Wyoming State Historical Society
2002 Award Winners

PUBLICATIONS AWARDS

BOOKS – NON-FICTION

NANCY WEIDEL, Laramie, for
Sheepwagon, Home on the Range.
Nominated by the Albany & Platte County Chapters.

TIE

LEVIDA HILEMAN, for
In Tar and Paint and Stone, Inscriptions at Independence Rock and Devil's Gate.
Nominated by the Platte & Natrona County Chapters.

BOOKS – FICTION

ED KIENZLE, for
Partners in the Wilderness, Travis's Choice.
Nominated by the Natrona County Chapter.

BOOKS – BIOGRAPHY OR AUTOBIOGRAPHY

CHIP CARLSON, Cheyenne, for
Tom Horn, Blood on the Moon.
Nominated by the Platte County Chapter.

TIE

BERYL GAIL CHURCHILL, for
Challenging the Canyon, a Family Man Builds a Dam.
Nominated by the Park County Chapter.

CALENDAR

AMERICAN HERITAGE CENTER, in partnership with the WYOMING STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, for
the 2002 Wyoming Historical Calendar.
Nominated by the Albany County Chapter.

PAMPHLET

TODD GUENTHER & AMY RUSSIAN, for the pamphlet
"The Museum of the American West."
Nominated by the Fremont County Chapter.

BROOCURE
"Welcome to Last Crossing."
Nominated by the Natrona County Chapter.

PERIODICALS/NEWSPAPERS

GREEN RIVER STAR, for
the Special Edition on Homesteaders & Ghost Towns.
Nominated by the Platte County Chapter.

PATSY PARKIN, Wheatland, for her
"In & Around Wheatland" articles published in the Platte County Record Times.
Nominated by the Albany County Chapter.

CAROL BOWERS, Laramie, for the article
"School Bells and Winchesters, The Sad Saga of Glendolene Myrtle Kimmel" published in
Nominated by the Albany County Chapter.

AUDIO-VISUAL DOCUMENTARY AWARDS

PROFESSIONAL

"WINDOWS INTO WONDERLAND," an electronic field trip done by the Buffalo Bill Historical
Center and Yellowstone National Park (www.windowsintowonderland.org).
Nominated by the Park County Chapter.

TOM DUNCAN, for his taped series "Tales of the Yellowstone" played on KTRZ Riverton-Lander
radio.
Nominated by the Fremont County Chapter.

FINE ARTS AWARDS  – Senior Categories

PAINTING

BARBARA SCHAFFNER, for the water color painting
Pioneer Baby Sitter.
Nominated by the Platte County Chapter.

Honorable Mention:
MELODY NEWELL, for her painting
Little Powder River Homestead.
Nominated by the Platte County Chapter.

**SCULPTURE**

AVARD FAIRBANKS, for his bronze sculpture
Pony Express Memorial.
Nominated by the Natrona County Chapter.
(Posthumous Award)

Honorable Mention:
HAROLD REXIUS, for his wood sculpting of Native Americans.
Nominated by the Platte County Chapter.

**OTHER FINE ARTS MEDIUM**

MARGARET LAWRENCE, for her pencil drawing of
Careyhurst Ranch.
Nominated by the Platte County Chapter.
(Posthumous Award)

**DRAMA**

ALLENE WINTERS HEINER, Bedford, for the musical historical drama, It's On the House.
Nominated by the Star Valley Chapter.

**MUSIC**

ALLENE WINTERS HEINER, Bedford, for the musical score for It's On the House.
Nominated by the Star Valley Chapter.

**SPECIAL AWARDS**

**CHAPTER AWARD** for financial assistance for historical projects

1st Place - $750.00:
HOT SPRINGS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY - for the "World's Largest Mineral Hot Springs" sign project.

**ACTIVITIES AWARDS**

Special Historical Trek or Tour
(A group making a significant contribution to Wyoming history through a well-planned, well-conducted tour or tours to a historic site/sites in Wyoming)
PARK COUNTY AND STAR VALLEY CHAPTERS for conducting the Wyoming State Historical Society 2002 Annual Trek.

**Educational Project**  
(Educational project which furthers the understanding and knowledge of local and state history)  
STAR VALLEY GEN WEB, for the photos of headstones.  
Nominated by the Star Valley Chapter.

**Promotion, Restoration, or Interpretation of Historical Significance**  
(Individual promoting museum activities, restoration, or interpretation of local historic sites)  
HOMESTEADER MUSEUM, for the display "Take Me Out to the Ball Game - History of Baseball in Powell - 1910-1940."  
Nominated by the Park County Chapter.

**WYOMING TEACHER AWARD** Outstanding Teacher of the Year

BRUCE BERST, Natrona County High School. Mr. Berst has been a Wyoming History teacher for 20 years. He is also the founder of Company I and Living History Days at Fort Caspar which involves every aspect of Wyoming history.  
Nominated by the Natrona County Chapter.

**ANNUAL SERVICES AWARDS** to Members for Outstanding Service

JACKIE ELLIS, Casper, for her continuous ability to be the "one who gets things done." She serves as Natrona County Chapter's treasurer, worked on the annual trek, planned programs, donated prizes, makes phone calls and raises funds for the Education Fund.  
Nominated by WSHS Awards Committee.

DAVE TAYLOR, Casper, for his service to Natrona County, his newsletter efforts, and his tenure as State Society president.

**CUMULATIVE CONTRIBUTION AWARD** for Lifetime Achievement

RICK EWIG, Laramie, for his more than 20 years of service as State Society treasurer, county chapter president, Annals editor, WSHS calendar compiler, historical researcher, writer and presenter, and for his preservation of archival materials.  
Nominated by the Albany County Chapter.

**MEMORIAL AWARDS**

There was no award given for 2002.
COMPANY I 3RD U.S. VOLUNTARY INFANTRY, Casper, for their commitment to Living History Day at Fort Caspar and helping students in learning about frontier history. Nominated by the Natrona County Chapter.

DOUBLE SPEARS RANCH RADIO PROGRAMS. An oral history effort to preserve Northeastern Wyoming ranch history. 100 years of history in 100 interviews of ranchers and their wives on live radio programs. Nominated by the Weston County Chapter.

SWEETWATER COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM, for the restoration and preservation of the Old Green River Post Office as their permanent home. Nominated by the Sweetwater County Chapter.

Honorable Mention: TOWN OF JAY EM for the continuing effort to recreate this historic site. Nominated by Frank McVay.

YOUTH ART AWARDS

GRADES 4-6

1st Place: TIM PAINTER, for the collage The Marshall. Nominated by the Albany County Chapter.

2nd Place: SARAH AGUIRRES, for the pencil drawing Back in the Saddle Again. Nominated by the Albany County Chapter.

GRADES 7-9

1st Place: TANNER JOHNSON, for the colored pencil drawing Common Loon & Her Chick. Nominated by the Albany County Chapter.

2nd Place: KAYLEE CHRISTENSEN, for the colored pencil drawing of The Fox. Nominated by the Albany County Chapter.
3rd Place:
KIRA HODGSON, for the pen and ink drawing of a Squirrel.
Nominated by the Albany County Chapter.

Honorable Mention:
DANIEL SANTISTEVAN, for the pen and ink drawing of an Owl.
Nominated by the Albany County Chapter.

GRADES 10-12

1st Place:
RACHEL UNDESSER, for the print of her panoramic painting of Star Valley.
Nominated by the Star Valley Chapter.

YOUNG HISTORIAN AWARDS

GRADES 4-6

1st Place - $75.00:
TYLER ULLERY-PLOWMAN, Kemmerer, for the essay "TV Broadcasting Pioneer - Gerald H. Norris."
Nominated by the Lincoln County Chapter.

2nd Place - $50.00:
CASEY WRIGHT, for the essay "Famous Wyoming Chiefs."
Nominated by the Weston County Chapter.

3rd Place - $35.00:
MEGAN GORDON, for the essay "Molly's Journal."
Nominated by the Weston County Chapter.

GRADES 7-9

1st Place - $75.00:
KASSIE JULIAN, Kemmerer, for the essay "Arthur Robinson - Grand Old Man."
Nominated by the Lincoln County Chapter.

GRADES 10-12

1st Place - $75.00:
DENISE PIERRE, for the essay "Battle of the Little Big Horn."
Nominated by the Albany County Chapter.

2nd Place - $50.00:
ELLIE JOHNSON, for the essay "Esther Hobart McQuigg Morris."
Nominated by the Albany County Chapter.

3rd Place - $35.00:
HEATHER MOORE, for the essay "Heartless Heart Mountain."
Nominated by the Albany County Chapter.

JUNIOR ACTIVITIES AWARDS

Educational Activity Grades 4 - 6

(Educational activities which promote, with study and projects, the understanding and knowledge of local and/or state history)

1st Place:
DEVIN RUTTINGER, CHUCK GABRIEL & SCOTT BUTLER for their History Quilts.
Nominated by the Albany County Chapter.

2nd Place:
"HATS OFF TO WYOMING'S PEOPLE," done by the 4th Grade class, Indian Paintbrush Elementary School.
Nominated by the Albany County Chapter.

Educational Activity Grades 10 - 12

(Educational activities which promote, with study and projects, the understanding and knowledge of local and/or state history)

1st Place:
LOCAL HISTORY RESEARCH PROJECTS, Newcastle High School, for an impressive collection of articles which includes research and writing skills.
Nominated by the Weston County Chapter.