

2015 Wyoming State Historical Society Awards

Publications Awards. Books—Fiction

Karen Schutte for *Flesh on the Bone*

Nominated by Mike Schutte, the author's husband.

This book is the third in a trilogy based upon the author's great-grandparents and grandparents' immigration to the United States from Germany to the Lovell, Wyoming area. The central characters are Jake and Raisa Kessel, the 2nd generation of the family, and their struggle to raise their family during the 1920s and the Great Depression. This book is wonderful continuation of their story.

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Books—Non-Fiction (2)

Robert W. Righter for *Peaks, Politics, and Passion: Grand Teton National Park Comes of Age*

Nominated by Tamsen Hert, President, WSHS,

Robert Righter's historical account of the post-1950 creation of Grand Teton National Park, the inclusion of the controversial Jackson Hole National Monument, and the conservation movement that fought to preserve the area's beauty and wildlife through conservation management, is a must-read.

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AND: Marilyn Nesbit Wood for *The Day the Whistle Blew*

Nominated by Platte County Historical Society, Chair Patsy Parkin and Nancy Weidel, WSHS

When a person's autobiographical memoir depicts a time and a place so vividly that you almost feel as though you are right there with her, it's a special reading experience. Raised in the coal town of Stansbury, Wyoming, in the 1940s and 1950s, the author shares with us the ups and downs of the family's day-to-day lives, and the threat of tragedy every day that the mine is worked.

CONTACT: Marilyn Nesbit Wood, 1473 N. 17th St., Laramie, WY 82001

HONORABLE MENTION (2):

Michael Amundson for *Wyoming Revisited; Rephotographing the Scenes of Joseph Stimson*

Nominated by the author

Mike Amundson's latest book on the work of Joseph Stimson includes new biographical information on the Cheyenne photographer, a detailed look at the author's history as a re-photographer, and the effects of the evolution and future of digital photography. Additionally, it uses two sets of repeat photographs taken by the author in 1987-88 and the other taken twenty years later in 2007-2008 to compare to the 117 images made by Stimson between 1898 and 1930 across Wyoming.

CONTACT: Michael Amundson, History Dept., Northern Arizona University, Box 6023, Flagstaff, AZ 86011; Michael_Amundson@nau.edu

AND: Laurel Foster, et al for *Kaycee Wyoming: A Photo History*
Nominated by Johnson County Historical Society – Patty Myers, Chair

This photo history of Kaycee tells the story of the growth of the town, its people, and the area. The authors use photos of objects in the Hoofprints of the Past Museum collection and “then and now” photos to tell the history of the families, their ranches, schools, and the surrounding area including the Johnson County War. **CONTACT:** Laurel Foster, et al, c/o Hoofprints of the Past Museum, PO Box 114, Kaycee, WY 82639; curator@hoofprintsofthemuseum.org

Books – Arcadia

HONORABLE MENTION:

Jerry Hanson and Larry Ostresh (deceased) for *Images of Rail: Laramie Railroads*
Nominated by Albany County Historical Society - Jane Nelson, Chair

The railroad was – and is – very important to southern Wyoming and to Laramie, in particular. Over 200 black and white photographs tell its history and the impact it has and had on the area. **CONTACT:** Jerry Hanson, 28 Antelope Ridge Loop, Laramie, WY 82072; jerrykathy5@msn.com

Books - Autobiography or Biography

Claude Gray/Fred K. Gray for *Never a Dull Moment; Reflections of a Wyoming Cowboy*. Edited by Margaret Smith-Braniff. Nominated by Johnson County Historical Society – Patty Myers, Chair

This book took years to write as Fred Gray collected and researched the writings of his older brother, verified the information, and searched for photographs. It is a wonderful biography and well worth the wait. **CONTACT:** Fred Gray, 798 N. Burritt Ave., Buffalo, WY 82834; Margaret Smith-Braniff, PO Box 1003, Buffalo, WY 82834

Books—Self-Published. No nominations received

Single chapter in a non-fiction, biographical or autobiographical book. No nominations received

Books—Reference. No nominations received

Books – Poetry. No award given

Pamphlets, Brochures, Newsletters, and Calendars: Pamphlets

Natrona County Historical Preservation Commission, Richard Young, Chair for *A Short History of Cemeteries in Natrona County*. Nominated by Natrona County Historical Society.

A very nice comprehensive list of private and public cemeteries in Natrona County. It is alphabetical accompanied with historical and geographical information. **CONTACT:** Natrona County Historical Preservation Commission/Richard Young, Chair; 4001 Fort Caspar Road, Casper, WY 82604, 307-235-8462; www.fortcaspar.com

Brochures:

Weston County Historical Society for *2014 Barns of Weston County*. Nominated by Weston County Historical Society - Mike Jording, Chair.

Each fall, Weston County holds a barn trek and produces a brochure full of history for the participants to keep. **CONTACT:** Mike Jording, Weston County Historical Society, PO Box 246, Newcastle, WY 82701; mikej@rtconnect.net

Newsletters:

Robert C. Wilson, Editor, for the **Fort Phil Kearny/Bozeman Trail Association Newsletter *Lookout***. Nominated by Sheridan County Historical Society - Judy Musgrave, Chair

The newsletter is produced in cooperation with the staff of Ft. Phil Kearny and deals with the history of the fort, the Fetterman, Wagon Box, and Connor battle sites, Ft. Reno, including their connections with the Bozeman Trail, and the future of these historic sites. **CONTACT:** Robert C. Wilson, Editor, Fort Phil Kearny/Bozeman Trail Association Newsletter, 20 Kearny Lane, Banner, WY 82831; rewilson@vcn.com

Calendars:

Judy Erickson for the *Calendar of Star Valley 2015*. Nominated by Star Valley Historical Society.

This is calendar is produced annually as a fund raising project and has a tremendous amount of local history in it. **CONTACT:** Judy Erickson, P.O. Box 654, Afton, WY 83110; 307-885-9259

Magazines and Newspapers

#1: Author or authors of an article or series of articles relating to Wyoming history

Pat Blair for *Sheridan Chronicles: History Revisited*. Nominated by Sheridan County Historical Society - Judy Musgrave, Chair.

This series of articles appeared in April 2014 as a supplement in *Country Bounty*, a free weekly newspaper. Pat was the principal writer and researcher. **CONTACT:** Pat Blair, 1413 Ridgeway Ave., Sheridan, WY 82801; plblairauthor@gmail.com

#2: Author or authors under age 18 of an article or series of articles relating to Wyoming History. No nominations received

#3: A Wyoming newspaper or magazine that has contributed to the history of Wyoming (2)

Sublette County Historical Society/Museum of the Mountain Man for *The Rocky Mountain Fur Trade Journal, Vol. 9*. Nominated by Sublette County Historical Society - Angie Thomas, Chair.

This is an outstanding journal of the history of fur trading. It is an academic peered- reviewed publication which showcases new ideas and topics related to the Rocky Mountain fur trade era. It is published annually. **CONTACT:** Angie Thomas, Chair, Sublette County Historical Society/Museum of the Mountain Man, PO Box 909, Pinedale, WY 82941; publications@mmmuseum.com

AND: Mark Heinz, Special Projects Editor, and Judy Knight, Project Coordinator, for *Laramie's Living History*. Nominated by Albany County Historical Society - Jane Nelson, Chair.

For the full year of 2014, the *Laramie Boomerang* committed space for the publication of the Laramie Museum Coalition project of writing original short historical pieces on Albany County history. In all, 26 articles were published which represented a substantial commitment to publicizing interesting, often little known features of Albany County history. **CONTACT:** Mark Heinz, *Laramie Boomerang*, 320 Grand Avenue, Laramie, WY 82070; mark@laramieboomerang.com; and Judy Knight, Laramie Museum Coalition, 1912 Custer, Laramie, WY 82072; je.judy@gmail.com

Internet Website

Fred Ockers, Ex. Director, Albany County Tourism Board for *Laramie, Wyoming: Real History, True Adventure* <http://visitlaramie.org>. Nominated by Albany County Historical Society.

This website was redesigned in 2014 providing an attractive, functional, and content-rich introduction to the Laramie area. There is a link to brochures available for printing so that users can plan their visits to local sites ahead of time. **CONTACT:** Fred Ockers, Ex. Director, Albany Tourism Board, 210 Custer Street, Laramie, WY 82070; director@visitlaramie.org

Audio-Video Documentary Awards: Professional

Allen Johnson, Kim Komenich, and Jessica Sison for *Cowboys 1943*. Nominated by Campbell County Historical Society - Charlene Busk, Chair.

Fantastic video of the 1943 University of Wyoming basketball team that won the NCAA championship and then went to New York City/Madison Square Garden to compete against St. John's University, the NIT champions. They beat St. John's to become to be the "World Champions of Amateur Basketball." **CONTACT:** Allen Johnson, 1552A 20th Ave., San Francisco CA 94122; broadripplefilms@gmail.com

Non-Professional. No entries received.

Fine Arts Award. No award given.

Young Historian Awards - Grades 3-5

1st Place – Wyatt Pternal for *Kemmerer Union Meat Market*. Nominated by Lincoln County Historical Society – Sharon Luthy, Chair.

Wyatt's essay details the history of the family meat market which was in business from 1917 until 1974 when it closed due to stiff competition from Safeway. The family ranch supplied the meat, the

fresh fruit and vegetables, and they bought the canned goods in Salt Lake. **CONTACT:** Wyatt Pernal, P.O. Box 843, Kemmerer, WY 83103

2nd Place – Magnus Trembath for *Oregon Trail Monuments & Markers*. Nominated by Natrona County Historical Society – Jackie and Pinky Ellis.

Magnus used GIS/GPS technology to record fourteen Oregon Trail monuments and markers located in Natrona and Converse counties. He recorded this information on a map using overlays to show the topography, roads, counties, and historic trails. **CONTACT:** Magnus Trembath, Box 1468, Glenrock, WY 82637

3rd Place – Abby Elliot for *Fort Laramie*. Nominated by Weston County Historical Society – Mike Jording, Chair.

Abby created a diorama of Fort Laramie and wrote a research paper detailing its history. **CONTACT:** Abby Elliot, c/o Weston County Historical Society at the above address.

Honorable Mention – Landon Walker for *Grandma Ann*. Nominated by Lincoln County Historical Society – Sharon Luthy, Chair.

Landon chose to write about his great-grandma because “she is a remarkable woman who lived through tough times.” The daughter of Yugoslavian immigrants, they lived near Fossil and she was one of 11 children. She had to quit school when her father died to help her mother take care of the 8 surviving children. **CONTACT:** Landon Walker, 1937 Lupine Lane, Kemmerer, WY 83101

Honorable Mention – Aubrey Cooper for *Heart Mountain Internment Campbell*. Nominated by Sheridan County Historical Society – Judy Musgrave, Chair.

Aubrey has created a mock-up of a potential museum exhibit of the Heart Mountain Internment Camp depicting life in the camp. **CONTACT:** Aubrey Cooper, 1424 Birch St., Sheridan, WY 82801

Young Historian Awards - Grades 6-8

1st Place: Elyse Rutherford for *Tempest in a Teapot: Albert's Fall from Grace – Crooked Leadership and a Legacy of Corruption*. Nominated by Platte County Historical Society – Joan McKee, Chair.

Elyse says of her thesis for this paper: “The Teapot Dome Scandal, in the early 1920s involving the Salt Creek Oil Field in Wyoming, was the biggest U.S. scandal proceeding Watergate. High in the ranks of government, key figures used their leadership positions to leave a legacy of dishonor and scandal behind as bribes were made their greed increased.” **CONTACT:** Elyse Rutherford, 49 Dwyer Rd., Wheatland, WY 82201

2nd Place: Andrew Mathis for *Technopast: Dos and Don'ts for Grade School Field Trips*. Nominated by Sheridan County Historical Society – Judy Musgrave, Chair

Andrew participated in this program which was intended for high school students but was subsequently opened to middle school age participants. Andrew researched and produced 2 videos to be used at Trail End – the former home of John B. Kendrick – for school groups and they are also available on-line. The first can be found at: <http://www.trailend.co/school-tours.html> and the second at: <http://trailend.co/event-guidlines.html> **CONTACT:** Andrew Mathis, 1201 Lewis St., Sheridan, WY 82801.

Young Historian Awards - Grades 9-12

1st Place – Jessica Pastor for *Reviving the Past*. Nominated by Weston County Historical Society – Mike Jording, Chair.

Jessica researched the Old Ridge Cemetery and provides a comprehensive history of when and how the cemetery was started, forgotten about, and then restored. **CONTACT:** Jessica Pastor, 10443 Midnight Drive, Edgemont, SD 57335

2nd Place- Gatlin Miller for *The Fuel to the West, Coal*. Nominated by Weston County Historical Society – Mike Jording, Chair.

Gatlin researched the history of Cambria, Wyoming, and the coal industry tied to it. He provides an interesting insight into the coalmines by detailing five main points about the mine the discovery, the equipment used, its safety reputation, its relative success, and its closure. **CONTACT:** Gatlin Miller, 5020 U.S. Hwy 16, Newcastle, WY 82701

3rd Place –Jordan Nelson for *Literature of Wyoming and the Renaissance*. Nominated by Park County Historical Society – Fran Baker, Chair.

Jordan has chosen to compare and contrast two different periods in history, the Renaissance and Wyoming's early culture. Illustrating Wyoming's era, and familiar too many of us, is Wyomingites Caroline Lockhart and Elinore Pruitt. **CONTACT:** Jordan Nelson, 4345 North Fork Hwy, Cody, WY 82414.

Honorable Mention – Jonathon Manders. Nominated by Weston County Historical Society – Mike Jording, Chair.

Jonathon researched the extraordinary life Sheriff Billy (William) Miller and his premature death. **Contact:** Jonathon Manders, 29 Cambria Street, Newcastle, WY 82701

Junior Activities Awards - Grades 3-5

1st Place – Mia Peterson for *Sitting Bull, Red Cloud, and Washakie*. Nominated by Weston County Historical Society – Mike Jording, Chair.

Mia researched 3 well-known American Indian Chiefs and their roles in the Indian Wars in Wyoming. **CONTACT:** Mia Peterson, 22 Duncan Road, Newcastle, WY 82701

2nd Place – Joshua Sellers for *Map of Fort Phil Kearney*. Nominated by Weston County Historical Society – Mike Jording, Chair.

Joshua researched the fort, wrote a brief paper on it and hand-drew a map of it which is easily read and quite detailed. **CONTACT:** Joshua Sellers, 25 East Wentworth, Newcastle, WY 82701

3rd Place – Holden McConkey for *Fort Bridger*. Nominated by Weston County Historical Society – Mike Jording, Chair

Holden researched Fort Bridger and then constructed a diorama of it and the surrounding area. He also wrote a brief paper detailing the fort's history. **CONTACT:** Holden McConkey, 119 Salt Creek Road, Newcastle, WY 82701

Junior Educational Activities Awards - Grades 6-8

1st Place – Dillon Barritt for *Legacy of Kenny Sailors, Leader, Innovator, Legend*. Nominated by Weston County Historical Society – Mike Jording, Chair.

Dillon thoroughly researched his topic in Newcastle and then traveled to Laramie to the American Heritage Center where he did further research. He was also able to interview Kenny Sailors in person. His paper is very thorough and very well-done. **CONTACT:** Dillon Barritt, P.O. Box 204, Upton, WY 82730.

2nd Place – Maddy Beck and Liz Stephens for *The Bone Wars: The E.D. Cope and O.C. Marsh Rivalry*. Nominated by Weston County Historical Society – Mike Jording, Chair

Maddy and Liz did a wonderful job of researching Como Bluffs near Hanna, Wyoming, where Cope and Marsh did a lot of archeology work and therefore researched these 2 men. Maddy and Liz went to the American Heritage Center and the Coe Library both at the University of Wyoming in Laramie to do further research. They also used an on-line newspaper site as well as various museum websites and other educational sites. **CONTACT:** Maddy Beck, PO Box 764, Newcastle, WY 82701; Liz Stephens, PO Box 7, Upton, WY 82730.

3rd Place – Annika Coberly for *Father Pierre De Smet*. Nominated by Weston County Historical Society – Mike Jording, Chair

As a Catholic, Annika wanted to know more about Father De Smet's influence on the Indians through his missionary work. She, too, traveled to Laramie to research the Grace Hebard papers, former State Historian for Wyoming, and also contacted the De Smet High School in St. Louis, Missouri. **CONTACT:** Annika Coberly, PO Box 274, Upton, WY 82730

Junior Activities Awards - Grades 9-12

1st Place – Little Snake River FFA Chapter for *Poor Farm Cemetery*. Nominated by Carbon County Historical Society – Linda Fleming, Chair

The LSR FFA cleaned up the Poor Farm Cemetery, located on private land in Dixon, Wyoming, including repairing the fence. They then researched the names of the inmates buried there and erected marker listing those names. This project began in 2010 and was completed in October, 2014, when the memorial stone was dedication. **CONTACT:** Little Snake River FFA, c/o Dale Wilie, Sponsor, PO Box 9, Baggs, WY 82321; dwillie@crblone.net

2nd Place – Erika Larson for *The Fur Trade and Exploration Benefits in Wyoming, Montana, and Europe*. Nominated by Park County Historical Society – Fran Baker, Chair

Erika describes the benefits of the fur trade received by both the traders and the Europeans as the trade developed between the North American continent and Europe, and eventually the American people. **CONTACT:** Erika Larson, 3501 Maple Leaf Ave., Cody, WY 82414

3rd Place – Deidre Trask for *Women's Rights*. Nominated by Park County Historical Society – Fran Baker, Chair.

Deidre compares women's roles in ancient civilization with the suffragette movement in the United States. **CONTACT:** Deidre Trask, 114 Road 3 DX, Cody, WY 82414

Activities Awards Well-Planned, Well-Conducted Tour or Tours to a Historic Site (Trek)

Laurel Foster, et al, for **Cattle War Tour**. Nominated by Johnson County Historical Society.

This tour presented two opposing viewpoints of the range war which made for very interesting discussions and comparisons. It was held in September 2014, beginning in Kaycee and branching out from there. **CONTACT:** Laurel Foster, c/o Hoofprints of the Past Museum, PO Box 114, Kaycee, WY 82639

Honorable Mention:

Fort Phil Kearney State Historical Site for *Full Moon Tours at Fort Phil Kearney*. Nominated by Sheridan County Historical Society – Judy Musgrave, Chair.

The costumed tour guides and living history re-enactors told grisly weird stories about the fort and what life was like for those who lived, worked, and fought there during the fort's 2-year history. Even though the moon was full the dim, eerie light made for a very realistic tour. **CONTACT:** Fort Phil Kearney State Historic Site, Misty Stoll, Superintendent, 528 Wagon Box Road, Banner, WY 82832; misty.stoll@wyo.gov

Outstanding Educational Project:

Judy Knight and **Cecily Goldie** for **Albany County Oral History Discovery Program**
Nominated by Albany County Historical Society – Jane Nelson, Chair

Members from several museums in the Albany County Museum Coalition worked tirelessly to locate and catalog 429 oral histories dating from as far back as the 1940s. The end result was a detailed spreadsheet and bibliography identifying, describing, and cataloging the oral histories housed in the

9 museums. The spreadsheet is available at the Albany County website. **CONTACT:** Judy Knight, 1912 East Custer, Laramie, WY 82070; je.judy@gmail.com; Cecily Goldie, PO Box 114, Centennial, WY 82055; cagoldie@msn.com

Museum Activity:

Sarah Chaires, Director, Homesteaders Museum for *Smithsonian Journey Stories Exhibit and Co-exhibit "The Great American Prairie Dream," the Story of Goshen County's Journey*
Nominated by Goshen County Historical Society – Beth Melonuk, Chair

In order to host this exhibit, the Homesteaders Museum had to plan an additional exhibit and associated public programs to go along with it for over a year. They then had to apply to the Smithsonian to host it and be chosen by SI. Additionally, they had to upgrade their facility. The hard work and effort paid off for all involved. **CONTACT:** Sarah Chaires, Director, Homesteaders Museum, 2342 Main Street, Torrington, WY 82240; schaired@torringtonwy.gov

Honorable Mention

Patrick Miller for *Lance Creek Museum*. Nominated by Tricia Miller, WSHS member

It was Pat Miller's vision to start a Lance Creek museum. He has provided his time, personal funds, property, and a building to make the Lance Creek Museum possible. He is always available for tours and there is no charge. The museum continues to grow and is a work on progress. **CONTACT:** Pat Miller, 795- V-5 Hilltop Rd., Lance Creek, WY 82222; millertime2@wildblue.net

Activities Awards – Historic Restoration or Interpretation of Local Historic Sites

Kearney Community Hall – Scott Gall for *Kearney Community Hall*. Nominated by Johnson County Historical Society – Patty Myers, Chair

Local commuters had been watching the Hall deteriorate for numerous years and when it became apparent that the roof was caving in, a group was formed, ownership defined, repairs assessed, and priorities set. Fundraising has enabled the group to begin work on the dance hall portion. **CONTACT:** Kearney Community Hall c/o Scott Gall, 25 Canal Road, Buffalo WY 82834; rsgalcollinscom.net

Honorable Mention

Meeteetse Museums – David Cunningham, Director for *The Preservation and Restoration of the Exterior of the First National Bank of Meeteetse*. Nominated by Park County Historical Society – Fran Baker, Chair.

Built in 1901, this building was vacated in 1975 and re-purposed as a museum for the community in 1987. Renovation of the building began in 2012 and was finished in 2014 and included extensive work on the foundation, windows, and doors. **CONTACT:** Meeteetse Museums, David Cunningham, Director, PO Box 146, Meeteetse, WY 82433; director@meeteetsemuseums.org

Family History Project:

Nancy Mickelson for *The Trabing Family History*. Nominated by Albany County Historical Society.

Nancy became interested in her family's history through Laramie historian Elnora Frye who gave her copies of her own research into the Trabing family. After interviewing hundreds of people, reading thousands of newspaper articles about the family, visiting museums, researching Wyoming history in general, this great granddaughter of the family's first Wyoming resident August Trabing has put together the *Trabing Family History*. She also presents public talks about her family throughout the state. **CONTACT:** Nancy Mickelson, 360 Meade Creek Road, Sheridan, WY 82801; 307-742-2272

Annual Services Award. Given to a WSHS member to recognize outstanding services to the Society, either state or local during the award year.

Helen Laumann. Nominated by Sheridan County Historical Society – Judy Musgrave, Chair
Helen is a long-time member of the Sheridan County Historical Society/Museum Board of Directors and serves on several committees. She also presents monthly programs “Conversations in History” for which she received a WSHS award last year. She prepares the Society's newsletter, works on a 3-person committee which selects photos for publication in *The Sheridan Press* from Society's Memory Book Collection, and has co-authored a companion exhibit booklet, along with Nathan Doerr, former SCHS Museum Director. **CONTACT:** Helen Laumann, 402 Schiller St., Sheridan, WY 82801; hmlaumann@charter.net

Chapter Award. Presented to chapters affiliated with the WSHS to provide financial assistance with their historic projects.

1st Place – Goshen County Historical Society/Chris Mather for *Replacement/Restore Rear Entrance Door of UP Depot/Homesteaders Museum*. Nominated by Goshen County Historical Society – Beth Melonuk, Chair.

This door needs to be replaced for fire safety reasons and for ADA accessibility to the upper floor of the museum. The Torrington City Government has already donated \$500 towards this but the total cost is approximately \$6000. **CONTACT:** Goshen County Historical Society, Chris Mather, President, PO Box 331, Lingle, WY 82223; cmather@ashland.edu

2nd Place – Sheridan County Historical Society for *Replacement of 3 Media Players Used in Exhibits*
Nominated by Sheridan County Historical Society – Judy Musgrave, Chair.

The 3 media players will replace older ones that malfunction frequently. They are an integral part of permanent exhibits that are very popular with visitors. The projected cost of the 3 is \$750.00. **CONTACT:** Sheridan County Historical Society, PO Box 73, Sheridan, WY 82801; info@SheridanCountyHistory.org

3rd Place – Natrona County Historical Society for *Memories of Heart Mountain* by Sam Mihara,

Nominated by Natrona County Historical Society – Mary Hein, Treasurer.

Sam Mihara presents a PowerPoint not only about his family's experiences in particular but also the experiences of other Japanese Americans who were relocated inland from the West Coast after the bombing at Pearl Harbor. Mr. Mihara's family was sent to the Heart Mountain Relocation Camp between Cody and Powell. This is a very moving experience for all who view it. **CONTACT:** Natrona County Historical Society, Kem Nicolaysen, VP and President Elect, PO Box 226, Casper, WY 82602; nicojo@colecreeksheep.com

The Clara M. and Henry E. Jensen Outstanding Wyoming Teacher Award

Presented to a teacher who has done an outstanding job in teaching Wyoming history.

Laura Giesler. Nominated by Weston County Historical Society – Mike Jording, Chair.

Laura teaches 4th grade at Newcastle Elementary which includes Wyoming history. Each year she challenges her students to learn in the classroom and followed by field trips to local historical sites. The students also do historical project which enhances their learning experience. She is an exemplary role model for them and encourages them to go as far in education as they can. **CONTACT:** Laura Giesler, 217 Forest Avenue, Newcastle, WY 82701; sovercast@fremont2.org

Mabel Brown Cumulative Contribution Award. Presented to a living Wyoming resident who, over a long period of time, has made valuable contributions to the understanding and awareness of Wyoming history.

Maxine Kaul. Nominated by Weston County Historical Society – Mike Jording, Chair.

Maxine Kaul has been involved in researching and documenting the history of Weston County for many years. She has been instrumental in capturing the oral histories of the local veterans, both male and female. Maxine has also been one of the editors of Weston County H.S.'s newsletter, the *Bridge to the Past* and continues to research the oil industry of Weston County and presents programs on that topic. In 2013, she was the driving force behind the Wyoming Day presentation of the Grey Ladies, doing the research and collecting letters, clothing, and pins pertaining to the Grey Ladies. **CONTACT:** Maxine Kaul, PO Box 37, Newcastle, WY 82701

Honorable Mention

Janette Chambers. Nominated by Platte County Historical Society – Joan McKee, Chair.

For at least 45 years, Janette has been an ardent supporter, defender, organizer, researcher, fundraiser, record keeper, presenter, curator, and cheerleader on behalf of the Glendo Museum. Local residents agree that without Janette, there would be no Glendo Museum, which started out in one wing of the Glendo Town Hall (built in 1956). Janette has worked tirelessly to keep the museum open to the public, and filed thousands of pages of history and images pertaining to Glendo. **CONTACT:** Janette Chambers, 620 S. Horseshoe Creek, Glendo, WY 82213; 307-735-4314.

L.C. Bishop Award. The L.C. Bishop Award is given to an organization or individual who has voluntarily contributed in a significant manner to preserving or recording the history of any part of a

historic trail in Wyoming through preservation of a site, completed written research, cartography, or other means which may span many years. No nominations received.

Henryetta Berry Memorial Award is given to an organization or individual in recognition of their years of promoting Wyoming history among young people.

Laramie Plains Museum, Mary Mountain, Director, for *Laramie Plains Museum Junior Docent Program*. Nominated by Albany County Historical Society - Jane Nelson, Chair.

The Junior Docent program at the Laramie Plains Museum is one of the most enduring programs in Albany County and the state for promoting Wyoming history among young people. The junior docents gain valuable skills in public speaking and understand the importance of community service. An important and highly valued collaborative feature of the program is the involvement of the teachers at Laramie's junior high school. **CONTACT:** Mary Mountain, Director, Laramie Plains Museum, 603 E. Iverson Avenue, Laramie, WY 82070; lpmdirector@bresnan.net.

Judge and Mrs. Percy W. Metz Memorial Award is given to an individual or organization in recognition of outstanding contribution to the history of Wyoming in the field of photography or oral history, which may span many years.

Micah Schweizer, Cultural Affairs and Production Director, WPR for *Wyoming Stories*
Nominated by Albany County Historical Society – Jane Nelson, Chair

“Wyoming Stories” is an ongoing statewide oral history project by Wyoming Public Radio which was inspired by National Public Radio's “Story Corps” program. More than 100 stories of Wyoming residents have been uploaded from locations around the state. **CONTACT:** Micah Schweizer, WPR, Dept. 3884, 1000 E. University Ave., Laramie, WY 82071; mschweizer@uwyo.edu

Maurine Carley Memorial Award is given to an individual or organization in recognition of outstanding historic preservation projects related to building properties and sites. Maurine Carley was a long-time member of the WSHS, acted as treasurer for twenty years, wrote the guide, and led many of the Society's summer treks. She was dedicated to the preservation of Wyoming history. No nominations received.

Outstanding Preservation Project Award is given to an individual or an organization in recognition of an outstanding project in the field of historic preservation that does not focus on the preservation of a historic building or site. No nominations received.