

Wyoming State Historical Society Award Winners 2013

Eastern Wyoming College in Torrington provided the backdrop for this year's highly anticipated awards luncheon, made even more so because of the 60th anniversary celebration of the Wyoming State Historical Society. The nominees came from all areas of the state and nation to represent their hard work resulting in publications, sculptures, oral histories and more. Nominations were submitted by chapters and Society members with final selections made by the Society's awards committee comprised of Lynn Houze, Chair (Cody); Cindy Brown, Cheyenne and Jane Gebhart, Gillette. To learn more about the awards program, and other aspects of the Wyoming State Historical Society, visit www.wyshs.org or call headquarters at 307-322-3014. The Society is a non-profit, membership driven educational organization whose mission is to educate, foster and support the study of Wyoming history.

Publications Awards—Books—Fiction

Nominated by Mike Schutte

Karen Schutte for **The Ticket**

This is a rare debut novel that is engaging, fast paced, and reacquaints you with the emotions and accurate details of World War II and the Great Depression. The characters are based upon the author's great grandparents who emigrated from Germany to the Big Horn Basin of Wyoming in 1906.

Honorable Mention

Nominated by the Carbon County Historical Society Chapter

Donna Coulson for **Mountain Time**

This book is set in the copper towns of Dillon and Rudefeha located west of Encampment in south central Wyoming. While fiction, the author set the story around actual historic events of the early 20th century that occurred in these towns and placed them in historically accurate settings.

Publications Awards—Books—Non-fiction

Nominated by Natrona County Historical Society Chapter

Dale Bohren, Publisher, Casper Journal and the Casper Star Tribune for **They Served With Honor; Stories; Stories from World War II Veterans**. This book is a compilation of first-hand stories from 111 veterans and printed in *The Casper Star-Tribune* from November 2009 to November 2011.

AND

Nominated by Platte County Historical Society Chapter

Lee M. Cullimore for **The Boys of Company K; Ohio Cavalry Soldiers in the West During the Civil War**. The soldiers of Company K of the Eleventh Ohio Volunteers signed up to fight in the Civil War but instead were sent to Fort Laramie. This is the story of these boys, the common soldiers, who guarded telegraph lines and trails, built and manned remote forts, and endured the extremes of Wyoming's weather.

Honorable Mention:

Nominated by Park County Historical Society Chapter

Paul Horsted and Bob Berry for **Yellowstone: Yesterday & Today**. Professional photographer Horsted and Berry a former YNP tour guide combined their talents to create a wonderful book on Yellowstone National Park.

Honorable Mention:

Nominated by Jeremy Johnston, WSHS Past President

Elizabeth Watry and Lee Whittlesey for **Images of America: Fort Yellowstone**

Watry's and Whittlesey's book presents a good historical overview of a significant military post that many military historians often overlook as a Wyoming military post.

And

Nominated by Goshen County Historical Society Chapter

Vickie Zimmer for **Images of America Goshen County**. This book helped the residents of Goshen County prepare to celebrate their centennial this year. Each community in the county is well-represented with plenty of images and history in the introduction and in the captions.

And

Nominated by Fremont County Historical Society Chapter

John Lane and Susan Layman for **South Pass City and the Sweetwater Mines**. Great care was taken when mixing photos, historical documents, and oral histories in the writing of this book by the authors. Its significance to readers is the numerous historical images used that have not been previously published.

And

Nominated by Weston County Historical Society Chapter

Shelly Ritthaler and Mike Jording for **Images of America: Weston County**. Tucked in the northeast corner of Wyoming against the Black Hills, Weston County has a history that is deep and rich. It's been home to dinosaurs, nomadic Indians, Sioux Indians, miners, farmers, and just plain folks.

And

Nominated by Albany County Historical Society Chapter

Rick Ewig and Tamsen Hert for **The Campus History Series: University of Wyoming**. These two outstanding historian/authors put together a fitting tribute to Wyoming's only 4-year school. Tracing UW's 125 year-old history was not an easy task but their love of the institution and of the state of Wyoming has created a wonderful and memorable look at our university.

Publications Awards—Books—Autobiography or Biography

Nominated by Platte County Historical Society Chapter

Bill Bettenson for **Butch Cassidy My Uncle**. In this latest book about Butch Cassidy, the author meticulously dispels misinformation about Robert Leroy Parker aka Butch Cassidy. He tells an honest, enlightened story of his uncle, a man he says he'd choose to be related to if he got to do the choosing.

Honorable Mention:

Nominated by the Sheridan County Historical Society Chapter

Mike Mackey for **Henry A. Coffeen: A Life in Wyoming Politics**. According to the author, Henry Coffeen had a relatively short career in Wyoming politics – shortly less than a decade. However, on the 100th anniversary of his passing it was stated that a review and consideration of his very significant contribution to the people of Wyoming in general, and Sheridan County in particular, is long overdue.

Publications Awards—Books—Self-published

Earle F. Layser for **The Jackson Hole Chronicles**. This richly illustrated book gives an overview of important historical events leading up to Euro-American settlement of Jackson Hole and the area surrounding the Teton Mountains

Publications Awards—Books—Reference

Nominated by Albany County Historical Society Chapter

Dr. Andrew Marcus, James E. Meacham, et al for **Atlas of Yellowstone**. This work covers the geographical, geological, and cultural history of Yellowstone National Park and its surrounding area. It is the first atlas produced to address both historical topics and current topics and their impacts on this region.

Publications Awards—Pamphlets

Nominated by Christy Fleming, Park County Historical Society member

LaDonna Zall for **Tales of Heart Mountain: Short Story Compilation**. As a little girl of 10, Zall saw the last train pull out of Heart Mountain returning the internees to their home states. Since then, she has been seeking answers to her questions regarding the camp, the people, the war, the government actions, etc. These short stories are the result of her quest for answers.

No entries received

Publications Awards— Newsletters

Nominated by Natrona County Historical Society Chapter

Wyoming Chapter of the Oregon California Trails Association for **The Wyoming Trails Newsletter**. This quarterly newsletter is known for its wonderful stories and snippets of historic stories and events.

Honorable Mention:

Nominated by Sheridan County Historical Society Chapter

Sheridan County Historical Society and Museum for **The Log**. This newsletter features historical articles from around the Sheridan area.

Publications Awards—Calendars

Nominated by Star Valley Historical Society Chapter

Judy Erickson for **Calendar of Star Valley 2013**

This calendar is produced each year in time for the Lincoln County Fair and therefore has the potential to be used for almost 16 months. It is full of historic facts and events.

Publications Awards—Magazines and Newspapers

Nominated by Weston County Historical Society Chapter

Amy Menerey, Bob Bonner, and Kim Dean of the News Letter Journal Staff for **Circle of History**. This special edition was dedicated to the history and future of many of Weston County's

oldest and most historic buildings, and especially in response to the demolition of one of the county's oldest buildings, the Old Mill, in hopes that the public will be more aware of the importance in preserving this part of Weston County's history.

And

Nominated by Sheridan County Historical Society Chapter

Steve Woody, Publisher, The Sheridan Press, for Historical Columns and Photos. These columns contain both historic images and researched stories of historic events and early citizens of Sheridan County.

Honorable Mention:

Nominated by Weston County Historical Society Chapter

Kim Dean for Darla Sackett, an insightful and well-written single article on a pioneer woman of Weston County, a true woman of the West.

Audio-Video Documentary Awards – Professional

Nominated by Park County Historical Society Chapter

Preston Randolph, Producer, for “**Summer of '81.**” This documentary features Meeteetse Creek rancher Bob Taylor who in his 20s decided to leave the city and to move to Wyoming. His love of baseball inspired him to build a field literally out his back door and to hold an annual Memorial Day baseball tournament.

Fine Arts Award

Nominated by Sheridan County Historical Society Chapter

Marylee Moreland for Elling William “Bill” Gollings. Artist Marylee Moreland, a former Sheridan area resident, sculpted a larger-than-life statue of Western artist William E. “Bill” Goings to commemorate this fine artist. The sculpture greets visitors to the Sheridan County Historical Society & Museum.

Honorable Mention:

Karen Barton for Texas Trail Steer. This fine sculpture commemorates the Texas Longhorn cattle drives that drove through the Moorcroft area in the late 1880s.

Young Historian Awards - Grades 3-5

Nominated by Weston County Historical Society Chapter

1st Place – Emily Beastrom for Native American Costumes. Emily researched clothing construction of Native American women and made a replica of an Indian girl's dress.

Nominated by Lincoln County Historical Society

2nd Place – Jordan Roberts for Lady Rustler. Her essay about Ann Richey asked was she really a cattle rustler or just a pretty ranch woman who loved to party?

Nominated by Lincoln County Historical Society

3rd Place – Austin Quin Martinez for History of the Peternal Ranch. Austin's essay describes how ranching methods have changed.

Young Historian Awards - Grades 6-8

Nominated by Natrona County Historical Society Chapter

1st Place – James Bisiar, Casper, for Official Wyoming State Symbols and Other State Stuff.

James discovered that the Wyoming State Government website was out-of-date because the links to the Wyoming symbols did not work. This entry is the outstanding result of his research and includes two quiz boards to make this his project a fun learning experience for all.

Nominated by Star Valley Historical Society Chapter

2nd Place - Ruby Howes, Kalli Christensen, Kayli Draney, Jamie Nield, and Isabella Currie for The Petticoat Government; Revolutionary Women of Jackson Hole

The girls researched the 1920s history of Jackson Hole when the elected city government officials were all women.

Nominated by Weston County Historical Society Chapter

3rd Place – Ashley Isum for Nellie Tayloe Ross’ Journey. This paper was part of a project that Ashley presented for this year’s History Day. The photos included show the presentation board that she displayed at the contest to illustrate Ross’ time as Governor of Wyoming and Director of the U.S. Mint.

Young Historian Awards - Grades 9-12

Nominated by Park County Historical Society Chapter

1st Place –Skyler Gabel for Bliss Creek Meadows: Haven or House of Thieves. Skyler’s essay shows that he has first-hand knowledge of the Bliss Creek Meadows. He answers the questions of just who was Jack Bliss and why the meadows are named after him.

Nominated by Weston County Historical Society Chapter

2nd Place –Garrett Liggett for Rags to Riches. Garrett chose to write about one of the town of Newcastle’s founding fathers, Frank W. Mondell. His essay traces Mondell’s life from childhood to adulthood, how he came to Wyoming and helped found the town of Newcastle.

Nominated by Weston County Historical Society Chapter

3rd Place – Rhyse Rhoades for Burning Down Town. Rhyse traces the history of Newcastle’s fire department from its beginnings in the 1890s to the present day.

Junior Activities Awards - Grades 3-5

Nominated by Sheridan County Historical Society Chapter

1st Place – Bonnie West for Henry A. Coffeen Elementary School. Teacher Bonnie West’s 5th grade class at Henry A. Coffeen School researched the history of the three elementary schools named for one of Sheridan’s outstanding citizens.

Nominated by Weston County Historical Society Chapter

2nd Place – Mrs. Blahnik’s 4th Grade Class, Upton Elementary for Rendezvous. Each year while studying Wyoming history, Mrs. Blahnik’s class plans a rendezvous where they create trade items along with the high school shop class.

Nominated by Sheridan County Historical Society Chapter

3rd Place – Deb Hofmeier, Principal, for Tongue River Elementary and Big Horn Elementary History Camp 2012. For the fourth year, a joint history camp was held with these two schools. The

topic for research and study were the schools of Sheridan County, both one-room schools and larger schools. The students also toured the last remaining one-room school in the county, Slack School.

Junior Educational Activities Awards - Grades 6-8

Nominated by Sheridan County Historical Society Chapter

1st Place-Sharie Prout, Trail End Historic Site for Hands on History. This history camp was a hands-on learning experience for six young people for a week at the Trail End Historic Site.

Junior Activities Awards - Grades 9-12

Nominated by Sheridan County Historical Society Chapter

1st Place – Veronica Hagemann, Wyoming Girls School/DFS for Girls School Archiving Project. Hagemann began this archiving project in 2005 and each summer students can take this class and learn about the history of the school by archiving records and photographs.

Nominated by Sheridan County Historical Society Chapter

2nd Place – Kevin Charlson, Fort Mackenzie High School for Kendrick Park Elk Pasture Signs. The Eagle Eye tribe – or classroom – under Charlson’s supervision – researched and wrote four informational signs for Kendrick Park which were installed during the summer of 2012.

Nominated by Sheridan County Historical Society Chapter

3rd Place – Sharie Prout, Trail End Historic Site for High School History Week/The Kendricks. Similar to the Junior High History Camp, this group of girls used their behind-the-scenes experience to put on a play based upon their research into the women of the Kendrick family.

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

Nominated by Weston County Historical Society Chapter

Don Gose and Justin Gaskin for Barns of Weston County. Members of Weston County and Crook County Historical Societies participated in a well-planned, day-long trek to five different barns on Crook County, located between Moorcroft and Sundance.

Activities Awards - Outstanding Educational Project

Nominated by Natrona County Historical Society Chapter

Bill Nelson, NC Public Library Director for Natrona County: The Place We Call Home. This 3rd grade textbook project was created by a partnership of educators, museum specialists, historians, librarians, writers, artists, and other interested community members. From start to finish, this book took only 15 months before it was in the Natrona County classrooms.

Honorable Mention:

Nominated by Sheridan County Historical Society Chapter

Jane Perkins, Activities Dir, Sheridan Senior Center and Judy Slack, Dir., Wyoming Room Sheridan County Fulmer Public Library for Sheridan Senior Center’s Salute to Veterans. Each year, photographs of veterans are displayed and their names are included on the Veterans’ Wall of Honor. These items will eventually be housed in permanent storage, available to the public and for researchers alike.

Activities Awards – Museum Activity

Nominated by Park County Historical Society Chapter

Rowene Weems, Dir. Homesteader Museum, for Where There's a Will There's a WILLWOOD.

This exhibit documents the history of the Willwood Division of the Shoshone Irrigation Project, located three and a half miles south of Powell, Wyoming.

Honorable Mention:

Nathan Doerr, Sheridan County Museum, for Trolley Tour Narration. In an effort to improve and expand upon the information provided about Sheridan's historic sites, museums, and other places of interest, Doerr wrote the narrative for the Sheridan trolley tour. His knowledge of the area and its history made him the perfect choice.

Honorable Mention:

Nominated by Carbon County Historical Society Chapter

Grand Encampment Museum for 1912 Buick Restoration. Being 100 years old has its problems so museum volunteers decided to restore the 1912 Buick to running condition, something that it could not do for 40 years. Led by Jerry Paxton and Shorty Ballard the many in the community worked on the car and it quickly became the museum's star attraction.

Activities Awards – Historic Restoration or Interpretation of Local Historic Sites

Nominated by Natrona County Historical Society Chapter

Laura Nowlin, Project Coordinator, State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) for Black Gold Historic Byway. Six oil derrick-shaped informational highway signs are now in place to inform tourists and locals alike as to the importance of the Salt Creek Oil Field to Central Wyoming.

Annual Services Award -

Nominated by Albany County Historical Society Chapter

Tamsen Hert has worked tirelessly to promote Wyoming history, both through her job as head of the Emmett Chisum Special Collections at the Coe Library, University of Wyoming, and through her volunteer work for the WSHS as its 1st Vice President, chair of the Collections Committee, and a member of the advisory board for WyoHistory.org. She has researched the hotels in Yellowstone National Park, both past and present, and most recently co-authored a book with Rick Ewig on the University of Wyoming.

Chapter Award

Nomination by Sheridan County Historical Society Chapter

1st Place –Crazy Horse, Crook, and the Battle on Rosebud Creek Exhibit Diorama at the Sheridan County Museum. The Sheridan County Museum constructed this diorama for an exhibit in the museum designed to introduce visitors to the layout of the battlefield and the military actions that took place there.

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

Nominated by Weston County Historical Society Chapter

Myron Hoffman. Mr. Hoffman has been a teacher at Newcastle Elementary since 1981. He has promoted numerous historical activities for students during those years including the annual field trip to Cambria, the mining district of Weston County.

Mabel Brown Cumulative Contribution Award

Nominated by Albany County Historical Society Chapter

Phil Roberts has done more to promote Wyoming history and the study of Wyoming history than anyone else in the past several decades. A native son of Wyoming, his historical career began in the late 1970 when he worked in the Historical Research and Publications Division of the Wyoming State Archives, Museum, and Historical Dept. Upon receiving his Ph.D. he joined the faculty of the University of Wyoming History Department. He is a prolific writer and has written numerous historical articles and books. He has always been a huge supporter of the Wyoming State Historical Society.

L.C. Bishop Award

Nominated by Albany County Historical Society Chapter

Amy Lawrence for Wyoming Trail Research. For many years, Wyoming native Amy Lawrence has dedicated herself to Wyoming history, especially to the protection and recording of trails in Albany County and the state. She has served both her local historical society and the state society in many positions including several involved in historic preservation. Amy has a particular fondness for the Oregon Trail as a part of it crosses her family's ranch in the Little Laramie Valley.

Judge and Mrs. Percy W. Metz Memorial Award

Nominated by Albany County Historical Society Chapter

Judy Wolf and Richard Collier. For twenty years, Wyoming Archaeology Awareness has been supported through the Wyoming State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). Since 1996, Judy Wolf has been responsible for the production of a poster, from the initial design phase through its publication. Richard Collier has been employed as SHPO's photographer for 31 years and has taken over 20,000 for their collection. It is this collection from which Judy selects the photo for the annual poster.

Maurine Carley Memorial Award

Nominated by the Platte County Historical Society

Dan Brecht, Joe Fabian and Linda Fabian for their individual and collective work in preserving and restoring buildings in downtown Wheatland.