The background of the entire page is a detailed landscape painting. It depicts a wide river or stream in the foreground, reflecting the sky and surrounding greenery. The banks are covered in various types of trees and shrubs, some with autumnal colors. In the distance, rolling mountains are visible under a sky with soft, white clouds. The overall color palette is dominated by blues, greens, and earthy tones, creating a serene and natural atmosphere.

MONTANA HISTORICAL SOCIETY presents

*Roots &
Branches*
175 Years of Montana History

THE 43RD ANNUAL **MONTANA HISTORY CONFERENCE**
SEPTEMBER 22-24, 2016, HAMILTON & STEVENSVILLE



The Ravalli Hotel, Hamilton, ca. 1907. MHS 948-096

Conference Logistics

The history conference will be headquartered at the **Bitterroot River Inn and Conference Center**, 139 Bitterroot Plaza Dr, in Hamilton. A block of rooms is being held until August 24. Be sure to ask for the **Montana History Conference rate!** Reservations can be made at <http://www.bitterrootriverinn.com/> or by calling (406) 375-2525.

The nearby **Super 8 Hotel**, 1325 N First St, U.S. Hwy 93, Hamilton, is also offering special rates to conference attendees. Be sure to ask for the **Montana History Conference rate!** Reservations can be made at <http://www.super8.com/> or by calling (406) 363-2940.

Other nearby accommodations can be found at www.visitmt.com.

Teacher Credit: Up to nineteen OPI Teacher Renewal Units are available for conference attendees. Teachers desiring renewal credits may obtain forms and additional information at the conference registration table.

Twitter Users: follow the conference using hashtag #MTHistory2016.

Roots and Branches: 175 Years of Montana History

This is an exciting year of celebration in the Bitterroot Valley. As we commemorate the 175th anniversary of the St. Mary's Mission in Stevensville, the Montana Historical Society would like you to join us for the 43rd Annual Montana History Conference, *Roots and Branches: 175 Years of Montana History*, September 22–24, 2016, in Hamilton and Stevensville. In addition to honoring the heritage of the mission, the conference will focus on the history of this special region of Montana, and the many stories that it has to share.



We have assembled a stellar lineup of speakers on topics from Major John Owen and the Salish people, who originally populated the valley, to the Bitterroot National Forest, and thoroughbred horse racing. Workshops will offer specialized training for educators, archivists, and preservationists, while field trips and social events will showcase some of the area's prime historical attractions.

Many thanks go to the great partners who helped prepare the Montana History Conference this year, including the Dennis and Phyllis Washington Foundation, the Historic St. Mary's Mission, the Daly Mansion, the Bitterroot Cultural Heritage Trust, and many other organizations and individuals.

You won't want to miss the 43rd Annual Montana History Conference in Hamilton and Stevensville. If your travels to and through this spectacular and historic valley aren't enough fun, the history conference will provide you with opportunities to learn more about Montana's heritage, while enjoying all that the Bitterroot has to offer.

We look forward to seeing you there!
Bruce Whittenberg, Director
Montana Historical Society

Early street scene in Hamilton, with Northern Pacific train. MHS Photograph Archives



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Thursday, September 22

- 🕒 7:30 A.M.–5:30 P.M. Conference Registration
- 🕒 8:30 A.M.–5:00 P.M. **Made in Montana Tour** (departs from the Bitterroot River Inn; limited to twenty participants; wear sturdy boots or shoes and bring lunch money. The tour will stop for lunch, but the cost of lunch is not included in the tour.)



Dr. E.A. Steinhaus Examining Diseased Germs Isolated from Ticks, Rocky Mountain Lab, 1942. John Vachon
photographer, Library of Congress LC-USW3-
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This year's tour begins near Darby with a visit to the **Frank Lloyd Wright–designed Como Orchard** three-bedroom cottage, one of only a handful of Wright buildings in Montana. Next, Marshall Bloom, Assistant Director of the **Rocky Mountain NIH Lab** in Hamilton, will tour the group around the lab. Organized in 1910 to combat Rocky Mountain spotted fever, today the lab constitutes a state-of-the-art biomedical research facility, employing 450 people. The group will then visit **Rocky Mountain Log Homes**, the largest and longest-lived log home builder in the Bitterroot, employing eighty-one workers fabricating

log homes shipped around the nation. The tour will conclude by examining agriculture in the valley with a visit to **Lifeline Dairy** in Victor, manufacturer of hand-crafted organic cheeses, milk, and pork/beef products since 1984. The daylong tour will end at the **Blodgett Canyon Cellars**, a craft winery opened in 2009, for a tour of operations and tasting.

- 🕒 9:00 A.M.–4:00 P.M. **Gravestone Preservation Workshop** (Corvallis Cemetery, Corvallis Cemetery Road; lunch included, limited to thirty participants)

Nationally known gravestone conservator, Jonathan Appell of Hartford, Connecticut, will lead participants in a hands-on workshop designed to help concerned citizens preserve their local cemeteries. Participants will learn how to identify different monument types, clean gravestones using appropriate materials, repair damaged monuments, and reset leaning or fallen headstones. Ravalli County's historic Corvallis Cemetery will serve as the classroom for

learning techniques that can be taken home for use in historic cemeteries statewide. Cosponsored by the Museums Association of Montana. Registrants will be provided with additional information before the workshop.

9:00 A.M.–5:00 P.M. Educators Workshop: Bring the Past to Life (Ravalli County Museum, 205 Bedford St, Hamilton; lunch included)

Just how do you get a mansion, a mining camp, or an entire National Park into a classroom? This year's Educators Workshop will focus on ways to make history more meaningful and bring the past to life. The morning sessions will focus on primary sources. Helena educator Jim Schultz will discuss **Visual Thinking Strategies**—a technique to inspire close reading of artwork and artifacts. Corvallis High School teacher Phil Leonardi will suggest ways to **Connect**

Local History to the Curriculum, while Jennifer Birnel will offer an in-depth tour of the primary sources now available through the **Montana Memory Project**. In the afternoon, presenters MHS Program Specialist Deb Mitchell and Helena fourth–fifth grade teacher Jodi Delaney will focus on bringing history to life for primary students using **Hands-on History Footlockers** from the Montana Historical Society, working with students to make your own classroom footlockers, and using **First-Person Interpretation** to breathe life into the elementary classroom.



The Montana Historical Society's fur trade hands-on history footlocker.

9:00 A.M.–5:00 P.M. Archives Workshop: Just Scan It . . . Digitization Do's & Don'ts (lunch included)

With the ease and relative low cost of scanners and electronic storage space, it is tempting for cultural institutions to start scanning without any planning for providing long-term management of their digital assets. But what happens when you realize you have hundreds, maybe thousands, of images and don't really know what you have or how to access them? Does this sound familiar? If so, this workshop is for you! The workshop will cover digital project planning strategies; best practices for capture, delivery, and storage; and parameters for effective selection of equipment and software. Attendees will also learn how to use the Montana Memory Project as a platform for providing access to your newly digitized collections. This workshop is a joint project of the Montana Historical Society, Montana State Library, and the Montana State Historic Records Advisory Board. For more information, contact Jodie Foley (e-mail: jofoley@mt.gov).

🕒 1:00 P.M.—5:00 P.M. Grant-Writing Workshop for Small Museums and Historic Preservation Offices

This workshop will offer specific, step-by-step tools and practical tips for developing winning grant proposals for museums and historic preservation projects. Learn how to build a strong proposal, avoid common mistakes, where to look for funding, and how to put your organization in the best position to gain that funding! This interactive workshop will include ample time for attendees to ask questions about how to apply, what kinds of projects are fundable, and what it takes to create a successful project. Presenters will be Charlene Porsild, CEO, and Gena Ashmore, Programs Director, of the Montana History Foundation. This grant-writing workshop is funded in part by a grant from Humanities Montana, an affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

🕒 5:30 P.M.—8:30 P.M. An Evening at the Daly Mansion, 251 Eastside Hwy, Hamilton

Party like a Copper King! In 1886, industrialist Marcus Daly purchased and remodeled a farmhouse on the outskirts of Hamilton to serve as a summer retreat for his family. When Daly died in 1900, the house was undergoing its third major renovation, which his widow, Margaret, had completed in 1910. Today, the fifty-room Georgian-Revival mansion has been lovingly restored and turned into one of Montana’s grandest historic house museums. Stroll the

forty-six acre estate, **tour** the mansion and its exhibits, enjoy **dinner** and a no-host bar. Then sit back, relax, and listen to an enlightening and entertaining performance by the Bitterroot’s celebrated **Montana A Cappella Society**.



The Daly Mansion, ca. 1941. Richard Averill Smith photographer, MHS 955-287

Friday, September 23

🕒 7:00 A.M.—5:30 P.M. Conference Registration (breakfast on your own)

🕒 7:45 A.M.—9:00 A.M. Concurrent sessions

Following the Nez Perce Trail After a brief overview of the flight of the Nez Perce through Montana in 1877 by Sandi McFarland, USFS Nez Perce Trails Administrator, Tamar Stanley, Executive Director of the Ravalli County Museum, and Kristine Komar, President and Founder of the Bitter Root Cultural Heritage Trust, will detail the story of **The Nez Perce National Historic Trail in the Bitterroot**. University of Montana master's candidate Amy Miller will focus her presentation on the methods used to locate the section of **The Nez Perce National Historic Trail in Carbon County**, including the outcomes of the findings, as well as its comparison to the Lolo section of the trail.



University Heights Community Center designed by Frank Lloyd Wright. MHS Lot 32 B2/15.06

The Bee's Knees and Apple of My Eye In the early 1900s, a knapweed invasion in the Bitterroot Valley wreaked havoc, and farmers ultimately responded by increasing honey production. In her presentation, **To Bee or Not to Bee**, retired Park Ranger Lyndel Meikle will link this episode to the larger story of Montana agriculture, as farmers and ranchers continue to find ways to meet challenges from insects, weeds, fire, drought, out-of-state competition, and the taking of prime agricultural land for nonagricultural purposes. In **“A Summer Retreat For Noted Savants”: Apples, Optimism, and Frank Lloyd Wright in the Bitterroot**, MHS Community Preservation Coordinator Kate Hampton will reveal how the brief flowering of the University Heights community—a planned summer residential colony near Darby—grew out of multiple, overlapping strains of optimism, including the Bitterroot Valley's enthusiasm for

commercial apple growing, the economic confidence engendered by railroad building, the social aspirations embedded in high-end western tourism, and the riches promised by land speculation.

Montana Vice A Story of a Madam, “Mammy” Clara Sarah Smith will offer a glimpse of the “evening industry” during the 1890s, Hamilton’s heyday, when Marcus Daly built his empire in Montana and his mansion in Hamilton. Speaker Larry Strate will share Smith’s story, which features a “fence, a fire, and foul play.” In her presentation, **In the Winner’s Circle: How Montana Thoroughbreds Upset the Nineteenth-Century’s Racing Establishment**, Catharine Melin Moser will tell the tale of three Montana turf men—silver-mining magnate Noah Armstrong, financier Samuel Larabee, and copper king Marcus Daly—who challenged and upended long-held eastern horse racing conventions. From 1886 to 1900, their thoroughbred horses—born of imported bloodstock and nourished by Montana’s bunchgrass, mountain air, and water—galloped all the way into eastern winner’s circles and American horse racing history.



Tammany, by Henry Stull (1851–1913), oil on canvas, 1894. Gift of Judge and Mrs. Emmette E. Doherty, MHS X1968.33.01

🕒 9:15 A.M.–10:30 A.M. Concurrent sessions

History Does Grow on Trees Between 1882 and 1886, the Montana Improvement Company engaged in wanton depredation of the public timberlands of western Montana to supply the construction of the Northern Pacific Railway Road and Butte’s mines. In his presentation, **Logging and Lobbying in the Gilded Age: The Montana Improvement Company Timber Depredation Suits, 1882–1917**, Princeton University PhD student William Brown will detail how the company’s prosecution by the federal government provides a unique window into the power, ideas, and practices of businesses during the early period of Montana’s economic development. In her talk, **Bitterroot National Forest: The Early Years, 1897–1945**, retired Forest Service historian Mary Horstman Williams will highlight the history of the Bitterroot National Forest from its inception as a Forest Reserve under the General Land Office through



Bertie Lord and Father Cutting Firewood, Bitterroot Valley, ca. 1903. MHS Lord Collection

its evolution into a modern National Forest. She will detail how the valley communities and the forest grew up together, while profiling the sometimes colorful individuals and events that were key in their development.


Under the Strong Hands of Women Following the 1900 death of her husband—famed copper king Marcus Daly—Margaret Daly continued to advance the work of the Bitterroot Stock Farm until her own death in 1941. Thereafter, the Daly’s granddaughter, Margit Sigray Besseney, carried on the family’s legacy, operating the stock farm until her passing in 1984. With an introduction by Daly Mansion Executive Director Darlene Gould, Mansion Archives volunteer Maureen Lischke will present **Stories of the Bitterroot Stock Farm and the Daly Women Who Ran It**. To make sure she gets it right, Lischke will be ably assisted by Margaret Daly herself (as portrayed by historical interpreter and educator Jodi Delaney).

Montana Road Trips In his presentation, **Major John Owen: From Walla Walla to Fort Benton and Beyond**, MHS Museum technician Vic Reiman will recount the experiences of “Major” John Owen, who settled in the Bitterroot Valley in 1850 and, for the next twenty years, kept journals detailing his daily life. Owen made numerous trading trips throughout the region, and today his accounts of those travels provide an unparalleled source of information about western Montana’s residents and events during the 1850s. In his talk, **Captain John Mullan’s Lecture at Fort Owen on the Lewis and Clark Expedition**, Great Falls historian Ken Robison will tell the story behind a Christmas 1861 address given by John Mullan to the “Historical and Geographical Society” assembled at Fort



Fort Owen, ca. 1895. Myrta Wright Stevens photographer, MHS #947-355

Owen. Like his titular subjects, Mullan had contributed directly to the dream of a water and overland “Northwest Passage” by constructing a 624-mile Military Wagon Road from Fort Walla Walla, Washington, to Fort Benton in 1860.

 10:45 A.M.–12:00 P.M. Concurrent sessions

Bitterroot Politics In **The Clear-Cut Controversy: The Bitterroot and the Reshaping of National Forest Service Policy**, Dale Burke—owner of Stevensville’s Stoneydale Press and former *Missoulian* Outdoor and Environmental reporter—will talk about the ways in which local environmentalists and the University of Montana School of Forestry reshaped national timber policy on public lands. In **The Bitterroot: From John Birch to the Tea Party**, Travis McAdam, a technical writer at the National Center for Appropriate Technology in Butte, will provide a look at conservative politics in the Bitterroot over the last five decades, focusing on the John Birch Society during the middle of the twentieth century and the Tea Party movement which emerged at the beginning of the twenty-first century.

In Living Color Using first-person interpretive techniques, historians will bring to life two colorful characters from Montana’s past. Dr. Bob Brown, former director of the Historical Museum at Fort Missoula, will portray **Major Charles Rawn**. In the summer of 1877, Major Rawn founded Fort Missoula, was called upon to stop the Nez Perce at what became known as Fort Fizzle, and participated in the Battle of the Big Hole. Brown’s presentation will include reminiscences of the major’s entire career—including his involvement in the Civil War—but will focus on the frontier infantry in Montana and the Nez Perce War. In commemoration of the centennial anniversary of the first woman being elected to the United States’ Congress, interpretive historian Mary Jane

Bradbury will portray **Jeannette Rankin, “America’s Conscience,”** telling Rankin’s story from grassroots suffragist to being the only member of Congress to vote against the entry of the United States into both world wars. Bradbury uses Jeannette’s own words to share her views on equality and government reform—words that still ring true a century later.

Exchanging Cultures

In 1846, Jesuit priest Nicolas Point began an eight-month journey among various bands of the Blackfoot Confederacy. Today, Point’s paintings depicting the hunting camps he encountered provide an unparalleled visual record of traditional Blackfoot life. In **Following Nicolas Point through Blackfeet Country**, anthropologist Dr. Sally Thompson will report on her collaborative project with a group of Blackfeet who have been exploring these images from the perspective of cultural insiders. In 1914, Frank Warner—a Shoshone Mormon convert who had survived the 1863 Bear River Massacre—undertook a mission to the Fort Peck Indian Reservation. In **A Mission to the Lamanites: Frank Warner, Mormons, and Religion at Fort Peck**, Montana State University assistant professor Dr. Amanda Hendrix-Komoto will use Warner’s mission as a lens for understanding Mormon missionary work among Native Americans and the response of reservation dwellers to Christian missionary work in the early twentieth century.



Drawing by Father Nicolas Point depicting Ambrose (Salish) teaching the Catholic Catechism to Wolf Child (Blackfeet).
Courtesy of Jesuit Archives: Central United States.

🕒 12:30 P.M.–2:00 P.M. Lunch

Native Land Historically, the Bitterroot Valley comprised a significant portion of the Montana’s Salish people’s traditional homeland. In 1891, the U.S. government force-marched the last resident Salish from the valley to the Flathead Indian Reservation. In spite of the fact that they were no longer allowed to live in the Bitterroot, the Salish maintained, and continue to



Adele Vanderburg Ninepipe, Harriet Whitworth, Mary Kaltone, Adeline Finley, Angelie Finely, Chief Martin Charlot, Aneas Finley, Victor Vanderburg, Rosy Vanderburg, and Louis Pellou (reclining), at Medicine Tree, 1923 POWWOW. Bertie Lord photographer, MHS Lord Collection



maintain, strong emotional and spiritual ties to the home of their ancestors. Steve Lozar—historian, member of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes, and MHS trustee—will share his personal insight into both historic and ongoing relationships between the Salish and the Bitterroot Valley.

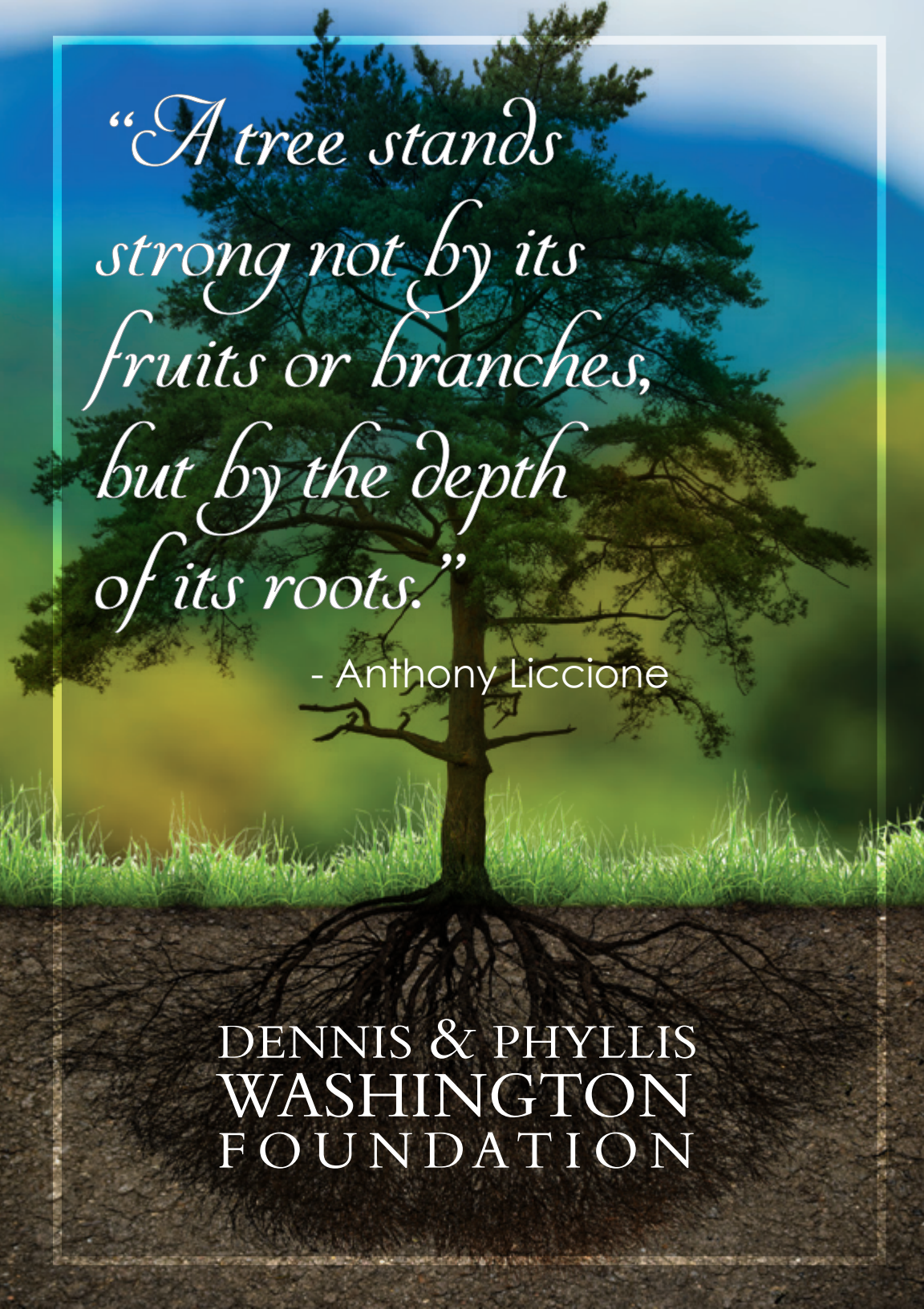


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The Montana History Foundation brings communities together by providing resources for history and culture across the state. We raise money and give out grants to save, preserve, and interpret Montana's important and diverse past.

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*“A tree stands
strong not by its
fruits or branches,
but by the depth
of its roots.”*

- Anthony Liccione

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Schedule at a Glance

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- 2:15 P.M.–3:30 P.M. *Concurrent sessions*
Recent Research, Emerging Scholars
Natural History in the Bitterroot
Montana Medicine: The Rocky Mountain Lab

- 3:45 P.M.–5:00 P.M. *Concurrent sessions*
 Women Who Dared
 Mountain Men and More
 Family Histories
- 5:30 P.M.–6:30 P.M. Cocktails and Conversations
- 6:30 P.M.–8:30 P.M. Awards Banquet—*Explaining Montana to Non-Montanans: The Jesuit Letter Collections, 1830–1880*

Saturday, September 24

- 7:30 A.M.–9:30 A.M. Conference Registration
- 8:00 A.M.–9:15 A.M. *Concurrent sessions*
 Beyond Reservations
 On the Trail with Lewis and Clark
 Present at the Creation . . . Now What?
- 10:00 A.M.–3:00 P.M. Founder’s Day Ceremonies
 Following Saturday morning’s round of concurrent sessions, the Montana History Conference will reconvene at St. Mary’s Mission in Stevensville. A detailed schedule of events will be provided at the history conference. Lunch on your own.
- 1:30 P.M. & 2:00 P.M. Travelers’ Rest State Park Walking Tour



After the Whiteman’s Book, E. S. Paxson (1852–1919), oil on canvas, 1912. One of six murals by E. S. Paxson in the Montana state capitol, *After the Whiteman’s Book* depicts a Salish delegation from the Bitterroot en route to St. Louis, Missouri, in search of Jesuit missionaries.
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Recent Research, Emerging Scholars Three graduate students from Montana State University–Bozeman will share recent research findings based on Oral History interviews conducted as part of MSU’s 125th Anniversary Celebration History Project under the supervision of Drs. Molly Todd and Robert W. Rydell. Jimi DelDuca, a PhD student in the American Studies Program, will discuss **The History of the Native American Studies Department**. Guthrie Meeker, a candidate for a master’s degree in history, will present his work with **Connecting Montana to the World: A Rich History of Local Ceramic Production**. Micaela Young, a PhD student in the American Studies Program, will share **Twenty-Five Years of Water in Montana: An Investigation of the MSU Water Center and Its Role in Creating a Community of Water Professionals**. Barry Sulam of the MSU American Studies Doctoral Candidate Program, will act as moderator. Dr. Molly Todd, who served as the faculty jury for submitted student papers, will offer comments.

Natural History in the Bitterroot In her presentation, **Storied Waters: Native American Folklore at Hot Springs in the Bitterroot Valley**, Dr. Henrietta Shirk, associate professor of communication at Montana Tech, will share stories and images relating to two hot springs—Sleeping Child near Hamilton and Lost Trail (formerly, Gallogly) near Sula—resulting from the springs’ centuries-long association with Montana’s First Peoples. In his discussion, **The Salish and the Bitterroot**, Salish Culture Committee Department Head Tony Incashola will provide insight into the custom of scarring trees and other traditional plant use by the Bitterroot Valley’s original inhabitants.

Montana Medicine: The Rocky Mountain Lab Marshall Bloom, Assistant Director of the National Institute of Health’s Rocky Mountain Laboratory in Hamilton, will focus his talk on *Green Light*, a 1937 film which is set in the Bitterroot and stars



Dispensing Yellow Fever Vaccine into Ampules, Rocky Mountain Lab, 1942. John Vachon photographer, Library of Congress LC-USW3- 001261-D [P&P]

Errol Flynn as Dr. Newell Paige, a fictitious physician who, at great personal risk, discovers the cure for Rocky Mountain spotted fever. Retired scientific photographer and laboratory historian Gary Hettrick will tell the story of **Vaccine Production in the Bitterroot Valley during World War II**, when scientists at Rocky Mountain Laboratories helped stop the global spread of yellow fever, one of history's most notorious and deadly diseases. Their efforts produced 10 million doses of an improved yellow fever vaccine, saved countless lives, and helped the U.S. win the war by protecting American and Allied soldiers who were fighting in jungles all over the globe.

🕒 3:45 P.M.–5:00 P.M. Concurrent sessions

Women Who Dared

Dr. Anya Jabour, professor of history at the University of Montana, will share the stories of some of Montana's

most significant **Women Reformers**, including Hazel Hunkins, a Billings native who went to federal prison for picketing the White House on behalf of suffrage; Maggie Smith Hathaway, of Stevensville, who pioneered child welfare legislation in the state; and Helen

Piotopowaka Clarke, the first Native American woman elected to public office in the

Montana Territory. In her presentation, **Aunt Kitty: Mother of the Postulants**, Anne Des Rosier Grant, Elouise Cobell Fellow for the College of Humanities and Sciences at the University of Montana, will detail the contributions of Catherine Mary Olive Mead, Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth, who, between 1907 and 1913, opened nine elementary schools, six high schools, and one hospital, including St. Ann's, in East Helena, and Holy Savior and Central High in Butte.

Mountain Men and More Ted Antonioli of the Granite County Historical Society will discuss **The Flint Creek and Bitterroot Valleys in the Mountain Man Era, 1825–1865**. The story begins with the 1825–1826 Snake River Country

The image is a vintage campaign flier for Mrs. Maggie Smith Hathaway. At the top, her name is written in a large, bold, serif font. Below it, in a smaller font, is "Democratic Candidate" and "FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE". Underneath that, it says "PRIMARY ELECTION AUGUST 29th." The flier is divided into several sections. On the left, there is a section titled "Experience in Montana Legislative Work--" followed by a list of her accomplishments: "Clerk in House in 1913", "Lobbyist for Montana Women's Organization in 1915 and deserves credit for passage of Mother's Pension and Equal Guardianship Laws." In the center, there is a black and white portrait of Mrs. Hathaway, a woman with dark hair styled up, wearing a high-collared dress. To the right of the portrait, there are several quotes from other people praising her: "Emit 't Wom. ... Plead for Vote.", "Mrs. Hathaway's Manner Is Clear and Convincing" --Helms Independent, July 25, 1914., "A Logical Speaker." --Leavittown Democrat, 1914. Below these quotes, it says "To Women Voters-- She helped to get you the Vote. Why not send her to the Legislature?" and "Financially Interested in a Ravalli County Ranch". At the bottom of the flier, there is a list of issues: "For Prohibition, a Workable Farm Loan Law Child Welfare, Efficiency, Economy, and Protection of Home Industry." In the bottom right corner, there is a small line of text: "Printed for M. S. Richardson Printed by Edition, Missoula"

1916 campaign flier. Courtesy Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library, UM, Mss 224

trapping expedition of the Hudson's Bay Company led by Peter Skene Ogden, which traversed the Bitterroot Valley and circled the Flint Range. The latter part of the era encompassed exploration between the two valleys by Bitterroot-based mountain men like John Owen, Fred Burr, and William Graham, as well as a party from the Stevens railroad survey led by Frederick Lander. In his presentation, **Nathaniel Wyeth and the Salish: Two Weeks in the Bitterroot Valley in 1833**, Jim Hardee—historian with the Museum of the Mountain Man in Pinedale, Wyoming—will explore the experiences of Wyeth, a Boston ice merchant turned fur trader who, in the spring of 1833 while traveling with a Hudson's Bay Company brigade, kept meticulous notes of the time he spent in the Bitterroot. In his journal, Wyeth recorded details of daily Salish life, and he was the first known Euro-American to witness their First Roots Ceremony.

Family Histories In **Investing in a Boom Town: The Rise, and Demise, of a Self-Made Career**, MHS Interpretive Historian Dr. Ellen Baumler will tell the story of the Othar Wamsely family, which was lured from Indiana to Hamilton by the bold schemes of land speculators and a booming apple industry. The family's adventures and misadventures—recorded in Othar's charming unpublished reminiscence—provide a very personal perspective on this heady time in the Bitterroot Valley. Author, historian, and teacher Joyce Guest Decker Wegner will share the tale of **Darby's Tin Cup Creek Ostergrens**. Around 1900, Reuben G. Ostergren relocated from Minnesota to Darby, where he eventually managed the 2,700-acre Como Orchard Company, which was part of the University Heights development owned by DuPont Company. Raised in one of the development's Frank Lloyd Wright bungalows, Ostergren's two sons, Reuben and Richard, would make numerous contributions to the region, including service as commissioners for Ravalli and Missoula Counties.

 5:30 P.M.—6:30 P.M. Cocktails and Conversations

 6:30 P.M.—8:30 P.M. Awards Banquet

About the Award The Montana Historical Society's Board of Trustees' Heritage Keepers and Heritage Guardian Awards honor exemplary work, commitment, and effort in identifying, preserving and presenting the history and heritage values of Montana for current and future generations. The award recognizes those individuals, families, organizations, educators, historians, and others whose efforts have had a significant impact on generating interest in and the preservation of the rich and diverse history of Montana.

Board of Trustees Heritage Keeper Award Recipient— Western Montana

Alfred D. Wiseman Born in Choteau in 1936, Al Wiseman has spent his life preserving and sharing Montana’s Métis history. The descendent of Métis who settled along the Rocky Mountain Front, Wiseman spent his childhood listening to the stories of his mother, uncles, and other elders.



The go-to person for scholars studying the region’s history and the history of the Métis, Al Wiseman has consulted with Canadian scholars from both the Louis Riel Institute and Gabriel Dumont Institutes. Many graduate students, academic historians, historic preservationists, and others have also relied on Wiseman’s encyclopedic knowledge and willingness to share what he knows. The consummate collaborator, Wiseman served on the steering committee for a three-day conference on Métis history, held in 1996 in Great Falls. He was also a longtime board member of the Old Trail Museum in Choteau. His information has enriched many significant publications, including *“The Whole Country Was One Robe”*: *The Little Shell Tribe’s America*.

Committed to passing on his community’s history, Wiseman frequently gives tours and talks to schoolchildren and adults. He has created traveling trunks that teachers use to bring Métis history alive for their students, and produced maps of historic sites, including one of the Old North Trail corridor along the Rocky Mountain Front. The trail, which stretches from Siberia to Mexico, was used as long as 12,000 years ago. Many organizations have relied on Wiseman’s deep understanding of the Front’s history. He has taken innumerable people on day hikes and driving tours of the Old North Trail, the Métis cemetery—which he almost single-handedly maintains—and other significant cultural sites.

A founder of Métis Cultural Recovery Inc., Wiseman was instrumental in that organization’s oral history project. Thanks to this project, over thirty recordings and transcripts with Métis elders are now in the collection of the Montana Historical Society and the Old Trail Museum in Choteau. He was also the moving force behind the creation of a public marker, describing the history of the Métis along the Rocky Mountain Front.

Choteau—and all of Montana—continue to benefit immeasurably from the work of Al Wiseman, whose ongoing efforts and intellectual generosity make him the epitome of a “heritage keeper.”

Board of Trustees Heritage Keeper Award Recipient— Eastern Montana

Nancy Watts No one has done more to make the history of Lewistown and its environs accessible to the public than Nancy Watts. Watts, who was born in Pennsylvania, has worked for the Lewistown Public Library for twenty-three years, primarily as a reference librarian, but more recently as Community Preservation Officer and Local Historian. In her “spare time” she volunteers at the Central Montana Historical Museum.



Nancy Watts became fascinated with local history after being asked to help proofread a local history book called the “History of Lewistown.” She then began collecting and indexing local history material for the library, building an extraordinarily strong collection on Montana, and especially on the history of the Lewistown region. She is creative in disseminating the information she has gathered—helping with the publication and displays. She even shares historic photos of Lewistown on the library’s Facebook page.

A font of knowledge for library patrons, Watts has worked equally hard to make information about central Montana accessible to people outside of the area. She was an early advocate for the Montana Memory Project, a statewide digitization project sponsored by the Montana State Library and the Montana Historical Society.

An early contributor to the Project, Watts led a team of local historians and archivists to create two significant online collections: the Central Montana Historical Photographs Collection (3,483 items) and the Central Montana Historical Documents Collection (435 items). Because of Watts, anyone with computer access, anywhere in the world, can view and download historic pictures and other information about Lewistown. In addition, Watts scanned and catalogued every community and county history book in the Central Montana area, making them available for genealogists worldwide.

Nancy Watts is a bridge-builder. She works closely with the Central Montana Genealogical Society, the Central Montana Historical Society, and other organizations to get their material online. She has also shared her technological know-how with smaller communities throughout Fergus County to help them tell their stories.

Nancy Watts’ contributions have been widely recognized, and she has received awards from the Sons and Daughters of Montana Pioneers and the Lewistown Resources Commission for her work. We are delighted to add

our voice to the chorus of those celebrating her tremendous contributions, preserving and sharing the history of her adopted home.

Board of Trustees Heritage Guardian Award Recipient—

Evan Barrett When the Territorial Legislature founded the Montana Historical Society in 1865, it did so out of a keen awareness of its own historical importance. The newcomers to the region were making history—and they wanted to preserve the stories of that seminal time for future generations. Montana historians have been forever grateful for their foresight.



Evan Barrett was also an actor in a seminal time in Montana history—the period from 1965 to 1980, which University of Montana Professor Emeritus Harry Fritz has called the second-most important in Montana’s history. Among other changes, these years saw the growth of the environmental movement, the death of the Anaconda Company, the crafting of a new state constitution, the rise of feminism, and the reorganization of Montana’s executive branch. It has been called Montana’s second Progressive Era.

Determined to preserve the history of this pivotal time, while those involved were still alive to tell their stories, Barrett created the television series, *In the Crucible of Change: Montana’s Dramatic Period of Progressive Change, 1965–1980*. The series featured forty-three hour-long discussions with over seventy-five of the period’s history makers, including former members of the 1972 Constitutional Convention, politicians, reporters, and judges.

In the Crucible of Change has been broadcast over 1,000 times on cable TV and PBS channels across Montana. Its content is also available via the internet—both as transcripts and as video. Historians have already begun to use the series as source material. Citizens have used it a primer for understanding current politics. Future historians will certainly find it invaluable.

Only Evan Barrett could have created this important series. His personal political and governmental experience during 1970s and 1980s gave him unique access to key historical participants. It also meant that he knew the questions to ask.

According to former Secretary of State Bob Brown, “Barrett’s knowledge and perspective shine through” in these “direct, informative and lively accounts of the history as the participants lived it. . . .” With this award, we express our gratitude to Evan Barrett for illuminating this important period of history, preserving the voices and memories of its participants for future generations.

Explaining Montana to Non-Montanans: The Jesuit Letter Collections, 1830–1880

Following the presentation of the Board of Trustees's Heritage Keepers Awards, **Dr. Brian Matz** will discuss an incredible series of letters that were exchanged between Pierre-Jean De Smet, Nicolas Point, and other Jesuits, who traveled to Montana from the late-1830s through the late-1870s, and their correspondents in Missouri, the eastern United States, and Europe. The earliest letters introduce their readers to Montana and its native tribal residents. Letters produced during the 1850s through 1870s, however, reveal shifts in the Jesuits' understanding of the land and its people, contributing to a richer understanding of the needs and pressures of life in Montana. Dr. Matz is the CSJ Chair in Catholic Studies at Fontbonne University in St. Louis, Missouri. Prior to assuming his position at Fontbonne, Matz was a professor at Helena's Carroll College, where he developed a course on the history of religions in Montana.



Saturday, September 24

- 🕒 7:30 A.M.–9:30 A.M. Conference Registration (breakfast on your own)
- 🕒 8:00 A.M.–9:15 A.M. Concurrent sessions

Beyond Reservations University of Montana Native American Studies Department historian David Beck will describe the little-known saga of **Montana Indians and the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition**. Hundreds of American Indians were involved in the preparation for and participation in Chicago's 1893 World's Columbian Exposition, which was called by one scholar "the most successful of all World's Fairs." Beck's presentation will draw on archival documents to explore the role Montana Indians played, and hoped to play, in this major cultural event. North Dakota architectural historian Emily Sakariassen will discuss **Place Among the Displaced: Envisioning Preservation of a Métis Settlement in Montana**. Between 1876 and 1890, over one hundred Métis men, women, and children made a home in a canyon cut by the South Fork of the Teton River, approximately thirty miles west of Choteau. The story of this settlement feeds into broader themes, such as the colonization of the North American continent, the settlement story of the American West, national Indian removal policy, and, most recently, the assertion of Native cultural identity.



Lewis and Clark Meeting Indians at Ross' Hole, C. M. Russell (1864–1926), oil on canvas, 1912. MHS X1912.06.01

On the Trail with Lewis and Clark Engineer and author Ted S. Hall will talk about the Corps of Discovery's **Lost Trail Descent into Darby** from Idaho on September 3, 1805. For many years, the specific route that the explorers followed was unknown until James West Gallogly, an assayer and later forest ranger, discovered the exact path in the late nineteenth century. Hall—who will correlate Clark's hand-drawn map to today's USGS's quad maps—will be assisted by Gallogly's great-niece, Elisabeth Gallogly Bacon, and fellow engineer Tim Lee will connect Gallogly's finding and Clark's maps to Google Earth. Travelers' Rest State Park interpreter Bruce Mihelish will share the story of **Ponies and Passes: Lewis and Clark through the Bitterroot in September 1805**. Having left the headwaters of the Missouri River behind, the Corps of Discovery was in desperate need of mounts by early fall. The Shoshone and Salish came to the rescue with the Spanish Barb horses that enabled the corps to conquer three major mountain passes through the Bitterroot Valley and reach waters to the Pacific before the onset of winter and potential starvation.

Present at the Creation . . . Now What? The Past and Future of Montana's History MHS Research Center staff Rich Aarstad, Jodie Foley, and Jeff Malcomson will present a journey into Montana's historiographical past, based on the reflections of some of the most significant Montana historians of the past 150 years. Names such as Martha Plassman, Merrill Burlingame, Joseph Kinsey Howard, K. Ross Toole, and Michael Malone will all be invoked. The presenters will conclude by contemplating where the study and writing of Montana's history is today, leaving it for the audience to envision future directions for the field.

Founder's Day

Following Saturday morning's round of concurrent sessions, the **Montana History Conference will reconvene in Stevensville**, where we will join the **Founder's Day Ceremonies** honoring the 175th anniversary of the founding of **St. Mary's Mission**.

🕒 10:00 A.M.–12:00 P.M. Founder's Day Ceremonies

Ceremonies commemorating the 175th anniversary of the founding of St. Mary's Mission will include a flag ceremony, a Salish smudge ceremony, comments by representatives of participating organizations, and a historic reenactment depicting the initial encounter between Salish Indians and the arriving Blackrobes in 1841 (a full schedule will be provided at conference registration).

🕒 12:00 P.M. Lunch on your own (food vendors will be available on site)

🕒 12:00 P.M.–3:00 P.M.

Founder's Day activities will continue with Salish drumming and dancing, guided tours of the mission, exhibits, demonstrations, children's Indian games, and the burying of a time capsule.



St. Mary's Mission, ca. 1895. Myrta Wright Stevens photographer, MHS Maloney Collection

Post-conference field trip

📍 Travelers' Rest State Park (6717 Hwy 12 West, Lolo—transportation on your own). There will be two identical tours—the first starts at **1:30 P.M.** and the second at **2:00 P.M.** Each tour can accommodate twenty-five people.

Take a walking tour through the only archeologically verified Lewis and Clark campsite in the nation. Join a local expert who will reveal the mystery story that validated the location. You will also learn how this spot was critical to the mission of the expedition, a little about the Native peoples who have lived here for thousands of years, and the flora and fauna of the park today.



Save the Dates! Join us for the 44th Annual Montana History Conference, September 21–23, 2017, in Helena.

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In memoriam We are sorrowed by the passing of Dr. Volney Steele (1922–2016), who championed the cause of the history of medicine in Montana and, among his many other contributions, was a most generous supporter of the Montana History Conference.

History Conference Venues

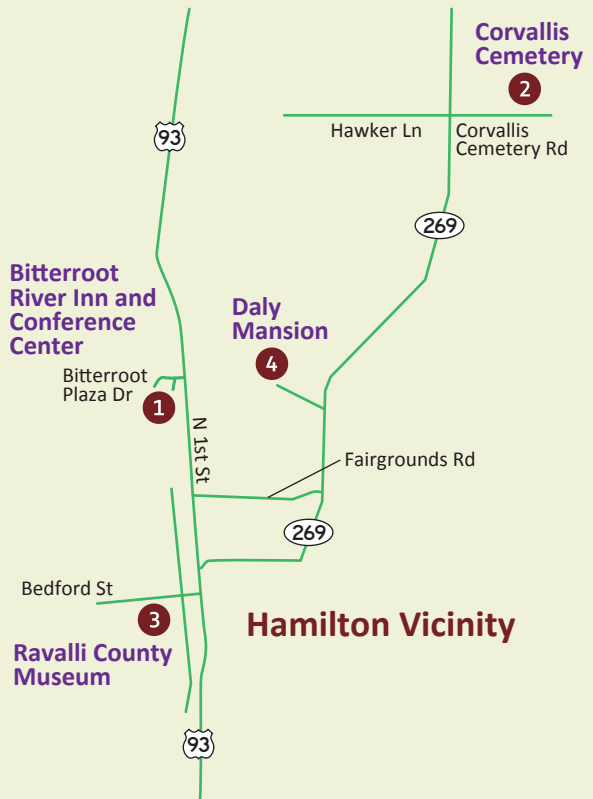
- 1 **Bitterroot River Inn and Conference Center**
139 Bitterroot Plaza Dr, Hamilton
- 2 **Corvallis Cemetery**
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- 3 **Ravalli County Museum**
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- 4 **Daly Mansion**
251 Eastside Hwy, Hamilton
- 5 **Historic St. Mary's Mission**
West End of 4th Street,
Stevensville
- 6 **Traveler's Rest State Park**
6717 Hwy 12 West, Lolo

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Note: Pre-registration is strongly encouraged. Pre-registration closes Friday, September 16. Limited on-site registration will be available beginning Thursday, September 22, if space allows.

Full conference registration includes the Daly Mansion dinner and opening event on Thursday; all sessions, lunch, and awards banquet on Friday; and all sessions on Saturday. Workshops and field trips are extra, as indicated below. All amounts are U.S. currency.

	Advance registration (by Sept. 16)	Amount
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