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Heard on the Historical Trail



Fort Laramie will host a special event over Father's Day weekend (June 18-19) to tell the story of the Western Fur Trade. Get connected to your history by enjoying this living history weekend. For details call Eric Valencia at 837-2221 or via e-mail to Eric_valencia@nps.gov. This is the year to celebrate our national parks!

"A History of the Town of Mills, Wyoming" was the topic of interest for members of the Natrona County Historical Society recently. Author and former town planner for Mills, Steve Kurtz, was the presenter.

The Crook County Museum District recently held its 7th annual Old Stoney art auction. Proceeds benefit preservation efforts of the school.

Special thanks to those chapters who donate funds to help Wyoming students go to the National History Day competition. They couldn't do it without you.

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2017 Calendar of Wyoming History

For more years than we can remember the Calendar of Wyoming History has been a favorite to many. Utilizing beautiful historic images that gives one a glimpse into everyday life in Wyoming, the calendar is a great reminder of what once was. Layout and design was provided by

Amanda Tethrow at the American Heritage Center, under the direction of calendar editor **Rick Ewig**. The calendar is one of the Society's most successful fundraiser. Chapters utilize it to boost their local coffers, and vendors from around the state sell it to their customers.

This painting, by artist Dave Paulley, depicts daredevil George Hopkins' descent onto America's first national monument. The thirty-year old from Rapid City sprained his ankle upon landing making it impossible for him to finalize his climb down. He was up there for six days and five nights before being rescued.

Throughout the calendar you will find more images that fea-



tures several of Wyoming's important industries such as tourism, agriculture and energy. Various aspects of Wyoming's educational system are included, as well as a number of early businesses. The calendar sells out fast. You can order yours now by contacting the WSHS at 322-3014 or preferably via e-mail to linda@wyshs.org.

Chapters and bookstores around the state are invited to purchase the calendar for resale. Again, please contact Society headquarters.

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From the President...



Summer greetings!

I love traveling across our wonderful state and I have done that three times during April

and May! It warms my heart to see travelers stopping to read our historical markers and visiting our cultural institutions. This year, there is water in places that have been dry for years and the rivers and streams are full and overflowing. While some of this travel was personal, one trip was to attend the Colorado-Wyoming Association of Museums annual conference in Casper.

This was a great opportunity for me to visit some of our Casper area museums: Wyoming Veterans Memorial Museum, the Nicolaysen Art Museum, the National Historic Trails Interpretive Center, the Werner Wildlife Museum, and the Tate Geological Museum. Such incredible examples of our cultural heritage! WSHS member **Tom Rea** gave a great presentation on the Society's online encyclopedia, WyoHistory.org, and fielded questions about how he manages to keep this resource going. In the course of the presentation he also mentioned our newest program, Wyoming's Top Ten Artifacts! Thanks for the shout-out Tom! I am hoping that everyone is making sure that they vote for their favorite ten artifacts (see page 4).

One of the most interesting sessions was about online re-

sources that are available to non-profits. I was not aware that "Google for Non-profits" was such a rich source of support that all of our nonprofits should take a look at. There is a vast array of technology buried here that could really help some of the nonprofits in their daily operations. I was particularly interested in the online exhibits as well as the forms and will be recommending we look at this for the Society.

There are many activities going on across Wyoming this summer and it is impossible to relate all of those in this forum. Last month I mentioned the 2016 Historic Preservation Month Poster and the 125th anniversary of the Lake Yellowstone Hotel. I was able to attend the public celebration on Friday, May 13. While it was snowing in Cody, the sun was shining and it was the perfect day at the Lake. There were quite a few in attendance as the National Historic Landmark plaque was unveiled. The Lake Hotel posters were quite popular. These will be available at both the Trek and Annual Meeting (or to order one see page 5). A fourth celebration was overlooked, 2016 is also the centennial of motorized vehicle travel in Yellowstone!

It is not too early to start thinking about the ways in which you can become involved in the business side of the Society. If you are interested in serving on the board or on a committee, please feel free to contact me or Linda at linda@wyshs.org. I am looking forward to seeing you in Wheatland for the trek!

Tamsen

(Heard on the Trail continued from page 1)

Congratulations to WSHS/Fort Bridger Historical Association member, **Linda Byers**, upon her retirement. For more than thirty years you could find her “holding down the fort” as superintendent of Fort Bridger. She was celebrated at a retirement party hosted by the chapter on May 21st.

In other retirement news WSHS/Albany County Historical Society member **Rick Ewig** will retire from the American Heritage Center on June 30th. Rick will continue as editor of *Annals of Wyoming*.

WSHS/Albany County Historical Society member **Andrea Graham** enjoyed participating in the Slater Women’s Club recent 80th anniversary celebration. Andrea has been researching community halls, and in particular enjoyed interviewing long-time members of the Slater Women’s Club which remains active today.

Congratulations to members of the **Albany County Historical Society** who recently raised more than \$500 for a local history project.

WSHS member **Sam Mihara** continues to present his program about Heart Mountain to communities across Wyoming. If you’re interested contact him at 714-813-6291 or smihara@socal.rr.com.

The **Sheridan County Museum & Historical Society** has new exhibits on the Bozeman Trail, Archaeology of the Big-horns, and Dude Ranching and Mountain Resorts. For information about their hours visit their website.

Members of the **Hot Springs County Historical Society** enjoyed a program about gardening “Then and Now,” by Cindy Toth.

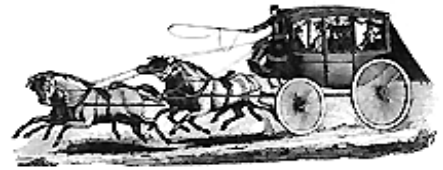
The **Western County Historical Society**, among others, will host a dedication ceremony of Cabin Number Three at Mallo Camp on June 14th at 10:00 a.m. Cabin Number Three is the oldest cabin in the camp, and has been preserved by the Western County Historic Preservation Board. For details contact WSHS/Western County Historical Society member **Clara Vamer** at wyo-gram@hotmail.com.



The Crook County Museum will be hosting guided living history tours of Sundance through the first week of July and running through the end of August. For details contact Dorothy Greenwood at 367-1665.

Special thanks to the Wyoming Humanities Council for a grant that will allow us to explore “Reporting on Equality in the Equality State: Wyoming’s Journalistic Past.” The project is under the auspices of WyoHistory.Org, the Society’s on-line encyclopedia administered by WSHS member **Tom Rea**.

Bios will soon be out for those individuals agreeing to run for a position on the Executive Committee. Thanks to **Steve Roberts**, **Trey Sherwood** and **Jonita Sommers** for tossing their hats into the ring.



THE EXCHANGE

GRANTS AVAILABLE:

The Wyoming State Historical Records Advisory Board (SHRAB) announces its June 30th deadline to submit grant applications. Grants up to \$2,500 are available to organizations and institutions whose mission is to care for historical paper, audio/visual or digital and/or digitized records. All projects must relate to SHRAB’s mission to identify, preserve and provide access to historical records. Grant guidelines are available on the SHRAB website, or by contacting **Mike Strom** via e-mail to michael.strom@wyo.gov.

JOIN THE PARTY: Be a part of the National Park Service Centennial with the National Park Foundation’s “Find Your Park” campaign. Read and share your favorite park stories, photos and more at findyourpark.com.

2017 CALENDAR OF WYOMING HISTORY:

Available to vendors, chapters and individuals. For ordering details contact Society headquarters via linda@wyshs.org.



Wyoming History CALENDAR

June 10. Wheatland. Trek, sponsored by Platte County Historical Society.

June 12. Encampment. Michael Martin Murphy concert on behalf of the Battle Pass Scenic Byway. Call 326-7822 for details.

June 14. Newcastle. Mallo Camp dedication. For details e-mail wyogram@hotmail.com.

June 18-19. Fort Laramie. Learn about the western fur trade. Call 837-2221 for details.

June 21-25. Cheyenne. Western Writers of America. For details contact wwa.moulton@gmail.com.

June 22. Torrington. "Meet the Authors" who work to preserve our western heritage. For details call 532-8323 or 532-8213.

June 30. Cheyenne. Deadline to apply for SHRAB grant (see page 3 for details).

July 4. Douglas. Plan now to celebrate Fort Fetterman Days. For details call 358-322-9269.

July 15. Cheyenne. Deadline to apply for the 2016 Centennial Farm and Ranch Award. For details call SHPO at 777-3418.

July 15. Deadline to vote for your favorite 2016 artifact! See story below.

July 27-31. Mobile, Alabama. Hip, Happening, Historic Preservation@50. For details visit the Natl. Alliance of Preservation Commissions website.

July 28-31. Casper. Annual meeting of the Petroleum History Institute. For more details e-mail Matt Silverman at msilverman@bayless-cos.com.

August 2-3. Cheyenne. 2016 Wyoming Nonprofit Conference hosted by the Wyoming Community Foundation. To register call Kate at 721-8300.

September 9-10. Buffalo. WSHS Annual Meeting. Details to follow.

Note: Area Code for all Wyoming phone numbers is 307

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.

VOTE NOW FOR YOUR FAVORITE 2016 ARTIFACT

The Wyoming State Historical Society, in partnership with the University of Wyoming Libraries, invites everyone to participate in selecting "Wyoming's Top Ten Most Significant Artifacts" for 2016. Submissions received from libraries, museums, historical societies and other institutions, were reviewed by a panel of independent judges to determine the top twenty-five. The public now has the opportunity to vote on the top ten. **Voting ends on July 15th.**

Society president, Tamsen Hert, noted that the program was created last year in celebration of the state's 125th anniversary. "It was so popular among everyone, including students, that it was agreed to continue the program." She added, "This year we received more than forty submissions, each one representing an important aspect of Wyoming's history." Tamsen added that this program draws attention to the state's cultural heritage and also to the institutions that bring that heritage to the public's attention. We also hope that educators around the state will encourage students to vote.

Top Ten voting begins immediately, with winners being announced in September at the Society's annual meeting. Voting ends on July 15th so vote NOW! All ages are encouraged to vote. Votes must be submitted electronically by going to the Society's website and clicking on the link "What's New," and then following the tab for 2016 voting. The link is:

<http://www.wyominglibraries.org/voting-is-open-for-wyomings-most-significant-artifacts-2016/>.

You can also e-mail Society headquarters at linda@wyshs.org, or call 322-3014 for details.

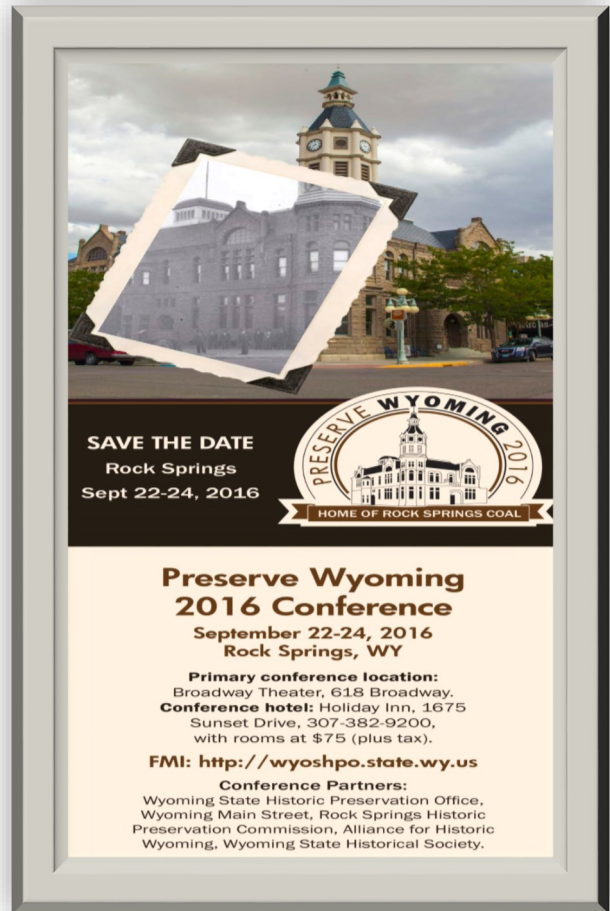
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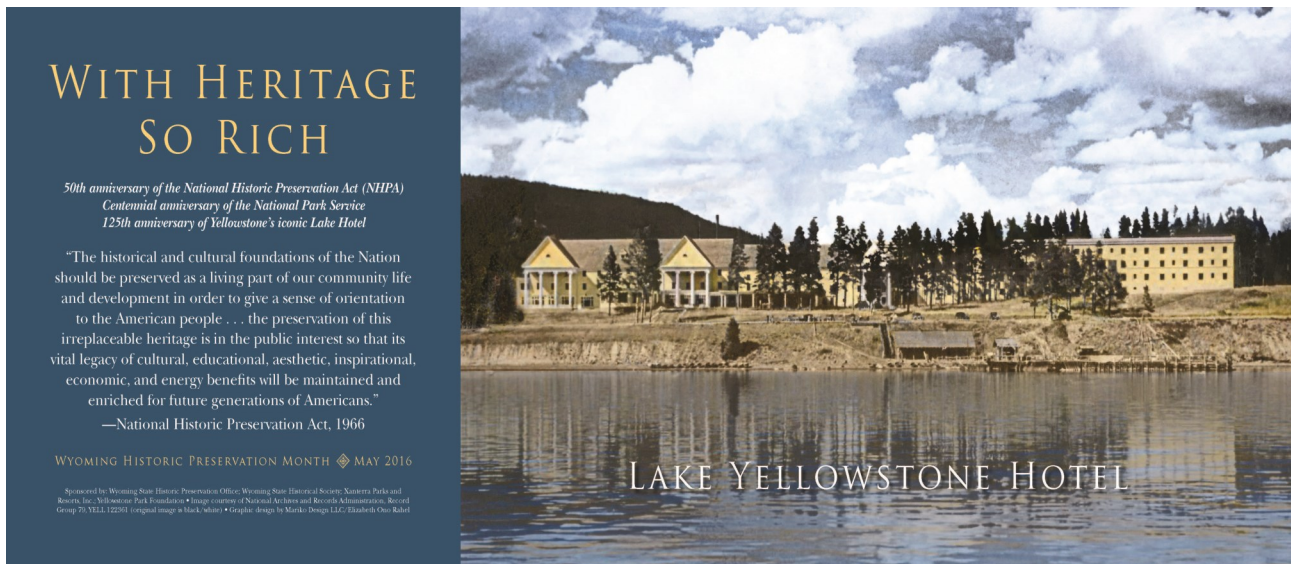
Jerry Thill, Long Beach, CA
Robert Lee Murphy, Henderson, NV
Waldemar Alvarez, Plano, IL

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Have you moved recently? Please alert the Society
to your new address.

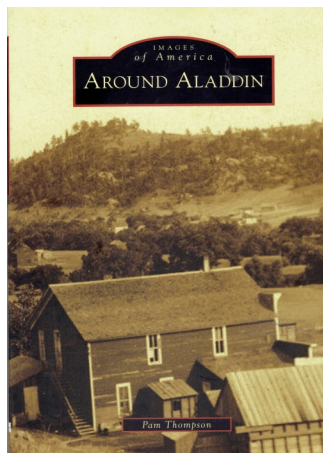


The 2016 Historic Preservation Month Poster, featuring the historic Lake Yellowstone Hotel, is available by sending \$12.00 payable to “Wyoming SHPO” and mailing it along with your name and address to Judy Wolf, SHPO, Dept. 3431, 1000 E. University Avenue, Laramie, WY 82071.



On the book shelf....

Congratulations to WSHS/Crook County Historical Society member **Pam Thompson** on the release of "Around Aladdin." Located in the far northeast corner of Wyoming, Aladdin is surrounded by vast plains of waving grass, wooded mountains and rolling hills.



Coal mining brought the early families to the area and has since formed the histories and memories of the people who came and worked to build farms and ranches. Descendants of many of the original settlers still reside in the community, working and raising their families. "Around Aladdin" contains the stories, memories and pictures of

those that came to make this part of Wyoming a place to call home. The book is available at your local bookstore.

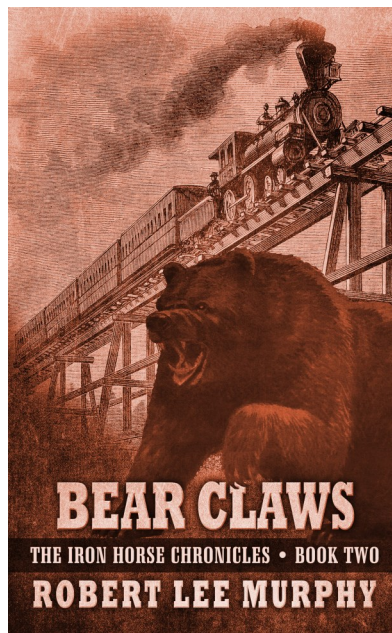
"North of Cody to the Monument Hill Community," by our dearly departed **Mary Nielsen**, has been a labor of love for her family. Mary's family settled in Monument Hill in 1915. She relished in the life where she grew up. Her booklet reflects the history of the area, and includes priceless first-person information that will be



valuable to historians for years to come. Mary served the Society and the Park County chapter in many capacities. In 1988 she was named President of the Wyoming State Historical Society. Mary died in 2012 and her children are thrilled to be able to present her book. Copies of the book will soon

be available from the Park County Historical Society. For details contact **Lynn Houze** at ljhcody@tctwest.net.

The cover image (bottom left) is of the Jensen children off to school. Mary is the little girl standing behind the bush wishing she was old enough to join them.



"Bear Claws: The Iron Horse Chronicles" by WSHS member **Robert Murphy** is a story about fifteen-year old Will Braddock who worked as a hunter for his uncle's survey team in 1868, and the challenges they faced as the transcontinental railroad crossed the Rocky Mountain West. Robert is an award winning author currently living in Henderson, Ne-

vada. Following college he served in the US Army for seven years. For the next thirty-six years he pursued a business career that involved working with national and international institutions on all seven continents, including Antarctica, where Murphy Peak bears his name in recognition of his contributions in supporting polar science. This book can be purchased at your local bookstore or on Amazon.

Editor's Note:

The Awards Committee reviews all nominations and recipients are announced at the Society's annual meeting in September. Letters will be sent to nominees the latter part of July letting you know if your nomination was accepted for an award. We hope you will make every attempt to join us in Buffalo for the awards ceremony on Saturday, September 9th.

The Award Committee is Jessica Clark, Chair, Rock Springs; Ruth Lauritzen, Green River; Jane Gebhart, Gillette; and Cindy Brown, Cheyenne.

Western Writers of America invites you....

In conjunction with the 63rd Annual Conference of Western Writers, you're all invited to an event at Eastern Wyoming College in Torrington on Wednesday, June 22 from 10 a.m. to Noon. You will have a chance to meet a host of professional writers, including fiction writers, non-fiction writers, historians, poets, musicians, people from the film and publishing industry who will have promotional book copies and other materials to give away. There is no charge to attend.

If you would like to attend the luncheon (\$10.00), then pre-reservations are required by calling 532-8323 or 532-8213 The lunch program will feature two speakers discussing the value of the preservation of western and cultural heritage.

Welcome Bridget Burke

The Society welcomes the new director of the American Heritage Center, Bridget Burke who begins her tenure as director on June 13th.

Bridge comes to Wyoming from North Dakota State University where she has been the Dean of Libraries. She said, "I'm delighted to be joining the University of Wyoming community at a time when opportunities for collaboration are especially rich."

The Society and the AHC have a long personal history of collaboration and we're looking forward to working with Bridget.



To be held June 13-17 in Casper

Casper Future Historians Summer Camp

Presented by

Wyoming Veterans Memorial Museum, Fort Caspar Museum, National Historic Trails Interpretive Center and the Casper College Western History Center



Could you survive contemporary threats at the Casper/Natrona County International Airport? How about completing training on a B-24 bomber during WWII? Would you go AWOL as a member of the 11th Ohio Cavalry at Fort Caspar? Or, survive the arduous trek on the Overland Trails to the West? Are you cut out to be a Mountain Man?

Students in the Future Historian Summer Camp will learn all about these facets of history and what it took to survive them through instruction, research and field trips to various historic venues.

Space in the camp is limited to 15 students on a first come basis. The price of the camp is \$50.00, which includes all transportation, reading materials and snacks/drinks. Students will be responsible for providing their own sack lunches.

To register, or for more information, please contact:

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IN MEMORY...

Condolences to the family of WSHS/Sheridan County Historical Society member **Virginia (Jin) Patton**. Jin died on April 20th. Jin was an active member of her community, a faithful and loving wife, and mother to her children. She was known for her serious organizational skills, and her passion for the game of Bridge.

Also to the family of **Gary Lynne Gold**, a member of the WSHS/Sheridan County Historical Society who died on May 21st. Gary was an active volunteer for Habitat for Humanity, and enjoyed serving on the Sheridan Memorial Hospital Foundation board. She was also a member of PEO. Gary will be missed for her kind and gentle ways, and someone who touched the hearts and souls of people everywhere.

