Award Recipients—2012
The Wyoming State Historical Society honored several individuals and organizations at the society’s 59th annual meeting held recently in Saratoga/Encampment. The Society’s prestigious awards program recognizes individuals and organizations from all across the state (and beyond) whose work honors and preserves Wyoming’s legacy. The nominations were submitted by members of the Wyoming State Historical Society and its various chapters. The editor regrets that due to space limitations the judge’s comments had to be edited. The full version can be viewed online at www.wyshs.org or a hard copy can be requested by calling 322-3014.

Publications Awards—Books—Fiction
Nominated by the Sweetwater County Chapter
Alethea Williams for Willow Vale

Publications Awards—Books—Non-fiction
Nominated by Park County Chapter
Warren Murphy for On Sacred Ground: A Religious and Spiritual History of Wyoming
AND
Nominated by the Fremont County Chapter
Sara Wiles for Arapaho Journeys Photographs & Stories from the Wind River Reservation

Honorable Mention:
Nominated by the Sheridan County Chapter
Sam Western for Solace in Numbers: The Biography of Edward A. Whitney and The History of Whitney Benefits (two volumes)

Honorable Mention:
Nominated by the Park County Chapter
Paul Fees for Victor Alexander and the Saddle: Art, Craft, and Business

Honorable Mention:
Nominated by the Sheridan County Chapter
Judy Slack, Bozeman Trail Museum, and Big Horn City Historical Society for Images of America: Big Horn City

Honorable Mention:
Nominated by Marylin Schultz, WSHS Member
Lynn Johnson Houze for Cody: Then & Now

Honorable Mention:
Nominated by the Sweetwater County Chapter
Frank Prevedel and the Sweetwater County Museum for Images of America: Superior and South Superior

Publications Awards—Books—Autobiography or Biography
Nominated by the Park County Chapter
Donald Loren Hardy for Shooting from the Lip: The Life of Senator Al Simpson

Publications Awards—Books—Self-published
Nominated by Jeremy Johnston, WSHS Member
Beryl Churchill for Wilderness Heritage: The Borner-Hale Connection
Publications Awards—Books—Reference
Nominated by the Natrona County Chapter
Rebecca A. Hunt, PhD for *Natrona County: People, Place, and Time*

Honorable Mention:
Nominated by Judy Wolf and Mary Hopkins, WSHS Members
Dr. Michael Cassity for *Wyoming Will Be Your New Home…and A Guide to the Evaluation of Wyoming’s Ranching, Farming and Homesteading Historic Resources and Resource Management Issues and Opportunities…* (Three part publication)

Publications Awards—Poetry
Nominated by the Crook County Chapter and the Platte County Chapter
Patricia Frolander for *Married Into It*

Publications Awards—Newsletters
Nominated by the Sheridan County Chapter
Nathan Doerr, Editor for *The Log: The Official Newsletter of the Sheridan County Historical Society*

Publications Awards—Pamphlets
Nominated by the Sheridan County Chapter
Nathan Doerr and Helen Laumann for *Twenty Years of Timbermen; The Story of the Tongue River Tie Flume*

Honorable Mention:
Nominated by the Albany County Chapter
*Albany County Historic Preservation Board*
Lead Author: Larry Ostresh; Railroad Historian: Jerry Hansen; Funding Director: Amy Williamson Hansen; and the Laramie Railroad Depot Association for *Railroads of Albany County Tracking the Past*

Publications Awards—Brochures
Nominated by Weston County Chapter
*News Letter Journal for Western Heritage Summer Guide*

Publications Awards—Calendars
Nominated by the Star Valley County Chapter
*Star Valley Historical Society and Judy Erickson for 2012 Calendar of Star Valley History*

Publications Awards—Magazines and Newspapers
Nominated by the Campbell County Chapter
*Gillette News Record, Ann Kennedy-Turner for Historic Campbell County Ranches*

AND
Nominated by the Sheridan County Chapter
*Wyoming Wildlife, Chris Madson, Editor for Wyoming Wildlife*

AND
Nominated by the Weston County Chapter
*Bob Bonnar, News Letter Journal for The Old Mill Is in Mothballs and Old Mill Coming Down and Mill Played an Important Role in County’s History*

AND
Nominated by the Carbon County Chapter
Linda Fleming for *Echoes from the Past series in each issue of the Snake River Press*

**Audio-Video Documentary Awards - Professional**
Nominated by the Platte County Chapter
*Linda Fleming for* Above Yellowstone

**Audio-Video Documentary Awards - Non-Professional**
Nominated by the Campbell County Chapter
*Mary Kelley for Monkey Business: Roy Montgomery Story*

Honorable Mention:
Nominated by the Crook County Chapter
*Rocky Courchaine for Old Stoney - Reclaiming the Vision*

**Fine Arts Award**
Nominated by the Park County Chapter
*Kris Eitzen for her Ledger Art Companion Pieces, On Their Heels and One Step Ahead AND*
Nominated by the Star Valley Chapter
*Allene W. Heiner for her historic musical play, It's Time to Draw the Line*

Honorable Mention:
Nominated by the Weston County Chapter
*John Dumbrill for his Pencil Drawing, Spencer Homestead House*

**Young Historian Awards - Grades 3-5**
Nominated by the Lincoln County Chapter
1st Place – Colter John Burnski for *Lincoln County Courthouse*
Nominated by the Lincoln County Chapter
2nd Place – Colter Julian for *The Life of Truman Julian*
Nominated by the Lincoln County Chapter
3rd Place – Benjamin Wergin for *History of Ice Harvesting*

**Young Historian Awards - Grades 6-8**
Nominated by Deborah LaChance and Sandy Hartsky, members of the WSHS
1st Place – James Bisiar, Casper, for *Favorite Wyoming Home Grown Athletes / Home Grown Athletes - Wyoming Scoreboard*
2nd Place - Doug Williams, Garrhett Williams, and Rourke McPeters for *Wyoming Football Without African Americans: Black 14*
Nominated by the Weston County Chapter
3rd Place - Maura Nistler for *Don't Fence Me In: A Reaction to Heart Mountain Through Sketch*

**Young Historian Awards - Grades 9-12**
Nominated by the Weston County Chapter
1st Place - Branden Hawley for *Salt in the Hills*
Nominated by the Weston County Chapter
2nd Place – Alex Rettinghouse for *Wrestling History*
Nominated by the Weston County Chapter
3rd Place – Sean Petersen for *No Place Like Home*
Junior Activities Awards - Grades 3-5
Nominated by the Sheridan County Chapter
1st Place – Sheridan County Museum 2011 Summer Classroom Program for Young Archaeologists Investigate Plains Indian Shelters, Nathan Doerr, Director
Nominated by the Weston County Chapter
2nd Place – Fourth Grade Classrooms of Laura Giesler, Stacey Jones, Myron Hoffman and for Newcastle Elementary School Wyoming History Project

Junior Educational Activities Awards - Grades 6-8
Nominated by the Sheridan County Chapter
1st Place - Sharie Prout for Trail End Historic Site’s Hands-On History

Junior Activities Awards - Grades 9-12
Nominated by the Fort Bridger Chapter
1st Place - Brandon Jaggi, Eagle Scout project: Fort Bridger Military Reservation Markers
Nominated by the Star Valley Chapter
2nd Place – Ian Anderson, Eagle Scout project: Crow Creek Freight Road Markings

Activities Awards - Well-Planned, Well-Conducted Tour or Tours to an Historic Site
Nominated by the Natrona County Chapter
Wyoming Chapter of Oregon/California Trails Association for the Oregon/California Trails Association National Convention held in Rock Springs, WY, August 2011

Honorable Mention
Nominated by the Star Valley Chapter
Ron Anderson and Lane Allred for Centennial Tour of the Historic Crow Creek Freight Road

Activities Awards - Outstanding Educational Project
Nominated by Laramie County Chapter
Michael J. Krampner for The Lost Jews of Huntley, Wyoming

Honorable Mention
Nominated by the Platte County Chapter
Platte County Centennial Committee for the Platte County Centennial Celebration

Honorable Mention
Nominated by the Campbell County Chapter
Campbell County Historical Society for their Campbell County Centennial Events

Activities Awards – Family History Project
Nominated by the Sheridan County Chapter
Leon Washut and Karen Ballek Morse, PhD for The Waszuts of Fibaczka

Activities Awards – Historic Restoration or Interpretation of Local Historic Sites
Nominated by the Platte County Chapter
Pat Mitchell and Donita Graves for the Wheatland Cemetery Gateway Project
Chapter Awards
Nominated by the Sheridan County Chapter
1st Place – Sheridan County Chapter for Crazy Horse, Crook and the Battle on Rosebud Creek exhibit companion booklet
Nominated by the Weston County Chapter
2nd Place, Weston County Chapter for Preservation Effort to restore and preserve an historic cabin at Mallo Camp north of Newcastle

The Clara M. and Henry E. Jensen Outstanding Wyoming Teacher Award
Nominated by the Natrona County Chapter
Guy Sallade, Woods Learning Center, Casper

Mabel Brown Cumulative Contribution Award
Nominated by the Park County Chapter
Dick Wilder, Cody

Judge and Mrs. Percy W. Metz Memorial Award
Nominated by the Weston County Chapter
Alice Schuette for Archiving and preservation of the photographs used in Weston County, Wyoming - The First 100 Years

Outstanding Preservation Project Award
The recipient of the 2012 Outstanding Preservation Project Award was awarded to the Jim Gatchell Memorial Museum of Buffalo, Wyoming. The Outstanding Preservation Project Award recognizes outstanding preservation in the areas of non-building, non-site preservation. The undertaking to preserve and repair this wolf hide, and its story has been and now will continue to be a centerpiece in the Gatchell Museum collection for many years. Displayed in a specially built case to ensure its future conservation, it will be the highlight for many visits to the museum.

Maurine Carley Memorial Award
The recipient of the Maurine Carley Historic Preservation Award for 2012 has been awarded to the Walters Family for the restoration of the S. E. Ferree Home in Encampment, Wyoming. This property involves a home built in Encampment during the boom year of 1903. The Walters family undertook the significant task of restoring it to its former early 20th Century grandeur. During the work on the home, many small treasurers were uncovered including small toy cars and soldiers. The Walters left small treasurers for future owners to uncover if the walls are opened again. Items left included current newspapers and coin money of various denominations.