

WYOMING STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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2023 Award Recipients

The Wyoming Historical Society recently held its 70th annual meeting in Cody, hosted by the Park County Historical Society. One of the highlights of the meeting is to recognize individuals and organizations who have developed a program, a book or a project that demonstrates significant contributions in preserving the state's history.

Jane Gebhart, chair of the Society's Awards Committee said interest in the history of Wyoming continues to increase each year. "With changing times, we have expanded the Awards program to recognize blogs, Facebook pages, and other electronic forms of celebrating history, in addition to the traditional awards for publications, fine arts, preservation, and youth activities." She added, "The Society's awards program opens many opportunities to recognize the efforts of others in promoting Wyoming's rich legacy." Following are award winners for 2023:

Publications: Non-Fiction Books

- 1st Place *Cora, Wyoming: A Brief History of a Western Rural Community* by Ann Chambers Noble, Cora, WY
- 2nd Place *Wyoming: The Paradox of Plenty, the Allure and Risk of a Mineral Economy* by David Freudenthal, Cheyenne.

Publications: Self-Published

- 1st Place *Territorial Days on the Laramie Plains* by Judy Knight, Jane Nelson and Kim Viner, Laramie, WY

Publications: Biography

- 1ST Place *Big Nose George: His Troublesome Trail* by Mark Miller, Laramie, WY

Publications: Fiction

- 1st Place *Bozeman Paymaster: A Tale of the Fetterman Massacre*, by Robert Murphy, Henderson, NV

Publications: Newsletters

- 1st Place *Rockpile Roundup*, a newsletter published by the Rockpile Museum Association, Gillette, WY

Publications: Magazines

1st Place *Phonograph Jones: Cody Country Legends* written by Amber Steinmetz, published by the Cody Enterprise, Cody, WY.

Publications: Pamphlets

1st Place *Cheyenne River History Middle Section Weston County* by the Weston County Historical Society, Newcastle, WY.

Publications: Brochure

1st Place *Explore the Oregon-California Trails in SW Wyoming* by Dennis and Donna Oden, Kemmerer, WY.

Publications: Calendars

1st Place *Sublette County Centennial Ranch Barns: 2023* by the Sublette County Centennial Commission, Pinedale, WY.

Tours

1st Place *Willow Springs Archaeological Tour* by Spencer Pelton, State Archaeologist, Laramie, WY.

Poetry

1st Place *Putting a Name on It* by Barbara Smith, Rock Springs, WY.

Audio/Visual (Amateur)

1st Place *Weston County Church Music and the Women who Played the Music* by Hannah Gross, Newcastle, WY.

Audio/Visual (Professional)

1st Place *The Battle of Red Buttes* by Candy Moulton, Encampment, WY.

Activities Award

1st Place *Upton Veteran Banner Project* by Jackie and Vivien Cowger, Upton, WY.

Chapter Award

1st Place *Digitization of George Butler Photographic Negatives* by the Weston County Historical Society, Newcastle, WY.

Fine Arts Award

1ST Place *A Sissy in Wyoming* by Gregory Hinton, Los Angeles, CA.

2nd Place *Hazel* by Kelsey McDonnell, Buffalo, WY.

Website

1st Place *Heart Mountain Bungei* by Heart Mountain Interpretive Center, Powell, WY.

Maurine Carley Historic Preservation Award

1st Place Daren Downs for renovating the Craig Chevrolet Garage, Newcastle.

Outstanding Historic Preservation Project

1st Place Barbara Townsend for her work in preserving two Atlantic City cemeteries, Atlantic City, WY.

Mabel Brown Cumulative Contribution Award

1st Place *Jackie Ellis, for her longstanding contributions and commitment to Wyoming and its history*, Casper, WY.

Judge and Mrs. Percy Metz Memorial Award

1st Place *Wyoming County Health Officers and Covid: An Oral History Project* by Dr. Mike Jording, Newcastle, WY and Dr. Rob Monger, Cheyenne, WY.

Maurine Carley Memorial Historic Preservation Awards

1st Place *2 E. Wentworth Street Home Restoration* by Ben and Nachele Roberts, Newcastle, WY.

Outstanding Historic Preservation Project

1st Place *Digitization of the Herbert Jr. Peck Collection* by Liz Barrett, Newcastle, WY.

Collegiate Historian Award

1st Place *Reclaiming Indigenous Narratives in Public and Private Spaces* by Eric Bennett, Fort Washakie, WY.

Young Historian, Grades 3-5

- 1st Place *Buffalo Jump* by Laura Lipp, Newcastle, WY.
- 2nd Place *My Indian Village* by Kinsley Mullen, Newcastle, WY.
- 3rd Place *Wyoming Indian History* by Maizy Owens, Newcastle, WY.

Young Historian, Grades 6-8

- 1st Place *Honor Those Who Endured Hardships* by Chaizley Williams and Andrea Fox, Wheatland, WY.

Junior Activities, Grades 3-5

- 1st Place *The Wyoming Buffalo Jumps* by Tyler Rhoades, Newcastle, WY.
- 2nd Place *Native American Clothing* by Cameo Hurtado, Newcastle, WY.
- 3rd Place *Learning Why...* by McCall Benson, Newcastle, WY.

Junior Activities, Grades 6-8

- 1st Place *Laramie Plains Museum Docent*, Jackson Crain, Laramie, WY.
- 2nd Place *Fort Bridger State Historic Site Docent*, Kit Tait, Fort Bridger, WY.
- 3rd Place *Wyoming Women Pave the Way for Change* by Paige Mills and William Bowen, Newcastle, WY.

Junior Activities, Grades 9-12

- 1st Place *Fort Bridger State Historic Site Docent*, Lindsay Tait, Fort Bridger, WY.
- 2nd Place *Community Service: Veterans Day Assembly* by Reece Riehemann, Adison Gustaf and Karstyn Garcia, Upon, WY.

Each year the Society seeks nominations that reflect outstanding work in preserving and interpreting Wyoming history. Awards are divided into seven main category groups, each with its own criteria. An Awards Manual can be found online at www.wyshs.org, or contact Society headquarters at 307-322-3014 or executive_director@wyshs.org. Nominations for books, activities, etc. must have been published and/or accomplished for the award season of January 1 to December 31, 2023. Nominations must be received by April 30, 2024, and winners will be announced in September, 2024.

