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Heard on the Historical Trail



The Albany County Historical Society enjoyed a talk by member Mac Blewer. Mac shared his research on the Heart Mountain Internment Camp barracks.

On April 28 the Wyoming Territorial prison and State Historic Site in Laramie will open its new exhibit "Science on the Range. Call 1-800-845-2287 for details.

Sheridan County/WSHS members Helen Laumann and Nathan Doerr recently presented a program about the tongue River Tie Flume to members of the big Horn City Historical Society. The pair has written a book titled "*Twenty Years of Timbermen: The Story of the Tongue River Tie Flume.*"

Congratulations to the Wyoming Pioneer Museum in Douglas who will soon be adding an expansion to their popular facility, just in time for the 100th anniversary of the Wyoming State Fair.

"Landscapes of Conrad Schwiering" will be on exhibit

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Foundation President Mike Jording Reports....

The Wyoming Historical Foundation continues to fulfill its goal to support the efforts of the Wyoming State Historical Society in its efforts to promote and preserve Wyoming history. Over the last year, the Foundation's Board of Directors planned a fundraising effort that included requests of support from the members of the Society, as well as requests from banking institutions that have supported our fundraising efforts in the past. Requests were also made to members of the Wyoming Bankers Association and to estate planners in Southeast Wyoming.

The results of the fundraising effort showed strong institutional support from the Sundance State Bank (\$2500) and the First State Bank of Newcastle (\$5000). A gift was also received from Wells Fargo Foundation. The rest of the donations were received from individual members of the Society and totaled over \$12,000 by years end. Many of those members included personal notes further supporting the efforts of the campaign.

We recognize that this successful fundraising effort rests predominantly on the personal relationships that have been developed through many years of friendship and service to others. The Society is a close-knit group of individuals accomplishing similar goals in different parts of the state. Those individuals meet collectively twice a year at the trek or the annual meeting, and it is from those common goals and meetings that the bonds of friendship and service have developed.

It is equally important that the Foundation and the Society recognize those individuals that live outside of Wyoming and who continue to support the efforts of this campaign. Many of those individuals have ties that bind them to Wyoming, either family ties or respect of Wyoming's history and lifestyle. We gratefully acknowledge our friends from Colorado, Nevada, Arizona, Maine, Missouri, New York, Ohio, California, and Massachusetts who have contributed since our last report in the Jan/Feb issue of Wyoming History News!

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The Society's mission is to educate, support and foster the study of Wyoming history.

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From the President. . .



Dear friends,

This month I want to share some wonderful news regarding Wyoming History Day (WHD). As you know, WHD is affiliated with National History Day (NHD). Several weeks ago, NHD received one of the prestigious National Humanities Medals sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities. NHD Director Cathy Gorn was at the White House to receive the award from President Obama.

The National Humanities Medal, begun in 1997, "honors individuals or groups whose work has deepened the nation's understanding of the humanities and broadened our citizens' engagement with the humanities." NHD is the first K-12 education program to receive the medal.

The citation for NHD read the program "inspires in American students a passion for history. Each year more than half a million children from across the country compete in this event, conducting research and producing websites, papers, performances, and documentaries to tell the human story." The National Medal of Art & Humanities Celebration can be viewed at www.WhiteHouse.gov/live and scrolling to the events of February 13, 2012.

As many of you know, Wyo-

oming has been part of the program since 1979, when Dave Kathka, then at Western Wyoming College, brought it to the state. The first state contest was held in the spring of 1980. The Wyoming State Historical Society has been a long time supporter of the program and thousands of Wyoming students in grades six through twelve have participated.

Members of the Society should be proud of our support for such a great program. Other sponsors of the contest are the American Heritage Center and the Wyoming Department of State Parks and Cultural Resources. I have been involved with WHD since 1982 and every year I am impressed by the hard work and dedication the students put forth in their research efforts. There is no doubt in my mind that WHD is one of the best ways for students to learn about history and how to do history. Students across Wyoming are preparing for the state level competition in Laramie on Monday, April 16th. For details visit www.wyshs.org and click on the link to Wyoming History Day.

On another note the Society's executive committee is meeting in Casper on March 10th. One item of discussion will be this year's Trek and Annual Meeting. While we have received an invitation from Carbon County for the annual meeting, there have been no invitations from chapters considering the Trek. Stay tuned for more details.

Rick

Thanks to the Newsletter Journal for sharing Elizabeth's picture for the story on page 3. The photo was taken by reporter Denice Piscioti.

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through May 6th at the Nicolaysen Art Museum in Casper. During the Wyoming statehood celebration the Society produced prints of Schwiering's "Autumn Magic" - each one signed by the five living governors. Those prints are still available by contacting Lucille Dumbrell at 746-2268.

The Goshen County Historical society enjoyed a program by Yvette Bachmeier, a seasonal employee at Fort Laramie National Historic Site. She shared information about women military camp followers...not all of whom were prostitutes as one might think. They were wives of soldiers, laundresses, housekeepers, nurses and yes...spies! The chapter also recently acquired "Autumn Magic" from the Society to use as a scholarship fundraiser. Tickets went on sale February 18th. For details call 532-3495.

Special congratulations to Weston County/WSHS member Elizabeth Goodart who was recently named Newcastle's "Person of the Year!"



Elizabeth is a very active member who the newspaper said is "blessed with a good heart!" Her colleagues and friends agree saying she is a great member and wonderful to work with.

The Fort Caspar Museum will host "In Pursuit of Equality" through March 24th. The exhibit tells the story of Nellie Tayloe Ross, Thyra Thomson and Elizabeth Byrd. For details call 235-8462.

Campbell County Historical Society members recently enjoyed a program "Tale of the LX Ranch." Mickey Shober and Clif Ritchie shared stories about the Kendrick ranch, including what is in store for the future of the ranch.

Congratulations to Park County Chapter/WSHS member Marilyn Schultz upon her recent retirement from the Park County Archives. Marilyn said her work there for the past eleven years was very rewarding, and she especially enjoyed meeting all the historians, authors and individuals who were working so hard to promote Wyoming's history.

Members of the Natrona County Historical Society recently enjoyed sharing their memories about the Blizzard of '49!

Joe V. Hickey and Brandon Jaggi were special guests at the Fort Bridger Historical Association's annual appreciation dinner. They spoke on the original Fort Bridger Military Reservation survey markers.

Congratulations to WSHS past president Sherry Taylor of Casper who recently retired after thirty-one years with the BLM. To celebrate she and Dave went on a 'retirement cruise' to the Panama Canal.

There is a very nice article in the Winter issue of "Wyoming Library RoundUp" titled "Wyoming's History and Writers." One of the stories features the Society's Wyo.History.org project! If you don't receive the RoundUp you can request it for free by contacting the Wyoming State Library at 777-6338 or e-mailing tina.lyles@wyo.gov.



The Exchange

Applications for the next round of Wyoming Cultural Trust Fund grants are due May 1. Visit the WCTF website or call Renee at 777-6312.

Certified Local Governments can apply for assistance to attend the Preserve Wyoming Conference in Pinedale, May 18-19. Call Nancy Weidel at 777-3418. Travel stipends are also available through the Society. Go to www.wyshs.org to download an application or email linda@dancewyoming.com.

Deadline for WSHS Award Nominations are April 30, 2012. The manual can be viewed or downloaded at www.wyshs.org. Members and non-members can be nominated, but nominations must come from a member and/or a chapter.

The Laramie Railroad Depot Association is looking for railroaders to interview about their days on the rails. For details contact Larry Ostresh at ostresh@uwyo.edu or call him at 742-7603. This project is funded by the Wyoming Humanities Council.

Interested in running for a seat on the WSHS Executive Committee. Contact linda@dancewyoming.com or 322-4237 for details.

The Transcontinental Railroad's Sesquicentennial celebration begins in July. For details contact Tracks Across Wyoming at 742-7763 or cagoldie@msn.com.

Deadline to apply for a CWAM Conference Scholarship is March 23. Call 733-5787 or email fbisbee@wildlifeart.org for details.

Wyoming History CALENDAR

March 10—Casper. Quarterly meeting of the WSHS Executive Committee. 10:00 a.m., Natl. Historic Trails Center.

March 23—Rawlins. Tracks Across Wyoming will host a luncheon meeting with a special presentation by the BLM. RSVP by calling 328-2099 or cagoldie@msn.com.

April 11—Deadline to apply for travel stipend to annual Preserve Wyoming Conference.

April 13—Cheyenne. National Stagecoach and Freight Wagon Association will host free open house at CFD Old West Museum. RSVP at 406-581-1154 or to aganooung@wildblue.net.

April 16—Laramie. Wyoming History Day state level contest.

April 27—Early Bird Registration for Preserve Wyoming Conference.

April 30—Deadline for WSHS Awards. View manual at www.wyshs.org or contact judy@musgravemt.com.

May 17-19—Preserve Wyoming Conference, Pinedale, Wyoming.

Of interest....

2012 is the 75th Anniversary of Wyoming State Parks & Historic Sites. Also the 100th anniversary of the Wyoming State Fair. 2013 is the 60th anniversary of the Wyoming State Historical Society!

Wyoming History News welcomes information about events of interest to the general membership and others. Information should be sent at least a month in advance and should reach the WHN editor by the 15th. Send items to Editor, Wyoming History News, P. O. Box 247, Wheatland, WY 82201.

(Continued from page 1) The Foundation's and Society's endowment fund is now two years old. The endowment fund is part of the Wyoming Community Foundation's investment in Wyoming. This effort has allowed distributions to be made to the Historical Foundation and the Society twice a year. The distributions have permitted the Society to accomplish some of its goals, and the Foundation has returned its distributions to the endowment principle.

Even though our expectations to raise \$100,000 over a two-year period have not been realized, we appreciate the fact that contributions have allowed us to reach nearly half of our goal. We sincerely appreciate your support and will continue to work on this fundraising effort throughout 2012.

THANK YOU Donors!

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- PP = Past President
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To contribute to the long-term endowment please send your contribution to Lucille Dumbrill, Treasurer, Wyoming Historical Foundation, 203 Grandview Drive, Newcastle, WY 82701.

Attention Authors and Historians....an organization in Casper is seeking an author to research and write a sequel to, or continuation of, a book written twenty-five years ago about a Wyoming entrepreneur and the businesses founded. Research will include solicitation of stories from current and past employees, retirees, and members of the entrepreneur’s family’s third generation. The main concept for the work might be the ten most important events in the businesses in the last twenty-five years. Please send a summary of your writing and other communication skills, along with a list of your previous publications (or questions) to seekingauthor@gmail.com by March 31, 2012.



Information about scholarships provided by the Platte County Historical Society and the Sweetwater County Historical Society can be received by contacting both organizations. For information about the scholarship and/or research grant offered by the Platte County chapter contact Don Kneeburg at 331-0881 or at trombone_76@hotmail.com. For details about the scholarship offered by the Sweetwater County chapter contact Helen Chadey at 362-2823 or via mail at 413 Fremont Avenue, Rock Springs, WY 82901.



Songwriter and composer Cecelia Otto is looking for music concert programs between the years of 1913 and 1935. Cece is composing a singing travelogue across the Lincoln Highway beginning in 2013. She’s trying to get a feel for songs that would have been performed during those years. So, if any of you chapters, museums or archives have any such collections please contact her by going to www.americansongline.net or search American Songline on Facebook. Be sure to tell her you heard about it here!

FOUNDATION NEEDS NEW LOOK. . .

The Wyoming Historical Foundation, the fundraising arm of the Wyoming State Historical Society, is in need of a new letterhead design. The Foundation board of directors invites those of you (members and non-members alike) who have an interest and the expertise to offer a design which may or may not include a logo. The board has agreed to provide \$200.00 to the winning entry. All entries will be judged on originality and must be sent electronically to linda@dancewyoming.com no later than March 30, 2012. The following criteria is suggested:

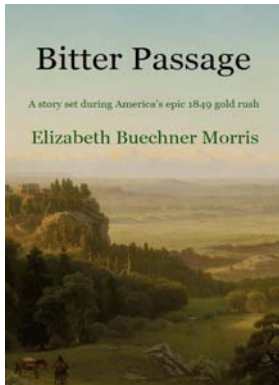
- Submissions must be sent in a .jpg format.
- Submissions should be at least 300 dpi
- Submissions must be suitable for both color and/or black and white
- You may submit more than one design which should fit a standard size paper (8.5 x 11.5)

Designs must be original with all rights of the winning submission provided to the Wyoming Historical Foundation and the Wyoming Historical Society. A committee made up of members of the Foundation will select the final design.

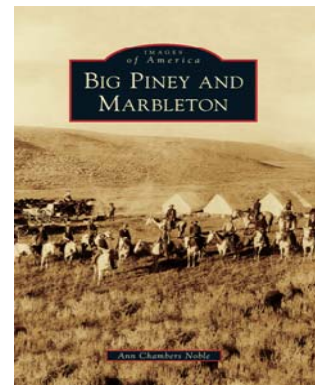
The Wyoming Historical Foundation was formed in 1967 and exists to raise money to assist in preserving, and protecting Wyoming’s heritage. Funds raised by the Foundation are used to support the projects of the Wyoming State Historical Society, a non-profit membership driven organization.

The Board of Directors of the Foundation is its governing body. Charter members were Ed Bille, Casper; Dr. T. A. Larson, Laramie; Tom Nicholas, Casper, Glen Sweem, Sheridan; Jim Harrower, Pinedale; Alice Messick, Douglas and Edness K. Wilkins, Casper. Current board members are Mike Jording, Newcastle; Lucille Dumbrill, Newcastle; VirJean Reynolds, Wheatland; Rick Ewig, Cheyenne; Robert Melonuk, Fort Laramie; Karla Toomer, Cokeville; Joe Fabian, Wheatland; Mary Garman, Sundance and Pinky Ellis, Casper.

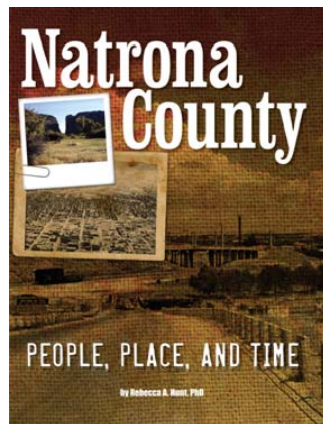
In the past the Foundation sponsored the Schwiering print project and the Dave Paulley History in Art project. The Foundation is currently involved in building an endowment designed to protect the long-term sustainability of the Wyoming State Historical Society which will celebrate its 60th anniversary in 2013.



“*Bitter Passage*” by WSHS member Elizabeth Morris opens on a rainy day in New York City during the bleak winter of 1849. Gold has been discovered in California and Americans respond predictably. Among the mob heading off in that epic American drama—the Gold rush—are Frida, Hermann and their three children. Frida is our guide on this hard-fought trip through the states and territories, by train and boat, but mostly by foot. This book is available at local booksellers or on Amazon. This is Elizabeth’s first book, but she is the author of many short stories and sailing articles.

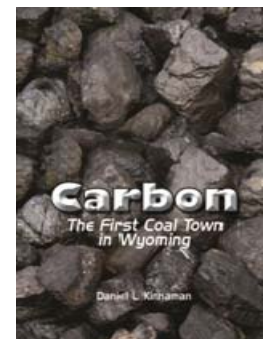


WSHS member and Casper native, Rebecca Hunt, announces the release of “*Natrona County: People, Place and Time.*” Published by the Donning Company this coffee table style book boasts 192 pages and almost 300 photographs. Coincidentally, Dr. Hunt is the niece of Frank Bowron, the Society’s very first president. Available from local booksellers, Hilltop National Bank, or by calling 303-480-0227.



WSHS member, author and historian Ann Noble proudly announces the release of “*Big Piney and Marbleton,*” published by Arcadia. Photographs in this book were drawn from the Green River valley Museum and from the family collections of long-time residents. Available at local booksellers or on Amazon.

WSHS member Daniel Kinnaman of Rawlins published “*CARBON: The First Coal Town in Wyoming.*” a history of the coal camp and the people who lived there. Available from Kinnaman Supply by calling 307-234-5460.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

(Note: Asterisk * denotes formerly At Large Member)

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Special thanks to the following
organization who gave to the Society's
project WyoHistory.Org:

Rocky Mountain Power Foundation

Congratulations to new member **Bud Alley** whose article titled "Sacrifices Not Forgotten" was recently published in Annals of Wyoming! Anyone interested in publishing a story should contact Rick Ewig at rewig@uwoyo.edu. Also to new member **Mike Krampner** who submitted his master thesis titled "The Lost Jews of Huntley, Wyoming" for Gratz College. Because it is not only a matter of Jewish history, but also Wyoming history, research copies are available at the Wyoming State Archives and the Homesteader Museum in Torrington.

IN MEMORY

Our sympathy goes out to the family of **Nadine Ketterling**, a member of the WSHS/Campbell County Historical Society since 2001. Nadine died in Gillette on January 9, 2012. She loved traveling to places to research her family history, and was instrumental in helping others find out more about their family history. She was a devoted volunteer at the Campbell County Public Library and president of the Campbell County Genealogy Society. She was preceded in death by her husband, Rupert, and is survived by her children and grandchildren. Memorials may be sent to the Campbell County Public Library to buy books for the genealogy department in her name.

Another loss in Campbell County was **Marcia Wright** of Wright, Wyoming. Marcia and her husband, Dale, have been At Large members of the Society since 1977 and have been very generous as Contributing Members. A Wyoming native, Marcia graduated from Natrona County High School in

1957. Marcia was a devoted librarian who believed in intellectual freedom and upholding the Library Bill of Rights. In 2003 she received the Wyoming Library Association's Intellectual Freedom Award and was very active on numerous committees, boards and councils. She loved to read, particularly Wyoming history. Our sincere thoughts and prayers go out to her husband Dale and daughter Nolene. Memorials may be sent to the Campbell County Library Foundation or the Wright Centennial Museum.

Editor's Note: So many times membership in the Wyoming Historical Society and/or its chapters is not mentioned in people's obituaries. Please let your family know about your membership and involvement in your local chapters. Also, if you know of a member who has died and they have not been recognized in the newsletter, please let me know at linda@dancewyoming.com. Thank you everyone.

Linda



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