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The Museums Association of Montana (MAM) promotes professionalism and cooperation among the Museums of Montana. MAM is an organization for all types of museums—art, history, science and general—and individuals who are interested in improving and strengthening

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**THE DEADLINE  
FOR SUBMISSION OF ARTICLES  
FOR THE SPRING ISSUE IS  
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The MAM Newsletter is published quarterly by the Museums Association of Montana, a nonprofit organization of institutions and businesses, dedicated to promoting communication among all types of museums in Montana. MAM is an all volunteer organization whose support comes from its membership and from occasional public and private grants.

As a forum for exchange of information and ideas, the MAM Newsletter needs your contributions. Deadlines for submitting articles and announcements are: March 10, June 10, September 10, and December 10. Please send information to: Susan Near, MAM Newsletter Editor, Montana Historical Society, Montana's Museum, PO Box 201201, 225 North Roberts, Helena, MT 59620-1201. Phone 406-444-4713, FAX 406-444-2696, email: [snear@state.mt.us](mailto:snear@state.mt.us).

## President's Message:

**Thanks to everyone for your support in 2002:** The Board of Directors extends their heartfelt thanks to all of you for your help and generosity in 2002. From those who attended the Annual Conference in Butte (all 93), to the presenters at the conference (Betsy Baumgart, Sue Near, Jim McDonald, Mark Reavis, Brian Shovers, John T. Shea, Chris Ford, Pat Roath, Deirdre Shaw, Arnie Fishbaugh, Mark Sherouse, Jack Light, Tom Fenske, Kathy Wadell, Ken Soderberg, Mary Kay Ingenthron, Audrey Barnhart, Dee Seitel, John Russell, Darla Bruner, Laura Gittings-Carlson, Linda Ewert, David Kinsey, L. Jane Richards, Suzanne Warner, Judy Deitz, and to the folks at Montana Tech for their facilities, great food, publishing talents and technical expertise, and to those Board members who worked behind the scenes to make this the most successful conference ever, Ginette, Roy, Bill, Darla, Suzanne, Jack, Howard, Marena, and Paul!), to the donors and buyers of items at our two Silent Auctions (Annual Conference and at the Montana History Conference), and the Montana Historical Society for their continued technical support and expertise (**Thanks** Arnie and Sue!), and Dianne Keller (MHS) for the layout of the newsletter, and last, but certainly not least, **Thanks** to you members of the Association for your continued support!

**Get involved with your organization through service on one of the MAM Board Committees:** MAM has five committees that any MAM member can be a part of so, if you are interested in getting involved, please contact the Committee Chairs. Serving on a committee is a great way to see how the Board of Directors works. For further information about a specific committee and contact numbers see the Board list in this newsletter.

**Annual Conference Committee:** The conference in 2004 will be held in Custer Country (location TBA in next newsletter), so if you are a resident of Custer Country, and would like to be involved in the conference planning, please contact myself, Robin Urban, or this year's conference Chair, Penny Redli. Committee members work on local arrangements for the conference, work with the local media in promoting the conference, putting together packets of information about the conference location to be distributed to MAM members at the conference, and helps develop the conference program.

**Tourism Committee:** Chair, Bill Peterson, Kalispell, Glacier Country. Individuals on this committee act as a liaison between the Museums Association of Montana and the various tourism organizations in Montana such as Travel Montana.

**Advocacy:** Chair, Robin Urban, Butte, Gold West Country. This committee keeps tabs on the legislative issues concerning the arts and cultural organizations on a statewide and national basis and passes that information on to our member organizations.

**Publicity:** Chair, Connie Jacobs, Great Falls, Russell Country. Individuals serving on this committee are responsible for gathering newsworthy items from our Museums to be published in the MAM newsletter and by providing assistance to the Committee Chair by contacting local news organizations regarding Association activities in your area.

**Education and Professional Development:** Chair, Chris Ford, Deer Lodge, Gold West Country. This committee works with the Annual Conference Committee to insure that the educational needs of MAM members are addressed, they provide information to our Newsletter Editor regarding up-coming educational opportunities for MAM members, they serve as a liaison between the State's Office of Public Instruction in order to raise their awareness of

the resources available for schools through MAM's Museums, they put together an annual workshop/session for the Montana History Conference, they develop and maintain a traveling exhibit explaining MAM and its activities, they develop ways for Museums to trade ideas, learn new procedures, develop inter-museum lending policies, and develop special projects designed to increase MAM's visibility, such as brochures, video programs on museums, etc. A major committee project for 2003, is to develop a resource list for member Museums. This resource list will contain contact information on Museum folks who are willing to share their talents with other Museums. ***Sharing Your Talents:*** Chris is taking information from folks who are willing to share their talents and knowledge about the Museum field, so if you are interested in this very important program that is being developed, please contact her.

***Awards Committee:*** Involves seeking out nominees for the MAM Yegen Award, and, 2003's project is to further develop our Awards program. At our January 2003 MAM Board meeting, the Board decided to change when the Yegen Award is given out. In the past, we gave the Yegen Award out at the Montana History Conference in October. So that we can honor our recipients in front of our Museum members, we will give the award out at MAM's Annual Conference in April. See info on submission of nominees for the award in this newsletter. **Send your nominee information, postmarked no later than April 18<sup>th</sup>, to Robin Urban, World Museum of Mining, P.O. Box 33, Butte, MT 59703.**

***Montana Cultural Trust Grants:*** It was great to see the list of 22 art and history Museums/Historical Societies who applied for a C&A grant. We wish you all the best as you testify on behalf of your grant before the Legislative Long Range Planning Committee. The organizations testifying between the dates of Feb. 3-7 include the *Montana Historical Society, Hockaday Museum of Art, Paris Gibson Square, Huntley Project of Irrigated Agriculture, Schoolhouse History and Art Center, Custer County Art Center, Holter Museum of Art, MT Agricultural Center & Museum, Yellowstone Art Museum, Gallatin County Historical Society, Northwest Montana Historical Society, Billings Cultural Partners (a consortium of Museums, theater, dance, symphony groups), Daly Mansion, Livingston Depot Foundation, MonDak Historical & Art Society, Lewistown Art Center, Art Museum of Missoula, Schoolhouse History & Art Center, Billings Preservation Society (sponsoring organization for the Moss Mansion Historic House Museum), Museum of the Rockies, Carbon County Historical Society, Cascade County Historical Society, and our sister organization for the arts - MAGDA - the Montana Art Galleries Directors Association .*

The MAM Board, on behalf of the membership of the Museums Association of Montana, applied for a \$37,000 operational support grant through the Montana Cultural Trust. The intent of MAM's application for funding is to: provide better coordination between Montana's Museums and cultural sites; to encourage excellence in the state's Museums; to help identify problems of Museums, to sponsor effective and accessible educational opportunities to remedy these problems; to promote the value of Montana's Museums; provide better communication among Museums, between Museums and other organizations, and between the Museums and the public that they serve. To help with meeting these challenges, the money applied for would fund the position of a statewide Coordinator whose responsibilities would include membership development, fund raising, conference planning, working on the Association newsletter, communications, website updates, helping to develop statewide educational/training opportunities for Museum association members, in addition to other tasks. The C&A grant review committee recommended that we be funded for the two year period at \$12,000. On Thursday, Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>, we will make our presentation to the Legislative Long Range Planning Committee regarding MAM's grant request.

Contact your local legislators, and/or the Long Range Planning Committee folks (***Rep. Dave Kasten - Chair (Brockway), Sen. Tom Zook - Vice Chair (Miles City), Rep. Christine Kaufmann (Helena), Sen. Bob Keenan (Pres. Of the Senate - Bigfork), Sen. Jon Tester (Big Sandy), Sen. Joe Tropila (Great Falls), Rep. John Witt (Carter)*** (via phone at 406-444-1846, or email: [leg.state.mt.us/css/sessions/58th/legwebmessage\\_2003.asp](http://leg.state.mt.us/css/sessions/58th/legwebmessage_2003.asp)), and let them know your feelings on support for the C&A grants requested. If you are interested in obtaining a copy of the Grant testimony schedule, or if you want more information please contact me at 406-723-7211.

***2003 Annual Conference:*** This year's conference will be held in Red Lodge, Montana, in the heart of Yellowstone Country. Plans are well underway to make this another great conference, in one of the friendliest towns in Montana. This year, as requested by our conference attendees, we are making some changes to the length of our conference sessions. Some of our sessions will be longer in length, which will allow for project time and more discussion. We are also offering four, instead of two, \$100 scholarships to attend the conference. Additional information on the conference scholarships and an application, please see the inside of this newsletter. There is a deadline for getting the scholarship information into the committee, so please act now!

***Once again, thanks to all of you for your support and help and please let myself, or other MAM Board members know how we can best serve you.***

***Robin Urban  
MAM President***



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## Hearing on MAM C&A Grant Proposal

MAM has applied for a Cultural and Aesthetics Organizational Support Grant from the Montana Legislature for our *Expanding Montana's Museum Network* initiative. This grant would help MAM build a stronger network of communication among Montana's museums by publishing information about Montana's museums in a directory, posting more information on our web page and incorporating museum data into formats easily accessible by others. The Legislative hearing is scheduled for the morning of February 6th before the Committee. MAM President, Robin Urban, will present our grant proposal. If you have questions call Robin at: 723-7211.

## 2004 Conference Site Sought

The next MAM conference will be held in Montana's Custer Country in April 2004. Proposals for hosting the 2004 MAM Conference will be presented at the Board meeting on Saturday, April 26, 1 p.m. in Red Lodge.

If your museum and its community would like to serve as host to MAM you should submit a proposal in writing, postmarked by April 18th, containing the following:

- Do you have conference facility that can accommodate 80 to 100 people in one room and two rooms to facilitate split sessions?
- Do you have space to facilitate the silent auction, booth set ups, and refreshments?
- Can the conference facility accommodate the banquet and luncheons? If not, where would these events be held?
- Provide evidence of support from area Museums for the conference. (i.e. would they be willing to hold a reception?, conference sessions?, a meal?)
- Provide a cost estimate for: Conference rooms for session, refreshments based on 80 people (give an idea of what the refreshments would be, include morning and afternoon refreshments), audio visual equipment, banquet costs, and room rates from area hotels.

Send written proposals to: MAM President Robin Urban, World Museum of Mining, PO Box 33, Butte, MT 59703, or contact her for more information at 406-723-7211, [director@miningmuseum.org](mailto:director@miningmuseum.org).



*Jack Lepley, Suzanne Warner, and Jennifer Bottomly-O'looney at exhibits Workshop during MAM Butte conference in 2002.*

## ***Cultural Organizations: Surviving and Thriving in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century***

### MAM 2003 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Museums Association of Montana Annual Conference will be held in the historic mining town of Red Lodge on April 24-26, 2003.

Plans for the conference are now being finalized, so you can expect to receive a full registration brochure in early March. Full registration by April 1<sup>st</sup> is \$100 and after April 1<sup>st</sup> is \$125. This fee includes all sessions on Friday and Saturday and the lunch and banquet on Friday. Thursday workshops are \$20 in addition to the registration. If you are a Board Member, one of the workshops on Thursday is **Board of Directors: Governance, Fund Raising and Committees** and is FREE if you are an overall conference attendee.

Four \$100 scholarships will be awarded this year. An application form for scholarships is included in this newsletter! If your institution can not afford to send you to the conference or if you are a first time attendee, check out this opportunity!

MAM has a great conference in store for you. Three workshops are scheduled for Thursday afternoon. **Photograph Identification and Care** (limit of twelve - class to be held at the Peaks to Plains Museum), **Board of Directors: Governance, Fund Raising, and Committees** (for Museum Board members only), and an **Historic Red Lodge Tour** (limit 35).

Conference sessions on Friday and Saturday will include: Public Relations - Part I (Newspaper and Radio); Public Relations - Part II (Television); Past Perfect — How it can work for you; Roundtable Discussion — Problem Sharing and Solving; Fund Raising — Beyond Grants; Developing a Curriculum Based Education Program; Archives Preservation and Public Access; and Exhibit Planning and Installation on a Shoestring Budget, and more.

Registration and Sessions will be held at the *historic* **Pollard Hotel**, 2 N. Broadway, Red Lodge, Montana. Special MAM conference rates at the Pollard Hotel are \$75 plus tax per all available rooms, rates at the Comfort Inn, 612 N. Broadway (5 ½ blocks from the Pollard), are \$49.95 plus tax, and rates at the Best Western Lupine Inn, 18 & S. Hauser Avenue (7 ½ blocks from the Pollard), are \$49.00 plus tax. The Pollard has blocked all rooms until April 1 and the Comfort Inn and Best Western are holding a block of rooms for conference attendees.

**Pollard Hotel** (host hotel)- 1-800-POLLARD or 406-446-0001

**Comfort Inn** - 406-446-4469

**Best Western Lupine** - 406-446-1321

If you have any questions about the conference call Penny Redli, Peaks to Plains Museum, at 406-446-3667 or email - [peaks2plains@imt.net](mailto:peaks2plains@imt.net)

***See you in Red Lodge!***

## 2003 MAM Board Nominees

The following is a list of nominees for the MAM Board that will be submitted for re-election for a three-year term at the Museums Association of Montana Annual Meeting in Red Lodge, Montana on April 24, 2003, during the Membership meeting:

*Howard Boggess* Chief Plenty Coups Museum, Pryor

*Penny Collins Redli* Peaks to Plains Museum, Red Lodge

*Jack Lepley* Rivers and Plains Society, Fort Benton

Nominations from the floor are welcomed.

**Howard Boggess** is an enrolled member of the Crow Tribe. He attended Lodge Grass public schools and is a veteran of US Navy. Howard is a student of Crow Indian oral and written history, and has walked the migration trails of Indian tribes in the area that was known as Crow Nation before 1851 for more than 40 years. Recently Howard has researched William Clark and the Crow Indians for the Chief Plenty Coups Museum and Lewis and Clark Commission, and as well has done research for a Montana map with the Indian names for our rivers, streams, mountains and valleys.

He has a long association with the Big Horn County Historical Society in Hardin – as Board member, museum volunteer, and nine years as Director of the Big Horn County Museum. He is Past Chairman of Friends of Chief Plenty Coups Advisory Board, and has been a member of the Board since 1992. A Charter member of the Frontier Heritage Alliance, Howard has also served that group as board member and treasurer since 1996. He serves a similar role in the Friends of Pictograph Caves State Park in Billings. Boggess was the recipient of the Montana Historical Societies Trustees award in 2002 for working to preserve Montana history and culture.

For the last three years, Howard has been a speaker at the Rocky Mountain College Elder Hostel Program on Clark on the Yellowstone and the History and Culture of the Crow Indians and Crow Nation before 1851. He serves on the Board of Directors of the following: Yellowstone County Museum Foundation Board, Pompey's Pillar Association, and Yellowstone County Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commission. Howard Boggess has served on the Board of Directors of the Museums Association of Montana for the past eleven years. "I believe in working together—museums and their community, museums and Native Americans, museums and museums. That's why I'd like to continue to work on the MAM Board. We can go great places hand in hand."

**John G. Lepley** has been on the Board of Trustees and has served as Executive Director of the River and Plains Society since 1986. The Society is the governing organization for the Montana Agricultural Center and Museum of the Northern Plains, the Schwinden Library, Historic Old Fort Benton, the Museum of the Upper Missouri, and the Baker House Museum—all in Fort Benton.

Jack is a historian of the Upper Missouri region of Montana, lending his expertise to numerous organizations and committees such as the Montana Historic Preservation Review Board (1980-1988), the State of Montana's Lewis and Clark Memorial Committee (1973-1976), Montana's State Centennial Committee (1984-1989), the U.S. Department of Interior Advisory Board - Lewis and Clark Historic Trail (1980-1983), the Montana State Highway Department Historic Bridge Survey Committee (1984-1986), and the Montana Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commission (1996-present). He is author of a number of books and articles on the themes of Missouri River steamboating, Fort Benton history, and the Journeys of Lewis and Clark.

Lepley was trained in the sciences, attending the University of Montana for his undergraduate and graduate degrees, and attained another graduate degree from the University of Oregon. He taught science at Fort Benton High School from 1960 through his retirement in 1993, and received many awards for outstanding teaching,

including the Distinguished Teacher Presidential Scholars Program. He has been a city councilman, on city and county planning boards, and a representative on tourism committees.

He has served on the Board of the Museums Association of Museums since 1999, bringing a variety of experiences with him. Whether it be community advocacy, building a fledgling museum, teaching, or helping to plan major heritage events, Jack has had a hand in it. "I hope to help spread the word about the importance of our museums to community volunteers, our governmental representatives, our partners in the tourism industry, and our potential visitors through MAM activities."

**Penny Collins Redli** has been the Executive Director of the Carbon County Historical Society in Red Lodge, Montana for the last three and half years. She is responsible for overseeing operations of the Historical Society's new Peaks to Plains Museum housed in the oldest Labor Temple in the State of Montana. During her time at the museum she has filled the newly renovated building with exhibits, organized the move of the archives into the building, and assisted in the continuing effort to develop this small hometown museum into a first class museum.

Redli was born in Red Lodge, Montana and raised on a hay and cattle ranch near by. She went to school in Red Lodge and was active in band, FFA, 4-H, and showing horses before graduating in 1981. She is the fourth generation descendant of Finnish immigrants to the area around the turn of the century. Her great grandfather arrived in Red Lodge in 1900 and was killed in 1904 as a result of a mining accident in the Rocky Fork Coal Mine. Her great uncle was married to Alice Greenough (the internationally-known female bronc rider from Red Lodge).

She has been a photographer for 14 years, and has been the official photographer for the Montana State High School Rodeo Finals and the Northern Rodeo Association Finals in the course of operating her own rodeo photography business. She worked for 10 years for Coleman Gallery and Studio in Red Lodge, as photographers assistant, museum framing and matting, and hanging shows.

"I look forward to the opportunity to work with the Museum Associations of Montana to help further all museums in the great state of Montana."- Penny Redli



*MAM Board meeting in Butte, Montana in 2002*

Applications must be postmarked no later than March 28, 2003.  
**Applications received after the postmark deadline will not be considered.**  
**Scholarship winners will be notified via phone by April 4, 2003.**

*Please send your completed application to:*

MAM Scholarship Committee Chair Telephone: 406 496-4152  
Ginette Abdo Fax: 406 496-4451  
The Mineral Museum Email: [gabdo@mtech.edu](mailto:gabdo@mtech.edu)  
1300 West Park Street, Butte, MT 59701  
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**MUSEUMS ASSOCIATION OF MONTANA**  
**2003 Annual Conference Scholarship**  
*Cultural Organizations: Surviving and Thriving in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*  
April 24-26, 2003—Red Lodge, Montana

The **Museums Association Montana** is pleased to announce the availability of four \$100 annual conference scholarships. Eligibility is based on financial need. If you are affiliated with an institution with an annual operating budget of \$200,000+, you are not eligible, unless you are an unpaid/volunteer staff member. Applicant must also be an individual member of MAM, if not, then the membership fee of \$20 will be deducted from the scholarship award. MAM will also waive the conference registration fee of \$100, as well as any Thursday workshop fees. Award winners will be responsible for conference meals.

**APPLICATION:**

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Institution: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone/Fax/Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you an individual member of MAM? Yes No  
Is your institution a MAM member? Yes No  
Have you attended a MAM annual conference? Yes No  
Are you a paid employee of your museum/intuition? Yes No  
Have you received a MAM scholarship before? Yes No



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## Conference on Tourism and Recreation

The theme of the 2003 *Montana's Governor's Conference on Tourism and Recreation* is "Montana Tourism: Can You Hear Us Now?" The March 24-25 conference will take place at the Colonial Inn in Helena. Registration forms, conference basics, sponsor and exhibitor information as well as contacts for Helena lodging and events are available on the Travel Montana Web page – [www.travelmontana.state.mt.us/conference/](http://www.travelmontana.state.mt.us/conference/).

The *Museums Association of Montana* will once again be an exhibitor at the Tourism conference. If you want to help man the MAM booth, or if you'd like to provide updated museum information or a door prize, contact Robin Urban at 723-7211 or [director@miningmuseum.org](mailto:director@miningmuseum.org).  
*Can you hear museums now?*

## Nominations for Tourism Awards

You have until Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup> to submit nominations for four Travel Montana Tourism Awards. The awards for outstanding achievements will honor a Tourism Person, a Tourism Community, a Tourism Event and a Tourism Partnership. There are plenty of museums and museum people in Montana who greatly deserve these awards! For more information about nomination procedures call Amy Robbins at 406-841-2769, or visit [www.travelmontana.state.mt.us/conference/awards.htm](http://www.travelmontana.state.mt.us/conference/awards.htm).

## What Makes a Good Historic House Museum?

The **American Association for State and Local History** is launching a new project --the *Historic House Museums Initiative*. AASLH is looking for examples of outstanding work in historic house museums in an effort to provide creative models to colleagues in similar museum environments across the country and your views on what you think makes a "model site" and specific examples of those museums you feel are noteworthy in the areas of governance, interpretation, programs, collections, and adaptive reuse are needed. Contact Tara White at AASLH, 1717 Church St., Nashville, TN 37203, 615-320-3203, [white@aslh.org](mailto:white@aslh.org), before March 15, 2003.

## People

**Boggess Honored**— MAM's own **Howard Boggess** was the recipient of the *Montana Historical Society's Trustee Award*. Howard, an avid historian, Board member of the Friends of **Chief Plenty Coups**, and charter member of the Bozeman Trail Association, was lauded for his continued commitment to preserving and helping interpret for the public Montana's rich and varied history. The Trustee Award was presented to Howard at the Montana History Conference in Havre last October. Way to go, Howard!



*Trustee Ed Henrich presenting the MHS Trustees Award to Howard Boggess*

**The Historical Society at Fort Missoula** announces that

**Janel Queen** has been hired as the Museum's first Development Officer, a position made possible by the voters of Missoula County when they passed the Museum mill levy in June 2002. Janel is a Butte native and has over twenty years experience in program development, fundraising and management. Welcome!

The new Executive Director of the **C.M. Russell Museum in Great Falls** is **Inez S. Wolins**.

## Training Opportunities

The Virginia City Institute, specialists in historic preservation of buildings, will offer two low-cost, informative training courses in May 2003. Workshops will be: *Round and Hewn Log Structure Preservation Techniques* and *Building Stabilization Techniques*. Contact the Virginia City Institute at PO Box 187, Virginia City, MT 59755, 406-843-5247, or on the web at [www.virginiacityinstitute.com](http://www.virginiacityinstitute.com).

The **Legal Problems in Museum Administration Seminar**, co-sponsored by the American Association of Museums, the Smithsonian, and the American Law Institute-American Bar Association, will be held March 26-28 in New Orleans, LA. The latest information on the legal challenges facing museums in a rapidly changing world will be presented. Topics include: financial stability in times of economic distress, understanding bankruptcy laws, risk management, intellectual property updates, and individual giving guidelines. Attorneys on your Board can use this seminar for continuing education credit. For information visit the AAM website at: [www.aam-us.org](http://www.aam-us.org), or call 202-289-9114.

### **National Grant Deadlines**

**February 3: National Endowment for the Humanities** – Planning and Implementation Grants, Challenge Grants, and Special Initiative for Local History Grants

NEH Contact: 202-606-8400 or [www.neh.gov](http://www.neh.gov)

**February 15: Institute for Museum and Library Services** – National Award for Museum Service

IMLS Contact: 202-606-8539 or [www.ims.gov](http://www.ims.gov)

**February 28: National Park Service** – NAGPRA Museum and Tribal Documentation Grants

NPS Contact: 202-343-8161 or [www.cr.nps.gov/nagpra](http://www.cr.nps.gov/nagpra)

**February 28: National Endowment for the Arts** – Resources for Change: Technology Grants

NEA Contact: 202-682-4589 or [www.arts.gov](http://www.arts.gov)

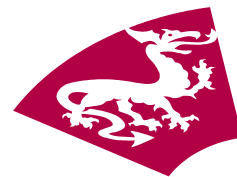


**The American Association of Museums** Annual Meeting is being held in Portland, Oregon on May 18-22, 2003. For registration information contact AAM at 202-289-9113 or [annual\\_meeting@aam-us.org](mailto:annual_meeting@aam-us.org)

### **Peter Yegen Jr. Award Nominations Due**

The Museums Association of Montana will present the 2003 Yegen Award of Achievement in April to person or group who has made a significant and sustained contribution to the work of museums in our state. The award is named after Peter Yegen, Jr., of Billings, founder and first president of MAM and first recipient of the award in 1987.

Award nominations are now being accepted. They should include: 1) Name of individual or organization being nominated; 2) Description of achievements; 3) Name of person or organization making the nomination. The deadline for nomination is April 20, 2000. Nominations should be sent to: Yegen Award, Ginette Abdo, Mineral Museum, 1300 West Park Street, Butte, MT 59701, telephone: 496-4414, fax: 496-4451, e-mail: [gabdo@mtech.edu](mailto:gabdo@mtech.edu).



### **Mai Wah Society Museum**

In June 2003, the **Mai Wah Museum** will host "Gateway to Gold Mountain," a traveling exhibit by the Angel Island Immigration Station Foundation of San Francisco.

Butte will be the first city in the Rocky Mountain West to sponsor this exceptionally significant "tribute to the pioneering spirit of all those who persevered, established new roots in this country and sweetened the great melting pot of American." Chronicling the immigration experience of thousands of Asians, the exhibit has a strong connection to Butte's Chinatown at the turn of the century. For more information contact the Mai Wah at:

Mai Wah Society, P.O. Box 404, Butte, MT 59703

E-mail Address: [info@maiwah.org](mailto:info@maiwah.org)

Web Site: [www.maiwah.org](http://www.maiwah.org)

## **THE MONTANA NONPROFIT ASSOCIATION (MNA)**

**The Montana Nonprofit Association (MNA)** is a young, active, and quickly growing statewide association of 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations. MNA's mission is to strengthen the leadership, skills, effectiveness, and efficiency of Montana's nonprofits; enabling them to further enrich the quality of community and personal life in Montana. MNA promotes a stronger nonprofit sector and supportive public climate through research, education, training, public policy advocacy, access to affordable goods and services, and special projects.

With assistance from the Big Sky Institute for the Advancement of Nonprofits (BSI), an 18-member Board of Directors is leading the Association's current stage of development. A Charter Membership recruitment campaign has been underway, and by mid-October, over 210 Montana nonprofits have affiliated. MNA held its first annual members conference on October 11 and 12, 2002, in Bozeman, and was attended by 170 individuals. The conference offered a diverse array of training sessions on such topics as fundraising, financial management, board development, organizational promotion and marketing, and issue advocacy. On October 10 there was a pre-conference seminar for new Executive Directors, focusing on basic skills for effectively administering a nonprofit organization that was attended by 35 highly motivated learners.

A major function of MNA is group purchasing of a wide array of goods and services for member organizations at discounted prices. As its first member service, MNA has endorsed the First Nonprofit Unemployment Savings Program, LLC to provide MNA members and other Montana nonprofits with turnkey solutions to save money annually on unemployment tax costs. The First Nonprofit Unemployment Savings Program has saved thousands of dollars for nonprofit colleagues in North Dakota, Illinois, Ohio and Pennsylvania. This program is administered by First Nonprofit Companies of Chicago.

Currently, health insurance is the number one priority for MNA's member services efforts, and a major initiative was launched last spring to develop a program of affordable health insurance products that will be offered to member organizations during the second quarter of 2003. MNA's member services committee is investigating additional services to make available to members, including low-cost teleconferencing services, directors and officers insurance, and workers comp.

MNA's public policy committee has geared up for the Montana Legislature. Funds have been raised to hire a lobbyist to keep MNA informed and active on key issues and legislation affecting the entire sector.

MNA's Board is actively involved in assisting the Association's development. MNA has been awarded a \$10,000 challenge grant to be matched 2 to 1 that will enable MNA to hire an Executive Director. In the interim, BSI is incubating the development of the organization, serving as fiscal agent as well as providing office space and staff support until MNA is ready to spin off as a fully independent entity early in 2003.

For additional information, contact Mike Schechtman, Executive Director, Big Sky Institute for the Advancement of Nonprofits, P.O. Box 1514, Helena, Montana, 59624, Telephone (406) 443-5860, E-Mail: bigskyin@mt.net, at 406/ 443-5860,



## SEEKING LEWIS AND CLARK QUILTS

In October 2003, the Red River Quilters of Shreveport, Louisiana, will mount a show comprised of quilts that depict the Lewis and Clark Expedition. They are seeking quilts from all of the Corps of Discovery states. If you have, or know of quilts that might represent Montana in this exhibit, or if you'd like more information--contact Jeannine James at [www.redriverquilters.com](http://www.redriverquilters.com); [jjquilts@redriverquilters.com](mailto:jjquilts@redriverquilters.com); or P.O. Box 4811, Shreveport, LA 71134-0811.

## TREASURE STATE TREASURES SURVEY

What do you hold most dear from Montana's past? The Montana Historical Society wants to know. In conjunction with an upcoming exhibit, titled *Treasure State Treasures*, the Society is conducting an informal survey to determine which of the state's numerous historic treasures hold the most meaning for twenty-first-century Montanans. We hope to hear from you as part of this process.

While the *Treasures* exhibit at the Society will feature prized artifacts held by "Montana's Museum," there are numerous other historic treasures located all across the state. Whether housed in a museum or situated elsewhere beneath the Big Sky, these objects and places serve as our most direct link to the past and the history that makes Montana what it is today.

Historic treasures come in many shapes and sizes and survey participants are encouraged to think broadly about what makes them feel connected to the past. Responses should, however, focus on subjects that are [1] tangible items or places (rather than historical figures or abstract themes); and [2] still in existence. Categories are not limited but could include:

- Artifacts – once-common items whose importance lies in the fact that they were part and parcel of a way of life that has long since passed; or, conversely, objects whose significance lies in their exceptional uniqueness.
- Art – historic paintings, sculptures, and photographs that capture the spirit of an earlier Montana but still speak to the citizens of today.
- Documents – ranging from public documents—like the Montana constitution—that serve as keystones of our society, to family mementos including diaries and letters passed down from earlier generations.
- Buildings – including both specific buildings noted for their beauty or architectural significance, to general types of structures—like railroad depots or grain elevators—that document important historic themes.
- Historic and pre-historic sites – the places associated with the people and events that formed Montana history.

To participate in the survey, compile a list—ranked in order—of your top five *Treasure State Treasures* and return it as described below. We also hope that you will add a sentence or two explaining why you feel your choices are significant. Responses are due by June 1, 2003. The results will be discussed this fall at the annual Montana History Conference and in Montana The Magazine of Western History.

To return your response, visit the MHS website at [www.montanahistoricalociety.org](http://www.montanahistoricalociety.org), send an e-mail to [k Lambert@state.mt.us](mailto:k Lambert@state.mt.us), or send a letter to "Treasure State Treasures," c/o Montana's Museum, P. O. Box 201201, Helena, MT 59620-1201. For more information call 406-444-4710.



**MEMBERSHIP FORM**  
(Membership Year July 1, 2003 –June 30, 2004)

**MEMBERSHIP FEES:**

**Individual Member** \$ 20 \_\_\_\_\_

- Newsletter (published quarterly)

**Institutional Member**

- Newsletter
- Membership decal
- Listing on the MAM map (2004 map)
- Listing on the MAM website
- One vote at annual membership meeting

Annual Operating Budget

Below \$50,000 \$ 25 \_\_\_\_\_

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\$100,000 - \$200,000 \$ 45 \_\_\_\_\_

Above \$200,000 \$ 55 \_\_\_\_\_

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**Benefactor** \$100 \_\_\_\_\_

- Newsletter
- 10% advertising discount in Newsletter
- Listing on the MAM website

**Corporate (for profit)** \$300 \_\_\_\_\_

- 3 Newsletters
- Membership decal
- 20% advertising discount in Newsletter
- Listing on the MAM website

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Title \_\_\_\_\_

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City/State/Zip (zip - mailing & street) \_\_\_\_\_

Tourism Country \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number (year round contact number) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Seasons/Hours of Operation \_\_\_\_\_

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Send above form and check to: **Ginette Abdo, Mineral Museum, 1300 W. Park Street, Butte, Montana, 59701**  
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**February 16—March 23**

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**March 30—May 3**

Big Horn County Historical Museum  
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**May 11—June 14**

Glacier County Historical Museum  
Cut Bank, Montana

**June 22—July 26**

Phillips County Museum  
Malta, Montana

**August 3—September 13**

Lewistown Art Center  
Lewistown, Montana

**September 21—October 31**

Beaverhead County Museum  
Dillon, Montana

Each MAM member hosting **Barn Again!** Has been awarded a \$100 support grant from MAM.

For more information contact the Montana Committee for the Humanities at 406-243-6122 or at [lastbest@selway.umt.edu](mailto:lastbest@selway.umt.edu)

**What is it?**

It's stainless steel, about 10" long, and marked "Haslam / USA." If anybody knows what this is, please contact Kirby at 406-444-4711, or [k Lambert@state.mt.us](mailto:k Lambert@state.mt.us).



**NEW WEB ADDRESS FOR MAM!**

Look for the MAM web site at our new address:

**[www.montanamuseums.org](http://www.montanamuseums.org)**

Don't forget to put it on your "Favorites" list.

## BY-LAWS ISSUE

Paul Shea, Bylaws Committee Chair

One year ago we made some slight changes to the MAM By-laws. Most changes to By-laws are in relation to things that have changed in how an organization does business. Mostly they don't mean much and are usually interesting to only a few die hard parliamentarians.

One of the things that all boards have to deal with is term limits. What are the terms and what sort of limit should be set. This was the one point that we did not get a consensus on. I, like a lot of you, sit on a number of boards and most of them have the same discussions. After going back to the drawing board and looking over comments and suggestions we were no closer to resolving the issue than before.

While reading the *Non Profit Times* I came across an interesting article. Its title was "Board Term Limits are for Dysfunctional Boards." While an argument can be made that even the most professional boards are dysfunctional (with the exception of museum boards of course), it was an enlightening article. The main point being that if your board is doing its job and the members are competent why change things. Board members who get tired will move on and people who are interested will make themselves available. This seems to be the case in most of the boards I have served on.

In essence why make it hard on the organization by putting off the board a good working member, and what do you do if you can't find anyone interested to replace someone who's term is up? The MAM Board has been in existence for over thirty five years now. Board members have come and gone, and the business of the organization has been taken care of—like they say, why fix something that is not broken?

With this in mind the MAM Board decided not to address term limits in the By-laws. There is a specified term —three years. Beyond that a Board Member may choose to serve again as long as desired by that person and the membership. Someone always wants out so there will always be openings for new people. It seems to have worked for the last thirty five years, why change things now.

Board Members and Institutional Members may always propose changes for the MAM membership to consider, if you have any ideas about this see me, Paul Shea, at the Red Lodge meeting. I will be happy to listen to and bring your concerns to the Board for consideration. See you in Red Lodge April 24-26!

**The Art Museum of Missoula**

The Art Museum of Missoula has a new membership benefit. *Art Muse*, a concise and colorful weekly e-newsletter with reminders of public programs, highlights from the Art Museum collections, and insight into artists and exhibitions, is now available to all museum members.

For information contact the Art Museum at 406-728-0447, or [museum@artmissoula.org](mailto:museum@artmissoula.org).



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