

Wyoming State Historical Society
2006 Award Winners

Publications Awards—Books—Fiction

Nominated by Sheridan County Chapter

Craig Johnson, for Death Without Company

The committee chose this well-written book for its readability. It is a mystery with a twist and depicts the early culture of Buffalo.

CONTACT:

Craig Johnson, 1750 Highway 16E, Buffalo, WY 82834 (307) 737-2143

Sheridan County Chapter—Judy Musgrave

Publications Awards—Books—Non-fiction

Nominated by Sublette County Historical Society

Ann Chambers Noble, for Pinedale, Wyoming: A Centennial History 1904-2004

The committee chose this impressive book for its well-researched and written history. It is a quality book and shows an extensive history of Pinedale. It is beautifully illustrated.

CONTACT:

Ann C. Noble, PO Box 36, Cora, WY 82925 (307) 367-4209

Sublette County Historical Society—Antonette Noble

AND

Nominated by Hot Springs and Fremont County Chapters

Hot Springs County Pioneer Association, for Mystic Wind River Canyon

The committee chose this wonderfully written book as it tells of the geology, Indian lore, and the history of the settlers of the canyon. The committee believes this book fills a void in Wyoming history.

CONTACT:

Hot Springs County Pioneer Association %Dorothy Milek, chairperson, PO Box 11,
Thermopolis, WY 82443 (307) 864-3890

Fremont County Chapter—Maggi Layton

Hot Springs County Chapter—Bonnie Bauer

Publications Awards—Books—Autobiography of Biography

Nominated by Sheridan County Chapter

Robert W. Wakefield, for Milward L. Simpson: The Fiery Petrel

The committee chose this well-written book for its comprehensive history of Simpson's political and private life and how he influenced Wyoming. It is well researched and endorsed by his sons.

CONTACT:

Robert W. Wakefield, 1454 So. Thurmond, Sheridan, WY 82801 (307-673-0156)

Sheridan County Chapter—Judy Musgrave

Honorable Mention:

Nominated by Sweetwater County Chapter

Thomas P. Cullen, for Rock Springs: Growing Up in a Wyoming Coal Town 1915-1938

The committee enjoyed this personal account of living in a coal town. It captured the family

life of the time. The background history at the beginning helped set the scene.

CONTACT:

Thomas P. Cullen, 319 NE Russet, Rm. 221, Portland, OR 97211
Sweetwater County Chapter—Ruth Lauritzen

Publications Awards—Books—Self-published

Nominated by Fremont County Chapter

John A. Grieve and Elizabeth Grieve, for History, Tales Friends Remembered

The committee chose this well written book for its intriguing presentation on the history of the area. It has good quality color pictures.

CONTACT:

John A. & Elizabeth Grieve, 1284 Goodrich Dr., Lander, WY 82520 (307) 332-5127
Fremont County Chapter—Maggi Layton

Publications Awards—Books—Single Chapter in a Book

No Nominations

Publications Awards—Books—Reference

Nominated by Star Valley Chapter

Jermy Wight, for The Oregon Trail Book Two: Frederick W. Lander and The Lander Trail

The committee chose this well researched book for its addition to information on the trails of Wyoming. It has scholarly, informative research and is illustrated with original black and white photos.

CONTACT:

Jermy Wight, 493 Strawberry Creek, PO Box 4135, Bedford, WY 83112
Star Valley Chapter—Polly Erickson

Publications Awards—Books—Poetry

Nominated by Carbon County Chapter

Wallace A. Love, for They Brought Us Wyoming

The committee chose this poem as it shows appreciation for both the facts and legends that make up the early history of mountain men.

CONTACT:

Wallace A. Love, PO Box 236, Saratoga, WY 82331 (307) 326-8808
Carbon County Chapter—Joan Lawrence

Publications Awards—Brochures

Nominated by Sheridan County Chapter

Sheridan Heritage Center for “Buffalo Bill Days, June 24-28, 2005”

This beautiful brochure was developed to advertise Buffalo Bill Days. The committee felt it included a lot of information in a small space and thought it was quite colorful and attractive.

CONTACT :

Sheridan Heritage Center, PO Box 6393, Sheridan, WY 82801 (307) 674-2170
Sheridan County Chapter—Judy Musgrave

Publications Awards—Pamphlets

Nominated by Laramie County Chapter

Cheyenne Downtown Development Authority and the Cheyenne Historic Preservation Board, for “Historic Downtown Cheyenne Walking Tour”

This pamphlet is a tour guide of 55 historic sites in Cheyenne. It includes a brief history of Cheyenne along with the photographs of the buildings and a glossary. It is well written, has an index of buildings inside the back cover, and a small map on the back.

CONTACT:

Contact information not included

Laramie County Chapter—Mary Nystrom

Honorable Mention

Nominated by Sheridan County Chapter

Mary Ellen McWilliams and Cynde Georgen, for “Around the Edges of Sheridan County History”

This pamphlet is a compilation of stories of people, places, and events in Sheridan County. It was used as a fund raiser for their museum.

CONTACT:

Sheridan County Chapter—Judy Musgrave

Publications Awards—Calendars

Nominated by Albany County Chapter

American Heritage Center, for the “2006 Wyoming Historical Calendar”

This calendar features Wyoming industries. It has clear, attractive pictures with historical data about each picture. It also has bits of history in the calendar section.

CONTACT:

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

Albany County Chapter—Francois Dickman

Publications Awards—Magazines and Newspapers

Nominated by Albany County Chapter

Tamsen Hert for her article “Luxury in the Wilderness: Yellowstone’s Grand Canyon Hotel, 1911-1960” published in the Yellowstone Science

Tamsen’s article is very well documented and contains a number of historic photos. It is well written and interesting.

CONTACT:

Tamsen Hert, Coe Library, University of Wyoming, Laramie, WY 82071 (307) 766-6245

Albany County Chapter—Francois Dickman

Nominated by Albany County Chapter

Laramie Daily Boomerang editor for the special supplement “Out of the Past.”

This supplement focuses on families and institutions that have left their mark on Laramie. It contains several excellent articles.

CONTACT:

Editor, Laramie Daily Boomerang, 320 Grand Ave., Laramie, WY 82070 (307) 742-2176

Albany County Chapter—Francois Dickman

Nominated by Sheridan County Chapter

Pat Blair and Pam See of the Sheridan Press, for the special supplement on Buffalo Bill Days

This 20 page supplement in the Sheridan Press was to advertise the Buffalo Bill Days Celebration in Sheridan in June 2005. It includes in depth articles telling about the events to take place.

CONTACT:

The Sheridan Press, PO Box 2006, Sheridan, WY 82801
Sheridan County Chapter—Judy Musgrave

Audio-Video Documentary Awards

Professional

Nominated by Fremont County Chapter

KCWC-TV/Wyoming Public Television, for “Brotherhood of the Broadax: Wyoming Tie Hacks”

This DVD tells the story of those who came to work in the Wyoming wilderness at strenuous, dangerous jobs. It interviews the tie hacks, revisits the locale, and has excellent film footage.

CONTACT:

Wyoming Public Television, 2660 Peck Ave., Riverton, WY 82501 (800) 495-9788
Fremont County Chapter—Maggi Layton

Non-Professional

Nominated by Park County Chapter

Beryl Churchill & Dennis Davis, for “Buffalo Bill Dam”

The DVD highlights the building of the road outside Cody and the dam construction. The DVD is being shown continuously each day at the Buffalo Bill Dam Visitor Center.

CONTACT:

Beryl Churchill and Dennis Davis, 840 Rd. 10, Powell, WY 82435 (307) 754-4865
Park County Chapter—Rowene Giarrizzo & Lynn Houze

Fine Arts Award

Nominated by Park County Chapter

Jeff Rudolph, for his sculptured chess set

This phenomenal bronze chess set with granite chess board commemorated Buffalo Bill’s Wild West. It depicts the western figures Buffalo Bill Cody, Annie Oakley, Sitting Bull and Chief Iron Tail. It also includes horses, bison, and tipis. The committee was impressed with the detail in such small pieces.

CONTACT:

Jeff Rudolph, Cody, WY 82414 (307) 587-3023
Park County Chapter—Lynn Houze and Rowene Giarrizzo

Young Historian Awards

Elementary School-Grades 4-6

Nominated by Sheridan County Chapter

1st Place—**Alison Geary** of Highland Park School, for her entry, “**Wyoming A-B-C’s**”
This was done as an alphabet booklet of Wyoming’s historical events and topics that were learned throughout the fourth grade year. Alison wrote and illustrated each page of her booklet.

CONTACT:

Alison Geary, 710 Michael Dr., Sheridan, WY 82801 (307) 782-9870
Sheridan County Chapter—Judy Musgrave

Nominated by Lincoln County Chapter

2nd Place—**Mersades Seaman** of Kemmerer Elementary School, for her entry, “**The Spudnut Shop**”

This essay was researched and written on a local shop. You can read the enthusiasm that Mersades had for her topic.

CONTACT:

Mersades Seaman, 325 Spinel, Kemmerer, WY 83101 (307) 877-3787
Lincoln County Chapter—Kimberly Glasscock

Nominated by Weston County Chapter

3rd Place—**Bethany Bateman** of Newcastle Middle School, for her entry, “**Esther Morris**”
This essay on Esther Morris although short was factual and well written.

CONTACT:

Bethany Bateman, Newcastle, WY 82701
Weston County Chapter—Melody McCalla

Jr. High School-Grades 7-9

Nominated by Sheridan County Chapter

1st Place—**Jessi Spielman** of Sheridan Junior High School, for her entry, “**Grace Raymond Hebard: A Documentary on Her Life and What She Stood For**”

This documentary and process paper was done for History Day. It is a well researched and developed documentary. The committee was impressed with its thoroughness.

CONTACT:

Jessi Spielman, 1805 Thurmond, Sheridan, WY 82801 (307) 751-4157
Sheridan County Chapter—Judy Musgrave

Nominated by Albany County Chapter

2nd Place—**Ellen Nye** of Laramie Junior High School, for her essay, “**Standing Up for Girls’ Education-Iverson Hall, the Cathedral School for Girls**”

This excellent essay shows good research and writing style. It was on a topic that fills a void in our Wyoming history.

CONTACT:

Ellen Nye, 1495 Apache Drive, Laramie, WY 82072 (307) 745-3719

Albany County Chapter—Francois Dickman

Nominated by Sheridan County Chapter

3rd Place—Trevor Goss of Sheridan Junior High School, for his essay and exhibit, “**The Bozeman Trail: The Wagon Box Fight: Military Takes a Stand against Indians**”

This was a well done exhibit with an excellent process paper.

CONTACT:

Trevor Goss, PO Box 145, Story, WY 82842 (307) 683-3151

Sheridan County Chapter—Judy Musgrave

High School-Grades 10-12

Nominated by Albany County Chapter

1st Place—Bridget Schabron of Laramie High School, for her essay, “**The Impact of the First Transcontinental Railroad**”

This was a well-written essay covering the short term and long term outcomes of the construction of the Union Pacific railroad. It was well researched and enjoyable to read.

CONTACT:

Bridget Schabron, 1804 Arnold St., Laramie, WY 82070 (307) 742-8015

Albany County Chapter—Francois Dickman

Nominated by Sheridan County Chapter

2nd Place—Angela Buyan of Sheridan High School, for her performance and paper, “**Esther Morris: Taking a Stand for Woman Suffrage**”

This entry was a DVD of the performance of Angela at History Day. She did a thorough research on her topic and used several references.

CONTACT:

Angela Buyan, Sheridan, WY 82801

Sheridan County Chapter—Judy Musgrave

Nominated by Weston County Chapter

3rd Place—Brady Varner of Newcastle High School, for his essay, “**History Changing Fires**”

This was a good essay on the fires in Newcastle and how they changed the look of downtown. It is on a unique topic. The resources were cited and included a personal interview.

CONTACT:

Brady Varner, Newcastle, WY 82701

Weston County Chapter—Melody McCalla

Chapter Awards

No Nominations

Activities Awards

Well planned, well-conducted tour or tours to a historic site

Nominated by Park County Chapter

Heart Mountain, Wyoming Foundation for the self-guided tour, **Heart Mountain Relocation Center Self-Guided Tour**

This was an excellent presentation on the walking tour that was dedicated in June 2005. The committee was impressed with the presentation and documentation of the tour.

CONTACT:

Heart Mountain, Wyoming Foundation %LaDonna Zall, PO Box 547, Powell, WY 82435
(307) 754-2689
Park County Chapter—Rowene Giarrizzo & Lynn Houze

Outstanding Educational Project

Nominated by Park County Chapter

The More We Get Together: Early Clubs of the Shoshone Irrigation Project and Park County 1909-1950

This educational exhibit celebrates the history of women's clubs in Park County. This Homesteader Museum exhibit includes over 75 photographs and 9 quilts which includes histories of 17 area clubs. The committee was impressed with the thoroughness of the presentation.

CONTACT:

Homesteader Museum, Box 54, Powell, WY 82435 (307) 754-9481
Park County Chapter—Rowene Giarrizzo & Lynn Houze

Promotion of Museum activities, restoration, or interpretation of local historic sites

Nominated by Goshen County Chapter

George Zeimens for "Expanding Environments"

For several summers George Ziemans, curator of the Western Plains museum at Lingle has sponsored a youth activity to explore archeological sites in Goshen and Platte counties. This was a thorough presentation with video and other supporting documents.

CONTACT:

George Ziemans, Western History Center, 2308 Highway 26, Lingle, WY 82223
Goshen County Chapter—Sally Vanderpoel

Honorable Mention

Nominated by Sheridan County Chapter

Sheridan County Historical Society Board for purchasing the new building for the Sheridan County Historical Society Museum

The board raised over \$1.14 million for the purchase of a new building for the museum. The new building will open July 1, 2006.

CONTACT:

Sheridan County Historical Society board members: Linda Prill, Mary Ellen McWilliams, Jack Heuton, Karen Gardner, Linda Grosso, Helen Laumann, Tim Barnes, Judy Musgrave, Alice Westling, Mac Grimm, and Jack Sorvik
Sheridan County Chapter—Judy Musgrave

Junior Activities Awards

Grades 4-6

Nominated by Sheridan County Chapter

1st Place—Mrs. Hinton’s 2005-06 Third Grade Class book, “Sheridan A to Z”

The committee was impressed by this booklet composed by the third graders after studying Sheridan history. The association of what to include with each letter of the alphabet was student driven and quite fun to read.

CONTACT:

Mrs. Hinton’s 2005-06 Third grade class, Woodland Park School, 5135 Coffeen Ave., Sheridan, WY 82801 (307) 674-7937
Sheridan County Chapter—Judy Musgrave

Nominated by Park County Chapter

2nd Place—Megan Rathbun from Westside School in Powell for her project **“Women’s Suffrage in Wyoming”**

The committee enjoyed the diorama of the first voting. It was all handmade and was a clever depiction of the historical significance of the first women voting.

CONTACT:

Megan Rathbun, 1151 Lane 9, Powell, WY 82435 (307) 754-3216
Park County Chapter—Rowene Giarrizzo and Lynn Houze

Grades 7-9

Nominated by Sheridan County Chapter

1st Place-Sheridan Junior High Kid Witness News Team for the DVD “Heart Mountain —The Forgotten Years”

The students researched, wrote and produced this video. The committee was impressed with the quality of the work and the accomplishments of the Kid Witness News Team.

CONTACT:

Dana Wyatt, Teacher, Sheridan Junior High School, 600 Adair Ave., Sheridan, WY 82801
Sheridan County Chapter—Judy Musgrave

Nominated by Natrona County Chapter

2nd Place-Kit Washut for her historical activities

Kit is a Company I re-enactor and a volunteer at the National Historic Trails Interpretive Center in Casper. She is also a charter member of the Casper Kids Trails Team history club. The company was impressed with her commitment to history at such a young age.

CONTACT:

Kit Washut, 4031 Crystie Lane, Casper, WY 82609
Natrona County Chapter—Dave Taylor

Grades 10-12

Nominated by Ft. Bridger Chapter

1st Place-Bryce Luebe for his Boy Scout Eagle Project of re-roofing the Jim Bridger Trading Post and Living Quarters at the Ft. Bridger Historic Site.

The committee was delighted with the above project. The project required over 100 man hours given by Bryce and other scouts. The old roof was removed and augmented with compost and placed back on the buildings.

CONTACT:

Bryce Luebe, PO Box 521, Mountain View, WY 82939 (307) 782-3445
Ft. Bridger Chapter—Tisa Cheney

Nominated by Park County Chapter

2nd Place—Meeteetse High School Study Skills 9 and Expository Writing classes for “The History of the Meeteetse Bridge from 1896-1909”

This booklet is a well researched history of the town's two main bridges. They also have posters to document the history of both bridges and the project and models of both bridges. This is a wonderful addition to the history of our state.

CONTACT:

Molly Potas, teacher, Meeteetse High School, 1 Potas Drive, Meeteetse, WY 82433 (307) 868-2377

Park County Chapter—Lynn Houze & Rowene Giarrizzo

Nominated by Sheridan County Chapter

3rd Place—Charles Scheckla, Kim Bougie, Ashley Avey, and Brandi Zack for exhibit “Historical Sheridan Area: Yesterday and Today”

This exhibit is beautifully done and shows much of the history of Sheridan.

CONTACT:

Yvonne Stewart, teacher, Fort McKenzie High School, 620 Lewis St., Sheridan, WY 82801 (307) 673-8730

Sheridan County Chapter—Judy Musgrave

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

Nominated by Natrona County Chapter

Melissa Erdahl of CY Junior High School

The committee was impressed with the wonderful presentation on Melissa Erdahl. She has been a social studies teacher for 13 years and is also involved in other district and state history activities.

CONTACT:

Melissa Erdahl, CY Junior High, 2211 Essex, Casper, WY 82604

Natrona County Chapter—Dave Taylor

Annual Services Award

Nominated by Sheridan County Chapter

Bob Prill for the many outstanding volunteer services he has provided this past year.

Bob Prill was the coordinator for the building modifications for the new museum. He is also credited for improving the building operation of the Sheridan Inn. He serves as liaison between the Sheridan Heritage Board and the Sheridan County Historical society Board. He has given countless hours of volunteer work to the SCHS and the Sheridan community.

CONTACT:

Bob Prill, PO Box 907, Sheridan, WY 82801 (307-674-8980)

Sheridan County Chapter—Judy Musgrave

Mabel Brown Cumulative Contribution Award

Nominated by Carbon County Chapter

Rans Baker

Rans Baker is a noted historian of Rawlins and Carbon County. He has made his search of history a compelling part of his life and has been providing information to others for over 55 years. He has been active in the Wyoming Frontier Prison, Friends of the Old Pen, local and state historical societies, and the Carbon County Museum Board. His nomination included statements by many people as to why he is deserving of this cumulative award in history. Rans Baker makes history come alive. Although he has been serving in many history related activities for many years, he continues to work just as hard today.

CONTACT:

Rans Baker, 605 12th St., Rawlins, WY 82301 (307) 324-3994
Carbon County Chapter—Joan Lawrence

L.C. Bishop Award

No nominations

Henryetta Berry Memorial Award

Nominated by Natrona County Chapter

Dana Schaar for bringing her love and appreciation of history to the young people of Wyoming.

Dana has provided countless opportunities to celebrate history to the young people of Natrona County and the state. She organized the Fort Caspar Chautauqua and Youth Camp in July 2005. She has developed new site tours and classroom outreach programs for third and fourth grade students. She has been a History Day assistant for several years. Dana designed a seasonal hands-on Discover History program on the Ft. Caspar grounds. There are many other programs she has had part in to help our students love Wyoming and its history.

CONTACT:

Dana Schaar, Fort Caspar Historic Site, 4001 Fort Caspar Road, Casper, WY 82604 (307) 235-8462
Natrona County Chapter—Dave Taylor

Judge and Mrs. Percy W. Metz Memorial Award

No nominations