



HERITAGE TIMES

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE CODY HERITAGE MUSEUM

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Volunteer Appreciation

We are so appreciative of all our 2021 volunteers who have donated time to make our museum a success.

Admissions:

Bettie Marie Daniels
Linda Hofmann
Sue Christianson
Terry Bartlett
Gerry Jensen
Kent Dyer
Rusty Vannoy
Margie Jones
Pat Frost
Todd Valley
Janet Bucknell
Mona Linville
Steve Wilder
Betty Reddock

Garden:

Jan Jones
Marilyn Spicer
Larry Zink

Exhibit work:

Gary Miller

Board members who volunteered in areas other than their official positions:

Marge Wilder
Jenny Zink
Geri Hockhalter
Joyce Boyer
Anne Hayes
Roy Holm
Al Schultz
Jean Wilder
Lynn Houze
Nathan Bender
Jeremy Johnston

Heritage Garden



The summer of 2021 saw the most beautiful display of flowers in the garden in two years. The plants and blooms were huge. After waiting 2 summers for the perennials to reach complete maturity, the heat of the year helped bring the beauty. We dazzled our visitors and local people with the flourishing display.

We had two wonderful gardeners who blessed the Cody Heritage Museum with their time, hard work and dedication to our gar-

den. Our undying thanks and gratitude to Marilyn Spicer and Jan Jones. In the spring they will help us with some additional plantings and continue to use their expertise to keep it blooming. We will be adding a wonderful display in the historic bathtub on the east side of our garden as well as a flower feature which will look like flowing water in our Fresno ditch.

The powerful and historic bronze we commissioned with Tanner Loren last year will be installed this coming May. We are still fundraising and selling maquette and studies sizes (see pg 2) and pavers for this project. The pavers can be in honor of or in memory of an individual, family, business, event, or loved one. Why not put your family permanently on display on Cody's main street, Sheridan Ave. in our local Heritage garden?

-Geri Hockhalter

Through the winter months our normal hours of operation may have ended, but history does not have an off season! We are open by appointment. We do tours for schools, homeschool classes, and more.

Email info@codyheritagemuseum.org or stephanie@codyheritagemuseum.org

Also follow us on Instagram @cody_heritage_museum & Facebook 'Cody Heritage Museum' to stay up to date on information and events.

From our President/Director

We had a wonderful season this year! Our attendance just about doubled over last year's for a couple of reasons, but the main one was that Covid-19 did not keep the tourists away from Cody and Yellowstone National Park, and therefore, us. The park opening earlier this year enabled us to open three weeks earlier which also helped our numbers increase. We received a great deal of positive feedback from the visitors which was nice to hear. On July 24th, we held an Open House which included a silent auction, book signings, food, and free admission to the museum. It drew many visitors and raised a bit of money for us, as well. Thanks to all of you who participated in some way; we really appreciate your support.

Our last day of the season was September 30th so we are now closed for the season but will be reopening in late May 2022. Please come see us as we'll have a new local artist's exhibit, as well as some new objects on display as the previously empty drawers are beginning to fill up! Don't forget to order a paver in honor or in memory of a special person or persons in your life

Have a safe winter!

Lynn

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. Creation of this piece is already underway! Mr. Loren has been working diligently and we are looking forward to the final product. There will be an unveiling and dedication event in the spring for the final phase of our Heritage Garden project so look out for details to come.

Not only is our Cody native artist 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 home or business!

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) 578-6068 or email stephanie@codyheritagemuseum.org



HISTORIC CODY FAMILIES

THE NEWTON FAMILY - Based upon Bev Kurtz's write-up, wife of Don

Part Two

As mentioned previously, Nearby Ranch – the Newton homestead – was built in 1904 and S.S. and Eliza moved in that year as did Frank and Darlene. At that time, it was on the eastern outskirts of Cody with only a few other homes in the vicinity – including the M.O. Newton cabin where S.S. and Eliza had lived. The Newtons owned a great deal of land surrounding their home, heading north towards Sheridan Avenue and to the south on the bench above the Nearby Ranch where the Ingrahams also owned land. The E.E. Newton red farmhouse is still on the corner of Stampede Avenue and 23rd Street. The “Newton Cemetery” was located east and south of the farmhouse and was the first designated cemetery in Cody. It ceased being active around 1910 when Riverside Cemetery on Yellowstone Highway was opened. And, yes, bodies were dug up and moved to the new cemetery for reburial– but were they all??

After S.S. and Eliza had both passed away – 1910 and 1918 respectively – the Nearby Ranch remained home for Darlene and Frank Ingraham and their three children: Dan, Lois, and Alden. It continued to be the family “home place” for family gatherings, weddings (daughter Lois in 1929) and Newton family picnics over the years as recently as 2018. It was an overnight “emergency” stay for not only family members but travelers as well. And a couple of relatives came to live there but also died there. Frank, in the meantime, became a rancher raising cattle, growing grain and hay, and was a dairy farmer raising Holsteins. A milk house was built to enable milk to be processed, and a Heart Mountain homestead provided the summer range for the cattle. The dairy herd was sold in 1941.

Frank was very active in farm and ranch activities both locally – Cody Club – and in the state. Later in life he became blind and died in 1946. Darlene was a frugal, creative, and innovative homemaker taking pleasure and pride in her home and garden. She collected rocks and built the fireplace at the Nearby. She became the family photographer, documenting family gatherings and became known for vegetable and flower gardens. The Women’s Christian Temperance Union was a major influence in her life, and she was the corresponding secretary of the Wyoming organization for 30 years. She was a member of the Park County Historical Society chapter of the Wyoming State Historical Society and a charter member of the Methodist Church, as was Frank.

Daughter Lois married Marlin Kurtz in 1929, made their home in Cody and raised their two daughters and one son here: Oleta, Martha, and Don. Lois and Marlin were both teachers and were associated with the Heart Mountain Internment Camp during World War II. Marlin was active in politics at the state level for 14 years and was president of the legislature.

Darlene continued to live at the Nearby Ranch until her passing in 1958. The Nearby Ranch was sold four different times after that, but grandson Don and his wife Bev bought the house back in 1975, raising their two sons, Eric and John there. Much of the land was sold over the years, and while the chicken house still remains, the chickens don’t. Don sold Pawnee Irrigation, started by his dad Marlin, about 20 years ago. Both he and Bev remain active in the community.

Corrections from Part I:

After A.C.. Newton married Laura he adopted his granddaughter, Jeanne, not his niece. Their sons all lived in Cody at one time or another and their two daughters were “Tryphena – who never lived in Cody - and Sarah Darlene”, Lois never owned the Nearby Ranch.

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[adult parents & minor children]
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FREE admission, **2 guest passes** per year [Business- 6 passes, Corporate level and above-12 passes], Biannual newsletter, **10% off** in our Gift Shop, You will also receive a personalized **membership card!**

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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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