

WYOMING STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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2021 Award Recipients

The Wyoming State Historical Society recognizes individuals and organizations in the field of Wyoming history by an annual awards program. The awards are presented each year at the annual meeting of the Society on the Saturday following Labor Day; this year the convention was hosted by the Campbell County Historical Society in Gillette. Nominations are submitted through the local and county chapters of the Society, individuals who are members of the Society may also make nominations, and self-nominations are encouraged.

The Society seeks nominations that reflect outstanding work in preserving and interpreting Wyoming history. Awards are divided into seven main category groups. An Awards Manual can be found online at www.wyshs.org, or by contacting Society headquarters at 307-322-3014 or linda@wyshs.org. Nomination deadlines must be received by April 30th of each year.

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, renovation 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 2021:

Publications: Non-Fiction Books

- 1st Place *Homesteading and Ranching in the Upper Green River Valley* by Ann Chambers Noble from Cora, WY and Jonita Sommers from Pinedale.
- 2nd Place *Wyoming's Friendly Skies: Training America's First Stewardesses.* by Starley Talbot and Michael Kassel, Cheyenne.

Publications: Self-Published

- 1st Place *Jackson Hole's Buried History: The Funerary Landscape Unearthed* by Earle Layser, Alta, Idaho.

Publications: Biography

- 1st Place *George W. T. Beck: Beckoning Frontiers – The Memoir of a Wyoming Entrepreneur* by Lynn Houze and Jeremy M. Johnston, Cody.

Publications: Reference

- 1st Place *Buckhorn Wyoming: Cold Springs Creek Valley* by Maxine Kaul, Gillette.

Publications: Fiction

1st Place *Great Lonesome* by John Nesbitt, Torrington.

HM *A Far Place* by Karen Schutte, Windsor CO.

Publications: Newsletters

1st Place *Rockpile Roundup* by the Rockpile Museums Association, Gillette.

Publications: Magazine Articles and Newspapers

1st Place *Laramie 1868-2020* published by the Laramie Boomerang, Laramie.

Publications: Calendars

1st Place *2021 Calendar of Star Valley History* by Judy Erickson, Afton.

Audio/Visual Tours

1st Place Trail's End Virtual Tour: Four Parts by Sharie Shada, Sheridan.

Tours

1st Place *Straddling the Divide* by Christy Stocks and Lela Emmons, Baggs.

Websites

1st Place American Heritage Center Virtual Exhibits by Hanna Fox, Laramie.

Activities Award

1st Place Kane Historic Walking Path by the Lovell-Kane Area Museum.

Judge and Mrs. Percy Metz Memorial Award

1st Place Barbara A. Bogart for her excellent work in capturing oral histories, Laramie.

Henryetta Berry Award

1st Place Sharie Shada for her excellent work in encouraging history in young people, Sheridan.

L.C. Bishop Award

1st Place Linda Hunt, Newcastle, for the Interpretation and Marking of Stampede Street Stock Trail.

Junior Activities, Grades 6-8

1st Place Wyatt Marshall, Upton for the Sioux Treaty and the Trail of Broken Promises, Upton.

Junior Activities, Grades 9-12

1st Place Henry Dickinson, Trail End State Historic Site Volunteer, Sheridan.

2nd Place Hannah Gross, History of Main Street, Newcastle.

3rd Place Gracen Mount for creating research, conducting oral histories, and developing QR Codes of buildings in historic downtown Wheatland.

The Society is a non-profit membership driven organization whose purpose is to support the study of Wyoming history, and to ensure that Wyoming's past remains accessible to present and future generations. To learn more about the Society's broad award categories contact linda@wyshs.org.