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## Heard on the Historical Trail



Orders can be placed now for the 2023 Calendar of Wyoming History. The popular calendar has been published by the Society since the early 1980s, in cooperation with the Department of State Parks & Cultural Resources, and the American Heritage Center. This year's editor, WSHS member **John Waggener** said the images and tidbits in the calendar represent a broad look at Wyoming's past. To order contact Society headquarters via email to [linda@wyshs.org](mailto:linda@wyshs.org), or 307-322-3014. Calendars are available to individuals and vendors alike.

The Society recently donated multiple copies of *Wyoming: A Pictorial History* to the Wyoming Rodeo Association. The book was originally published in 1989, with a second edition published in 2004. If you know of an organization looking for donations to a good cause contact Society headquarters at [linda@wyshs.org](mailto:linda@wyshs.org).

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## RESEARCH GRANT RECIPIENTS ANNOUNCED

**Vickie Zimmer**, chair of the Wyoming State Historical Society's Homsher Committee, announces the three recipients of research grants for 2022. They are:

**Chad Seifried**, a professor at Louisiana State University and Associate Editor of *Journal of Management History*, and Editor Emeritus for the *Journal of Issues in Intercollegiate Athletics*, received a grant for his project titled *The Modernization of College Football Stadia at the University of Wyoming*.

**Lea Schoenewald**, an author and historian from Thermopolis, received a grant for her project titled *The Story of Coal in Gebo, Crosby, and Kirby, Wyoming*.

**Cate Loetscher**, an author and historian from Recluse, received a grant for her project titled *Ranch Women of the Powder River Breaks*.

The committee recognizes amateur and professional historians through these grants that support the Society's mission to make Wyoming's past accessible to present and future generations. Zimmer said, "Creating opportunities for original re-

search is a mainstay of the Homsher Grant program."

Grant monies are drawn from a fund established by the late Lola Homsher, a noted historian and state archivist. One of Homsher's most significant contributions to preserve Wyoming history came when she spearheaded establishing the Wyoming State Historical Society in 1953. After her retirement Miss Homsher made a major donation to the Society that has been used as an endowment to help fund Society programs.

Members of the Homsher Committee are **Vickie Zimmer**, Torrington; **Patty Kessler**, Laramie, and **Brigida Blasi**, Laramie. Applications and rules for Homsher Research Grants can be obtained by visiting the [www.wyshs.org](http://www.wyshs.org), and then by selecting "Homsher Endowment."

Please contact the Society at 307-322-3014 or email [linda@wyshs.org](mailto:linda@wyshs.org) for more information. Electronic proposals are due February 28, 2023.

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**From the  
President. . .**

around the corner is early summer, and what does that mean to history lovers? Why, the WSHS trek of course. Last I heard we have more than 100 trekkers registered for this year's Trek, hosted by the Fremont County Historical Society. Although I've been a Wyoming resident for more than 20 years, there are still many parts of Fremont County I have yet to see.

I'm pleased to make an introduction to the WSHS Executive Committee in this month's column, and offer a hearty thank you as well. **John Shields** recently resigned as out-of-state at-large member, because he's no longer out of state. He's returned to Wyoming. John, we're happy to have you back in the fold. Thank you for your great service on the committee for the past four years. It is exciting to announce that **Bud Alley** will serve out John's term as our out-of-state committee member. As Bud is a native of Greenville, South Carolina, I was curious about his interest in the WSHS and service on the Executive Committee. I asked him, and here is his reply (edited for length):

"I grew up loving the West from movies, comics, and history books. In 1965, I was assigned to the 7th Cavalry, and on 17 November 1965 I lived through a battle during the Vi-

etnam War where we lost 155 men one day, with 134 of us wounded. Memorial Day weekend in 2007 four of us who survived that day came West for the first time to learn about the 7th Cavalry and the Battle of the Little Bighorn in Montana. During that trip I had just started my history grad program, and fell in love with Wyoming country."

Bud added that in 2016, he spent six weeks traveling the state, promoting his book *The Ghosts of the Green Grass*, making presentations, and seeing Wyoming's rugged beauty. It was then that he attended a state historical meeting, and met WSHS executive secretary Linda Fabian, past president Doug Cubbison, and others.

What struck me about his reply is not only his brave war service, but the ability of Wyoming's beauty and history to capture one's heart in unforeseen ways, no matter one's point of origin. And that it was due to meeting friendly and welcoming WSHS members like Linda, Doug, and others that led him to join the Society. I'd like to welcome Bud as a new member of the Executive Committee, and say that we're honored he accepted the position. And thanks again for John's service on the committee.

In next month's column, I will talk about the "State of the WSHS," and the importance of member involvement.

*Leslie*



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**WyoGivesDay**, a one-day celebration of giving to nonprofits across Wyoming, and initiated by the Wyoming Nonprofit Network, will kick-off on Wednesday, July 13th. This 24-hour marathon of giving encourages gifts to not only the **Wyoming Historical Foundation**, but to those many other nonprofits that are near and dear to you. For more details you can email [info@wynonprofit.org](mailto:info@wynonprofit.org).

Special thanks to each of the Society's chapters for hosting such wonderful programs throughout the year. Most chapters take a break in June-July-August and will resume regular programming in September. The Society's Executive Committee is developing a Speakers List to help chapters find presenters who are willing to give programs either in person or via Zoom. The goal is to have it on the website by this fall, but, if you need ideas for programs don't hesitate to contact Society headquarters. On another note, please don't forget to let Society headquarters know when you change officers.

The city of Cheyenne is working to create sculptures of individuals significant to Wyoming history. The Capitol Avenue Bronze Project will feature 28 sculptures in all. The Society is thrilled to hear that one of the sculptures will be of Therese Jenkins, a leader in the women's suffrage effort, and a speaker at the Statehood Ceremony in 1890. For more details visit <https://capitolavenuebronze.org/>. Coincidentally, Therese is the great-grandmother of WSHS member **Paula Qualls** of Cheyenne.

Have you pre-registered for the Trek? If so you can pick up your packet beginning at noon on Friday at the Pioneer Museum, 1443

W. Main, Lander. Special thanks to members of the Fremont County Historical Society for all their hard work preparing for the event. Also to the Wind River Visitors Council for their support of this event.

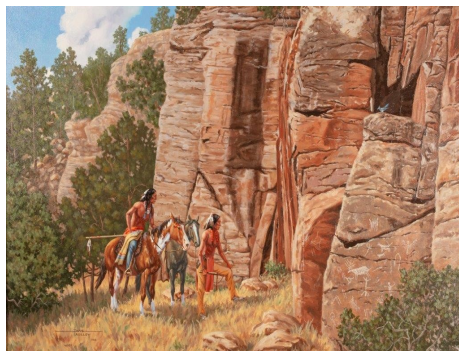
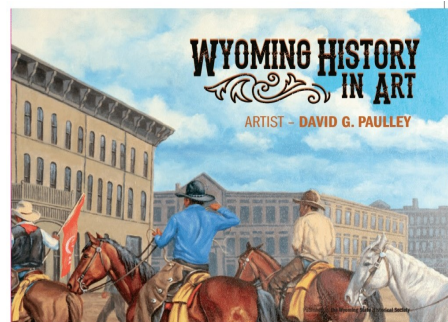
The **Converse County Historical Society** is planning a lot of activities for Fort Fetterman Days on June 24th and 25th in Douglas. On Friday there will be a kite festival, then that evening actors will re-enact what it was like to live at the Fort over the course of its history. Saturday will include a 5K run, free breakfast, wagon rides, cemetery tours, free ice-cream, and living history programs. Fort Fetterman State Historic Site is located at Exit 140, off Interstate 25 at Douglas. For more details email [heidih02202@yahoo.com](mailto:heidih02202@yahoo.com).

The Wyoming Digital Archives has exceeded five million documents uploaded, or more specifically, the digital archives as 5,619,318 documents and is growing every day. In 2010, the Wyoming State Archives and Wyoming Legislature began the search for a solution to the expense of physical storage, need to increase accessibility and searchability of records, and best practices. This led to the Wyoming Digital Archives to preserve and manage digital and digitized records that tell the story of Wyoming's government and its people. The State Archives added its first document to the digital archives in late 2013. For details contact the State Archives at 307-777-7036.

WSHS Past President, **Mike Jording**, presented a program to 4th graders at West Elementary School in Wheatland recently. Through a variety of activities, photographs and discussion he shared ideas about the many ways to learn Wyoming's history. Mike

authored the book *A Few Interested Residents: Wyoming's Monuments and Markers*.

Last fall the Society published *Wyoming History in Art*, featuring the artwork of the late **David Paulley**, with historical narratives by **Jeremy Johnston**. The Society is excited to announce that prints of the paintings are now available for purchase. There are more than 30 paintings in all, each one featuring an event in Wyoming's history. If you are interested in purchasing the book and/or a print, please contact Society headquarters at [linda@wysys.org](mailto:linda@wysys.org) or 307-322-3014.



At the Annual Meeting in September, the Bylaws Committee will recommend termination of the Collections Committee because it no longer serves any useful purpose. This advance notice is in fulfillment of the Society's Bylaws, available upon request.

## Wyoming History Calendar

**June 4—Sundance.** 12th Annual Old Stoney Art Auction beginning at 5 p.m. Tickets at the door.

**June 5-8. Bozeman, MT.** “Collecting Yellowstone Conference.” Register now at <https://collectingyellowstone.com>.

**June 10-Fremont County** Annual Historical Society Trek. Details at [www.wyshs.org](http://www.wyshs.org). Sponsored in part by Wyoming’s Wind River Country.

**June 18-Laramie.** ACHS Field Day @ Willow Springs Campsite, an active archeological dig site south of Laramie, Limited to 30 people. If interested, please complete the following form: <https://forms.gle/P1pD1N4VVgiU2TuT8>.

**June 24-25—Douglas** Fort Fetterman Days. For details contact [heidiho2202@yahoo.com](mailto:heidiho2202@yahoo.com).

**June 25-Sunrise.** Annual tour of the Red Ochre Mine (Powars II site) and the historic town of Sunrise. Call 307-575-2010 for details.

**July 13-statewide.** WyoGivesDay, a 24-hour marathon of fundraising and gift-giving, sponsored by the Wyoming Nonprofit Network.

**July 29-30-Heart Mountain.** Pilgrimage will feature groundbreaking for the new Mineta-Simpson Institute. For registration see [www.heartmountain.org](http://www.heartmountain.org).

**August 26-28-Glenrock.** Annual Sheepherder’s Rendezvous. Call 307-436-5652 for details.

**August 28-Sept. 3—Casper.** 40th Annual Convention of the Oregon-California Trails Association. Register at <https://octa-trails.org/>.

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 15<sup>th</sup>. Send items to [linda@wyshs.org](mailto:linda@wyshs.org)

## MEET YOUR CANDIDATES...

An official ballot will be in the July newsletter but, for now, we introduce our candidates who are running for a seat on the Society’s Executive Committee.

**Heidi McCullough** is from Douglas and works at the City of Douglas where she gets to supervise the Douglas Historic Preservation commission as a member and staff liaison. Through that commission, she helps with preservation and community awareness in the local community with cemetery tours and walking tours. She joined the Historical Society in 2016 and is now the treasurer of the Converse County Chapter. She chairs the Friends of Fort Fetterman committee which throws the annual celebration of Fort Fetterman days, is secretary of the Emerging Historians, a group focused on the inclusion and education of younger people in local history, and a member of the newly formed Friends of Camp Douglas, which looks to help promote and support the local World War II POW Camp.

**Andrea Lewis** was born and raised in Laramie. After graduating from high school she attended Cottey College in Nevada, Missouri receiving her associated degree in music. After Cottey she attended the University of Wyoming, receiving a BA in Humanities in Fine arts. Upon receiving her degree, she joined the Army band in hopes of traveling the world. A medical discharge from the Army gave her the opportunity to rethink her career path and she went back to school. Moving back to Wyoming, attended the University of Wyoming for a BA in History with a minor in Museum Studies. During this time, she served at Co-President and President of the Albany County Historical Society. After several years and moving across the country more than once working for various federal agencies in the museum field, she is now in Pinedale, Wyoming as the curator for the Sublette County Historical Society at the Museum of the Mountain Man.

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### **The American Heritage Center Announces the Winners of Wyoming History Day 2022**

The annual Wyoming History Day competition was held on Monday, April 25, 2022, in Laramie, WY at the University of Wyoming. Wyoming History Day (WHD), a proud affiliate of National History Day (NHD), is a year-long educational program that culminates into the national contest every June. WHD, administered by the American Heritage Center (AHC) in partnership with the Wyoming State Historical Society, occurs every year in late April or early May.

National History Day engages students in grades 6-12 in the process of discovery and interpretation of historical topics. Students produce dramatic performances, imaginative exhibits, multimedia documentaries, and informative papers based on research related to an annual theme. The projects are then presented and evaluated at the local, state, and national competitions!

WSHS member **Cameron Green**, Wyoming State History Day Coordinator, said, "Wyoming History Day is a program that encourages students to explore and experience topics in history that they usually would not have the ability to study. The program provides students the ability to make choices in their education, while teaching them lifelong critical thinking and analytical skills."

Over 100 students from across the state of Wyoming came to participate in the in-person return of Wyoming History Day. Students in Wyoming History Day participated in yearlong research projects based on the annual National History Day theme -- *Debate and Diplomacy in History: Successes, Failures, and Consequences*. First and second place winners from Wyoming History Day move on to the National History Day competition.

Additionally, Wyoming History Day gave away **\$11,800.00** in cash prizes and sponsorships that were generously sponsored by the American Heritage Center, Wyoming State Historical Society, the Stepan's Family, Wyoming Humanities, Wyoming State Bar, Wyoming State Library, Wyoming Archaeology Society, Wyoming Association of Professional Archaeologist, the Jim Gatchell Memorial Museum, UW American Studies Department, Jacques Laramie Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, National Society of Colonial Dames in Wyoming, Wyoming Outdoor Council, UW Modern and Classical Languages Department, Brigida Blasi, Elizabeth Kuntz, and Ginny Kilander. The list of award winners can be viewed at <https://wyshs.org/whats-new>) and <https://wyshs.org/wyoming-history-day>.


## **MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS**

Congratulations also to WSHS past president **Tamsen Hert** of Laramie for being named an Honorary Marshall by University of Wyoming Provost Kevin Carman at the recent 2022 Commencement Ceremony. Tamsen was one of seven individuals recognized for their daily contributions to the University's mission. Provost Carman said, "These campus leaders inspire all of us to move this institution toward greater excellence. They've devoted their professional lives and extraordinary talents to the advancement of their disciplines and to their students' intellectual growth." Tamsen has been with the UW Libraries since 1986, and is a respected historian and author. She currently serves as associate editor for the *Yellowstone History Journal*. Her knowledge of Yellowstone's history contributed to her work as co-founder of the *Conversations on Collecting Yellowstone* conferences. In 2012 Tamsen was the recipient of the UW Libraries Agnes Milstead Distinguished Library award, and in 2013 received the Annual Services Award from the Wyoming State Historical Society.

Kudos also to WSHS member **Edre Maier** of Sheridan, one of four recipients of this year's prestigious Keystone Award, presented annually to local residents for outstanding community service. Edre was selected for her commitment to preserving the city's arts and history. She also led an effort to restore the historic facades of Sheridan's downtown district, since many of them were covered by more modern exteriors, and joined forces with others to renovate the Historic Sheridan Inn. Additionally, she was heavily involved in raising funds to buy space in a historic downtown building to house SAGE Community Arts, which hosts arts' exhibitions and education programs. Edre serves as president of the board of trustees of the **Museum at the Bighorns** in Sheridan, an institutional member of the WSHS. The Keystone Award program is overseen by Sheridan's senior center, which honored the four recipients May 12 at a ceremony in the historic WYO Theater.



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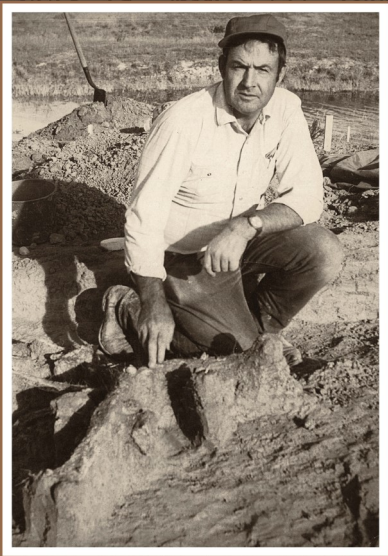


The annual tour of the Paleoindian Red Ochre Mine at the Powars II site, and Historic Town of Sunrise Tours will be Saturday, June 25th.

According to researchers, Red ochre or hematite was used as a pigment in many rituals, evidence for which has been found at ancient graves, campsites, kill sites, and caches scattered over the Great Plains and the Rocky Mountains. There is a slight fee for this activity, but reservations are not required. For details call WSHS member **George Zeimens** at 307-575-2010.

The State Historic Preservation Office announces that for the 11th time, the Wyoming Archaeology Awareness Month celebratory poster has been awarded first place by the Society for American Archaeology. This year's poster honors Dr. George Frison for his lifelong commitment to understanding and interpreting Wyoming's 13,000 years on human history.

The poster is available free of charge and may be picked up in Cheyenne at the Barrett State Office Building, or in Laramie at the Anthropology Building, or by sending a check for \$14 payable to "Wyoming Archaeology Month," State Historic Preservation Office, Dept. 3431, 1000 E. University Avenue, Laramie, WY 82071.



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### How to Recruit New Members

This dilemma is effecting every organization, not just the Society. Recently a group of WSHS members teamed up to brainstorm some ideas about what the Society and its chapters can do to engage more people. Their report will be forthcoming, but in the meantime, here are a few ideas:

- ◆ *Sponsor an appealing program.* The Society has a list of people who are willing to present Wyoming topics either in person or via Zoom.
- ◆ *Invite a friend.* Bring your friend or friends to a chapter event. Show them your *Annals of Wyoming*, or *Wyoming History News*. Everyone can be as active as they choose.
- ◆ *Talk to other organizations.* Is your chapter doing something that might be of interest to other groups? Go to their meetings and tell them what you're doing.
- ◆ *Increase your visibility.* Have a float in the parade, participate in community bazaars, do a community service project.

The committee will have a host of other ideas, and WSHS president Leslie Waggener will talk about the importance of member involvement in her July column. Stay tuned!



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***Rockpile Museum in Gillette, Wyoming***

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**David Marcum**, author and historian, was born at F.E. Warren A.F.B. in Cheyenne. He has Bachelor's and Master's degrees from the University of Wyoming in International Studies and Public Administration. Dave is a retired Air Force master sergeant and a college-level political science instructor at Laramie County Community College. He has also worked as a salesperson, receiving and shipping clerk, fast-food preparer, merchandise display technician, house painter and roofer, janitor, student advisor, program manager, contract writer and editorial assistant for a major academic journal. Dave is currently researching the aviation history of Wyoming from 1919-1939, and the Cold War in Wyoming. He was a member of the working group that prepared the management plan for the Quebec-01 Missile Alert Facility State Historical Site, for which he wrote the historical overview. Dave's work has been published in *Wyoming Wildlife*, *High Plains Register*, and the Society's award winning journal, *Annals of Wyoming*.

**Jessica Flock** was raised in Laramie, WY. Growing up, she traveled the state for swim meets, horse-pack trips, field trips and rafting adventures. During those experiences, Jessica fell in love with the landscape, history and people of WY. As an educator for the past 25 years, she has worked as a 5-12<sup>th</sup> grade Title I Reading/Social Studies teacher, graduate teaching assistant, and professional development facilitator. From 2016-2020, she served as the state coordinator for the National History Day program in Wyoming. Her latest adventures include documenting the murals, monuments and memorials in Wyoming's 99 Incorporated Municipalities, 104 Census-Designated Places (CDP's) and 55 Unincorporated Communities. Since 2016, Jessica has been involved with the state-wide organization photographing historic commemorations, participating in WSHS treks and assisting with WSHS social media sites. Currently, she is serving her second term on the board of the Albany County Historical Society and first year as President.

*[Editor's note: Ballots will be in the July issue]*