

Wyoming State Historical Society 2008 Award Winners

Publications Awards—Books—Fiction

Nominated by the Sheridan County Chapter

Sam Morton for *Where The Rivers Run North*

The committee chose this well written epic novel for its story of horses, the widely diverse peoples who raised, used, and sold them, and the land that shaped them all. This book pulls together the role that horses played in our area's economy and life style.

CONTACT:

Sam Morton, 330 Hwy 335, Sheridan, WY 82801, fullmoon@msn.com

Sheridan County Historical Society – Mary Ellen McWilliams

Honorable Mention:

Nominated by the Albany County Chapter

Robert Roripaugh for *The Legend of Billy Jenks and other Wyoming Stories*

This book is a gathering of eight short stories by the author that have appeared in respected magazines and journals over the past decade. A common theme is that the stories are all set on small ranches and relate to misfits who fight out their frustrations against figures of power and authority.

CONTACT:

Robert Roripaugh, 1411 Bonneville, Laramie, WY 82070, 307-745-4493

Albany County Historical Society – Francois M. Dickman

Publications Awards—Books—Non-fiction

Nominated by the Weston County Chapter

Colleen Pollat for *Secrets – The Tom Wagoner Story*

This book is a completely factual account of another tragedy in Wyoming history, the death of Tom Wagoner. Although much has been written about the Johnson County Cattle War, there has been little written or known about Tom Wagoner's story and how his death and the disposition of his estate

contributed to the Johnson County fiasco.

CONTACT:

Colleen Pollat, 11 W. Warwick, Newcastle, WY 82701, 307-746-2902

Weston County Historical Society – Mike Jording

AND

Nominated by the Platte County Chapter

Lee Alley for *Back From War – Finding Hope & Understanding In Life After Combat*

While this book isn't what you might traditionally consider a "Wyoming History" book, it is in the sense that it takes a unique account of the Vietnam War and personalizes it for every veteran in the state and in the United States of America.

CONTACT:

Lee Alley, 214 Greyrocks, Wheatland, WY 82201, 307-322-4237, lee@leealley.us

Platte County Historical Society – Patsy Parkin

Publications Awards—Books—Autobiography or Biography

Nominated by the Park County Chapter and the Natrona County Chapter

Robert E. Bonner for *William F. Cody's Wyoming Empire, The Buffalo Bill Nobody Knows*

This is a well-researched and well-written book about William F. Cody's Wyoming connections. While there have been many books written about Buffalo Bill Cody's life and his Wild West, this is the first book to concentrate on Cody's business ventures in the Cody area.

CONTACT:

Robert E. Bonner, 517 E. Second St., Northfield, MN 55057, 507-645-7712

Park County Historical Society – Marylin Schultz

Natrona County Historical Society – Lee Underbrink

Honorable Mention:

Nominated by the Sheridan County Chapter

Tom Ringley for *When The Whistle Blows: The Turk Greenough Story*

This is the well-written biography of one of the early rodeo cowboys in the area. Among Turk's many accomplishments before his death in 1995 are his induction into the National Cowboy Hall of Fame and Western Heritage Center in Oklahoma City and his role in establishing the Old Time Rodeo Association.

CONTACT:

Tom Ringley, P.O. Box 36, Big Horn, WY 82833, 307-674-4812, tringley@fiberpipe.net

Sheridan County Historical Society – Judy Musgrave

Publications Awards—Books—Self-published

Nominated by the Park County Chapter

Christy Fleming for *Garland – The History of the Gate City As Told By The Residents*

This book profiles the once vibrant town of Garland, Wyoming, which once had over a hundred families and dozens of businesses. Today Garland is a small community with a great deal of spirit.

CONTACT:

Christy Fleming, 751 Road 4, Powell, WY 82405, 307-548-2251

Park County Historical Society – Marylin Schultz

Publications Awards—Books—Single Chapter in a Book

No Nominations

Publications Awards—Books—Reference

Nominated by the Sheridan County Chapter

Pat Blair and Dana Prater for the Sheridan County Museum for *Images of America: Sheridan*

This book, part of the Arcadia series, Images of America, showcases many of the over 4,000 photographs collected by co-author Dana Prater for the Sheridan County Memory Book Project. The Project's purpose is to preserve images held in private collections. Well-written captions reveal the varied past that makes Sheridan unique.

CONTACT:

Sheridan County Museum, 850 Sibley Circle, Sheridan, WY 82801, 307-675-1150,
schs@actaccess.net

Sheridan County Historical Society – Judy Musgrave

Publications Awards—Poetry

Nominated by the Crook County Chapter

Hugh Thompson for *Cousins*

This delightful and humorous poem was written by Hugh Thompson for his Aunt Lucy's Memory Book. He and other cousins were at their grandparent's homestead on Rifle Pit Divide in Crook County when this incident occurred.

CONTACT:

Hugh Thompson, 995 Oak Creek Road, Aladdin, WY 82710

Crook County Historical Society – Mary S. Garman

Publications Awards—Pamphlets

Nominated by the Albany County Chapter

Mary Mountain for *The Historic Ivinson Mansion*

This informative pamphlet was prepared to answer questions from the many visitors to the Ivinson Mansion, which houses the Laramie Plains Museum, on the role played by Edward and Jane Ivinson in Laramie's early history, how the Mansion was saved from destruction in 1972, and about the Museum's extensive collections.

CONTACT:

Mary Mountain, 603 E. Ivinson, Laramie, WY 82070, 307-742-4448

Albany County Historical Society – Francois M. Dickman

Honorable Mention:

Nominated by the Park County Chapter

Bob Richard for *Cody to Yellowstone – Self-Guided Photographic Tour*

This beautiful pamphlet follows the Yellowstone Highway from Cody to the East Gate of Yellowstone National Park using photographs to illustrate the scenery along the route. Not only do

these photographs show the flora and fauna that can be seen, but they also highlight the numerous geological features.

CONTACT:

Bob Richard, 3513 Sheridan Ave. Cody, WY 82414, 307-527-6316

Park County Historical Society – Marylin Schultz

Publications Awards— Brochures

Nominated by the Star Valley Chapter

Jermy Wight for the 1858-2008 Sesquicentennial of the Lander Trail – Guide and Map

This brochure replaces the previous one that was first printed in 1966. It includes new information that was not known before as well as necessary changes. In addition to hard copy form, it will be produced in a digital format for the convenience of travelers.

CONTACT:

Jermy Wight, 403 Strawberry Creek, Bedford, WY 83112

Star Valley Historical Society – Polly R. Erickson

Publications Awards—Calendars

Nominated by the Albany County Chapter **Wyoming State Historical Society and The American Heritage Center at the University of Wyoming for the 2008 Wyoming Historical Calendar**

This calendar features photographs and introductory information about Wyoming's Women this year. The Heritage Center has drawn on its rich collection of photographs to depict events of historical importance featuring women in Wyoming 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 Campbell County Chapter and the Carbon County Chapter

Lori Van Pelt for her articles published in the WREN magazine - *Amelia's Autogiro Adventures; Estelle Reel: Early Educator and Politician; Wyoming's Capitol Building Expanded as the State's Population Grew; USS Wyoming Brine-Busters Master the World's Waves*

Lori continues her work to make Wyoming history easy to understand and realistic to her readers. Her unique descriptions of people and places give you a feeling of knowing them and being in that place.

CONTACT:

Lori Van Pelt, P.O. Box 535, Saratoga, WY 82331, 307-326-8543

Campbell County Historical Society – Dorothy Oliveira

Carbon County Historical Society – Joan Lawrence

Nominated by the Albany County Chapter

Rick Ewig for his article published in the Annals of Wyoming – *E. T. Payton: Savior or Madman?*

This is a well-researched article on E.T. Payton, a journalist and publisher in Wyoming whose role as a crusader to bring to light the abuses felt by persons suffering from mental illness is rarely known or remembered today. On his death, no newspapers carried articles about his struggle to protect the well-being and the rights of those institutionalized.

CONTACT:

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

Albany County Historical Society – Francois Dickman

Nominated by the Campbell County Chapter

Nathan Payne for *Sheepherders left their mark, some more than 100 years ago, with monuments of stone*

This newspaper article tells the tale of a Gillette man whose interest in local history has taken him to many shepherd monuments. The article reveals the lonely life of a shepherd as part of the agricultural history of Wyoming.

CONTACT:

Nathan Payne, c/o Gillette News Record, Box 3006, Gillette, WY 82717, 307-682-9306

Campbell County Historical Society – Dorothy Oliveira

Honorable Mention:

Nominated by the Campbell County Chapter

Candy Moulton for *Following the Cherokees and Wyoming's famous symbol pocketed forever*

Candy's extensive research gives in depth looks at Wyoming topics with new insight. These two well-received articles are examples of Candy's excellent writing skills.

CONTACT:

Candy Moulton, Star Route Box 29, Encampment, WY 82325

Campbell County Historical Society – Dorothy Oliveira

Internet Website Awards

Nominated by the Star Valley Chapter

Ed Lisota for the *Star Valley Historical Society Website*

This project of cataloging names from headstones located in Star Valley's twelve cemeteries has been ongoing since 2001. The final result to date contains 4,697 images of headstones with an accompanying 2,320 obituaries. This provides a virtual gold mine of historical data about Star Valley.

CONTACT:

Ed Lisota, P.O. Box 91, Afton, WY 83110

Star Valley Historical Society – Polly R. Erickson

Honorable Mention:

Nominated by the Campbell County Chapter

Father Jan Santich for the *History of the Catholic Church in Wyoming*

Father Jan Santich began his work on this website more than ten years ago. It is an extensive compilation of the history of the Catholic Church in Wyoming from the early missionaries to the present day.

CONTACT:

Father Jan Santich, St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 1000 9th St., Wheatland, WY 82201

Campbell County Historical Society – Dorothy Oliveira

Audio-Video Documentary Awards

Professional

No nominations

Non-Professional

Nominated by the Natrona County Chapter

Dennis Rollins, Wolf Gang of Wyoming *Mike Martin: Saving the Music*

This video is part of the Wyoming Portraits series. It details the effort to save bluegrass music by involving younger musicians. Bluegrass instruments are described in the video as well as incorporation of interviews of members of the Old Time Fiddlers group and old photographs.

CONTACT:

Dennis Rollins, Wolf Gang of Wyoming Executive Producer, 3680 Ridgecrest Dr., Casper, WY 82604

Natrona County Historical Society – Arlene Wegner and David Taylor

Nominated by the Natrona County Chapter

Karen Snyder & Crimson Dawn Association for *A Woman to Match a Mountain – The Story of Neal Forsling and Crimson Dawn*

This video is the story of Neal Forsling who moved to Casper Mountain in the 1930s, proved up on a homestead, wrote poetry, became an early environmentalist and created the ever popular Midsummer's Eve celebration with stories which developed from the tales Neal told her children and their friends as they wandered through the woods. Humor and nostalgia are interpreted with original music composed by Gary DePaolo. Jacek Bogucki lends his talent with inspirational photography. Paintings by Neal Forsling are also featured.

CONTACT:

Karen Snyder & Crimson Dawn Association, 1645 Westridge Drive, Casper, WY 82604

Natrona County Historical Society – Pinky & Jackie Ellis

Nominated by the Sheridan County Chapter

Dana Wyatt & David Munsick for *One Cowboy's Story*

This video was created with the cooperation of the late Don King. The King family shared dozens of photographs depicting King as a boy and at various stages throughout his life. During his lifetime, King developed his leatherworking skills into an art that was honored with many awards. He established Kings Saddlery and Kings Ropes and Museum. The family manufactures hundreds of thousands of ropes which are purchased by cowboys from all over the world. The video is a nice melding of historic black and white photographs with present day video shot by Wyatt. The original lyrics and music were created and preformed by Munsick.

CONTACT:

Dana Wyatt, 2660 Big Horn Ave., Sheridan, WY 82801

David Munsick, P.O. Box 521, Dayton, WY 82836

Sheridan County Historical Society – Mary Ellen McWilliams

Fine Arts Award

Nominated by the Park County Chapter

Reid Christie for his oil painting - Osborne Russell on the Southfork

This 24" by 36" painting depicts mountain man and trapper Osborne Russell's journey into the valley of the Southfork of the Shoshone River sometime between 1838 and 1842 when he was in the Yellowstone area. Christie often depicts historical events in the Cody/Park County area, and this is his interpretation of what Russell and his group might have looked like and might have seen.

CONTACT:

Reid Christie, 1424 Meadow Lane Ave., Cody, WY 82414

Park County Historical Society – Lynn Houze and Marylin Schultz

Nominated by the Star Valley Chapter

Teri Hoop & Jamie Hale for their historical musical comedy- American Hearts

This original musical comedy is set back in the summer of 1945 in Star Valley, Wyoming. It contains eight original songs written by Teri Hoop and arranged by Jamie Hale. Research was done using the Star Valley Independent from the time period as well as interviews of people who had knowledge of the events of the day.

CONTACT:

Teri Hoop, Bedford, WY

Jamie Hale, 321 Fairview N Co. Rd. 140, Afton, WY, 83119

Star Valley Historical Society – Polly R. Erickson

Honorable Mention

Nominated by the Sheridan County Chapter

Lindon Quinn for her *Historical Murals in Sheridan at the Rainbow Bar, Sheridan County*

Historical Society Museum and the Sheridan Inn

This award is for four historic murals Lindon has done in Sheridan. The Meeting Place portrays the meeting of a Texas Trail herd with an Indian village alongside the Goose Creek, a water source which both groups needed to survive. The mural at the Museum is the backdrop for Tom Warnke's large diorama of the early coal mining town of Monarch located in Sheridan County and accurately represents the area. There are two murals depicting scenes from the Old West located on the walls in the restrooms at the Sheridan Inn.

CONTACT

Lindon Quinn, 3 Janich Lane, Sheridan, WY 82801, 307-672-8370

Sheridan County Historical Society – Judy Musgrave

Young Historian Awards

Grades 3-5

Nominated by the Sheridan County Chapter

1st Place Brooklyn Hufnagel, 4th grade Sheridan for *Who Am I?*

Brooklyn's project is a power point presentation about ten famous people in Wyoming's history. She found photos or images and then researched and wrote a short biography of each. She used the Who Am I? Quiz format to teach the viewers of her slide show about these people. In addition to learning a lot about them, she also further developed her research and computer skills in creating the power point presentation.

CONTACT:

Brooklyn Hufnagel, P.O. Box 86, Big Horn, WY 82833

Sheridan County Historical Society – Judy Musgrave

Nominated by the Lincoln County Chapter

2nd Place – Bailey Schramm, 4th grade Kemmerer for *Bailey's 4th Grade Portfolio*

Bailey's Portfolio was a year long project full of wonderful memories of fun and exciting times in 4th grade learning about many things including Wyoming History.

CONTACT:

Bailey Schramm, 1801 Holland Dr., Kemmerer, WY 83101

Lincoln County Historical Society – Sharon Lee Luthy

Nominated by the Lincoln County Chapter

3rd Place – Adam Rogers, 4th Grade Kemmerer for *Paul Canoso*

Adam's essay was the first place winner in the Fossil Country Museum's annual history contest. His essay is about local historian Paul Canoso. Adam interviewed Paul Canoso for information to include in his well-written essay.

CONTACT:

Adam Rogers, 522 Pine Ave., Kemmerer, WY 83101, 307-877-2915

Lincoln County Historical Society – Sharon Lee Luthy

Honorable Mention

Nominated by the Sheridan County Chapter

Allison Emerson and Lexi Smiley for their *ABC Book of Wyoming History*

Allison and Lexi researched and designed this very creative booklet by finding an interesting detail for each letter of the alphabet. Many of their entries are little known facts about Wyoming. Besides learning a lot about their state, they also further developed their research and computer skills and had fun doing it.

CONTACT

Allison Emerson, 2519 Dry Ranch Rd., Sheridan, WY 82801

Lexi Smiley, 3061 Hwy 87, Sheridan, WY 82801

Sheridan County Historical Society – Judy Musgrave

Grades 6-8

Nominated by the Park County Chapter

1st Place Skyler Gabel, 7th grade Cody for *John Colter: The First and Best Mountain Man*

Skyler has written an excellent essay on John Colter, mountain man and explorer, who came into the Big Horn Basin in 1808. He describes the country around what is not present-day Cody and tells of Colter's adventures, giving the reader a better idea of what the area was like 200 years

ago.

CONTACT:

Skyler Gabel, 2126 22nd St., Cody, WY 82414, 3067-250-6229

Park County Historical Society – Lynn Houze and Marylin Schultz

Nominated by the Sheridan County Chapter

2nd Place Logann Lee & Jessica Luke, 7th grade Sheridan for *The Cattle Battle: Story of the Johnson County Cattle War*

Logann and Jessica chose the Johnson County Cattle War for their History Day project following the theme Conflict and Compromise in History. They presented their project in the form of a Junior Group Exhibit. While doing this project, they learned to write a process paper and annotated bibliography as well as concise text for their exhibit.

CONTACT:

Logann Lee, 601 N. Sheridan Ave., Sheridan, WY 82801

Jessica Luke, P.O. Box 404, Sheridan, WY 82801

Sheridan County Historical Society – Judy Musgrave

Nominated by the Weston County Chapter

3rd Place Kiana Cade, 6th grade Newcastle for *Nellie Tayloe Ross*

Kiana wrote a very informative research paper on Nellie Tayloe Ross, the first woman governor in the United States. Kiana's paper noted many of the qualities of Ross and emphasized that Ross was "fair, trustworthy, and truthful".

CONTACT:

Kiana Cade, Newcastle Middle School, Newcastle, WY 82701

Weston County Historical Society – Mike Jording

Grades 9-12

Nominated by the Weston County Chapter

1st Place – Salvador Sandoval, Newcastle High School for *Hank Mason: Lost but Never*

Forgotten

Salvador's research paper details the legend of Hank Mason who was killed by a bear on Beaver Creek northeast of Newcastle. He wove several references into a very interesting tale of the life and death of a common man made a hero.

CONTACT:

Salvador Sandoval, Newcastle High School, Newcastle, WY 82701

Weston County Chapter – Mike Jording

Nominated by the Weston County Chapter

2nd Place – Katie Garhart, Newcastle High School for *The Dogie Theatre*

Katie writes about the importance of the Dogie Theatre in the life of the Newcastle community. She interestingly tells the importance of the grand opening in 1951, the fiftieth anniversary of the grand opening in 2001, and the present ownership and management.

CONTACT:

Katie Garhart, Newcastle High School, Newcastle, WY 82701

Weston County Chapter – Mike Jording

Nominated by the Weston County Chapter

3rd Place – Alison Grendahl, Newcastle High School for *School's Out*

Alison's history of the schools of Newcastle demonstrates her understanding of how important schools were in the early history as well as the present day community. She did a nice job of chronicling the history of Newcastle's four schools.

CONTACT:

Alison Grendahl, Newcastle High School, Newcastle, WY 82701

Weston County Chapter – Mike Jording

Junior Activities Awards

Grades 3-5

Nominated by the Crook County Chapter

1st Place – Beth Marlatt’s Hulett Elementary Fourth & Fifth Grades for their video *Prisoners 270 & 271*

Mrs. Marlatt’s class created a movie about the town’s namesake, the Hulett family. The students were responsible for researching, writing a script, planning the scenes, planning the action, and selecting locations, as well as researching the costumes, props, and properties.

CONTACT

Beth Marlatt, P.O. Box 129, Hulett, WY 82720

Crook County Historical Society – Mary S. Garmon

Nominated by the Weston County Chapter

2nd Place - Sheryl Overcast’s Fourth Grade Class at Dubois Elementary for their Dubois Elementary School Flat Stanley Project

Dubois 4th grade Wyoming History class participated in a statewide project called the Wyoming Flat Stanley project. Aimed at sharing county histories across the state, the Dubois class produced a colorful booklet that details the history of Fremont County. Students did the research, and credits to the authors/artists are listed with each entry.

CONTACT:

Sheryl Overcast, P.O. Box 188, Dubois, WY 82513, 307-455-2488

Weston County Historical Society – Mike Jording

Nominated by the Sheridan County Chapter

3rd Place - Ranchester’s Tongue River Elementary Third Graders for *their Oral History of Local Coal Mining Towns*

In conjunction with their study of Sheridan County, a focus has been on the local mining towns of Acme, Kleenburn, and Monarch – all of which are now abandoned. The class began with a letter to the editor of the local newspaper inviting former residents of those towns to contact them if they were willing to be interviewed by the students. A luncheon was held on the porch of the Sheridan County Museum where the students and guests ate and visited together. Some of the guests brought artifacts from their childhood when they lived in the mining towns.

CONTACT:

Deb Hofmeier, 1831 Kennedy St., Sheridan, WY 82801, 307-672-5221

Sheridan County Chapter - Judy Musgrave

Honorable Mention

Nominated by the Lincoln County Chapter

Eva Lamp's & Jolene Bartlett's Kemmerer 4th Graders for their historical musical – *The Wiz of the West*

Sixty students were randomly placed into eight different groups such as Indians, Mountain Men, Pioneers, etc. Each group wrote a 5 to 7 minute skit and song depicting that era. With the help of parent volunteers in addition to classroom, music, art, drama, and speech/language teachers, the musical was a huge success.

CONTACT

Eva Lamp and Jolene Bartlett, Kemmerer Elementary School, 1401 Lincoln Heights Dr., Kemmerer, WY 83010, 307-877-5584

Lincoln County Historical Society – Sharon Lee Luthy

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 *Streets of Sheridan Quilt Project*

All five sections of David's Social Studies classes participated, which was a total of 105 students. They could work individually or in groups of 2 or 3. The quilt consists of 42 blocks with each student or group responsible for one block. Each student was required to write an essay about how they chose and researched the name of their street and made their square. One requirement was a photograph of the student(s) by the street sign of their street. That photo was then transferred by computer to the quilt block along with a photo of the person the street is named after. The students were responsible for supplying their own fabric and quilting their block with a sewing machine. After all were finished, David stitched them together to make the quilt.

CONTACT:

David Peterson, Sheridan Junior High School, 600 Adair Ave., Sheridan, WY 82801

Sheridan County Chapter - Judy Musgrave

Grades 9-12

Nominated by the Weston County Chapter

1st Place-Kara Sweet's Newcastle High School Writing Skills Class for their *Local History Research Projects*

For the past two years, there has been a public display of the local history research projects created by Newcastle High School Students. For almost two hours, their research and their presentations are put on display for the public to see and discuss with the students. This new approach is designed to attract the public and those interested in the history of Weston County and northeast Wyoming.

CONTACT:

Kara Sweet, Newcastle High School, Newcastle, WY 82701

Weston County Chapter – Mike Jording

Nominated by the Park County Chapter

2nd Place-Molly Potas's Meeteetse High School Creative Writing Class for their *Fences... Meeteetse Style*

The traveling Smithsonian exhibit "Between Fences" came to Meeteetse Museum this year which inspired the class to investigate the various types of fences in the Meeteetse area. The resulting booklet is a compilation of their study and includes some of the 120 photographs they took to document the town's and surrounding area's fences.

CONTACT:

Molly Potas, 2107 Idaho, Meeteetse, WY 82433, 307-868-2501

Park County Chapter – Lynn Houze and Marylin Schultz

Activities Awards

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

No Nominations

Outstanding Educational Project

Nominated by the Carbon County Chapter

Carbon County Higher Education Center, Director Dr. David Throgmorton for *Power of Place: Legacies of Carbon County*

The Carbon County Higher Education Center devised a series of programs that began October 11, 2007, and extended through March 28, 2008. There were noted local historians and various other knowledgeable individuals covering events about every aspect of Carbon County.

CONTACT:

Dr. David Throgmorton, Carbon County Higher Education Center, 705 Rodeo, Rawlins, WY 82301, 307-328-9204

Carbon County Historical Society – Joan Lawrence

Honorable Mention

Nominated by the Sheridan County Chapter

Nathan Doerr, Curator of Education for the Sheridan County Museum for the Sheridan County Museum Playing Cards

As Curator of Education for the Sheridan County Historical Society Museum, Nathan Doerr is charged with collaborating with the local area schools on historical projects. To help fund these projects, Nathan came up with a very successful fundraising venture...a deck of historical playing cards. Nathan sold sponsorships for each card, worked with the sponsors to select the photo image they wanted on the card as well as the wording. With the sponsorships and presold decks, his Special Projects Program fund was started before the cards were even delivered. In addition to being a thriving fund raiser, the playing cards are in and of themselves a history lesson featuring 55 unique photos and facts about the Sheridan County area.

CONTACT:

Nathan Doerr, Sheridan County Museum, 850 Sibley Circle, Sheridan, WY 82801, 307-675-1150

Sheridan County Historical Society – Judy Musgrave

Promotion of Museum Activities, Restoration, or Interpretation of Local Historic Sites

Nominated by the Laramie County Chapter

Wyoming National Guard Museum for *Establishing a Wyoming National Guard Museum in Cheyenne*

The Wyoming Militia Historical Society (WMHS) organized in 1987 and set a goal of establishing a museum. Since its inception, the WMHS has collected 10,000 items. On 1 July 2007, The Adjutant General declared the building at 624 Pershing in Cheyenne as a Wyoming National Guard Museum. Since that time, volunteers have collected needed furnishings and filled four rooms with National Guard uniforms, pictures, and equipment. The organizational meeting was held on 26

April 2008 with 35 interested people in attendance.

CONTACT:

Beverly Holmes, 1508 Hot Springs Ave., Cheyenne, WY 82001, 307-632-7566

Laramie County Historical Society – Bev Holmes

Honorable Mention

Nominated by the Star Valley Chapter

Ruth Peterson for her *Artifacts Identification Project*

During the last ten months, Ruth has spent 25 to 30 hours per week organizing and identifying artifacts in the Star Valley Historical Society Museum. She researched and verified dates the artifacts were used and personally contacted families who might have information about the artifacts. Ruth divided the artifacts into two inventories: those prior to 1900 were classified as Daughters of the Utah Pioneers artifacts and those after 1900 were classified as Star Valley Historical Society artifacts. The items are displayed together, but the inventories are kept separately.

CONTACT:

Ruth Peterson, 210 H Street, Afton, WY 83110

Star Valley Historical Society – Polly R. Erickson

Annual Services Award

Nominated by the Star Valley Chapter

Grace Marland and Mary Lisota for the many outstanding volunteer services they have provided this past year

Grace has been working for a number of years cataloguing the Star Valley Historical Society archival documents into the Past Perfect museum software currently located in a backroom of the Afton Town Hall. For each item, she determines what it is, who it came from, develops a description of the item, scans it when appropriate, and gives it a unique identification number.

Mary has been reviewing and cataloging all of the negatives from the Phil and Pepper Grosjean Collection representing their many years of photography in Star Valley. She just finished the task after identifying and listing 2,076 envelopes each containing numerous copies of a photo shoot.

The Archival Document Collection and the Photograph Collection are both valuable assets to the Star Valley Historical Society.

CONTACT:

Grace Marland, 327 E. 4th Ave., Afton, WY 83110

Mary Lisota P.O. Box 91, Afton, WY 83110

Star Valley Historical Society – Polly R. Erickson

Chapter Awards

Nominated by the Weston County Chapter

Weston County Chapter

The Weston County Historical Society hosted three book-signing programs and one other reception during the last year. Each of the programs provided Wyoming historical information for those interested members and other individuals who attended. The receptions also provided an opportunity for the speakers/authors to sign books and to sell books to interested people. Refreshments were served, oftentimes reflecting the topic presented.

The programs were Colleen Pollat, author of Secrets: The Tom Wagoner Story, Jack McDermott author of Circle of Fire: The Indian War of 1865; Mike Kuzara presenting the history of Kuzaraville, and Tom Rea author of Devil's Gate: Owning the Land, Owning the Story.

The Weston County Chapter anticipates hosting more programs in 2008-09 and is especially looking forward to a special program on women's historical issues in Wyoming in December honoring Wyoming Day which is December 10th.

CONTACT:

Mike Jording, P.O. Box 248, Newcastle, WY 82701

Weston County Chapter – Mike Jording

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

Nominated by the Sheridan County Chapter

Craig Ellis, Fourth Grade Teacher at Highland Park Elementary School in Sheridan

Each year Craig spends considerable time getting kids excited about Wyoming History. Students write to each of the counties in Wyoming requesting information. This information is then compiled into a Wyoming Notebook from which they research information about the history and culture of the regions. Using this notebook and other sources, students work in teams to plan a "Wyoming Vacation. Their trip must include historical and cultural sites. Students share this vacation with their classmates and parent guests at a reception.

In the spring and fall, Craig takes his students on field trips to the places in Wyoming they have learned about. Places such as Yellowstone Park, the Medicine Wheel, Ayers Rock Natural Bridge, Register Cliff, Oregon Trail Ruts, Independence Rock, Ames Monument, Fort Laramie, Devil's Tower, Vore Buffalo Jump, Sundance Museum, etc. In past years, he has also organized trips to the

Buffalo Bill Historical Center in Cody, the Wyoming Territorial Prison, and the Lincoln Monument.

Students leave Craig's class with a solid knowledge of the state in which they live and excited about sharing that knowledge with others.

CONTACT:

Craig Ellis, Highland Park Elementary School, 2 Mydland Rd., Sheridan, WY 82801

Sheridan County Historical Society – Judy Musgrave

Mabel Brown Cumulative Contribution Award

Nominated by the Weston County Chapter

Mary A. Capps for her many contributions to the Society throughout the years

Mary became a member of the Weston County Historical Society forty years ago and has served as president, treasurer, and awards chairperson. She avidly supports the society's activities and promotes them vigorously in all of her other organizations and clubs. She has been recognized locally for her contributions to the society.

Her work has reached the level of the Wyoming State Historical Society even though she has never served in a state office. Mary has contributed articles and material to the Annals of Wyoming, Museum News, and Bits and Pieces, detailing the history of Weston County, northeastern Wyoming, and the Black Hills.

A founding member of the Colorado-Wyoming Association of Museums (CWAM), Mary was the first director of the Anna Miller Museum when it had "no home" and has served many years on the Museum Board currently as president. She has focused on continuing museum improvements with her current focal point being plans to enlarge the museum with a capital improvement project totaling between 1.5 and 2 million dollars.

Among Mary's many accomplishments are development of a Northeast Wyoming Mobile History Lab in 1966 which traveled to rural and urban schools in Weston and Crook Counties and helping develop Mini-Museums in the schools – a portable in-a-trunk unit that could be taken into the classroom.

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Weston County Chapter – Mike Jording

L. C. Bishop Award

Nominated by the Star Valley Chapter

Jermy Wight for his work on the *Pacific Wagon Road Expedition – Field Book of The Fort Kearney, South Pass and Honey Lake Wagon Road Expedition – Central Division from Gilbert's Post to City of Rocks 1858*

The committee felt this project worthy of the L.C. Bishop Award. The nomination details the work done by Jermy Wight collecting, recording, and preparing for publication, material on a portion of the Oregon Trail over a span of many years.

This volume of the Lander Trail series covers a distance of 345.54 miles during the period of June 16, 1858, to September 15, 1858. The original files were microfilmed in 1934.

Through the years, Mr. Wight has led numerous treks over parts of this trail – from Historical Society members to Boy Scout troops. Because of his effort, it is not likely that the Trail or its story will be forgotten.

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Star Valley Historical Society – Polly R. Erickson

Henryetta Berry Memorial Award

No Nominations

Judge and Mrs. Percy W. Metz Memorial Award

Nominated by the Star Valley Chapter

Pepper and Phil Grosjean for their commitment to preserving Wyoming history for many years through their photography

In 1947, Pepper and Phil Grosjean started their photography business in Star Valley. They retired in 2006. For many of the intervening years, they were the primary if not the only photographers available. The subjects of their photos cover a very wide range from family pictures to photos of breaking news events. They took the yearbook pictures for the high school, covered sporting events, and graduations. They captured the natural beauty of the Valley and the changes in the landscape in their photos. Their collection also includes pictures of buildings that used to be in use but no longer exist. The Grosjeans have given the film negatives for their extensive anthology of sixty years to the Star Valley Historical Society.

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Star Valley Historical Society – Polly R. Erickson

The 2008 Historic Preservation Committee includes John Waggener (chair) of Laramie, Art Kidwell of Clark, and Amy Lawrence of Laramie. Many fine nomination packets were received and the committee

had a very difficult time determining the eventual recipients of each award.

Outstanding Preservation Project Award

Nominated by the Weston County Chapter

The committee has selected Upton History and Heritage Preservation, Inc. submitted by the Weston County Chapter as the recipient of the 2008 Outstanding Preservation Project award. The project included the preservation of many historic wagons and sleds from that area. These wagons will be additions to the ever-growing "Old Town", which also includes a collection of old buildings and other artifacts from the area.

In recognition of this fine project, Upton History and Heritage Preservation, Inc. has been awarded a monetary award, a plaque, and a copy of the Schweiring print.

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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Weston County Historical Society – Mike Jording

Maurine Carley Memorial Award

Nominated by the Fremont County Chapter

The committee has granted this award to the National Outdoor Leadership School for the Noble Hotel, which was nominated by the Fremont County Historical Society. Built in 1918, the Noble Hotel has been serving visitors coming to the scenic Lander area for more than 90 years. Currently the Noble is operated by the National Outdoor Leadership School, where NOLS students and faculty stay before they head into the nearby wilderness areas. The reconstruction began in 2005 and was recently completed after spending about 5 million for the project.

In recognition of this worthy project, the National Outdoor Leadership School has been awarded a monetary award, a plaque, and a copy of the Schweiring print.

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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