



HERITAGE TIMES

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE CODY HERITAGE MUSEUM

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Heritage Garden

In March, we signed a contract with Tanner Loren for our commissioned bronze monument. The bronze will be a focal point of the stage 3 area in our garden. What a thrill to see years of hard work and fundraising come to fruition! *(more on page 2)*

By April, we couldn't wait to see how well the garden had survived the long, dry winter, and were also curious to see how well we did in planting, watering, and fertilizing our beautiful Heritage Garden last spring. We are anxiously waiting to see the little green tips of the plants that will turn into

a spectacular flowers and will be a beautiful relaxing spot on Sheridan Ave. Compliments were abundant last summer.

In May, we did more planting and added some very large boulders to the landscape.

June brings the installation of many new pavers purchased by members, supporters, and locals. There is still sufficient room for more pavers for anyone interested in planting their family name in our Garden.

July and August are

months for lots of watering and weeding and we would love to see more volunteers at the garden. If you are interested in volunteering to help maintain the garden in the summer months. Please call the Cody Heritage Museum at 586-4272.

Additionally, we acquired an antique claw foot bathtub which is on the east side of the CHM and will be planted with more flowers. It originally was in the upstairs of the DeMaris building over 40 years ago and was donated by George and Lyn Simonton.

2021 Fundraising Dinner Postponed - Again

Once again we find it necessary to postpone our dinner due to Covid. While Cody is doing very well for the most part, we can't ask you to crowd together at the Holiday Inn for 2-3 hours. Hopefully, 2022 will allow us to hold a dinner.

From our President/Director

The CHM Board has finally allowed Marge Wilder to retire! She has been our fearless leader since the very beginning of our official existence in 2009. She and Dick held the first meeting of interested persons in their living room in January 2007, and they were the backbone of this museum, having the dream and the vision to start a local history museum. They graciously allowed the rest of us to tag along. It's hard to fill Marge's shoes, but I'm going to try. I will be wearing several hats in trying to do so: President of the Board, Director of the museum, and Curator of the museum. In time, I will drop the curator position and will let someone else be the "museum person."

Our 2021 season began on May 28th, the Friday of both Cody High School graduation and Memorial Day weekend. Our hours remain the same: Tuesday thru Saturday 10 - 4; Sundays Noon to 4. Over the winter we have added some "new" objects plus a new exhibit in our "Featured Local Artist" case. This year we'll be honoring Cody's esteemed artist James "Jim" Bama. We hope that you'll stop in to see us this season. We'll be closing at the end of the day on September 30th.

~ Lynn



Flag day is approaching (June 14th) and the 4th of July is right around the corner. Get your **MADE IN THE USA** 3'x5' American Flag at the Cody Heritage Museum Gift Shop.

\$30.⁰⁰ regular price

\$28.⁰⁰ local business price



Exciting updates on the garden monument

Local Cody, Wyoming, artist Tanner Loren has been commissioned to bring a life-sized experience to our garden in the form of a bronze statue. This monument will capture the original pioneers that got their hands dirty, worked the land and built the town. "Work to Be Done" will stand proudly in the garden representing all the hard work that went into the birth of our beloved Cody.

Not only will our Cody native artist be creating this beautiful element for our garden, but he is also offering a limited number edition of 1/4-life and 1/8-life size sculptures for purchase to benefit the Cody Heritage Museum. You can have a symbol of historic downtown Cody, Wyoming right in your own home!

The 1/8-life size (approx. 11" tall) is \$1950.⁰⁰ and the 1/4-life size (approx. 22" tall) is \$4500.⁰⁰. Purchase of the 1/4-life size sculpture includes having your name added to a plaque at the base of the life-sized monument that will reside in the garden.

To purchase your very own piece of this exciting project visit cody-heritagemuseum.org or tannerloren.com. For questions or more information call (307)586-4272 or email stephanie@codyheritagemuseum.org



HISTORIC CODY FAMILIES

THE NEWTON FAMILIES

By Bev Kurtz, Wife of Don

Don Kurtz is a Newton, descended from his mother's side of the family. His mother, Lois Ingraham Kurtz, was the daughter of Frank A. and Darlene Newton Ingraham.

S.(Slyvester) S.(Smith) Newton (1826-1910), was born in New York but always wanted to move west. Arriving in Bureau County, Illinois, he bought land, horses, and cattle, built a cabin, and began to farm. He and Eliza Stratton (1833-1918) married in 1850 in West Bureau, Illinois, near the town of Princeton. They had 10 children and by 1880 the migration to Wyoming and Montana had begun.

Son John Wesley Newton (J.W.) headed west to Miles City, Montana, and in 1883 was joined by his brother Abram Caleb (A.C.). After selling his Iowa farm in 1891, J.W. moved his family to his new home-
stead in Roundup, Montana. A.C., however, left Montana and headed south to the future Cody area, buying the Marquette Ranch on the South Fork of the Shoshone River. Soon J.W. and family joined A.C., buying an interest in that ranch. J.W. was the first to bring sheep into the Big Horn Basin which proved to be fraught with so many problems that he returned to Roundup and was able to rebuy his ranch! A.C. then moved to a ranch on Trail Creek, in the North Fork area of the Shoshone River, raising cattle, horses, and sheep, and three children with his wife, Flo whom he'd married in 1885. During this time, A.C. served as assistant county assessor, and guided for Valley Ranch girls' pack trips into Yellowstone. Newton Lake is named for him. However, when A.C. and Flo divorced, he lost the ranch to Flo prompting a move to town. There he married Laura, and in 1919 adopted his niece, Jeanne, daughter of George and Dorothy Newton Effner, who had died within a year of each other the previous year. When Laura passed away in 1920, Jeanne moved to the Nearby Ranch to live with A.C.'s sister Darlene and brother-in-law Frank Ingraham. A.C. lived at the Nearby Ranch, too, but in an out building. He continued to be associated with the Marquette Ranch now run his son Brownie. A.C. belonged to several cowboy associations, was a flag bearer in the annual Cody Stampede Parade for many years, and contributed regularly to KODI's program "Let's Get Acquainted." A.C. passed away in 1959 at the age of 95.

In the meantime, S.S. also started began the Newton Store in Cody, a mercantile store located on Sheridan Avenue and was very generous to his family. He passed away in 1910 at the age of 84 and Eliza in 1918 at age 85.

Other sons of S.S. and Eliza were: Earnest Earl (E.E.), Meta Owen (M.O), and Len Leander (L.L.), Their two daughters were Dorothy and Sarah Darlene. The sons all lived in Cody at one time or another but not all stayed here. It is through Darlene's line that the Nearby Ranch, built in 1904, is still in the Newton family as she and Frank's daughter Lois owned it and now Lois' son, Don still in the Newton family as she and Frank's daughter Lois owned it and now Lois' son, Don Kurtz owns it. It is still considered "home" to the 10 Newton descendants of E.E., M.O., and Darlene who still live in Cody.

To be continued....

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- ◇ \$200/year—Corporate
[include company name & contact/owner]
- ◇ \$500/year—Contributing
- ◇ \$1000/year—Sustaining

Membership benefits include:
FREE admission, 2 guest passes per year [Business- 6 passes, Corporate level and above-12 passes], Bi-Annual newsletter, 10% off in our Gift Shop, You will also receive a personalized membership card!

Paypal/credit card payment options available online or over the phone, checks payable to Cody Heritage Museum
codyheritagemuseum.org (307) 586-4272

Looking for a great gift idea? Give the gift of history and knowledge with a membership to the museum!

Consider getting involved and become a CHM volunteer

If you or your family have a piece of family/Cody history, please consider donating it. Please call Lynn Houze at 586-4272



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a bridge from past to present*

