

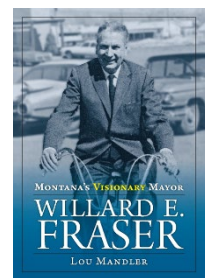


Montana Historical Society Public Programs October 2022

All presentations are in the MHS Lobby and livestreamed on the MHS YouTube Channel unless otherwise noted. Also join us for the October Friends Lecture Series, every Wednesday in October at noon. Find out more on our [website](#).

Thursday, October 6, 4:30 p.m.
Montana's Visionary Mayor, Willard E. Fraser
Talk and book signing with Lou Mandler

A political gadfly, a raconteur of the first order, and an indefatigable environmentalist before the term became fashionable, Willard E. Fraser served four terms as the progressive and controversial mayor of Billings during the turbulent 1960s. In *Montana's Visionary Mayor*, author Lou Mandler explores how Fraser's vision and impact reached far beyond the borders of the Magic City. Refreshments to celebrate the launch of this new MTHS Press book will follow the talk.



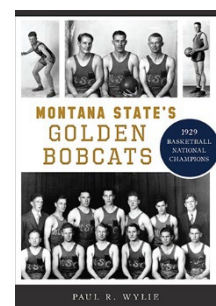
Saturday, October 8, 1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.
Pop-Up Exhibit, featuring collections from community guests



Community members from Helena and the surrounding areas will be showcasing their private collections at this Second Saturday Pop-up Exhibit. Collections will include CMR: Charlie Russell on paper, historic M&M collector items, and patriotic memorabilia.

Thursday, October 13, 4:30 p.m.
Montana State's Golden Bobcats: 1929
Talk and book signing with Paul R. Wylie

Ashworth "Cat" Thompson and brothers Frank and Orland Ward didn't know what to expect when they left southern Utah in the Fall of 1926. They arrived in Bozeman to play on the Montana State College basketball team under charismatic coach and fellow Utah native Ott Romney and Assistant Coach Schubert Dyche. Teamed with Montana products Brick Breeden and Max Worthington the following season, the core formed one of the best teams in the country. Despite Romney returning to Provo at the end of 1928, the Bobcats persevered in 1929 under Schubert to win the consensus college national basketball championship, with Cat and Frank Ward earning All-American honors. Join Paul Wylie as he recounts the on and off court challenges and triumphs of the Bobcat's Golden Team.



Thursday, October 20, 4:30 p.m.

The Middle Kingdom under the Big Sky

Talk and book signing with Mark Johnson

(In conjunction with a Community Read hosted by the Lewis and Clark Library)



In 1870, Chinese residents made up more than 20 percent of Helena’s population. But this population, so crucial to Montana’s history, remains underrepresented in historical accounts. Using documents left by Chinese pioneers and preserved through the efforts of the Montana Historical Society, *The Middle Kingdom under the Big Sky* recovers stories of Montana’s Chinese community members in their own words. Join Mark Johnson as he examines the experiences of Chinese residents of Helena: the pressures they faced, how they advocated for their rights, and how they fought to keep their culture alive in an often-hostile environment.

Thursday, October 27, 4:30 p.m.

The Making of the Capitol Video

Presentation with Ari Laskin

Montana’s capitol, designed at the end of the 19th century, was intended to be the “people’s house,” uniting diverse interests across what was once just a territory to form the 41st state of the union. But does it continue to live up to those principles today? Does it still speak to all Montanans? Student film makers recently explored these issues, creating the documentary film *The People’s House*. Join Ari Laskin who oversaw that project, engaged with both the past and present of the state capitol in order to answer the question: who’s in and who’s out at the people’s house?

