



# *Annual Awards*



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Historic Sheridan Inn  
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*Awards*

**Fiction: (1 Award)**

**1st Place:**

Seotse: A Visionary Tale – Part Three of the GreenRiver Saga” (Book3)  
by Michael W. Shurgot

**Non-Fiction: (2 Awards)**

**1st Place:**

The Making of a Star Stud: A History of Lumber Industry in Afton, WY”  
by Ronald W. Galloway

**2nd Place:**

Murder on the Plains: The Killing of Diamond L Slim Clifton  
by Lucas Keeler

**Memoir: (1 Award)**

**1st Place:**

A Sometimes Paradise: Reflections on life in a Wyoming Ranch Family  
By Mark E. Miller

**Honorable Mention:**

Jackson’s Hole: Horse & Family Adventures  
By Guy Pucci

**Biographies and Autobiographies: (2 Awards):**

**1st Place:**

Buffalo Bill and the Mormons  
by Brent M Rogers

**2nd Place:**

Life & Times of Charles J Belden  
By Brooks Rodman (Editor) & Mark Frost (Contributor)

**Self-Published: (1 Award)**

**1st Place:**

From Behiind Barbed Wire to WA  
by Shirley Ann Higuchi, Ray Locker, Norman Mineta & Al Simpson

**Poetry: (1 Award)**

**1st Place:**

Bless the Birds & Beasts  
by A. Rose Hill

**Honorable Mention:**

This: Passage Poems  
By Carol L. Deering

**Reference Work on a Wyoming Subject or Locale: (1 Award)**

**1st Place:**

Heart Mountain Chronicles Shikata ganai: The History of a Japanese Relocation Center  
By Bernard Murphy & James Murphy

**Pamphlets/Brochures/ Newsletters/Calendars**

**Pamphlet (1 Award):**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place:**

Western WCC Natural History Museum  
By Western Wyoming CC

**Brochure (1 Award):**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place:**

Heart Mountain WWII Historic Landmark  
By Heart Mountain Interpretive Center

**Newsletters (1 Award):**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place:**

The Brinton Museum Newsletter  
By the Brinton Museum

**Calendar (1 Award):**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place:**

Crook County Calendar 2025  
By Crook County Museum

**Magazines (1 Award):**

No Nominations this year

**Newspapers (1 Award):**

No Nominations this year

**Internet Website (1 Award):**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place:**

Fremont County Museum

**Social Media (1 Award):**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place:**

South Pass State Historic Site-Facebook

**Podcast Show (1 Award):**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place:**

The Sweet Smell of Sagebrush (Clay Gibbons)

**Podcast Episode (1 Award):**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place:**

Asa Mercer and the Banditti of the Plains released on 9/10/2024  
By The Sweet Smell of Sagebrush Podcasgt (Clay Gibbons)

**Audio or Visual Documentary: Professional (1 Award):**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place:**

Our Wyoming: Cowboys of the Sky  
Wyoming PBS

**Audio or Visual Documentary: Non-Professional (1 Award):**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place:**

Iron Riders Documentary  
Sheridan Community Land Trust

**Fine Arts Awards:**

**Fine Arts: Bronze/Marble (1 Award):**

Great Expectations  
Con Williams

**Fine Arts: Photography (1 Award):**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place:**

Big Boy No. 4014 – Wheels of the Longest Steam Engine in the World  
By Allison Pluda

**Honorable Mention:**

Big Horn Mountains – Elk Fires 2024  
By Tim Doolin

**Fine Arts: Painting:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place:**

Wyoming Cowpuncher  
By Grant Redden (Oil)

**Honorable Mention:**

Cheyenne to Deadwood  
By Sam Iddings (Acrylic) (Sheridan, WY)

**Fine Arts: Sketching/Drawing (1 Award):**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place:**

Down the Lonely Road  
By Sam Iddings (Sheridan, WY)

**Honorable Mention:**

Moon Song  
By: Jamie Marvel

**Art Projects:**

**Honorable Mention:**

Wool in the Winds Wool Paintings  
By: Lynda German

**Student Awards - Young Historian (Grades 3-5)**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place:**

Andie Peck

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place:**

Hailey Tracy

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place:**

Valen Dow

**Student Awards - Young Historian (Grades 6-8)**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place:**

Addison Williams (Wheatland, WY)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place:**

Grace Breyer (Ranchester, WY)

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place:**

Lydia Lancroft (Newcastle, WY)

**Student Awards - Young Historian (Grades 9-12)**

No Nominations this year

**Student Awards - Junior Activities (Grades 3-5)**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place:**

Mindy Woolsey 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Class (Upton, WY)

**Student Awards - Junior Activities (Grades 6-8)**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place:**

Ashly Mills (Newcastle, WY)

**Student Awards - Junior Activities (Grades 9-12)**

Bailey Smith (Laramie, WY)

**Student Awards - Junior Activities (Grades 9-12)**

No Nominations this year

**Student Awards - Collegiate Activities (Grades 9-12)**

No Nominations this year

**Activities Awards (3 Awards):**

**1st Place:**

Heart Mountain Interpretive Center for the NEH Educational Center  
By Heart Mountain Interpretive Center

**2nd Place:**

100 Years of the Wind River Canyon  
By Jackie Dorothy & Fremont Co Museums

**3rd Place:**

Battle of Lightening Creek  
By Weston County Museum District

**Member of the Year (3 Awards):**

**1st Place:**

Ray Shaffer (Thermopolis, WY)

**2nd Place**

Heidi McCullough (Douglas, WY)

**3rd Place**

Kim Tait (Uinta Co, WY)

**Historical Group Awards (1 Award)**

**1st Place:**

Hot Springs County Historical Society (Thermopolis, WY)

**Mabel Brown Cumulative Contribution Award (1 Award)**

**1st Place:**

Sam Hamptonstall (Upton, WY)

**Clara M. & Henry E Jensen Outstanding Wyoming Teacher Award (1 Award)**

**1st Place:**

Michael Thomas (Sheridan, WY)

**L.C. Bishop Award**

Ellbogen Center for Teaching & Learning COE 5108 (Laramie, WY)

**Henryetta Berry Memorial Award**

Heidi McCullough (Douglas, WY)

**Judge & Mrs. Percy W. Metz Memorial Award**

Listen Closely as Johnson Co Speaks Vol. 1-3 (Buffalo, WY)

**Maurine Carley Memorial Preservation Award**

Yablonski Memorial Library (Hudson, WY)