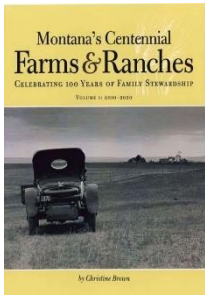


Montana Historical Society Public Programs and Events

January 2022

Thursday, January 6th, 4:30 p.m.
Meanwhile, Back at the Ranch
with Christine Brown



Inspired by the diverse and colorful histories of Montana's centennial farm and ranch properties, Montana Historical Society Interpretive Historian Christine Brown's slideshow presentation will highlight the trials and triumphs of Montanans who established and kept their land in the same family for a century or more. From early Montana miners turned farmers, to single women homesteaders and entire Scandinavian immigrant families, their stories of grit and resourcefulness chronicle the past 150 years of agricultural and community development in Montana.

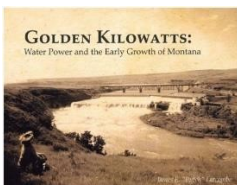
Saturday, January 8th, 1:30 p.m. *Montana Music Workshop*
with Bob Maffit

Following a move to Helena in 1986 and temporarily discontinuing performing as a drummer at various types of venues, his interest was sparked by a friend, John Williams, excitedly stopping by with a 1920s portable model with a 78 record of Jogie Jorgenson...thus...phonograph repair/restoration was started!

Phonograph repair satisfied all Bob Maffit's interests, and he enjoys sharing all about phonographs with anyone who is interested. Much more could be said but, come witness his passion and share in Bob's fun.



Thursday, January 13th, 4:30 p.m.
Golden Kilowatts / Montana Disasters
Book talk with Butch Larcombe



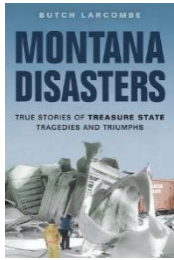
Golden Kilowatts: Waterpower and the Early Growth of Montana is an attempt to share the story of the construction of a series of hydroelectric dams across Montana between 1890 and 1958 and their role in bringing electricity to the mining and smelting operations in Butte and Great Falls and also to many Montana communities (see next page).

Thursday, January 13th, 4:30 p.m. (continued)

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Montana Disasters: True Stories of Treasure State Tragedies and Triumphs



Montana is no stranger to disaster. There have been many tragic events in the state's history, from train wrecks, floods and earthquakes to plane crashes, catastrophic explosions, and mining disasters. These and many others are documented in this comprehensive and informative look into the destructive side of the state's history. Butch Larcombe has, for the first time, compiled these heartbreaking events into this one captivating volume that is an important addition to the chronicles of Montana's colorful history.

Wednesday, January 19th, 10:45 a.m.

Capital Views: Jorud's Earliest Photographs

with Jeff Malcomson

The work of Helena photographer Les Jorud provides an unparalleled view of



Montana's capital city beginning in the 1910s through the 1950s. In the first part of a series he's calling "Capital Views," MHS Photograph Archives Manager Jeff Malcomson will share some of his favorite early Jorud photos, taken before Jorud was twenty years old, which are now preserved at the Montana Historical Society Photograph Archives. Malcomson will use

these images to contemplate the changing landscapes and people of Helena, Montana, during the first part of the twentieth century.



Thursday, January 20th, 4:30 p.m.

Scandal At the Montana State Highway Commission

with Jon Axline

When Governor Elmer Holt accused the state highway commissioners of malfeasance in 1936, it sparked an ugly process that eventually involved the Montana Supreme Court and a Helena newspaper reporter named Paul Maclean, who was later made famous in *A River Runs through It*. Montana Department of Transportation Jon Axline will reveal all.

Thursday, January 27th, 4:30 p.m.

Battle for Butte Journalism: From Mining and News to Mining, News, Politics and Power with Charles Rankin

In his *Battle for Butte* the now-classic history of Montana's war of the Copper Kings, Mike Malone identified 1883-1884 as the beginning of big money's domination of Butte's mining and politics. Dr. Charles Rankin will argue that, while such domination of Montana journalism did originate in Butte, however, the roots of that influence came years earlier, amid a raucous, more chaotic time for Mining City newspapers.

