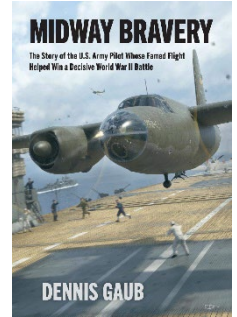


Montana Historical Society Public Programs and Events September 2022

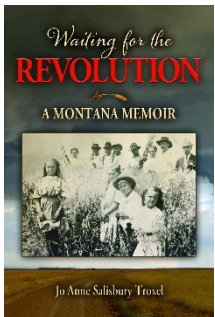
All presentations are in the MTHS auditorium and livestreamed on the MTHS YouTube Channel unless otherwise noted.

Thursday, September 1, 4:30 p.m. *Midway Bravery* Talk and book signing with Dennis Gaub

Army Air Force pilot Jim Muri flew his torpedo-equipped B-26 bomber on a daring mission of survival that helped win the Battle of Midway in June 1942. He and his crew were awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for bravery, a distinction second only to the Medal of Honor. Lieutenant Colonel Muri, his rank upon retirement, became a household name to a nation yearning for heroes in the dark early months of World War II. Muri grew up during the Great Depression as the second oldest child of a family of nine on a ranch in drought-stricken Eastern Montana. He decided he wanted a better life than he probably could have had had he followed in the footsteps of his father, a first-generation Norwegian immigrant. Jim caught the flying bug in high school, pursued his dream of becoming a pilot, and survived an iconic mission in the Pacific that helped turn the tide of battle in World War II. His story serves as an example of dream, purpose, and passion fulfilled.



Thursday, September 8, 4:30 p.m. *Waiting for the Revolution* Talk and book signing with Jo Anne Troxel



Waiting for the Revolution is essentially three stories in one: of homesteading and the land, of the communist/socialist movement in Northeastern Montana, and of a love affair that shocked the mores of a small Montana town. Join Jo Anne Troxel as she talks about writing this memoir of her parents, who were communist/socialist organizers in the 1920s and 1930s in Plentywood, Montana. Although each was married to someone else, and had young children, they fell in love and excited a scandal in the small town of Plentywood, especially when it was rumored that they had children together.

Back by Popular Demand!

Saturday, September 10, Second Saturday, 1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m., MTHS Lobby

Pop-up Exhibit: Featuring Collections from Community Guests

Want to show off your collection? Contact Deb at 406-444-4789 or email dmitchell@mt.gov.



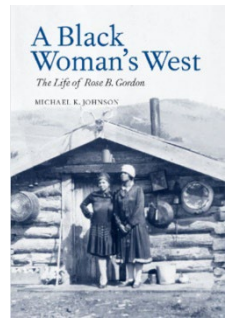
Join collectors at this Second Saturday Pop-up Exhibit, at which community members from Helena and the surrounding areas will be showcasing their private collections from 1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Admission is free on Second Saturdays, so after viewing the popup exhibit, visitors are invited to tour the Society's other exhibits, two of which will be closing October 1, 2022.

Thursday, September 15, 4:30 p.m.

A Black Woman's West: The Life of Rose B. Gordon

Talk and book signing with Professor Michael Johnson

Born in the Barker mining district of central Montana Territory, Rose Beatrice Gordon (1883-1968) was the daughter of an African American chef and an emancipated slave who migrated to the West in the early 1880s, eventually settling in White Sulphur Springs, where Rose lived most of her life. She operated a restaurant in White Sulphur Springs for decades, as well as earning a living later in life as a massage therapist and caregiver. Join Professor Michael Johnson to learn more about Rose Gordon's family and biography, but especially her writing. Through letters to the editor and eventually through a regular newspaper column for the *Meagher County News*, Rose Gordon established a distinctive public voice as an African American woman, as a Montanan, and as a writer of local and western history.



Wednesday, September 21, 12:00 Noon

Vision of the NEW Heritage Center

With Molly Kruckenberg



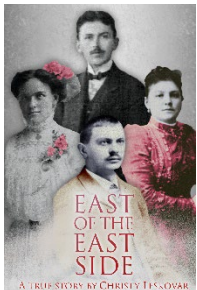
Join Molly Kruckenberg, Director of the Montana Historical Society, as she updates the community regarding the new Heritage Center and shares her vision for this awe-inspiring building. Kruckenberg will also discuss the importance of preserving the objects that tell our stories, some of which date back to the Ice Age, as MTHS prepares to transfer them into the

new facility, which will open in 2025.

Thursday, September 22, 4:30 p.m.

East of the East Side

Talk and book signing with Christy Leskovar



East of the East Side tells the true story of a Slovenian peasant boy who became a concert bassoonist and had to flee Paris when the First World War began, a Viennese kitchen maid who received money from a mysterious benefactor and moved to America, a scrappy undaunted saloon owner (the old Rock Hut in East Helena) who faced off against one of the most powerful men in Montana, and an outrageous girl who grew up in a Wild West saloon. They were real people. Two world wars shook the foundations of their lives, taking them and their offspring from peasant farms in Austria to Imperial Vienna and the glittering Paris opera in 1914, and then to the American West: the fledgling Montana smelter town of East Helena, the Flathead Indian Reservation, the notorious copper metropolis of Butte, and the fertile desert of eastern Washington.