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BOOM & BUST Extracting the Past

The 40th Annual Montana History Conference September 19–21, 2013 Sidney, Montana

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Boom and Bust: Extracting the Past Boom and bust cycles define much of Montana's history. Extraordinary opportunities lure immigrants, who prosper for a time. But then, with a turn in the weather, or the economy, or resource availability, the boom goes bad. Prosperous communities turn into ghost towns. Lilac bushes are all that remain of once hopeful homesteads. Then, sometimes, a new economic engine emerges. Gold, silver, copper, and coal mining, the fur trade, logging, homesteading, and oil and natural gas production have seen both booms and busts, and the wakes created by these cycles ripple throughout Treasure State history. Join the Montana Historical Society and the MonDak Heritage Center in Sidney for the 40th Annual Montana History Conference as we explore Montana's past through the lens of boom and bust.

Conference logistics: History conference venues will feature the best of the MonDak region, both old and new. Sessions and workshops will be held at the Richland County Fairgrounds Event Center, 2118 W. Holly Street, in Sidney. Receptions and field trips will provide attendees with the opportunity to explore important historical and cultural landmarks, including the MonDak Heritage Center and Richland County Courthouse in Sidney, as well as Fort Union Trading Post National Historic Site, Fort Buford State Historic Site, and the Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center just across the North Dakota border.

Three hotels are offering special rates to conference-goers. Rooms are being held until August 15, 2013. *Be sure to ask for the Montana History Conference rate!* **Best Western Golden Prairie Inn & Suites,** 820 S. Central Avenue, (406) 433-4560 **Richland Motor Inn,** 1200 S. Central Avenue, (406) 433-6400 **Lone Tree Inn,** 900 S. Central Avenue, (406) 433-4520 Other nearby accommodations can be found at www.visitmt.com.

Teacher Credit: Up to 21 OPI Teacher Renewal Units are available for conference attendees. Teachers desiring renewal credits may obtain forms and additional information at the conference registration table.

Please note: The conference schedule is subject to change. Events will be held at the Richland County Fairgrounds Events Center, 2118 W. Holly Street, unless otherwise noted.

Twitter users: follow the conference using hashtag #MTHistory2013.

Cover photo: Green Syler working at Cat Creek Oil Field, 1920. Lot 14 B1 F2 #973-279

Thursday, September 19

🌢 7:30 А.М.–5:30 Р.М. Conference registration

8:30 A.M.-5:00 P.M. Made in Montana Tour (lunch included). Vans depart from the Richland County Fairgrounds Events Center, limited to 25 participants.

This year's *Made in Montana* tour will focus on life and work in the Lower Yellowstone Valley featuring the following sites: Sidney Sugars (a sugar beet processing plant); Montana-Dakota Utilities (a coal-fired electric plant); Lower Yellowstone Irrigation District (a slide talk on the history and technology of irrigation in the Sidney area); the Fairview Bridge (a historic lift bridge on the Yellowstone River); oil field tour and talk; and finally a tour of the USDA Northern Plains Agricultural Research Lab in Sidney. Lunch will be at the Powder Keg in Fairview. Wear sturdy shoes or boots.



Everyday at Sidney, Montana, 1908, reproduction postcard, Elk River Printing, 1986

9:00 А.М.-5:00 Р.М. Educators Workshop (lunch included)

In keeping with this year's theme, the Educators workshop will focus on boom and bust, touching on many eras in Montana history, including the fur trade, the gold rush, the open range cattle boom, the homesteading boom, the Great Depression, and the more modern resource booms of coal and coalbed methane. Participants will come away with practical classroom lessons and techniques for engaging students from grades 3 through 12. Special attention will be paid to integrating primary sources into instruction and alignment with the common core. Educators will leave the workshop with a greater understanding of how resource booms have impacted Montana and an increased knowledge of available resources that will help them integrate primary sources into their classrooms while addressing Common Core Reading and Writing Standards for Literacy in History /Social Studies.

10:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M. Archives Workshop: Oral History from Creation to Curation (lunch included)

Oral history is the art of capturing the perceptions of past events as experienced by individuals who witnessed them or were directly involved. Oral history is the democratization of history as it adds voice to those who would not typically make it into the standard history texts. This workshop is designed to engage those who are interested in creating and providing access to oral histories in their collections. Over the course of the oral history seminar, attendees will learn how to prepare for conducting an oral history focusing on the "Five Rs:" **Research** so they have a basic understanding of the topic and individual they will be interviewing; Rapport, establishing a working relationship with the individual being interviewed so that they trust the interviewer and are willing to share their story/stories; **Restraint**, the art of knowing that the interview is about the narrator; **Retreat**, understanding when the interview is a wrap; Review, ensuring that all the steps and procedures are covered so that the interview will be properly conducted and the master copy legally owned by the proper repository. Doing the interview is really only half the job—preserving and providing access will encompass the second half of this workshop. Attendees will learn how to preserve and provide access to various recording media—including analog tapes, digital audio and digital video.

6:00 P.M.-8:00 P.M. Opening Reception MonDak Heritage Center, 120 3rd Ave SE.

Kick off your visit to Sidney by stepping into its past. Since 1967, the MonDak Historical and Arts Society has been preserving the heritage of the MonDak region—which encompasses seven counties in eastern Montana and neighboring North Dakota. Explore the MonDak's exhibits, including art shows and a replicated Pioneer Town, meet up with fellow attendees, and enjoy live entertainment, including a recitation of "An Old Grain Elevator Speaks" by Kathleen Scott Bettise; hearty snacks; and a no-host bar. Before you head back

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to your hotel, visit the Richland County Courthouse (201 West Main)—Sidney's architectural crown jewel completed in 1928 and currently being renovated as part of the observance of Richland County's centennial in 2014.

Friday, September 20

- 7:00 A.M.-5:30 P.M. Conference registration
- 🌢 8:00 А.М.–9:15 А.М. Plenary session (breakfast included)

'We Came Here to Make a Pile': Patterns and Consequences of Boom and Bust in Montana Following breakfast and a welcome by MHS Director Bruce Whittenberg, **Dale Martin** will explore themes and provide examples of recurring episodes of boom, and the unanticipated aftermath of busts, that brought rapid changes to Montana's landscapes and communities. Most of this sudden rise and fall resulted from events and trends—changes in technology, distant markets, and two world wars—that occurred far beyond Montana's borders. Martin teaches courses in the history of Montana, technology, and the First World War at MSU, Bozeman. Living in Butte in the 1980s, he witnessed firsthand the tumultuous hopes and disappointments of a mining town.

9:30 A.M.-10:45 A.M. Concurrent sessions

Fortified for the Boom Military forts were not only subject to boom and bust cycles themselves, they helped pave the way for later booms that followed.



Fort Parker, 1869–1871, photograph by William H. Jackson of the Hayden Survey

In his presentation, *Frontier Forts of the Upper Great Plains: How Westward Movement Changed the Forts Dynamic,* Steven Reidburn, Site Supervisor for Fort Buford State Historic Site, will provide an overview of the westward march of forts—why they were commissioned and why they were decommissioned. In their case study *Fort Parker and the Bozeman Economy: The Boom that Built Bozeman, Crystal Alegria* and Marsha Fulton, with the Extreme History Project in Bozeman, will tell the story of how government contracts, and the people who procured them, created a thriving Bozeman economy throughout the 1870s which solidified the foundation for the city Bozeman is today.

Picturing Boom and Bust In *'Considering the Danish Colony': Henry and Edgar Syverud in Photograph and Word,* MHS Photograph Archives staff members Lory Morrow and Becca Kohl will detail the Society's treasured, fourvolume set of East Coalridge Community histories compiled by the Syverud brothers "to represent every possible activity, avoiding repetition." Focusing on the years between 1909 and 1941, Morrow and Kohl will share the Syveruds' vision of a progressive and dynamic citizenry challenged by nature, war, and politics in northeastern Montana.

And the Award Goes To... It's not always what you say but how you say it. Although seemingly unrelated, these two presentations—which examine often overlooked aspects of the boom and bust cycle—share the award for most clever title. In **Boom and Bustier! Lyndel Meikle**, Interpretive Historian at Grant-Kohrs Ranch, Deer Lodge, will explore fashions, fads, and foolishness in the Treasure State. From arsenic-lined boots to blue glass cure-alls, Montana has not been immune to the witlessness which afflicts humans from every time and place. In **O Tannenbaum–Boom! The Rise and Fall of Northwest Montana's Christmas Tree Industry,** MHS Senior Archivist **Rich Aarstad** will examine the Christmas tree industry that once flourished in Lincoln County, the "Christmas Tree Capital of the World."

11:00 A.M.-12:15 P.M. Concurrent sessions

Women's Work Although women have always served as key players in the boom and bust cycles that define Montana history, their roles have not always been fully appreciated or thoroughly studied. In his presentation, *What the Ledgers Tell Us: An Examination of Native Women's Influence in the Fur Trade*



"The Christmas Store," Yellowstone Mercantile, Sidney, ca. 1915

on the Northern Plains, Cartwright, North Dakota, historic interpreter Rod Lassey will investigate the part played by Native American women in the fur trade, the region's first extractive industry. In her talk, 'How I Cook, Keep House, Help With Farm Work, Too': Rural Women in Post–World War II Montana, Dr. Amy McKinney, Assistant Professor of History, Northwest College, Powell, Wyoming, will detail the degree to which the post–World War II, suburban housewife ideal translated to rural areas in Montana—namely Custer, Richland, and Roosevelt Counties—where women have always been a significant part of the work force.

Real Voices Nothing gives meaning to historical trends like the personal reminiscences of those who experienced them firsthand. Join **Duane Mitchell**, Richland County Commissioner and forty-year veteran of the oil field, and other long-time Sidney-area residents as they share their observations about *Living with the Boom*. In a roundtable discussion, Mitchell and his colleagues will provide personal insight into the ways in which the development of the Bakken has impacted life in the MonDak region.



First Cat Creek oil well, photograph by the Coulter Studio, Lewistown

First Booms Like the Bakken, many of Montana's economic booms have been driven by mineral extraction. In his presentation, **Before the Bust: Conflicting Visions of the 1860s Gold Boom,** Humanities Montana Executive Director **Ken Egan**, Missoula, will present divergent responses to the gold rush—from a young Irish-American girl, travelers on the Bozeman Trail, and Native American witnesses who responded with puzzlement, bemusement, and resistance—creating a high definition view of a turning point in the place that came to be called Montana. BLM Archaeologist Zane Fulbright, Lewistown, will recount the story of **Cat Creek: Montana's First Oil Boom**. The development of the first well in 1920 led to the frenzied exploration and stampede at the Cat Creek Oil Field, impacting Montana's early petroleum industry, driving central Montana's economy, and shaping Petroleum County.

12:30 P.M.-1:45 P.M. Luncheon

This Was J. C. Penney: A Century of Main Street Department Stores Since 1927, Sidney's J. C. Penney store—one of the oldest in the state has been a commercial mainstay through good times and bad. David Kruger will examine the origins and growth of the Penney stores from their start in Wyoming to their spread throughout the nation. He shows how Penney's "Golden Rule" of "doing unto others" led to its incredible success. Kruger was born in Baker, raised in Fallon County, and holds graduate degrees from Kansas State University and University of Missouri. He is the agricultural research librarian at the University of Wyoming.

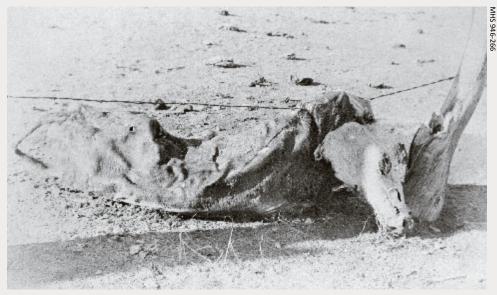
2:00 P.M.-3:15 P.M. Concurrent sessions

No Place Like Home Montanans have always worked hard to establish and maintain livable communities. In The Ghost Metropolis of Mossmain, Red Lodge author John Clayton will tell the tale of a hoped for "Garden City" that busted before it could boom. Envisioned by Billings entrepreneur Preston B. Moss, the unique community—located at today's East Laurel I-90 exit—would have fully integrated agriculture and urban life. In Montana's Booming Need for Transportable Housing, MHS Reference Historian Zoe Ann Stoltz will explore the ways in which manufactured housing has been used to support the boom cycle in such industries as construction and mineral extraction, and how different communities have reacted to these mobile home invasions.



Warehouse and bunkhouses, Cat Creek Oil Field, 1920, photograph by Herb Titter of the Coulter Studio. Lewistown

History on the Hoof Montana's cattle industry has been no stranger to the boom-and-bust cycle. Montana Historical Society Museum Technician Vic Reiman will examine *The Rise and Fall of Open-Range Cattle Raising on the Montana Plains,* discussing the development of ranching in Montana from its beginnings in the 1850s—focusing on the less familiar types of cattle that populated Montana before the Texas Longhorns arrived in the 1880s—through the Hard Winter of 1886–1887 which spelled the end of the open-range era. MHS Interpretive Historian Dr. Ellen Baumler will tell the tale of *The Boom and Bust of the Marquis de Mores,* a French nobleman turned rancher and gunslinger. The Marquis—who owned a 44,500-acre ranch in the MonDak region—lost a fortune in an attempt to build a huge slaughterhouse near Medora, North Dakota, before meeting his ultimate demise in the Sudan at the hand of political assassins.



The Drought Summer of 1934, Powder River County, photograph by J. Fred Toman

Boom and Bust Environment The often harsh environment of eastern Montana and western North Dakota has profoundly impacted the history of the region. In his presentation, *The Return of Climate Futures Past: Mining and Imagining Montana's Cretaceous Seaway, 1805–1985,* MSU Bozeman PhD candidate Daniel Zizzamia will explore how the physical geography and remnant From where we stand we can look to both the past and the future, with a vision that spans generations.

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Schedule at a Glance

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The Meadows Home, first hospital in Sidney, Montana

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5:30 P.M. - 6:30 P.M.	Cocktails and Conversations

6:30 P.M.–8:30 P.M. Awards Banquet–There Will be Oil

Saturday, September 21

7:30 A.M9:30 A.M.	Conference Registration
8:00 a.m9:30 a.m.	Bradley Breakfast
9:45 A.M2:00 P.M.	Field Trip–Hit the Road



Richland County Court House, Sidney, Montana

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resources generated through geologic time in the American West influenced western settlement and the advancement of American science in the latenineteenth and early-twentieth centuries. In his talk, *Meriwether Lewis and Eastern Montana: High Winds, Short Grass in a Place That Would Never Boom,* Bismark, North Dakota, historian and author Clay Jenkinson will relate how the Bakken boom is disproving the predictions made by the intrepid explorer when he passed through the MonDak region two hundred years ago.

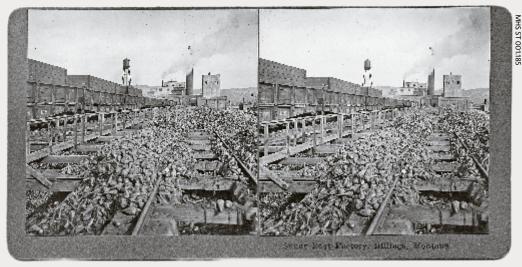
3:30 P.M.-4:45 P.M. Concurrent sessions

Symbols of the West Wagon trains and livestock brands serve as two iconic symbols of agricultural boom times in the West. In his presentation, *Northern Plains Wagon Trains of 1862–1867,* historical interpreter and actor Arch Ellwein will highlight the contributions of prairie schooners in the Euro-American settlement of the MonDak region. In her presentation, *Symbols, Stories, and History: Montana's Livestock Brand Records,* MHS Reference Historian Zoe Ann Stoltz will explore the role that brands play as links to the past, not only representing the state's agricultural heritage, but symbolizing a way of life.



Sidney, Montana, Central Avenue, circa 1910

Getting the Word Out From printing presses to airwaves to the Internet, the ways in which Montanans obtain their news has changed—and continue to change—dramatically. In *Broadcast News*, MHS Research Center Director Molly Kruckenberg will examine the important role played by broadcast pioneer Edmond B. Craney during the early years of the radio industry in Montana. In *Mining Data: What We Can Learn from Digitized Historical Newspapers*, Christine Kirkham, coordinator of Montana's contribution to the National Digital Newspaper Program (NDNP), will share highlights from the Treasure State's NDNP titles and discuss some of the historical insights emerging from this massive body of data.



Sugar Beet Factory, Billings, ca. 1910, photograph by N. A. Forsyth

The Beet Goes On Sweets make things better in both good times and bad and sugar beets provide an important source of sweetener for commercially manufactured food products. MSU master's candidate **Sorn Jessen** will examine *The Origins and Development of the Sugar Beet Industry in Montana*. Sidney educator and archaeologist J. Rebecca Kallevig and BLM Archaeologist Terri Wolfgram, Belgrade, will join forces to analyze *POW and Itinerant Labor in the Sugar Beet Industry along the Lower Yellowstone in World War II*.

🌢 5:30 Р.М.–6:30 Р.М. Cocktails and Conversations

Visit with fellow conference-goers while presenters who have authored books sign copies of their work. No-host bar.

🌢 6:30 Р.М.–8:30 Р.М. Awards Banquet

There Will Be Oil: Appetite and Inevitability on the American Prairie Following the presentation of the 2013 MHS Board of Trustees Heritage Keeper Awards, journalist and Montana native **Edwin Dobb** will expound upon his recent article about the Bakken oil patch that appeared in *National Geographic*, "The New Oil Landscape." Dobb—currently the Carnegie Lecturer in the Knight Program in Science and Environmental Journalism at the U.C. Berkeley Graduate School of Journalism—is a former editor in chief of *The Sciences*, contributing writer at *Harper's*,



Edwin Dobb

coauthor with Jack Horner of *Dinosaur Lives*, and co-writer and co-producer of *Butte America*, a documentary film about the social and environmental consequences of industrialized copper mining.



Hans Larsen with Camilla and Christine Anderson, circa 1910. "Lower Yellowstone Irrigation Project was Dad's brain child."

About the Award The Montana Historical Society's Board of Trustees' Heritage Keepers Awards honor exemplary work, commitment, and effort in identifying, preserving, and presenting the history and heritage values of Montana for current and future generations. The award recognizes those individuals, families, organizations, educators, historians, and others whose efforts have had a significant impact on generating interest in and the preservation of the rich and diverse history of Montana.

MHS Board of Trustees 2013 Heritage Keeper Award Recipients

Eastern Montana Edgar Richardson

Those who know him well report that they "have never met an individual more dedicated to his hometown and the preservation of its history than Edgar Richardson." Indeed, the retired farmer, businessman, organizer, and volunteer knows Daniels County like no one else—and for over forty years he has dedicated himself to preserving its history for future generations.



Born in the late 1920s, Edgar Richardson grew up on the family farm near Peerless, joining the Navy after graduating from Scobey High School in 1945. After returning to Scobey in 1947, he ran several businesses, served on the city council and took an active role in the community.

Richardson once said, "I feel fortunate to have lived in Scobey and Daniels County. . . . This is truly sacred ground." He has acted on this belief by volunteering with nearly every organization dedicated to Daniels County improvement and serving on innumerable local boards. His entire life he has looked for ways to contribute to his home town.

Among Richardson's main passions are preserving the history of northeastern Montana's homesteaders and communicating to people of all ages—locals and tourists alike—what life was like for these brave Montanans. An active volunteer with the Daniels County Museum, Richardson was the mastermind behind Pioneer Town, which features thirty-five historic buildings that would otherwise have been demolished. Walking through town, visitors can imagine attending the Ukrainian Catholic Church, living in a homestead shack, enjoying a night at the theater, and shopping in the general store. Together with Pioneer Town's large collection of antique cars and historic machinery, these restored buildings communicate the realities of daily life during the homestead era. At age 84, Richardson continues to give engaging tours of Pioneer Town, impressing all those lucky enough to experience them with his encyclopedic knowledge of the people and region.

Western Montana Chris Fisk

Chris Fisk arrived at Butte High School nineteen years ago with a love of history and a commitment to teaching every child. With boundless enthusiasm, he began to transform the Butte High School history curriculum. According to his peers, Fisk "reaches students from the top of the class to students at risk." He does so through projects that emphasize hands-on learning, such as an annual bison harvest, which complements more traditional lessons about Indian history and culture.

Fisk has been widely recognized for his professionalism, creativity, and passion. He was named the National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution 2010 American History Teacher of the Year and has received the Gold Star Teaching Award for Excellence in Education.

His history classes and extraordinarily popular extracurricular Montana History Club not only engage students with Butte (and Montana) history, they also offer opportunities for students to make meaningful contributions to their community.



For example, Montana History Club students have participated in cemetery preservation work and provided meals at the Butte Rescue Mission. They have also shared Butte history with others through Halloween Ghost Walks (during which students portray famous, and infamous, Butte characters) and the annual Meaderville Christmas display, which commemorates the history of a lost Butte neighborhood.

Fisk's passion for education does not stop at the high school door. He provides historical trolley tours for Butte visitors each summer and during the school year teaches an evening adult education class. Attracting fifteen students its first year, Fisk's adult education class now enrolls almost one hundred eager scholars, ages eighteen to ninety.

According to one colleague, Fisk "believes that history must be touched and tasted, smelled and grabbed with both hands." He makes history real, and in so doing, he expands the audience for the Montana Historical Society's central mission: to preserve, protect, and promote our shared history.

Saturday, September 21

7:30 A.M.–9:30 A.M. Conference Registration 8:00 A.M.–9:30 A.M. Bradley Breakfast

Nothing creates hard times like ill health. In her paper, 'Raging Unabated': The 1918 Spanish Flu Epidemic in Butte, University of New Mexico Associate Research Professor Dr. Charlene Porsild will examine the devastating social and public health effects of the Spanish Flu as well as the Mining City's response to the epidemic. In her presentation, Laura's Death and the Dr.'s. 'Why?': Dr. Philip Pallister and Montana's Institution for People with Disabilities, 1940s–1980s, Northern Arizona University Associate Professor of History Linda Sargent Wood will explore the doctor's struggle to understand why some individuals face debilitating and crippling health, Montana's venture into genetics, and the state's dilemmas over how to care for people with disabilities.



B. Kimball dressed for work during the 1918 flu epidemic

🌢 9:45 А.М.–2:00 Р.М. Field trip (lunch included)

Hit the Road Join conference goers in exploring some of the region's most significant historic sites: Fort Union Trading Post National Historic Site, the American Fur Co. post built in 1828 that, for nearly forty years, served on the frontiers of cultural exchange and a burgeoning global economy; Fort Buford State Historic Site, a military post built in 1866 to protect overland and river routes used by prospectors and immigrants heading West and best remembered



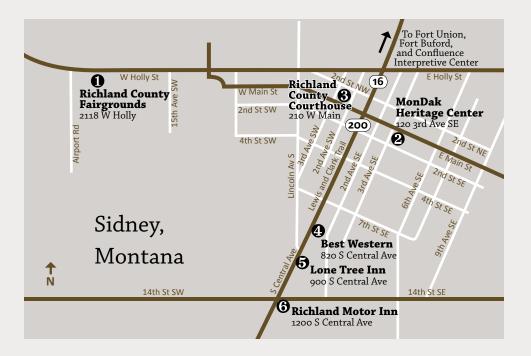
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Fort Union, 1866, photograph by Illingworth and Bill

today as the place where the renowned Hunkpapa Sioux leader Sitting Bull surrendered in 1881; and the **Missouri-Yellowstone Confluence Interpretive Center** where visitors learn the important story of the convergence of these two mighty rivers while enjoying the same magnificent view that members of the Lewis and Clark Expedition witnessed as they explored the region in 1805 and 1806. A picnic lunch will be served at the Confluence Interpretive Center. Transportation will be available or attendees may drive their own cars (directions will be provided).

Save the Date! Join us in Helena for the 41st Annual Montana History Conference, September 18–20, 2014, as we celebrate the 150th anniversary of the establishment of Montana Territory—as well as the Montana Historical Society—and other milestones in Treasure State history. We would like to thank the following for their generous support of the Montana History Conference

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Note: Advance registration is strongly encouraged. Pre-registration closes Friday September 13. Limited on-site registration will be available beginning Thursday September 19, if space allows.

Full conference registration includes admission to reception on Thursday; all sessions, breaks, breakfast, lunch, and banquet on Friday; and all sessions, tours, breakfast, and lunch on Saturday. Thursday's workshops and field trip are extra, as indicated below. All amounts are U.S. currency.

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O Regular	\$145	
O College student (ID required)	\$95	
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Workshops & Field Trips		
O Educators' workshop (lunch included)	\$30	
O Archives workshop (lunch included)	\$30	
m O Made in Montana Tour (lunch included; limited to 25)	\$30	
Single Day Registration		
 Friday only (includes all sessions, breakfast, lunch, and awards banquet) 	\$115	
${ m O}$ Saturday only (includes breakfast session, lunch, and field trip)	\$50	
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