

Wyoming State Historical Society
2005 Award Winners

Publications Awards—Books—Fiction

Nominated by Park County Chapter

Mark Spragg, for An Unfinished Life

The committee chose this well-written book for its excellent character development and readability. The intricate story line made it difficult to lay down.

CONTACT:

Mark Spragg, 1107 Alpine Ave, Cody, WY 82414 (307-587-8801)

Park County Chapter—Rowene Giarrizzo and Lynn Houze

Publications Awards—Books—Non-fiction

Nominated by Sheridan County Chapter

Serle L. Chapman, for Promise Bozeman's Trail to Destiny

The committee chose this impressive book for its well-researched and well-written first person narratives from the viewpoints of the emigrants, the military, and the Native Americans. The book is beautifully illustrated by historic photographs, modern photographs taken by Chapman and Indian art.

CONTACT:

Serle L. Chapman, Bear Print/Go Native America; 821 N. 27th St. #120, Billings, MT 59101
(406-670-2227 or 307-645-3397)

Sheridan County Chapter—Judy Musgrave

AND

Nominated by Platte County Chapter

Patsy Parkin, for Wyoming, Crossroads of a Continent

The committee chose this wonderfully written fourth grade textbook. We liked how the new vocabulary words are printed in blue and geographical words are printed in red. It also included internet sources for further study. It is an easy to read and concise book that fills a void in the elementary schools in Wyoming.

CONTACT:

Patsy Parkin, 149 Preuit Road, Wheatland, WY 82201

Platte County Chapter—Patsy Parkin

Publications Awards—Books—Autobiography or Biography

Nominated by Natrona County Chapter and Carbon County Chapter

Candy Moulton, for Chief Joseph, Guardian of the People

The committee chose this well-written book for its concise history and deep emotion. The book shows the struggle and the determination of Chief Joseph and his people.

CONTACT:

Candy Moulton, Box 29-Star Route, Encampment, WY 82325 (307-324-3545)

Natrona County Chapter—David Taylor

Carbon County Chapter—Joan Lawrence

Publications Awards—Books—Self-published

Nominated by Platte County Chapter

Eva Burton and Roberta Vaughn, for *Mystery in History, Legends of Currant Creek Ranch of Sweetwater County of Wyoming*

The committee chose this well researched book for its outstanding source of information on the Currant Creek Ranch. It was written with great enthusiasm and we enjoyed the personal stories and interviews.

CONTACT:

Eva Burton and Roberta Vaughn, P.O. Box 261, Glendo, WY 82213

Platte County Chapter—Patsy Parkin

Honorable Mention:

Nominated by Park County Chapter

Art Kidwell, for *In the Shadow of the Beartooth - Clark, Wyoming*

The committee thought this was a well-researched and well-written book on Clark, Wyoming. It is the first complete history ever written on this Park County community and makes a valuable contribution to Wyoming's history.

CONTACT:

Art Kidwell, 13 Bison Lane, Clark, Wyoming 82435

Park County - Rowene Giarrizzo and Lynn Houze

Publications Awards—Books—Single Chapter in a Book

No Nominations

Publications Awards—Brochures

Nominated by Sheridan County Chapter

Fort Phil Kearny / Bozeman Trail Association, for “Visit Fort Phil Kearny”

This beautiful brochure was developed to advertise Fort Phil Kearny, the 2004 Bozeman Trail Days, and the annual Fetterman Battle Tour. The committee felt it included a lot of information in a small space and thought it was quite colorful and attractive.

CONTACT:

Robert Wilson, Superintendent, Fort Phil Kearny State Historic Site, 528 Wagon Box Rd., Banner, WY 82832 (307-684-7629)

Sheridan County Chapter—Judy Musgrave

Publications Awards—Pamphlets

Nominated by Campbell County Chapter

Mary Kelley, for “Gillette, Wyoming Walking Tour”

This pamphlet is a tour guide of the 100 year community's history. It includes photographs of the buildings along Gillette Avenue and pieces of the history for each site. It is concise and has many things to see. It would easily fit in a pocket and includes a fold out map.

CONTACT:

Mary Kelley, 1103 Christinck Ave., Gillette, WY 82718

Campbell County Chapter—Patty Myers

Publications Awards—Calendars

Nominated by Star Valley Chapter

Deloyd Anderson, for the “Calendar of Star Valley History 2005”

This calendar features older barns in the Star Valley area. It has clear, attractive pictures with historical data about each picture. It also has bits of history in the calendar section.

CONTACT:

Deloyd Anderson, 270 Madison, Afton, WY 83110 (307-885-5572)
Star Valley Chapter—Polly Erickson

Publications Awards—Magazines and Newspapers

Nominated by Natrona County Chapter

Jack Rosenthal for his series of articles published in the Casper Star Tribune

United States postage stamps featuring Wyoming subjects were described in a forty-week series published in the Casper Star Tribune from March 28, 2004 through December 26, 2004. The articles cover everything from “Sherman Hill Air Mail Beacon” to the “Pony Express”.

CONTACT:

Jack Rosenthal, 1200 S. Mitchell, Casper, WY 82601
Natrona County Chapter—Jackie Ellis

Nominated by Goshen County Chapter

Mike Griske for his series of articles, “**The Hunton Diaries**” in the Torrington Telegram

Griske revived the interest in Hunton, a Wyoming pioneer, and his diaries in the summer of 2004 by his series of articles in the Friday editions of the Torrington Telegram.

CONTACT:

Mike Griske, 217 Newbridge Road, Hicksville, New York 11801
Goshen County Chapter—Sally Vanderpoel

Nominated by Laramie County Chapter

John Signor, editor of “The Streamliner”

The Streamliner is the official publication of the Union Pacific Historical Society. This issue contains detailed research, historic photographs on the winter operations and Wyoming snow sheds. The Streamliner is devoted to the preservation of the history of the Union Pacific Railroad and is issued on a quarterly basis.

CONTACT:

John R. Signor, P.O. Box 677; Dunsmuir, CA 96025
Laramie County Chapter—Mary Nystrom

Honorable Mention:

Nominated by Goshen County Chapter

Jeff Roberts, publisher/editor of The Torrington Telegram

The committee feels The Torrington Telegram should be commended for including the weekly series of excerpts from Griske on John Hunton’s Diaries. It is wonderful to see a newspaper committed to sharing the local and state history of Wyoming.

CONTACT:

Jeff Robertson, Publisher/Editor, The Torrington Telegram, P.O. Box 1058, Torrington, WY 82240 (307-532-3184)
Goshen County Chapter—Sally Vanderpoel

Audio-Video Documentary Awards Professional

Nominated by Fremont County Chapter

Wyoming Public Television for “Wyoming Voices”

“Wyoming Voices” is a very well done 3 part DVD on Wyoming History from the people who lived it. It covers the entire state and has a crosscut of people. The committee felt this is an excellent educational tool that needs to be in every school and library in the state.

CONTACT:

Wyoming Public Television, 2660 Peck Ave., Riverton, WY 82501
Fremont County Chapter—Maggi Layton

Non-Professional

Nominated by Natrona County Chapter

Ed Bille for “The Bozeman Trail”

The DVD tells not only of the “Bloody” Bozeman, but all other routes to the mine fields in Montana, along with excellent pictorial quality and narration. The committee feels this is exceptionally well done and should be in every school in Wyoming.

CONTACT:

Ed Bille, Pointe Frontier, 1406 Prairie Ave. #3, Cheyenne, WY 82009 (307-236-6197)
Natrona County Chapter—David Taylor

Fine Arts Award

Nominated by Sheridan County Chapter

Robert Wilson and Tom Warnke for Sheridan County Historical Society Museum Dioramas

These two dioramas are focal point exhibits of the new Sheridan County Historical Society Museum. Tom Warnke’s “Springtime in Sheridan-1888” compliments the Sheridan’s Firsts exhibit and Bob Wilson’s “Tongue River Tie Flume” goes with the tie hack camps in the Big Horn Mountains exhibit. Accompanying panels of text and photographs as well as artifacts complete both exhibits. The committee felt that the dioramas are a multifaceted art and a wonderful contribution to the fine arts.

CONTACT:

Robert C. Wilson, Fort Phil Kearny State Historic Site, 528 Wagon Box Rd., Banner, WY 82832
Tom Warnke, 1536 So. Mountain View Dr., Sheridan, WY 82801
Sheridan County Chapter—Judy Musgrave
Honorable Mention:

Nominated by Park County Chapter

Reid Christie painting, “Colter, Crows, Clark’s Fork 1806”

This painting is a beautiful interpretation of the meeting of John Colter and the native population at Clark’s Fork. The committee was impressed with the beauty of this painting.

CONTACT:

Reid Christie, 1424 Meadow Lane Avenue, Cody, WY (307-527-6386)
Park County Chapter—Rowene Giarrizzo and Lynn Houze

Young Historian Awards Elementary School-Grades 4-6

Nominated by Lincoln County Chapter

1st Place—**Shannon Laird** of Kemmerer Elementary School, for her essay, “**Memories of Arlyn Wainwright**”

This essay shows the town’s admiration for former teacher and principal, Arlyn Wainwright. It is well researched and written. Shannon shows humor and voice in her essay.

CONTACT:

Shannon Laird, 1322 7th West, Kemmerer, WY 83101 (307-877-9567)

Lincoln County Chapter—Kimberly Glasscock

Jr. High School-Grades 7-9

Nominated by Weston County Chapter

1st Place—**Ryan Jones** of Newcastle School, for his essay, “**Nels H. Smith**”

Ryan investigated his family history to see some of the interesting things his great grandfather did. It is a well written essay and you can read his admiration for his ancestor in his writing.

CONTACT:

Ryan Jones, Newcastle, WY 82701

Weston County Chapter—Melody McCalla

Nominated by Weston County Chapter

2nd Place—**Amber Wright** of Newcastle School, for her essay, “**Jedediah Smith**”

This essay shows good research and writing style. It had fun facts about the famous mountain man and we enjoyed reading it.

CONTACT:

Amber Wright, Newcastle, WY 82701

Weston County Chapter—Melody McCalla

Nominated by Lincoln County Chapter

3rd Place—**Chrissy Beatty** of Kemmerer Middle School, for her essay, “**Prohibition in Kemmerer and Diamondville Wyoming**”

This essay was fun to read. We enjoyed the facts and the writing style. We were impressed that Chrissy included her references.

CONTACT:

Chrissy Beatty, 606 Emerald Street, Kemmerer, WY 83101

Lincoln County Chapter—Kimberly Glasscock

High School-Grades 10-12

Nominated by Weston County Chapter

1st Place—**Tessa Boggs** of Newcastle High School, for her essay, “**Coal Mining Ghost Town**”

This was a well-written essay on Cambria. Tessa is good at citing her sources throughout her paper and lists them at the end. It was well researched and enjoyable to read.

CONTACT:

Tessa Boggs, Newcastle, WY 82701

Weston County Chapter—Melody McCalla

Nominated by Weston County Chapter

2nd Place—**Cole Yada** of Newcastle High School, for his essay, “**The One Hundred Fifteenth: Then and Now**”

This was a wonderful accounting of the cavalry military force from Newcastle. It was well researched and written. The resources were cited.

CONTACT:

Cole Yada, Newcastle , WY 82701

Weston County Chapter—Melody McCalla

Nominated by Weston County Chapter

3rd Place—**Mark Washburn** of Newcastle High School, for his essay, “**Milling Through Time**”

This was a good essay on the Old Mill in Newcastle. It gives many facts about the mill and is quite informative. The resources were cited and included a personal interview.

CONTACT:

Mark Washburn, Newcastle, WY 82701

Weston County Chapter—Melody McCalla

Chapter Awards

Nominated by Platte County Chapter

1st Place-\$750-Platte County Historical Society for their centennial presentation of the history of Wheatland.

The committee was interested in Platte County’s dedication to create an oral and visual presentation on the history of Wheatland for their centennial on January 16, 2006. They plan to create take around displays and will need the money for reproducing photos. This display will be kept for future use in schools and programs. The award rules state that Platte County Historical Society shall give an oral report at the 2006 Annual Meeting and a brief written report after the project is completed to the WSHS.

CONTACT:

Charlene Busk, 16 Rick Road, Wheatland, WY 82201

Platte County Chapter—Patsy Parkin

Activities Awards

Well planned, well-conducted tour or tours to a historic site

Nominated by individual, Lokey Lytjen

Jackson Hole Museum for the tour, **Historic Dude Ranches in Grand Teton National Park.**

The history museum established an interpretive tour of historic dude ranches in the valley. The tour began at the Chapel of Transfiguration and included several ranches. It was a combination of bus and walking tour. The committee was impressed with the presentation and documentation of the tour.

CONTACT:

Jackson Hole Museum, P.O. Box 1005, Jackson, WY 83001

Lokey Lytjen—same as above

Outstanding Educational Project

Nominated by Sheridan County Chapter

YMCA Active Older Adults Program for their **Sheridan County YMCA Exercise / History Activity**

This is a 12 week activity to encourage winter exercise among those 55 and older to increase historical knowledge of Sheridan and have fun doing it. They have used a Bozeman Trail and a Lewis and Clark theme. The committee was impressed with the idea of combining history and exercise for the community.

CONTACT:

Roger Wilson, 307 W. Mountain View Dr., Sheridan, WY 82801 (307-674-8027)
Sheridan County Chapter—Judy Musgrave

Promotion of Museum activities, restoration, or interpretation of local historic sites

Nominated by Sheridan County Chapter

Sheridan County Historical Society for its **Historic Schools Throw**

The committee was impressed with the woven throw featuring the images of eight historic schools in Sheridan, Wyoming. The project was sparked by the tearing down last year of the old Sheridan High School built in 1926. The images were taken from old postcards. Five of the eight buildings pictured have been torn down. This throw not only interprets local historic sites, but was used as a money making project for the historical society to use on their museum.

CONTACT:

Linda Prill, P. O. Box 73, Sheridan, WY 82801 (307-674-4436)
Sheridan County Chapter—Judy Musgrave

Junior Activities Awards Grades 4-6

Nominated by Natrona County Chapter

1st Place--Sarah Clayson, Hannah and Hollie Becker for the **Casper Kids' Trail Team**

The committee was impressed by these three young girls who decided they would like to start a history club. They hold their meetings at the National Historic Trails Center and opened it to any students who were interested in local and state history. Today there are nearly 30 members in grades 4 through 7. They have monthly meetings and have made holiday and public presentations.

CONTACT:

Sarah Clayson, Hannah and Hollie Becker, Casper, WY 82601
Natrona County Chapter—Jackie Ellis

Nominated by Park County

2nd Place—Tanner Cannon from Westside School in Powell for his **Wyoming Mountain Man**

The committee enjoyed the diorama of the Wyoming Mountain Man. It was all handmade and was an accurate depiction of the historical significance of the fur trading industry.

CONTACT:

Tanner Cannon, 1152 Rd. 12, Powell, WY 82435
Park County Chapter—Rowene Giarrizzo and Lynn Houze

Nominated by Weston County Chapter

3rd Place—Kitty Moats School for its Chief Washakie Project

The students did one art project, one writing project, and three group discussions to discuss Chief Washakie. The committee was impressed with the class using many disciplines to study Chief Washakie and do this Wyoming project.

CONTACT:

Janet Hutchinson, teacher, Kitty Moats School, Osage, WY 82723
Weston County Chapter—Melody McCalla

Grades 7-9

Nominated by Natrona County

1st Place-8Y Team for Along the Oregon Trail

Along the Oregon Trail was a week long unit involving 105 eighth graders from CY Junior High School in Casper. They divided into groups and used language arts, math, and social studies to study this facet of Wyoming History. Each group spent a day in Laramie at the American Heritage Center to learn to use their facilities in order to read some pioneer diaries and learn about Native Americans on the trail. They went on field trips and used time lines and maps. The activity culminated in having an authentic pioneer meal. The committee was impressed with the multi-disciplinary approach to the unit.

CONTACT:

Pat Clark, Dawn Frantz, and Melissa Erhdahl, 2211 Essex, Casper, WY 82604
Natrona County Chapter—David Taylor

Grades 10-12

No nominations

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

Nominated by Star Valley Chapter

Homer Bennett of Star Valley High School

The committee was impressed with the wonderful presentation on Homer Bennett. He has been a history teacher for 18 years. During those years he has influenced many students, especially in the field of Wyoming History. The projects in his classes are varied and have included a wide variety of activities. He has the enthusiasm and the expertise to create and sustain interest in Wyoming History in his students.

CONTACT:

Homer Bennett, 78399 Hwy 89, Afton, WY 83110
Star Valley Chapter—Polly Erickson

Annual Services Award

Nominated by Sheridan County Chapter

Dr. Jeff Prater for the many outstanding volunteer services he has provided this past year.

Dr. Prater has helped with editing and organizing the sustainability study for the museum expansion project and put the initial power point presentation together on the museum expansion project. He keeps the computers in working order. He has done historical consulting on WWII and other topics. He has helped with numerous other projects and is truly deserving of this award.

CONTACT:

Dr. Jeff Prater, 33 Whitetail Lane, Sheridan, WY 82801 (307-674-9894)
Sheridan County Chapter—Judy Musgrave

AND

Nominated by the Awards Committee

Art Kidwell, President of WSHS

Art Kidwell has gone above and beyond the expectations of WSHS President this year. He has personally written letters to all former members and asked them to rejoin our society. He is always available to answer any questions by phone or email. He has graciously given his time and expertise whenever asked by committees or individual members. We feel that Art is truly deserving of the annual service award.

CONTACT:

Art Kidwell, 13 Bison Lane, Clark, WY
Awards Committee—Laura Lake, chairman

L.C. Bishop Award

No Nominations

Judge and Mrs. Percy W. Metz Memorial Award

No Nominations

Mabel Brown Cumulative Contribution Award

No Nominations