

Wyoming State Historical Society

Awards Program
2017



Awards Committee

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Publication Awards

Fiction

1ST Place:

Peaks and Valleys

by Donna Coulson

Nominated by the Carbon County Historical Society for combining fictional characters with real places and events. Coulson successfully integrates fiction with fact to create an enticing read. Furthermore, she includes a list of individuals to clarify fictional versus historical actors in her narrative.

Non-Fiction

1ST Place:

The Trial of Tom Horn

by John W. Davis

Nominated for a one of a kind book on the trial of Tom Horn, Davis' book documents and highlights one of Wyoming's most investigated murders. The book covers both the cause and effect of the trial of Tom Horn, revealing a more complete narrative than ever before.

2nd Place:

Soap Suds Row: The Bold Lives of Army Laundresses 1802-1876

by Jenifer J. Lawrence

Nominated by Platte County Historical Society for using hard to find resources and creating a narrative of the laundresses helping with the US Army. Lawrence's book reveals an untold narrative that highlights the hard lives women faced serving their country.

Honorable Mention:

A Phone Where Buffalo Roamed

by Terry A. Del Bene

Nominated by the Carbon County Historical Society for bringing the story of the Union Telephone Company to light. Del Bene discusses how this company began as a small local business and grew into multimillion-dollar corporation. He shows the hardships each generations faced with the business, and how they prospered and grew despite hard times.

Biographies and Autobiographies

1st Place:

North of Crazy: A Memoir

by Neltje

Nominated by Sheridan County Historical Society for creating an engaging memoir on arriving in Wyoming. This personal and telling story connects readers on an emotion level to the author and her story, as she becomes a Wyoming woman from Sheridan County.

Honorable Mention:

Wilderness Fever: A Family's Homesteading Adventures in Early Jackson Hole, 1914-1924
by Linda Preston McKinstry and Harold Cole McKinstry

Nominated by Platte County Historical Society for a familial interpretation of the hardships associated with homesteading Wyoming. The McKinstrys create a vivid picture, with heartwarming family connections to Jackson Hole. They show how the hardships pushed and pulled the family. Despite the struggles present, this work creates a picturesque story of Jackson Hole.

Self-Published

1st Place:

Safety First
by Lew Lamb

Nominated by Star Valley Historical Society for an interesting read concerning events that took place in Wyoming. A book full of laughs and fun stories on Lew Lamb's life in Wyoming. This book will bring a smile to your face, as you drive through Star Valley.

Poetry

1st Place:

Voices at Twilight: A Poet's Guide to Wyoming Ghost Towns
by Lori Howe

Nominated by Albany County Historical Society for a book that will delight anyone interested in Wyoming ghost towns. This book combines historical essays, photographs, and poetry to recreate the narrative of ghost towns in Wyoming.

Honorable Mention:

The Meadowlark's Song ... and More
by Charlotte Babcock

Nominated by Natrona County Historical Society for publishing poems and stories on her life in Wyoming. To accent these writings, she includes photographs and artwork, making the stories come to life. The easy to read nature of this book, make it interesting.

Reference Works

1st Place:

Ulm Wyoming: Horses, Steam and Diesel
by Clearmont Historical Group

Nominated by Sheridan County Historical Society for publishing the history of Ulm, Wyoming - a town that began as a stop on the railroad. Using historical records and former family interviews help to create an overview of the town and those who once lived there.

Pamphlets/Brochures/ Newsletters/Calendars

Pamphlets

1st Place:

Monarch's Reign: The Rise and Fall of an Underground Coal Mine and its Community 1903-1953

by Leon Washut and Karen Ballek

Nominated by Sheridan County Historical Society for a pamphlet covering the town of Monarch in Wyoming. The pamphlet highlights the history surrounding the town's coal mine that created and sustained the town. This small publication covers the geography of the town, as well as coal mine itself and its influence on the town.

Newsletters

1st Place:

The LOG

by Sheridan County Historical Society and Museum

Nominated by Sheridan County Historical Society for the publication of their newsletter *The Log*. Covering a variety of topics many may not have previously thought of, such as: music in Wyoming and local renaissance men. This publication helps inform members of events and interesting history all in one.

Honorable Mention:

Laramie Plains Museum Newsletter

by Mary Mountain

Nominated by Albany County Historical Society for publishing the Laramie Plains Museum Newsletter. This newsletter covers local history and museum history. The newsletter also includes articles on political developments in Laramie.

Magazines

1st Place:

"Citizen Khan" The New Yorker

by Kathryn Schulz

Nominated by Sheridan County Historical Society, this article was published in the *New Yorker* and covers Zarif Zhan and his family in the Sheridan area. The author highlights the family's influence on the area including the restraint they founded and how it became a cornerstone of the community. It dives deeper into the issue of immigration, while adding in local identity.

2nd Place:

"Bob Edgar" Legends Magazine

by Amber Peabody

Nominated by Park County Historical Society for an interesting article concerning the life of Bod Edgar. Edgar was a local legend around Park County and this article brings it to life.

Newspapers

1st Place:

"LX Bar None" Gillette News Record

by Kathy Brown

Nominated by Campbell County Historical Society for an article covering a behind the scenes tour of the LX Bar Ranch, a site that is closed to the public.

FINE ARTS

1st Place:

LX Bar Ranch House

by Tom Butler

Nominated by Sandra S. Holyoak for an oil painting of the LX Bar Ranch. The painting shows a vivid photo of the ranch against the Wyoming plains. The colors bring the picture to life, highlighting the Wyoming region.

Honorable Mention:

The Cody Monologues: Famous and Infamous Women of the West

by Bethany Hamilton Sandvik

Nominated by Park County Historical Society for a play created to highlight the woman's voice in the West. This play uses transcripts, journals, and other primary sources to help make history in Wyoming come alive.

Young Historian (Grades 3-5)

1st Place:

Oregon Trail Historic Sites

by Samuel Scribner

Nominated by Weston County Historical Society for the creation of a YouTube video concerning the Oregon Trail ruts and the Cliff Historic sites. The video takes viewers along the ruts so you can hear and see the same sites as those who once traveled the route.

2nd Place:

Kemmerer K

by Ella Thatcher

Nominated by Lincoln County Historical Society for an essay on concerning the school identity associated with the Kemmerer K. The author used interviews and yearbooks to find the history on the "K" and its role in the school.

Honorable Mention:

Women of the Frontier
by Raisa Dutcher

Nominated by Weston County Historical Society for creating a paper concerning women on the frontier. The young historian included a diorama showing an early homestead and the circumstances that women faced in the west.

Young Historian (Grades 9-12)

1st Place:

Caroline Lockhart
by Matthew Dimsey and Tori Ransom

Nominated by Park County Historical Society for the creation of a documentary on Caroline Lockhart. These students created a YouTube documentary consisting of commentary and interviews on Lockhart.

2nd Place:

Bringing the Sun Dance to Light
by Trisha Tamblyn

Nominated by Park County Historical Society for creating a website highlighting the loss of Native American beliefs. The young historian's website uses three interviews, as well as other historical documents to help show this loss.

3rd Place:

Annie Oakley: Little Sure Shot Aims for Equality
by Emily Hollingshead

Nominated by Park County Historical Society for writing an essay on Annie Oakley, and her role in equality for women. The young scholar presents that Annie Oakley helped push for women equality while staying feminine, at a time that many women were not in the west.

Junior Activities (Grades 3-5)

1st Place:

Wyoming Museums
by Delaney Fullerton

Nominated by Weston County Historical Society for researching and presenting on Wyoming Museums. She presented on the different museums throughout the state including some of the displays that make them wonderful in a PowerPoint presentation.

2nd Place:

Fort Bridger
by Aidan Butler

Nominated by Weston County Historical Society for researching and presenting on Fort Bridger's history. Along with creating a note card presentation, this young scholar created a model depicting the fort.

3rd Place:

Fort Kearny

by Hailey Beastrom

Nominated by Weston County Historical Society for researching, visiting, photographing, and presenting the history of Fort Kearny. The student worked on showing the different historic markers, as well as explaining the key events that took place at each place.

Junior Activities (Grades 6-8)

1st Place:

Kendrick Political Artifacts

by Luke Knudson, Henry Dickinson, Sarah Manor, Paige Padilla, and Hannah Palmer

Nominated by Sheridan Historical Society this group project was designed at the Junior Curator Camp. The group created an exhibit on John Kendrick's time as Wyoming governor and US Senator. All items were made or used in Wyoming.

Junior Activities (Grades 9-12)

1st Place:

Wyoming Solar Eclipse 2017 and Eclipse Legends

by Andrew Mathis, Ashley Thompson, Tyler Trentacosti, Hannah Palmer, and Tristin Thompson

Nominated by Sheridan County Historical Society this video was built during the TechnoPast Program held in the summer. This project had students create a video concerning history, in particular two videos concerning the forthcoming eclipse: one on viewing the Wyoming eclipse and one on legends and myths surrounding previous eclipses.

Activities

Tours

1st Place:

65th Annual Albany County Ranch Tour

by Sandra Eike and Terri Jones

Nominated by Albany County Historical Society the Albany Cattle Women brought the tour back; this tour had roughly 200 people in attendance. The tour included information on both the agriculture and the history of Albany County.

Honorable Mention:

LX Bar Ranch Trip

by Campbell County Commissioners and Campbell County Rockpile Museum

Nominated by Sandra S. Holyoak was the tour by the Campbell County Rockpile Museum. This was unique due to the LX Bar Ranch not being open to the public. Due to the effort of the nominees, a large group received access and organized transportation to the ranch, as well as time for exploration and discussion.

Educational Projects

1st Place:

2016 Wyoming Day Celebration

by Maxine Kaul

Nominated by Weston County Historical Society this project was orchestrated by Maxine Kaul to celebrate Wyoming Day. This celebration took place in Upton, Wyoming and featured three poets who presented on their lives and poetry.

Honorable Mention:

Trek The Trails

by Platte County Historical Society

Nominated for Trek the Trails by Platte County Historical Society for touring several historic locations, including horse drawn carriage rides that helped to exhibit the history of Platte County.

Museum Activities

1st Place:

125th Anniversary of Gillette

by Mary Kelley

Nominated by Campbell County Historical Society for a celebration and educational experience on Gillette's 125th anniversary. Focusing on the town's founding, not only date, but also the history of the area and how life was previously for inhabitants.

Honorable Mention:

175th Anniversary of the Battle – Jim Baker Days

by Little Snake River Museum

Nominated by Carbon County Historical Society for an event to celebrate the anniversary of the last battle between trappers and Native Americans. The event brought in more than 250 individuals and had lectures, as well as tours of the original Baker home site and cemetery.

Annual Service Awards

Felicia Kirven

Nominated by Sheridan County Historical Society for working on the organization of key events, such as the evening with the Simpson brothers. The society recognizes her countless hours to help reach new members and secure additional funding.

Chapter Awards

1st Place:

Sheridan County Historical Society

for Sheridan County Children's Exhibit

This nomination is for creation of a children's exhibit designed to engage children with the local and state history.

2nd Place:

*Platte County Historical Society
for Axford School*

This nomination is for the restoration of the Axford School. This one room schoolhouse is being restored to help show what school was like in previous times as part of Wheatland's historical district.

Mabel Brown Cumulative Contribution Award

Linda Fabian

Nominated by Platte County Historical Society

Linda has worked endlessly for the historical society holding several offices within the state and local chapters. She has worked on publishing and co-authoring books on Wyoming, as well as promoting History Days.

Henryetta Berry Memorial Award

Shawna Michelena

Nominated by Sheridan County Historical Society

Shawna has made history come alive for many younger generations through her work at the Sheridan Museum. She has expanded the Tidbit program, and started a program aimed at teenagers and tweens to help grow their interest in history.

L.C. Bishop Award

Jason Vican, Chris Wilkinson, and Randy Brown

Nominated by Natrona County Historical Society for a series consisting of 25 pictures of burial sites along the Oregon and California trails. They included the sad details surrounding many deaths, using diaries relatives and writings from the time.

Maurine Carley Memorial Award

Dayton Mercantile

by Craig Boheler and Elaine Stevens

Nominated by Sheridan County Historical Society for their commitment to preserving the Dayton Mercantile.

Special Thanks ...

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Completing more than 70+ nominations this year!

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