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WHS ANNUAL MEETING L. FABIAN RETIRES

The Wyoming Historical Society held its 70th Annual Meeting September 8th - 10th, 2023 in Cody, WY. A special thanks to the **Park County Historical Society** for hosting everyone!

With so many amazing places to see in Park County, it was hard to choose from the many options. One of the most popular tours Wild Horses of McCullough Peaks, (pictured page 5). Attendees to this tour had but a small glimpse of the rugged terrain pioneers had to contend with. Other attendees went to the many museums: Cody Heritage Museum, Buffalo Bill Dam, Buffalo Bill Center of the West, and the Heart Mountain Interpretive Center.

Friday night dinner and gathering was very memorable at Old Trail Town with live entertainment from Doc Morton and the Rowdy Uncle band.

A large crowd was in attendance for the Awards Luncheon (winners listed on pages 4 & 5). Awards Chairman **Jane Gebhart**, presented 37 awards to winners

from not only across the state, but the country. Some of the Society's award winning authors were also on hand to sign their books. It was great to see all of the emerging historians in the crowd!

Linda Fabian was honored during the Saturday night banquet. Fabian, a long-time devoted member of the Society and Executive Director of the Society for the last 17 years, celebrated her upcoming retirement with

cheers and well-wishes all around. She received a Road Scholar gift certificate from many of her friends. Linda dedicated many years to Wyoming's history, and she will remain a huge part of the Society's. Not to fear! She is staying on in part as a member of the Wyoming Historical Foundation Board.

A heartfelt and huge **THANK YOU to LINDA!**



Linda Fabian and **Marge Wilder** are all smiles at the Annual Meeting's Friday night dinner at Old Trail Town in Cody. Live entertainment was provided by Doc Morton and the Rowdy Uncle Band.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Friends,

It was great seeing many of you at the Annual Meeting in Cody. The **Park County Chapter** did amazing work organizing the meeting and helping with **Linda Fabian's** retirement celebration. The celebration included a slideshow with photos of Linda over the years and a special surprise message from Linda's son and his family. With your generous donations, the Society was able to purchase a \$2,000 gift certificate from Road Scholar, a non-profit organization who provides educational travel programs and previously known as Elderhostel. Donation funds were also used for a portion of the celebration, and as a gratitude gift for Linda for her 40+ years of service to the Society to use on some much-desired travel.

With the transition in staff, the proposed budget submitted to the Executive Committee at the Annual Meeting was preliminary at best. Unfortunately, since it was still being edited, copies were not available for those attending the membership meeting the next day. **Heidi McCullough**, the new Society Treasurer, our new Executive Director **Aley Philp**, and I will be working together to ensure the budget issues are addressed and meet the needs of the Society. With the Society's fiscal year ending in October, the goal is to publish the financial report in the November issue of Wyoming History News. The benefits are twofold: aid in long-term planning and increased transparency of the Society's finances. Thank you for your patience as this critical work is being completed.

We are evaluating the need for the Society to have such an abundance of committees. Having so many demonstrate the commitment of our volunteers and the valuable work the Society conducts, but it may be possible to streamline our efforts,

increase efficiency, and reduce duplicative effort. Aley will present preliminary suggestions to the Executive Committee in November. I had hoped to hold a special General Membership meeting after publishing the suggested changes in History News to be held around the New Year. It was also recommended to send ballots with the newsletter to allow a broader response. But, according to the Bylaws:

ARTICLE V: Amendments to the Bylaws

Section 1: These Bylaws may be amended at an Annual Meeting of the Society by two-thirds (2/3) of the vote cast, providing the proposed amendment is received in writing by the Executive Director no later than the first week in May, prior to said meeting. Notice of such proposed amendment shall be given to the membership through Wyoming History News not less than thirty (30) days before the Annual Meeting.

This dictates that the Society must wait to vote on Bylaws amendments until September 2024. However, the Executive Committee can do a pilot test of combining some of the committees to be able to evaluate the processes and the results. This information will be available to develop recommendations for changes by the first week in May 2024. Moreover, the Society may want to consider revising the Bylaws to allow amendments more than once a year. If you have any recommendations regarding this plan, please feel free to reach out to Aley.

To end on a positive note, October 18th is National Chocolate Cupcake Day...just sayin'!

Cindy



Heard Along the Historic Trail:

Your Place for Chapter News

We extend a special thank you to our outgoing officers of the Society's Executive Committee: **Jane Gebhart** from Gillette served two terms and chaired the Awards Program and **Alena Wagner** from Casper served as treasurer for one term. On the Foundation board we thank **John Waggener** from Laramie who served two terms as president; **Charlene Busk** who served as treasurer for three terms, and **Judy Musgrave** from Sheridan who also served three terms. Each of these individuals contributed so much to the success of the Society and the Foundation, and we appreciate all that they brought to the table.

On Thursday, October 12th the **Wyoming State Archives** will host a panel discussion about Tom Horn: 120 Years Later; one of the state's most divisive individuals. The free program will begin at 7:00 p.m. and will be held at the Laramie County Library, 2200 Pioneer Avenue, Cheyenne. Historian **Rick Ewig** will lead the discussion between **Larry Ball**, **John Davis** and **Claudia Thompson** that will stimulate conversations about incidents that occurred during Tom Horn's lifetime.

"Italians in Wyoming" by WHS members **Laura Ruberto**, **Matteo Pretelli** and Mark Pedri will be featured on

Tuesday, October 24, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at Western Wyoming Community College in Rock Springs. Laura and Matteo are recipients of the Homsher Research Grant program. For more details email lruberto@peralta.edu.

Congratulations to WHS member **Phil Ellis** and his family on receiving a designation as a Centennial Ranch from the Wyoming State Historic Preservation Office. As descendants of Philip and Cinderella Yoder and France and Amanda Yoder Marsh, the family has been on Bear Creek Valley of Laramie and Goshen Counties for 140 years, and at their ranch outside of Chugwater for over 100 years.

The **Pioneer Memorial Museum** in Lander recently installed heat in the Livery Stable which has been a popular spot for events throughout the years. Randy Wise, museum director, said that with heat the Livery is available to rent throughout the year. Be sure to make reservations for that upcoming wedding, family reunion, party and other events by calling 307-332-3373.

The **Dubois Museum** has begun work on the Swan's Service Station restoration project and recently completed work on the exterior of the building. Interior work will



take place this fall and continue through the winter to get ready for a spring 2024 reopening!

The members of the **South Lincoln Historical Society** is working numerous projects to benefit the history of the area. One of the projects a sign to commemorate where 99 coal miners were killed in 1923 at the Frontier #1 mine near Kemmerer. Additionally, **Noris** and his wife **Rosalie Tratnik** shared information about their visit to the 10,300 ft. elevation Deadline Ridge Fire Lookout. This 1941 structure has been preserved by the Sublette County Historic Preservation Board.

The members of the **Albany County Historical Society** recently enjoyed a program presented by **Kim Viner**, a sixth generation "Laramigo" about Transitions in Early Laramie. Kim shared aspects of how Laramie transitioned from a wild "end of the tracks" town to a stable community.

2023 AWARD WINNERS RECOGNIZED

Publications: Non-Fiction Books

1st Place

Cora, Wyoming: A Brief History of a Western Rural Community,
by Ann Chambers Noble, Pinedale.

2nd Place

Wyoming: The Paradox of Plenty, The Allure and Risk of a Mineral Economy,
by David Freudenthal, Cheyenne.

Publications: Self-Published Work

1st Place

Territorial Days on the Laramie Plains,
by Judy Knight, Jane Nelson,
and Kim Viner, Laramie.

Publications: Biography

1st Place

Big Nose George: His Troublesome Trail,
by Mark Miller, Laramie.

Publications: Newsletter

1st Place

Rockpile Roundup,
by Rockpile Museum Association,
Gillette.

Publications: Fiction

1st Place

*Bozeman Paymaster:
A Tale of the Fetterman Massacre,*
by Robert Lee Murphy, Henderson, NV

Publications: Magazine

1st Place

*"Phonograph Jones"
Cody Country Legends*
by Amber Steinmetz, Cody.

Publications: Pamphlet

1st Place

*Cheyenne River History:
Middle Section Weston County*
by Weston County Historical Society.

Publications: Brochure

1st Place

*Explore the Oregon - California Trails
in SW Wyoming...*
by Dennis & Donna Oden, Kemmerer.

Publications: Calendars

1st Place

Sublette County Centennial Ranch Barns
by Sublette County
Centennial Committee.

Publications: Poetry

1st Place

Putting a Name on It
by Barbara M. Smith, Rock Springs.

Tours

1st Place

Willow Springs Archaeological Tour
by Spencer Pelton, Laramie.

Activities

1st Place

Upton Veteran Banner Project
by Jackie and Vivien Cowger, Upton.

Audio / Visual: Non-Professional

1st Place

*Weston County Church Music & the
Women Who Played the Music*
by Hanna Gross, Newcastle.

Audio / Visual: Professional

1st Place

The Battle of Red Buttes
by Candy Moulton, Encampment.

Website

1st Place

Heart Mountain Bungee
by Heart Mountain Interpretive Center,
Powell.

Fine Arts

1st Place - Play

A Sissy in Wyoming
by Gregory Hinton, Los Angeles, CA

2nd Place - Photo

Hazel
by Kelsey McDonnell, Buffalo.

Young Historian: Grades 3 to 5

1st Place

Buffalo Jump
by Laura Lipp, Newcastle.

2nd Place

My Indian Village
by Kinsley Mullen, Newcastle.

3rd Place

Wyoming Indian History
by Maizy Owens, Newcastle.

Young Historian: Grades 6 to 8

1st Place

Honor Those Who Endured Hardships
by Chaizley Williams
& Andrea Fox, Wheatland.

Junior Activities Grades 3 to 5

1st Place

They Wyoming Buffalo Jumps
by Tyler Rhoades, Newcastle.

2nd Place

Native American Clothing
by Cameo Hurtado, Newcastle.

3rd Place

Learning Why...
by McCall Benson, Newcastle.

Junior Activities Grades 6 to 8

1st Place

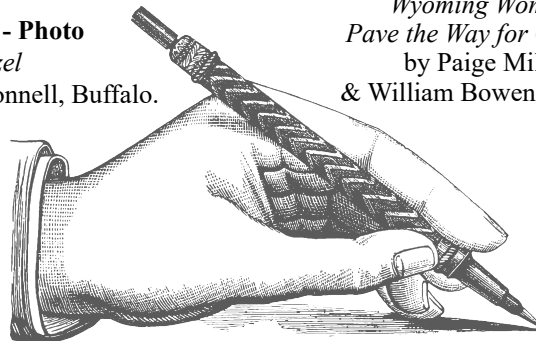
Junior Docent: Laramie Plains Museum
Jackson Crain, Laramie.

2nd Place

*Junior Docent:
Fort Bridger State Historic Site*
Kit Tait, Ft. Bridger.

3rd Place

*Wyoming Women
Pave the Way for Change*
by Paige Mills
& William Bowen, Upton.



Junior Activities Grades 9 to 12

1st Place

Junior Docent:

Fort Bridger State Historic Site
Lindsey Tait, Ft. Bridger.

2nd Place

Veteran's Day Assembly
Community Service Project
by Reece Riehemann,
Addison Gustaf,
& Karstyn Garcia, Newcastle.

Collegiate Historian

1st Place

Reclaiming Indigenous Narratives in
Public and Private Spaces,
by Eric R. Bennett, Laramie.

Mable Brown

Cumulative Contribution Award

Jackie Ellis, Casper

Judge & Mrs. Percy Metz

Memorial Award

Wyoming County Health Officers
Oral History Project
Dr. Mike Jording, Newcastle and
Dr. Rob Monger, Cheyenne.

Wyoming Historical Society

Chapter Award

1st Place

Digitization of George Butler
photographic negatives
Weston County Historical Society

2nd Place

Ranch Tours
Albany County Historical Society.

Maurine Carley Memorial

Historic Preservation Award

Home Restoration of 2 E Wentworth St,
Newcastle, WY
by Benjamin and Nachele Roberts,
Newcastle.

Outstanding

Historic Preservation Project

Herbert Jr. Peck Collection
by Liz Barritt, Upton.



US Senator **Alan K. Simpson** (ret.) and Past Wyoming Historical Society and Foundation President **Lucille Dumbrell** catch up at the Annual Meeting banquet on Saturday night.



Attendees look on and snap pictures of the Wild Horses of McCullough Peaks excursion north of Cody. The arrow points out the group of horses.

Welcome New Members and Thank You Donors

At Large

Joshua Satterfield, TN
David Bober, MD

Converse County

Douglas Historic Preservation Commission

Fremont County

Ronda Winge, Lander
Lonnie Woodard, Riverton

Johnson County

Mike & Rebecca Van Deutekom
Denise Smith

Laramie County

Christopher Wolf, Cheyenne

Wyoming Historical Foundation

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Mike Jording, Newcastle:

Legacy Gift in Honor of Linda Fabian
Legacy Gift in Honor of Charlene Busk

Wyoming History Day

Constance Carpenter Norton

Above and Beyond*

Joshua Satterfield, TN
James L. Ehernberger, Cheyenne

**Above and Beyond Dues
contributions go directly to the
Society's operating fund
unless specified for the Foundation.*

In Memoriam



Linda (Durham) Prill, 82, passed away in Sheridan on Sat. Aug. 26. Married to Bob Prill in Thermopolis in 1959, they had two sons. Linda was part of the Friends of the Library, a member of the Sheridan County Historical Society, and Beta Sigma Phi sorority. She proudly served as President of each of these groups.

She loved to laugh and make others smile, work crossword puzzles, played solitaire on the computer, watching Jeopardy, reading Walt Longmire books, drives up to the Big Horns, snow machining, 4-H, traveling to drag races with Bob, and collecting antiques.

WYOMING HISTORY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER:

12: Tom Horn, 120 Years Later:

Laramie County Public Library, Cheyenne, 7p
307.777.8691

13: Exploring with Custer:

Crook County Museum, Sundance, 6p
307.283.3666

14: History Buffs Unite!

Hot Springs County Museum, Thermopolis, 2p
307.864.5183

21: Driving of the Spike

Cheyenne Depot Museum, Cheyenne, 9a - 3p
307.632.3905

24: Italians in Wyoming

Western Wyoming Community College,
Rock Springs, 6:30p
lruberto@peralto.edu

28: 4th Annual Halloween at the Museum

Museum of the Mountain Man, Pinedale, 9a - 5p
307.367.4101

30: "Wyoming: the Paradox of Plenty, The Allure and Risk of a Mineral Economy"

Capital Auditorium, Cheyenne, 7p
307.777.8691

31: "Something Strange in the Archives: Call the Roving Archivist" with Jordan Meyerl

Google Meet, 12n
307.777.8691

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

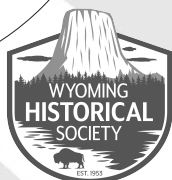
We are seeking members
who want to show their love of
Wyoming History through
volunteering!

We need to fill spots on the
following Committees:

Bylaws

Finance

Legislative



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SAVE THE DATE!

2024 TREK: June 21 - 23, 2024

hosted by
Hot Springs County Historical Society,
Thermopolis

**2024 ANNUAL MEETING:
June 21 - 23, 2024**

hosted by
Weston County Historical Society,
Newcastle

2025 TREK: June TBA

hosted by
Converse County Historical Society,
Douglas

2025 ANNUAL MEETING: TBA

hosted by
Ft. Bridger Historical Association,
Ft. Bridger



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Big Piney	Green River Valley Museum	Laramie	Second Story Books, UW Bookstore
Casper	Wind City Books		Laramie Plains Museum
	Natrona County Historical Society		The Curiosity Shoppe
Cheyenne	Wyoming State Museum	Lusk	Stagecoach Museum
Chugwater	Tri-County Mercantile	Newcastle	Weston County Historical Society
Cody	The Thistle, Legends	Point of Rocks	Conoco, Mile Post 130 on I-80
	Park County Historical Society	Rawlins	Carbon County Museum
Cowley	Cowley Heritage Center	Rock Springs	Rock Springs Historical Museum
Douglas	Converse County Historical Society	Sheridan	Sheridan Stationary
Encampment	Grand Encampment Museum	Sundance	Crook County Museum
Fort Bridger	Fort Bridger Historical Association	Sunrise	Sunrise Trading Co.
Gillette	The Rockpile Museum	Thermopolis	Hot Springs County Museum
	Campbell County Historical Society	Torrington	Main Street Market, Vandals Drug
Guernsey	Guernsey Super Foods		Goshen County Historical Society
Hanna	Hanna Basin Historical Society	Wheatland	The Wanderer on Gilchrist
Jackson	Jackson Hole Historical Society and Museum		Platte County Library
	Pioneer Museum		The Wandering Hermit Used Books
Lander	Fremont County Historical Society		The Print Shop