and Women: Enoch Cal Carrington's Life Story*

This is a well-researched and well-written book about one of Jackson Hole's most notable characters, Enoch Cal Carrington. As the title suggests, Carrington's life was full of colorful exploits.

CONTACT:

Earle F. Layser, 500 Targhee Towne, Alta, WY 83414 (307) 353-2310 eplayser@silverstar.com

Honorable Mention:

Nominated by the Platte Historical Society

Diana Allen Kouris for *Riding the Edge of an Era*

This book chronicles the story of a ranching family engrossed every day in this rugged and increasingly unique lifestyle. It celebrates a lifestyle foreign to most of us and triggers a tremendous sense of loss for a special kind of life that is fast disappearing.

CONTACT:

Diana Allen Kouris, P.O. Box 31, Kinneer, WY 82516 (307) 856-7577 kourisd@wyoming.com
Platte County Historical Society – Patsy Parkin

Publications Awards—Books—Self-published

Nominated by the Park County Chapter

Phyllis Preator for *The McCulloch Peaks: Early History & Stories*

This book is a wonderful collection of stories about the people, the horses, and the history of the McCulloch Peaks, a badlands/adobe area east of Cody. It is illustrated with modern photos taken by the author and more historic ones from the families who lived in the area of the Peaks.

CONTACT:

Phyllis Preator, 34 Road 19 ½, Powell, WY 82435 (307) 754-2251
Park County Historical Society – Lynn Houze

Publications Awards—Books—Single Chapter in a Book

No Nominations

Publications Awards—Books—Reference

Nominated by the Park County Chapter

Beryl Churchill and Robert Bonner for *Home in the Valley: Powell's First Century*

This complete and thorough history of Powell, with accompanying photographs and illustrations, records the growth of the town decade by decade. Powell, founded in 1909 and named for John Wesley Powell, is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year.

CONTACT:

Robert Bonner & Beryl Churchill, 848 Road 10, Powell, WY 82435 (307) 754-4865
Park County Historical Society – Lynn Houze

Honorable Mention:

Nominated by the Fremont County Chapter

Bayard Fox and Claude Poulet for *Wind River Country: Hidden Heart of Wyoming*

This book brings to life a remote, magnificent, and little known part of northwest Wyoming near Yellowstone Park. It contains the thriving Wind River Indian Reservation of over 2 million acres, the spectacular Wind River Range with Wyoming's highest mountain, and vast, uncrowded national forests.

CONTACT:

Bayard Fox and Claude Poulet, Bitterroot Ranch, 1480 E. Fork Rd., Dubois, WY 82513 (307) 455-2778
Fremont County Historical Society – Maggi Layton

AND

Nominated by the Crook County Chapter

Jeanne Rogers for *Standing Witness- Devils Tower National Monument – A History*

The committee chose this book for its concise, readable, thorough history of America's first national monument with a broad historical narrative of the west as its foundation. The book is complete with photographs, index, and extensive bibliography.

CONTACT:

Jeanne Rogers, P.O. Box 501, Sundance, WY 82729 (307) 290-0797,
Crook County Historical Society – Mary Garman

Publications Awards—Poetry

Nominated by the Carbon County Chapter

Sharon O'Toole for *Baggs: Cowtown of the West*

This humorous poem describes several historical incidents in the history of Baggs, Wyoming.

CONTACT:

Sharon S. O'Toole, Savory, WY 82232 (307) 383-2418
Carbon County Historical Society – Joan Lawrence

Honorable Mention:

Nominated by the Sheridan County Chapter

Steve Adelson for *Eleven That Morning and Breakfast Was Over*

These two historical poems portray events at the Fetterman Fight and the Wagon Box Fight both near Fort Phil Kearny in northern Wyoming.

CONTACT:

Steve Adelson, 80 Primrose Lane, Sheridan, WY 82801
Sheridan County Historical Society – Mary Ellen McWilliams

Publications Awards—Pamphlets

Nominated by the Albany County Chapter

Albany County Historic Preservation Board for *Albany County Tour Guides*

These seven informative pamphlets cover Albany County Museums, Historic Architectural Treasures, the Campus of the University of Wyoming, the Old Lincoln Highway, Historic Downtown Laramie, West Laramie, and Centennial. Each tour depicts different historical aspects of Albany County's development.

CONTACT:

Albany county Historic Preservation Board, c/o Larry Ostresh, 1615 Bonneville, Laramie, WY 82070,
307-742-7603
Albany County Historical Society – Francois M. Dickman

Honorable Mention:

Nominated by the Weston County Chapter

Newcastle Chamber of Commerce and Weston County Museum District for *A Loop Tour: Beaver Creek – A Trip Through Time*

This well-done pamphlet takes the visitor over portions of the Cheyenne-Deadwood stage route and past the remnants of the wooden water line that once brought fresh water into Newcastle, through an area rife with history.

CONTACT:

Newcastle Chamber of Commerce, c/o Norma Shelton, 1323 Washington Blvd., Newcastle, WY 82701 or
Weston County Museum District, c/o Bobby Jo Tysdal, 401 Delaware, Newcastle, WY 82701
Weston County Historical Society – Clara Varner

Publications Awards— Brochures

No Nominations

Publications Awards—Calendars

Nominated by the Laramie County Chapter

Pony Express Printing Center for *Historic Homes from Cheyenne's Past – “A Legacy Mostly Lost”*

This calendar showcases fourteen of the most historically significant structures ever constructed in downtown Cheyenne. Each month features a different home along with information about its occupants. Also included are maps of the “Millionaire’s” Row and “Cattle Barons” Row areas of downtown with featured structures highlighted.

CONTACT:

Pony Express Printing Center, 211 E. 19th St., Cheyenne, WY 82001, 307-635-8621

Laramie County Historical Society – Mary Nystrom

Honorable Mention:

Nominated by the Albany County Chapter **Wyoming State Historical Society and The American Heritage Center at the University of Wyoming for the 2009 Wyoming Historical Calendar**

This calendar features photographs and introductory information about Wyoming’s boom/bust economy, which over the years has become an accepted feature of Wyoming life and reflects on the peaks and valleys inherent in a resource-based economy. The Heritage Center has drawn on its rich collection of photographs to depict events of historical importance with a different historical entry for each day of the year.

CONTACT:

Rick Ewig, American Heritage Center, Centennial Complex, University of Wyoming, Laramie, WY 82071, 307-766-6385

Albany County Historical Society - Francois Dickman

Publications Awards—Magazines and Newspapers

Nominated by the Sheridan County Chapter

Michael A. Amundson for his article published in *The Montana History Magazine – These Men Play Real Polo: An Elite Sport in the Cowboy State, 1890 - 1930*

Mike’s well researched article, enhanced by many historic photos, delves into the puzzle to western historians who question how such a sport, traditionally of the elite, fits into the popular notion of Wyoming as the land of the cowboy. It is very possible that nowhere else on earth has such good polo been played with such superior and well-trained horses, together with “such a curious blend of ex-patriots and polo-playing locals” as in the early days of the town of Big Horn, Wyoming. The sport continues to be an integral part of the area today.

CONTACT:

Michael A. Amundson, P.O. Box 6023, Flagstaff, AZ 86011-6023, 928-523-1511,

Sheridan County Historical Society – Mary Ellen McWilliams

Nominated by the Albany County Chapter

Claudia Thompson for her article published in the *Annals of Wyoming – Howling Wilderness, A Missionary’s Views of Wyoming, 1900 - 1918*

This is the story of William Bradford Dodge Gray and his second wife, Annette, who served as missionaries in the United States. In 1900, Dr. Gray became Superintendent of Missions in Wyoming. For the next 18 years, he dutifully traveled all over Wyoming establishing Sunday schools, distributing religious literature, serving as a substitute pastor, and wheedling money from wealthier and more established congregations to support missionaries.

CONTACT:

Claudia Thompson, 818 South 2nd, Laramie, WY 82070, 307-766-6508

Albany County Historical Society – Francois Dickman

Nominated by the Fremont County Chapter

Loren Jost for *Wind River Mountaineer*

This history journal is published quarterly at the Riverton Museum for the Fremont County Museums in Riverton, Lander, and Dubois. Well-written articles pertain to the history of Fremont County. Liberal use of historic photographs enhances the journal.

CONTACT:

Loren Jost, Riverton Museum, 700 E. Park, Riverton, WY 82501, 307-856-2665

Fremont County Historical Society – Maggi Layton

Honorable Mention:

Nominated by the Weston County Chapter

Donald C. Gose for *Upton History and Heritage*

The newspaper articles are well researched and well written. They are a credit to both Mr. Gosse and to the Weston County Gazette for featuring them for their entire centennial year. The weekly history lesson begins before any white men had come to this part of the country and will proceed through the present day.

CONTACT:

Donald C. Gose, P.O. Box 289, Upton, WY 82730

Weston County Historical Society – Clara Varner

Internet Website Awards

No Nominations

Audio-Video Documentary Awards - Professional

Nominated by the Platte County Chapter

Sue Castaneda for *How Are You Doing in Vietnam? The last tapes of Captain William B. Graves and Family (1967)*

This audio is an oral history that not only gives listeners a chance to experience Vietnam themselves but also gain an understanding of the sacrifice made by Captain Graves and his family. This is a unique one of a kind and very personal opportunity for others to relate to the often-painful effects of war.

CONTACT:

Sue Castaneda, 2301 Capitol Ave., Cheyenne, WY 82002, 307-777-5810,

Platte County Historical Society – Linda Fabian

Nominated by the Fremont County Chapter

Wyoming PBS for *Main Street Wyoming: Risky Business – The Ghost Town of Kirwin*

This video is the story of the history of Kirwin, a remote Wyoming mining camp high in the Absaroka Mountains that is today a ghost town. It features spectacular scenery, compelling interviews, and a narrative that comes full circle to the present day.

CONTACT:

Wyoming PBS, 2660 Peck Ave., Riverton, WY 82501, 800-495-9788

Fremont County Historical Society – Maggi Layton

Nominated by the Sheridan County Chapter

Wyoming PBS and Wild West Video Productions for *Drawn to Yellowstone*

This unique historical documentary produced for Wyoming PBS carries the viewer through the defining moments of how the artwork of Thomas Moran coupled with the many William H. Jackson photographs of the Yellowstone region helped Congress recognize the need to designate Yellowstone as the world's first national park...and the Park has continued to return the favor, inspiring artists throughout the years.

CONTACT:

Wyoming PBS, 2660 Peck Ave., Riverton, WY 82501, 800-495-9788
Wild West Video Productions, 145 Wyoming Ave., Sheridan, WY 82801,
Sheridan County Historical Society – Mary Ellen McWilliams

Honorable Mention:

Nominated by Linda Fabian and Rick Ewig

Mark Junge and Sue Castaneda for *Wyoming Lincoln Minutes*

In light of the national attention celebrating the 200th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth, Mark Junge, in cooperation with electronic media specialist, Sue Castaneda, wrote, edited, and produced more than a dozen "Lincoln Bicentennial Minutes". They were disseminated to electronic media outlets across the state and to all schools and libraries in the state.

CONTACT:

Mark Junge, 7719 Ridge Road, Cheyenne, WY 82009, 307-364-7462,
Sue Castaneda, 2301 Capitol Ave., Cheyenne, WY 82002, 307-777-5810,
Wyoming Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission – Linda Fabian and Rick Ewig

Audio-Video Documentary Awards - Non-Professional

Nominated by the Sheridan County Chapter

Sheridan County Retired Education Personnel for *John D. Loucks, Pioneer*

This video is the second produced by the Sheridan County Retired Education Personnel for use as educational tools in Wyoming schools. This time, the video is accompanied by a study guide including a section for teachers to use geared toward third grade students in their study of Sheridan, an adult orientation section, and a section containing copies of historic documents.

CONTACT:

Sheridan County Retired Education Personnel, c/o Carolyn Wertman, 676 Harrison, Sheridan, WY 82801
Sheridan County Historical Society – Mary Ellen McWilliams

Fine Arts Award

Nominated by the Park County Chapter

Pat Schermerhorn for her pointillism painting entitled *The Crossing*

This 16" by 21" pointillism painting depicts Max Wilde leading a pack trip through the Thorofare named for the Thorofare Plateau located approximately 50 miles southwest of Cody. It is a thoroughfare for thousands of big game animals in their annual migration. Max Wilde spent over 40 years as an outfitter in that area. Pointillism technique is the use of fine-colored ink dots to create an image.

CONTACT:

Pat Schermerhorn, 2714 Central Ave., Cody, WY 82414
Park County Historical Society –Marylin Schultz

Nominated by the Sheridan County Chapter

Professor Michael Masterson for *Buffalo Bill's Cowboy Band Concert Tour, March 18-20, 2009*

Dr. Masterson researched and re-assembled the collection of original musical arrangements performed by Buffalo Bill's Cowboy Band from 1884 through 1916. This body of music by notable musicians of the day was composed to represent the various acts portrayed by "Buffalo Bill's Wild West" and served as the show's sound track, similar to modern movies today. In March of 2009, with members of both the Powell and Sheridan bands, the Cowboy band performed at Powell, Casper, and for the Society for American Music Conference in Denver. The concert was narrated by Dr. Paul Fees, and the music was accompanied by a multi-media presentation with original photographs, motion pictures, posters, and programs detailing the historical impact of "Buffalo Bill's Wild West".

CONTACT

Dr. Michael Masterson, Director, Northwest College Music Department, 231 W. 6th St., Powell, WY 82438
Sheridan County Historical Society – Dana Prater

Young Historian Awards - Grades 3-5

Nominated by the Natrona County Chapter

1st Place – James Bisiar, Casper, for *James’ County Report: Hot Springs*

As a classroom assignment, James researched and produced a project to share with his classmates about Hot Springs County. James went far beyond the requirements in that, in addition to his extensive written work, he made a DVD and a PowerPoint presentation. It is obvious that James knows a great deal about Hot Springs County.

CONTACT:

James Bisiar, 6270 Timberline Ct., Casper, WY 82604

Natrona County Historical Society – Sandy Hartsky and Debbie LaChance

Nominated by the Sheridan County Chapter

2nd Place Rachel Jahiel, Behley Malkuch, and Kass Williamson, Sheridan for *Wyoming Alphabet*

Rachel, Behley, and Kass worked on this project in their Independent Study class at Woodland Park School in Sheridan. They researched and designed this very creative booklet by finding an interesting detail about Wyoming for each letter of the alphabet and working it into a rhyme.

CONTACT:

Rachel Jahiel, Box 502, Story, WY 82842; Behley Malkuch, 432 Sumner St., Sheridan, WY 82801;

Kass Williamson, 10926 E. Brundage Lane, Sheridan, WY 82801

Sheridan County Historical Society – Judy Musgrave

Nominated by the Lincoln County Chapter

3rd Place – Karli Jackson, Kemmerer, for *The Life of Donna Chipp Failoni*

Karli’s essay about her grandmother was the first place winner in the Fossil Country Museum’s annual History Festival. Karli interviewed Donna Faloni for information to include in her well-written essay.

CONTACT:

Karli Jackson, 1346 Willow Wood Rd., Kemmerer, WY 83101

Lincoln County Historical Society – Sharon Lee Luthy

Young Historian Awards - Grades 6-8

Nominated by the Natrona County Chapter

1st Place, Tyler Leinonen, Casper, for *GIS Historic Map and Virtual Field Tour Project of the Greater Salt Creek Area*

Tyler participated in a college level Geographic Information System class to fulfill a 4H program requirement. The assignment was to create an electronic interactive historic map of the 1920s campsites in the Teapot Dome and Salt creek Oil Fields using information accessed from the Rocky Mountain Oilfield Testing Center. This completed map locates the historic sites and provides viewers with hyperlinks connected to historic information, documents and photographs as well as a virtual 3D video tour of the historic area.

CONTACT:

Tyler Leinonen, 1610 N. Mill Creek, Casper, WY 82604

Natrona County Historical Society – Jackie & Pinky Ellis

Nominated by the Sheridan County Chapter

2nd Place, Tyler Julian, Sheridan, for *Nellie Tayloe Ross: A Woman of Many Firsts*

Tyler chose Nellie Tayloe Ross for his History Day project following the theme, “The Individual in History”. He presented his project in the form of a Junior Individual Exhibit. After extensive research, Tyler felt

that Nellie Tayloe Ross is a forgotten hero who needs to be recognized for all the work she succeeded in doing in her long lifetime.

CONTACT:

Tyler Julian, 26 Goldeneye Dr., Sheridan, WY 82801
Sheridan County Historical Society – Judy Musgrave
Nominated by the Park County Chapter

3rd Place, Skyler Gabel, Cody, for “Liver Eating” Johnston

Skyler has written an excellent essay on “Liver Eating” Johnston, mountain man, sailor, Indian fighter, and, at times, larger than life. Skyler describes Johnston’s life in the rocky Mountains including the time he spent in Red Lodge, Montana, where he was even sheriff for a while.

CONTACT:

Skyler Gabel, 2126 22nd St., Cody, WY 82414
Park County Historical Society – Lynn Houze

Young Historian Awards - Grades 9-12

Nominated by the Weston County Chapter

1st Place – Levi Pitchford, Newcastle High School for *The Vanishing Town*

Levi’s story chronicles the birth of a small town in northeastern Wyoming and how it vanished overnight just to reappear a few miles nearer the railroad. The article is well researched and well planned.

CONTACT:

Levi Pitchford, Newcastle High School, Newcastle, WY 82701
Weston County Historical Society – Clara Varner

Nominated by the Weston County Chapter

2nd Place – Sheldon Bell, Newcastle High School for *Locomotives in Motion*

Sheldon’s essay brings home the fact that without the railroad, there would be no Newcastle. The essay is well written and gives the impression that the author learned as much in the writing as the reader will learn in the reading.

CONTACT:

Sheldon Bell, Newcastle High School, Newcastle, WY 82701
Weston County Historical Society – Clara Varner

Nominated by the Weston County Chapter

3rd Place – Taylor Tobar, Newcastle High School for *The Destiny of the 1990 Newcastle Boys Basketball Team*

Taylor understands that history can be more than just stories of the Wild West a hundred years ago. It is a well-researched look at Newcastle sports history.

CONTACT:

Taylor Tobar, Newcastle High School, Newcastle, WY 82701
Weston County Historical Society – Clara Varner

Junior Activities Awards - Grades 3-5

Nominated by the Crook County Chapter

1st Place – Beth Marlatt’s Hulett Elementary Fourth Grade for their book *Bison on the Horizon: An Alphabet Book about the Vore Buffalo Jump*

Mrs. Marlatt’s class created an alphabet book about the Vore Buffalo Jump. Each student was responsible for two letters. Each letter needed to have a picture, a piece of poetry and a research paragraph. The book was also one of the 21 winners in the 2008 National Book Challenge.

CONTACT

Beth Marlatt, P.O. Box 129, Hulett, WY 82720
Crook County Historical Society – Mary S. Garman

Nominated by the Weston County Chapter

2nd Place – Laura Giesler’s Newcastle Elementary Fourth Grade Wyoming History Class for *Wyoming Historical Site Brochures*

Newcastle fourth graders produced informational brochures for historic sites around Wyoming. Not only did the students have to research their Wyoming history topic, they also had to produce a document that could be used as a brochure for telling others about the historic site.

CONTACT:

Laura Giesler, 116 Casper Ave., Newcastle, WY 82701, 307-746-2717
Weston County Historical Society – Clara Varner

Nominated by the Sheridan County Chapter

3rd Place – Erin Hinton’s Woodland Park Fourth Grade, Sheridan, for *ABC Book of Wyoming History*

The students in Mrs. Hinton’s class developed this alphabet book of Wyoming after their study of the history of the state. Each student wrote one or more original articles and illustrated it for the booklet. The students enjoyed doing the project and showing off what they had learned about Wyoming history.

CONTACT:

Erin Hinton, 397 Pheasant Place, Sheridan, WY 82801, 307-751-4349
Sheridan County Historical Society - Judy Musgrave

Junior Activities Awards - Grades 6-8

Nominated by the Sheridan County Chapter

1st Place-David Peterson’s Sheridan Junior High School 8th grade Social Studies classes for their *Buildings of Sheridan Quilt Project*

David Peterson again this year spiced up his teaching of history with the making of a quilt. The third quilt in the Sheridan History series is Buildings of Sheridan. Each student or group of 2-3 students was responsible for one quilt block, while each student was required to write an essay about how they chose and researched their building and made their square.

CONTACT:

David Peterson, Sheridan Junior High School, 600 Adair Ave., Sheridan, WY 82801
Sheridan County Historical Society - Judy Musgrave

Junior Activities Awards - Grades 9-12

Nominated by the Star Valley Chapter

1st Place-Bob Hunsaker, Eagle Scout Project Coordinator for Troop 773, for *Maintenance and Improvements along the Lander Trail*

During the summer of 2008, Troop 773, Grover, Wyoming, of the Boy Scouts of America had several boys who were working toward earning their eagle Rank. These young men chose to complete their Eagle projects doing maintenance and making improvements along the Lander Trail under the direction of Bob Hunsaker, Eagle Scout Project Coordinator.

CONTACT:

Bob Hunsaker, 921 Aspen Court, Afton, WY 83110, 307-886-5660
Star Valley Historical Society – Polly R. Erickson

Nominated by the Weston County Chapter

2nd Place-Kara Sweet’s Newcastle High School grades 9-12 and Weston County Museum District for *Harvest Haunts and History Festival*

Mrs. Sweet’s students were encouraged to rehearse and present essays about certain intriguing personalities from the area at the Harvest, Haunts and History Festival in October 2008. Nine students participated. It was a fun and educational look back in time with crowds estimated at 450 – 500 persons. Other activities included apple bobbing, a pie auction, an old-fashioned hayride and cemetery stories.

CONTACT:

Kara Sweet, Newcastle High School, Newcastle, WY 82701

Bobby Jo Tisdal, Weston County Museum District, Newcastle, WY 82701
Weston County Historical Society – Clara Varner

Activities Awards - Well-Planned, Well-Conducted Tour or Tours to an Historic Site

Nominated by the Star Valley Chapter

Don Dockstader and Jermy Wight for the *Lander Trail Trek*

The fourth annual Lander Trail Trek was held on July 26, 2008. Chapter members and the general public were invited to take part in this event. Those who made the journey will undoubtedly have a vivid memory of the Lander Trail. This tour was a good way to make people aware of this part of our heritage, and hopefully, it will be a means of increasing a desire to preserve what is left of the original route.

CONTACT:

Don Dockstader, 307-885-9705; Jermy Wight, 403 Strawberry Creek, Bedford, WY 83112, 307-883-2174
Star Valley Historical Society – Polly R. Erickson

Activities Awards - Outstanding Educational Project

Nominated by the Sheridan County Chapter

Leon Washut and Karen Ballek for *The Washuts: One Family's Journey*

The Washut Family History narrative is a great addition to the history of the Sheridan area community and is representative of many immigrant families. It is a fantastic example of how their history and heritage can be shared with family and friends, as well as the local Sheridan library, museum, and community. Since so many eastern Europeans and Poles settled in Wyoming and contributed to our rich culture here, the Washut Family History helps illustrate the continuing story of these immigrants.

CONTACT:

Leon Washut, 15 River Rock Rd., Sheridan, WY 82801, 307-674-1685
Sheridan County Historical Society – Dana Prater

Activities Awards - Promotion of Museum Activities

Nominated by the Sheridan County Chapter

Nathan Doerr, Sheridan County Museum, for *Black Diamonds Traveling Trunk*

The Black Diamonds trunk developed by Nathan Doerr for use either at the Museum or in the classroom details the rich coal mining history in the Sheridan area. Included in the large trunk are artifacts – some original and some reproductions –, an Educator's Notebook containing background information and lessons/activities, multiple student activity books, a notebook of old photographs, a video of early life in one of the coal mining communities, a collection of read aloud books related to coal mining, and a set of white gloves for students to use when handling the artifacts.

CONTACT:

Nathan Doerr, Sheridan County Museum, 850 Sibley Circle, Sheridan, WY 82801, 307-675-1150
Sheridan County Historical Society – Judy Musgrave

Activities Awards - Promotion or Restoration or Interpretation of Local Historic Sites

Nominated by the Weston County Chapter

Lucille Dumbrill for the Weston County Historic Preservation Board for *Mallo Camp Cabin Preservation as Interpretive Center for Mallo History*

Mallo Camp is located 20 miles north of Newcastle. Cabin #3 is the subject of this nomination. It was probably in use as a homestead cabin before 1903 and was incorporated into the Camp when it was built by the WPA in the 1930s. The Weston County Historic Preservation Board was successful in saving cabin #3 from being

torn down. Now, in cooperation with the Anna Miller Museum, plans are underway for minor repair work and to develop cabin #3 as an interpretive experience for visitors to learn more of the history of Mallo Camp.

CONTACT:

Lucille Dumbrill, Weston County Historic Preservation Board, Newcastle, WY 82701
Weston County Historical Society – Clara Varner

Annual Services Award

Nominated by the Sheridan County Chapter

Richard Bodine for the many outstanding volunteer services provided this past year

Former Sheridan County Historical Society Board member, Dick Bodine, has shared his considerable knowledge of our area history, his expert knowledge of antique farm machinery, his physical labor, machinery, engineering and carpentry skills, time and money to assist the Sheridan County Historical Society and Museum this past year. Dick also volunteers his time and expertise at the Bradford Brinton Memorial in Big Horn.

CONTACT:

Richard Bodine, 20 High View Rd., Sheridan, WY 82801
Sheridan County Historical Society – Mary Ellen McWilliams

Chapter Awards

Nominated by the Sheridan County Chapter

1st Place, Sheridan County Chapter for Scanning, Researching, Cataloguing, Preserving and Providing Public Access to Elsa Spear Byron Photographs, Papers, Diaries and Artifacts and Henry Asa and Herbert Coffeen's Photograph Collection

The opportunity to gain access to these collections has presented itself for the first time, through the generosity and efforts of Elsa Spear Byron's daughter, Marilyn Bilyeu, and the Marc Coffeen family. The Sheridan County Historical Society has accepted the challenge to do what they can to save the collections while the opportunity is available. When the project is completed, digital images of these photos, other materials, and artifacts will be available to the public to view. Most of the photos are unique, not available elsewhere, and many have never been seen.

CONTACT:

Mary Ellen McWilliams, 1004 Big Goose Rd., Sheridan, WY 82801, 307-674-4954
Sheridan County Historical Society – Mary Ellen McWilliams

Nominated by the Weston County Chapter

2nd Place, Weston County Chapter for Preservation of Historic Images of Weston County and the Milton Holwell Family

In late 2008, the Weston county Historical Society finished a project to preserve historic images of Weston County and the Milton Holwell family. The images were from original 8 mm movies that the Holwell family took beginning in the mid-1930s and ending in the early 1960s. The collection of many rolls of 8 mm films was digitized so that they could be more easily viewed with today's technology. The movies detailed many of the Holwell family activities, but they also documented Weston County history such as the parade, fair and rodeo in 1939 that celebrated Newcastle's 50th anniversary.

CONTACT:

Mike Jording, P.O. Box 248, Newcastle, WY 82701
Weston County Chapter – Clara Varner

The Clara M. and Henry E. Jensen Outstanding Wyoming Teacher Award

Nominated by the Natrona County Chapter

Dana Curtis, 5-8 Grade Social Studies Teacher at Poison Spider School in Casper

To further the student's knowledge of Wyoming, Dana takes her students to Cheyenne every year to see the Capitol and visit with Justice Hill at the Supreme Court and to the Museum in Cody. She also has had local members of the State legislature come and speak to her class.

In addition, Dana requires each of her students to prepare a History Day project. The students then have the option to participate in the regional competition or not. This year, there were eleven of her students selected to go on to state competition.

CONTACT:

Dana Curtis, 1829 Piney Creek, Casper, WY 82604
Natrona County Historical Society – Jackie Ellis

Mabel Brown Cumulative Contribution Award

Nominated by the Park County Chapter

Ester Johansson Murray for her many contributions to the Society throughout the years

Ester joined the Wyoming State Historical Society in 1955 and has been an active member every since. She has served the Park County Chapter both as president and several terms as secretary. She has assisted many times with annual summer treks, especially in historical research, as well as always being active in committee work. Ester continues to be a valuable source of information for local historians as well as authors from across the country, always graciously sharing her knowledge.

Her major contributions to the history of Park County are her three books: Red Lodge-Meeteetse Trail, A History of the Northfork of the Shoshone River, and a biography, Agnes Chamberlin. Ester also has published numerous articles in “Wyoming Wildlife” and has several other articles she is working on that will be published within the next year or so.

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Park County Chapter – Marilyn Schultz

L. C. Bishop Award

Nominated by the Star Valley Chapter

Lander Trail Foundation c/o Jermy Wight for their work on the Lander Trail

The committee felt this project worthy of the L.C. Bishop Award. The Lander Trail Foundation has voluntarily contributed to preserving and recording the history of the Lander Cutoff of the Oregon Trail by establishing the Lander Trail Center in Afton. After several meetings, the Lincoln County Commissioners agreed to allow the Lander Trail Foundation to use the Wyoming Extension Service building that was destined to be torn down.

After extensive interior and exterior repairs and modifications, the Lander Trail Center, which houses a museum and a scholars’ library, was ready to open by the middle of May 2009. This facility will be an outstanding addition to Star Valley in helping to preserve an important part of local, state, and national history.

CONTACT

Jermy Wight, 403 Strawberry Creek, Bedford, WY 83112
Star Valley Historical Society – Polly R. Erickson

Henryetta Berry Memorial Award

Nominated by the Platte County Chapter

Rick Ewig for his many years of promoting Wyoming History among the young people of the state.

Rick has been instrumental in the success of Wyoming History Day, the Society’s project that benefits students in grades 6-12, for the past 27 years. From 1982-1992, Rick was the state History Day Coordinator, and took up that position again in 2000 when the American Heritage Center volunteered to take over the coordination of Wyoming History Day from the (then) Department of Commerce. In that time period, Rick has been the constant denominator, and his efforts have, by now, touched generations of History Day participants.

His untiring efforts have not only been responsible for the successful continuance and funding of History Day but also its development over the years. He consistently interacts with teachers and administrators across the state in an effort to promote History Day in the school systems. He is energetic in his efforts and has been a voice for Wyoming History Day not only at the state level but nationally as well.

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Judge and Mrs. Percy W. Metz Memorial Award

No Nominations

The 2009 Historic Preservation Committee includes John Waggener (chair) of Laramie, Art Kidwell of Clark, Amy Lawrence of Laramie, and John Reynolds of Wheatland. The committee spent considerable time debating the projects this year. Projects ranged from wagon restoration to folk music, and all had merits for receiving an award. The quantity and quality of projects nominated this year are testament to the historic preservation projects occurring around the state.

Outstanding Preservation Project Award

Nominated by the Laramie County Chapter

The recipient of the 2009 Outstanding Preservation Project Award has been awarded to the Wyoming State Library for its leading effort in digitizing and making available Wyoming newspapers. This project of making all available Wyoming newspapers prior to 1923 available on a searchable database has opened up a new frontier for the citizens of Wyoming and beyond. A project that at one time may have taken years to research and countless hours of travel to various libraries, now can be done in minutes from the privacy of one's own home. The act of digitizing the papers and storing those files on backup servers will ensure the longevity of the states' newspapers. Lesley Boughton, director of the Wyoming State Library, indicated nearly 730,000 pages have been digitized to date. Papers being digitized include rare papers such as the Colony Coyote that was in print between 1911 and 1914 and Bill Barlow's Budget (Douglas) in print from 1886 to 1915.

In recognition of this fine project, the Wyoming State Library has been awarded \$300 to be used for future preservation work, a plaque, and a print of the Teton Range from the original oil painting done by noted Wyoming artist Conrad Schwiering.

The Outstanding Preservation Project award is awarded to an individual or an organization in recognition of an outstanding project in the field of historic preservation that does not focus on the preservation of a historic building or site.

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Laramie County Historical Society – Mary Nystrom

Maurine Carley Memorial Award

Nominated by the Sheridan County Chapter

The recipient of the Maurine Carley Historic Preservation Award has been awarded to the Sheridan Heritage Center for its continued efforts to preserve the historic Sheridan Inn. The Sheridan Heritage Center successfully secured an historic easement last year. This historic easement is the only one of its kind in the state, and it assures the Inn will retain its historical integrity for many decades. The Sheridan Inn was built in 1893. Its location directly across the street from the Burlington-Missouri Railroad Depot made it a prominent building in the city from the town's inception. The Inn became famous under the ownership of William F. "Buffalo Bill" Cody.

Bob Prill, president of the Sheridan Heritage Center, indicated the group worked closely with the Sheridan Community Land Trust. He indicated this group is willing to assist other communities that may wish to establish historic easements.

In recognition of this worthy project, the Sheridan Heritage Center has been awarded \$300 to be used for future preservation work, a plaque, and a print of the Teton Range from the original oil painting done by noted Wyoming artist Conrad Schwiering.

The Maurine Carley Award is awarded to an individual or organization in recognition of an outstanding project in the field of historic preservation for buildings, trails, or sites. Maurine Carley was a long-time member of the WSHS, acted as treasurer for twenty years, wrote the guide, and led many of the society's summer treks. She was dedicated to the preservation of Wyoming history.

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