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Mystic Lake Dam Powerhouse (1925), West Rosebud Creek, Stillwater County. Owned by PPL Montana. Determined eligible for the National Register of Historic Places in 2003 in consultation with the Custer National Forest and Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Photo courtesy of Tim Urbaniak, MSU-Billings and Montana State Preservation Review Board.

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**PRESERVING MONTANA:  
The Montana Historic Preservation Plan, 2013-2017  
Goals and Objectives  
(for All Interested Montanans)**

**GOAL I. EDUCATE: BUILD A FOUNDATION FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION THROUGH KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING.**

*Objectives:*

1. Gather, develop, and disseminate historic preservation guidance and standards.

*2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: online guidance; information about local ordinances; information about fund-raising; update to Consulting with Montana SHPO; dissemination to areas of rapid development*

2. Instill awareness and appreciation for Montana's heritage and heritage properties.

*2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: post- WWII properties, including Modernist; landscapes; travelling exhibits; public fairs and workshops; state and local agency stewardship; Montana lawmakers*

3. More fully incorporate the University system in the discussion of historic preservation issues and the training of preservation professionals.

*2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: encourage academic fieldwork and research in Montana; create University student internship opportunities; become resource for University historic preservation and history classes/seminars; campus building heritage awareness*

4. Pursue new ways and means to share information about Montana's historic, pre-contact and traditional cultural properties.

*2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: website platform and content upgrades; social media outlets; walking tour apps; National Register property map applications; K-12 lesson plan development; owner awareness*

**GOAL II. CELEBRATE: PROMOTE PRESERVATION WITH RECOGNITION, PRAISE, AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.**

*Objectives:*

1. Use multi-media (e.g., television, print, internet) to convey historic preservation successes and opportunities.

*2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: target general public; PSA development; expand regular press releases for local preservation stories and National Register listings; radio programming*

2. Create forums to acknowledge and reward outstanding achievements and efforts in historic preservation.

*2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: support and expand existing award ceremonies; re-invigorate local awards; establish prizes; nominate Montana for national awards*

3. Increase public recognition of heritage properties through signage, published materials, events, and programs.

*2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: property type and historical context publications; Main Street publication series; National Register sign program promotion; highway signage; heritage tourism materials; History Conference workshop; Montana Preservation Road Show; increase preservation poster visibility in public spaces*

### **GOAL III. LOCATE: IDENTIFY AND DOCUMENT MONTANA'S HISTORIC, PRECONTACT, AND TRADITIONAL CULTURAL PLACES.**

#### *Objectives:*

1. Survey or support the systematic survey of un-inventoried properties throughout the state.

*2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: post- WWII architecture, including Modernist; state-owned heritage properties (SB3 2011); tribal cultural properties; properties associated with under-served/under-represented populations; prioritize un-inventoried communities; develop people-friendly state inventory form*

2. Encourage a landscape approach, where appropriate, to the identification and explanation of the relationships among individual properties.

*2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: pilot landscape study area; complete Tongue River Multiple Property Document; Northern Cheyenne geographical study; landscape identification workshop; rural agricultural landscapes*

3. Enhance the management of and access to cultural resource property information.

*2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: State Antiquities database digitization; public access to non-sensitive documents; tribal data-sharing agreements; historic districts individual property listings*

### **GOAL IV. EVALUATE: ASSESS THE SIGNIFICANCE AND INTEGRITY OF MONTANA'S HERITAGE PLACES WORTHY OF PRESERVATION.**

#### *Objectives:*

1. Guide the development and use of historical contexts for evaluating the significance and integrity of Montana's precontact, historic and traditional cultural sites.

*2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: Multiple Property Document historical context development; property contexts for historic irrigation, railroads, and rock cairns*

2. Develop meaningful registration criteria or procedures for evaluating common or complex property types.

*2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: National Register Multiple Property Document (MPD) registration criteria development; identify and share best practices and new approaches; post-WWII housing; women's history MPD*

3. Encourage and assist owners to document and list properties in the National Register of Historic Places.

*2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: prioritized list of the most significant Montana properties not yet listed in the National Register of Historic Places; step-by-step guidance for do-it-yourselfers; 2013-2014 women's history; 2014 Montana territorial sesquicentennial*

**GOAL V. ADVOCATE: SEEK SUPPORT OF PRESERVATION THROUGH FUNDING, INCENTIVES, AND PROTECTION.**

*Objectives:*

1. Research, learn and promote the cultural, social, and economic benefits of historic preservation.  
*2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: Montana-specific economic benefits of historic preservation study; preservation case study digest; clearinghouse for success stories*
2. Provide leadership and vision in historic preservation.  
*2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: create preservation speakers' bureau (volunteer/expense reimbursement); local preservation assistance and training*
3. Implement existing preservation legislation and encourage new laws and incentives to protect heritage properties.  
*2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: increase state agency awareness of State Antiquities Act and stewardship responsibilities; find and assist legislative sponsorship for expanding state rehabilitation tax credit; facilitate adaptive re-use of public buildings*
4. Seek and obtain additional financial resources to supplement funding for historic preservation.  
*2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: lobby for increased state budget support of preservation; brick-and-mortar grant program; enhance grant-writing skills; support and promote Montana History Foundation Preserve Montana Fund campaign; identify cost-share opportunities*

**GOAL VI. COLLABORATE: WORK TOGETHER WITH PRESERVATION PARTNERS TO PRESERVE MONTANA'S HISTORIC, PRECONTACT, AND TRADITIONAL CULTURAL PROPERTIES.**

*Objectives:*

1. Reach out to federal, state, tribal, local, public and private preservation stakeholders.  
*2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: identify and recruit expertise at the local, state, tribal, and federal level*
2. Sponsor or participate in forums to share ideas, experience, and information.  
*2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: participate in Montana History Conference and Montana Archaeological Society Conference; attend and support biennial MPA Montana Preservation Road Show; collaborate with local institutions*
3. Solidify existing partnerships and form new consensus for the benefit of historic preservation.  
*2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: Montana Main Street – Certified Local Government interface; Montana Site Stewardship program; SHPO-federal agencies programmatic agreements; Montana Preservation Alliance Touchstone project*
4. Meet regularly with tribal cultural representatives to facilitate consideration of tribal perspectives in historic preservation.  
*2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: Tribal Historic Preservation Officers summit; establish tribal consultation protocols*

**GOAL VII. INTEGRATE: INCORPORATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION INTO PROGRAMS, PROJECTS AND POLICIES THAT HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO AFFECT SIGNIFICANT HERITAGE PROPERTIES.**

*Objectives:*

1. Integrate historic preservation in public planning and policy-making at all levels.



*2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: meet with city-county planning departments; increase visibility and standing for local historic preservation commissions; ensure state legislature awareness; state agency compliance; incorporate consideration of impacts to historic properties into disaster planning*

2. Participate in reviews and comments on undertakings involving heritage properties, pursuant to federal, state and local preservation laws.

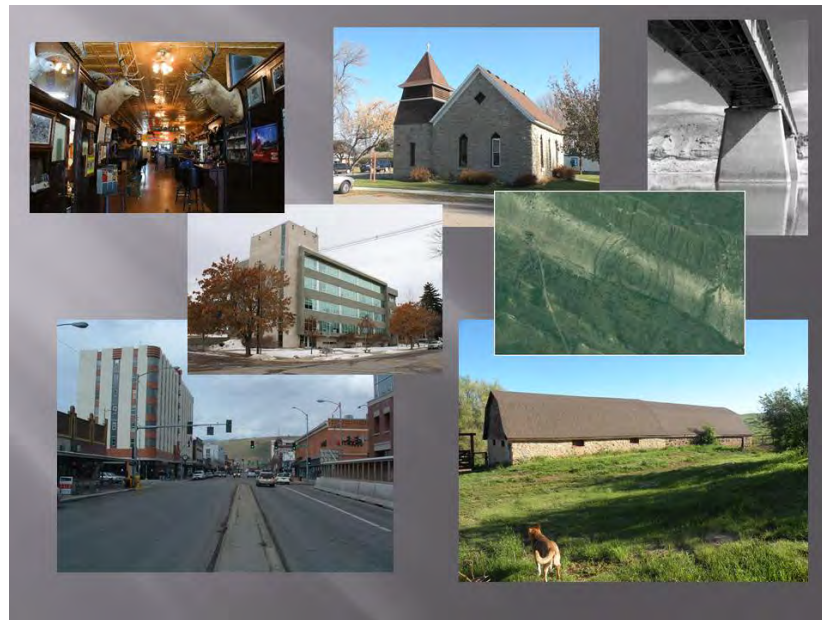
*2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: Citizens Guide to Section 106 outreach; non-profit and citizen public meeting advocacy; editorials; acknowledge proactive public agency stewardship*

3. Connect with interest groups that engage heritage properties from other perspectives (e.g., realtors, developers, outfitters/guides, trade groups, recreationalists, other).

*2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: target realtor and insurance agent awareness and training regarding local ordinances and what it means to be listed in the National Register of Historic Places; information booths at interest group meetings*

4. Compile and make available answers to frequently asked questions about historic properties and historic preservation.

*2013-2017 priorities/recommended activities: addressing myth and reality in the National Register of Historic Places, preservation law, and the cost of historic rehabilitation vs. replacement*





## **Three FY2013 Montana Historic Preservation Highlights**

### **Montana State Preservation Plan Updated**

*Preserving Montana: The Montana Historic Preservation Plan 2013-2017* was completed and approved by the National Park Service in January, 2013 to help guide preservation efforts in the state for the next five years. Included in the plan is information about Montana's heritage properties and historic preservation infrastructure, highlighted challenges and opportunities, as well as goals and objectives with recommended priority activities. *Preserving Montana* is available online or in hard copy upon request: <http://www.montanahistoricalsociety.org/shpo/surveyplanning/HistPresPlan.pdf>

### **Montana State University-Bozeman Campus Nominated to the National Register**

The Montana State Historic Preservation Office and Montana State University co-sponsored and funded a project to identify, document, and evaluate historic resources on MSU-Bozeman campus. In 2012-2013, contracted local architectural historian Jessie Nunn conducted a Class III architectural survey and completed Montana Historic Property Record forms for all buildings and sites within a proposed Montana State University - Bozeman Historic District. Nunn subsequently completed a National Register nomination for the district that was unanimously approved by the State Preservation Review Board at its September 13, 2013 meeting to be forwarded to the Keeper of the National Register for listing. The MSU-Bozeman campus historic district includes 38 contributing historic properties dating between 1893-1967, including 30 buildings, 5 sites, and 3 objects. The completion of the nomination and its forthcoming listing in the National Register of Historic Places mark a successful end to a long history of considering the historical significance of the MSU Bozeman campus. It also promises to be a fresh start to an improved stewardship of these remarkable state-owned heritage properties.

### **Montana Federal and State Historic Tax Credit Program Marks Milestones in 2013**

Since 1990, the federal and state historic tax credit program in Montana has witnessed over 64 projects and \$65 million in rehabilitation investment, supported by over \$13 million in federal and 3.25 million in state tax credits. In FY2013 alone, \$10.2 million in historic renovations was approved and certified complete by the National Park Service across four projects: the Baum-Trinastich Building in Great Falls, the Clowes House in Kalispell, the Palace Apartments in Missoula, and the Tracy Building in Billings. Moreover, according to a 2013 national report, *Montana: Creating Jobs, Building Communities, Preserving Heritage*, prepared by the National Trust for Historic Preservation and the Montana Preservation Alliance, over 1,140 jobs were created by this effort. The success of Montana's historic tax credit program, administered by the State Historic Preservation Office, was further recognized in 2013 at Senator Max Baucus's *Montana Economic Development Summit* held in September in Butte, where Pete Brown, SHPO Historic Architecture Specialist, was invited to speak about the program in a special workshop panel discussion "Preserving Uptown & Downtown: Keys to Successful Historic Building Renovation."

## ADMINISTRATIVE PROGRAM FY2013

*. Perform regular, allowable administrative activities that contribute to the preservation of Montana's cultural resource properties, including: budget formulation; personnel management and staff development; administrative organization; grant and sub-grant management; and responsible fiscal policies and procedures (2013-2017 Goals/Objectives: V.2, V.4, VI.1)*

- ✓ Complied with state and National Park Service (NPS) policies and procedures in ongoing budgeting and expenditure of FY2013 annual federal grant allocation (Historic Preservation Fund) to Montana SHPO totaling \$746,047 (down from \$785,522 in FY2012 due to federal budget sequestration: 5% cut).
- ✓ Documenting required 40% non-federal match (\$497,365) to FY2013 HPF grant, including the total of \$32,252 in state general fund allocated to historic preservation program in Montana Historical Society FY13 budget. The majority of Montana's match is derived through activities of local preservation offices (Certified Local Governments), state bed-tax support of the National Register interpretive sign program, and program revenue (fees).
- ✓ Made necessary midstream adjustments in FY2013 budget to account for federal sequestration cut, including 5% reduction in Certified Local Government (CLG) sub-grants, elimination of new contracts for special projects (e.g., National Register nominations, workshops), out-of-state travel freeze, in-state travel reduction, and reductions in non-fixed operational expenses where possible.
- ✓ Managed FY2013 expenditures of \$38,259 of ongoing Bureau of Land Management (BLM) cooperative agreement grant support for our cultural resource data-sharing partnership (CRDSP) and the development of a statewide geographic information system and scanned document library for recorded cultural resource sites and documented surveys (State Antiquities Database).
- ✓ Maintained professional staffing requirements including individuals (9.75 FTE) meeting or exceeding the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Professional Qualifications in historic preservation, history, architectural history, or archaeology. SHPO staff, as of the end of FY2013 are (front to back/l to r):



- Damon Murdo, Cultural Records Manager (M.A. Anthropology)
- Kathryn Ore, Review & Compliance Officer (M.S. Historic Preservation)
- Pete Brown, Historic Architecture Specialist/Deputy SHPO (M.S. Historic Preservation)
- Andrew Craft, Cultural Records Asst. (B.A. Anthropology/Archaeology)
- Mark Baumler, Program Manager/State Historic Preservation Officer (Ph.D. Anthropology/Archaeology)
- Kate Hampton, Community Preservation Coordinator/Deputy SHPO (M.A. History)
- Stephanie Crider, Preservation Grants Administrator (M.A. Anthropology)
- Stan Wilmoth, State Archaeologist/Deputy SHPO (Ph.D. Anthropology)
- Tammy Henderson, Administrative Assistant
- John Boughton, National Register Coordinator/Deputy SHPO (M.A. Anthropology/Archaeology)



- ✓ Hired Andrew Craft as new Cultural Records Assistant beginning October 1, 2012, to manage the statewide site files. Andrew replaces Shannon Vihlene who took the job of cultural records manager for the Idaho State Historic Preservation Office in Boise.

- ✓ Hired Stephanie Crider, effective November 19, 2012, to replace Kristen Moyle as Preservation Grants Manager. Kristen left to be nearer her soldier fiancé in Spokane, and is now married and living in Oklahoma, where he is currently stationed.



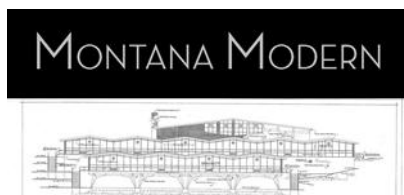
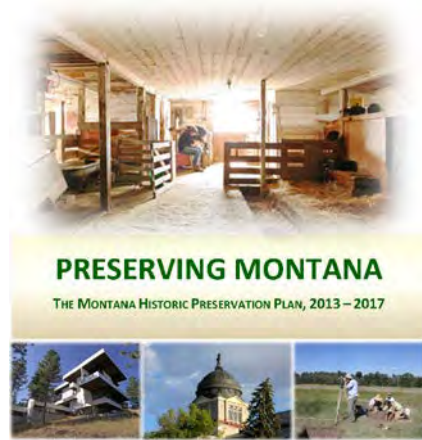
- ✓ Congratulated Kathryn Ore on the completion of her Masters of Science (M.S.) in Historic Preservation from the University of Oregon, Eugene, on December 8, 2012.
- ✓ Recognized several SHPO staff for their state government tenure and longevity of service: SHPO Mark Baumler (25 years; 1988-2013), State Archaeologist Stan Wilmoth (20 years; 1993-2013), and Historic Architecture Specialist Pete Brown (10 years; 2002-2012).
- ✓ In addition to the above permanent staff, a temporary fulltime clerical employee (Ravyn Scott) was employed through February 2013 to undertake the ongoing scanning of inventory and report documents in the Cultural Resource Annotated Bibliography System (CRABS) for electronic access through the State Antiquities Database (see Survey and Inventory). Copies of documents (.pdf) are available upon request to qualified recipients (fee).
- ✓ Staff development: attendance and participation in professional conferences, workshops and other forums to maintain and enhance staff knowledge, skills, and abilities, as follows:

- Montana Downtown Conference, Great Falls, October 25, 2012: Pete Brown, (presenter), Kate Hampton, Kathryn Ore, John Boughton
  - National Trust for Historic Preservation conference and training, Spokane (WA), October 29-November 1, 2012: Kathryn Ore and Kate Hampton
  - Work ergonomics training, Montana Workers Compensation Bureau, Helena, February 6, 2013: All staff
  - Work communications training, Montana Dept. of Administration, Helena, February 21, 2013: Tammy Henderson, Stephanie Crider, Andrew Craft, Kathryn Ore
  - *National Environmental Policy Act Compliance and Cultural Resources* training workshop, National Preservation Institute, Portland (OR), March 5-6, 2013: Kathryn Ore
  - *Planning and Environmental Linkages to Historic Preservation*, webinar, Federal Highway Administration, March 12, 2013: Kathryn Ore
  - Microsoft Access Database software training, Montana Information Technology Services Division, May 13 & 20, June 3 & 10, 2013, Helena: Damon Murdo
  - Montana Site Stewardship Program training workshop, May 17-18, Pictograph Cave State Park, Billings: Andrew Craft
  - Montana Archaeological Society meeting, Lewistown, April 12-14, 2013: Mark Baumler, Kathryn Ore, Damon Murdo, Andrew Craft, John Boughton
  - ESRI ArcInfo Geographic Information System software training, Montana Information Technology Services Division, Helena, April 15-19, 2013: Andrew Craft
  - Central Stores purchasing training, Montana Dept. of Administration, Helena, June 11, 2013: Tammy Henderson and Stephanie Crider
  - *National Environmental Policy Act and National Historic Preservation Act Integration*, webinar, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, June 13 & 19, 2013: Kathryn Ore and Stan Wilmoth
  - *Traditional Cultural Properties: Revised Bulletin 38 Guidance*, webinar, National Park Service, June 25, 2013: John Boughton, Kathryn Ore, Stan Wilmoth
  - Montana Ghost Town Preservation Society meeting banquet, Helena, September 7, 2013: Mark Baumler
  - Montana Economic Development Summit (Sen. Max Baucus), Butte, September 16 & 17, 2013: Pete Brown (presenter)
  - Montana History Conference, Sidney, September 18 – 21, 2013: Kate Hampton (presenter) and Kathryn Ore (volunteer)
  - *Gracious Space* workshop, Leadership Montana, Helena, September 27, 2013: Pete Brown
- ✓ Met monthly with Montana Historical Society Centralized Services Division to monitor State Historic Preservation Office budget and expenditures.
  - ✓ Accomplished Montana Legislature state agency program performance measures established for state FY2013.

## PLANNING PROGRAM FY2013

*. Perform regular, allowable planning activities that contribute to the preservation of Montana's cultural resource properties, including preparation of the state historic preservation plan; participation in the creation, review, and revision of agency and local plans; the development of historic contexts; the development and implementation of state and local preservation ordinances, regulations, and laws; and the application of advanced technologies in historic and prehistoric property preservation planning (2013-2017 Goals/Objectives: I.1, V.3, VII.1)*

- ✓ Completed the revised Montana Historic Preservation Plan (state plan) for the next five years: *Preserving Montana: The Montana Historic Preservation Plan 2013-2017*. The plan, approved by the National Park Service in January, 2013 is available online or in hard copy upon request: <http://www.montanahistoricalsociety.org/shp/surveyplanning/HistPresPlan.pdf>
- ✓ Promoted awareness and use of the revised 2013-2017 state plan in public and professional forums, to local preservation programs, and in preservation education and outreach materials, including social media.
- ✓ Developed and routinely monitored FY2013 SHPO proposed activities and projects for conformance with the goals and objectives of the 2013-2017 state plan (see above, 2013-2017 Goals and Objectives).
- ✓ Participated in 2013 strategic planning for the Montana Historical Society, of which SHPO is one of six programs.
- ✓ Provided informational testimony on behalf of the Montana Historical Society for hearings in both the House and Senate Natural Resources Committees of the 2013 Montana Legislature for a bill (HB392) to amend the state antiquities permit process to enable the sale of paleontological remains at Makoshika State Park. The bill passed the Legislature, but was vetoed by the Governor.
- ✓ Represented the Montana Historical Society in helping to establish administrative rules and program guidelines for the Montana Indian Language Preservation pilot program, established by the 2013 Montana Legislature.

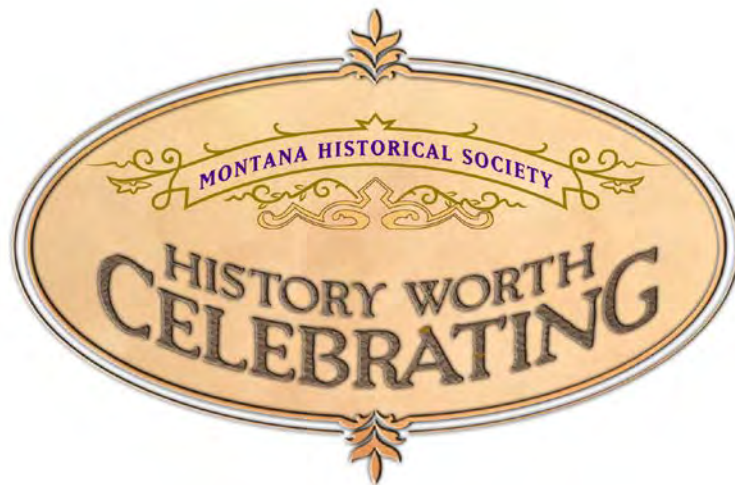


- ✓ Established a web page for *Montana Modern*, with links to resources and context for understanding and appreciating Montana's post-World War II architectural heritage and properties



<http://www.montanahistoricalsociety.org/shpo/modernism.asp>).

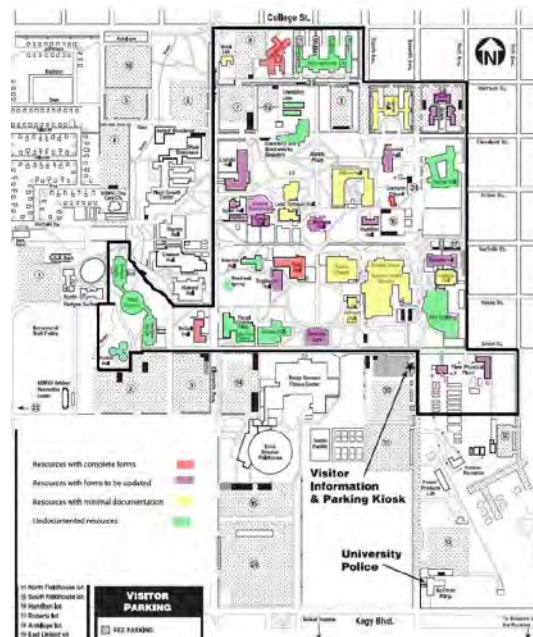
- ✓ Reviewed and commented on federal, state, and local agency and organization planning and management documents, as requested, with respect to goals and objectives in the preservation of Montana heritage properties.
- ✓ Participated in Helena School District and Board planning for the future of historic Central Elementary School, including onsite visits, public meetings attendance and preparation of a National Register addendum to clarify contributing status to the Helena Historic District.



## SURVEY AND INVENTORY PROGRAM FY2013

*. Perform regular, allowable survey and inventory activities that contribute to the preservation of Montana's cultural resource properties, including: the conduct or support of surveys to locate, identify, record, and evaluate historic and pre-contact sites; the development, maintenance and use of cultural resource inventory information; and the application of new technologies in support of the above (2013-2017 Goals/Objectives: I.4, III.1-3)*

- ✓ Completed contracted survey and National Register nomination of the Montana State University-Bozeman campus historic district, under a SHPO (HPF)-University cost-share agreement. The nomination was unanimously approved by the State Preservation Review Board in September 2013, to be forwarded with minor editing to the Keeper of the National Register in FY2014. The MSU Bozeman campus historic district includes 38 contributing historic properties dating between 1893-1967, including 30 buildings, 5 sites, and 3 objects.



- ✓ Worked with individuals, organizations and communities to identify historic survey needs and opportunities, including Lewistown, Livingston and Bozeman CLGs in recognizing the necessity to analyze the surveys done over the past thirty years and update them to reflect changes, expanded periods of significance, and to create inventories of individual properties. In Gardiner (Gateway to Yellowstone National Park), SHPO helped community members to outline a plan for surveying the commercial and residential areas for community planning, tourism development, and to better work with the National Park Service. The project resulted in the identification of two potential districts and several individually eligible properties needing survey.



- ✓ Maintained an updated inventory list of state-owned heritage properties (properties meeting the National Register of Historic Places criteria for eligibility), for use by state agencies for reference and biennial reporting on stewardship efforts

<http://www.montanahistoricalociety.org/shpo/State-owned%20Heritage%20Properties.asp>



- ✓ Acquired and added 477 new cultural resource reports to the SHPO statewide *Cultural Resource Annotated Bibliography System* (CRABS) database and inventory library in FY2013, representing 71,456 acres of new survey [FY2012: 808 new reports/125,474 acres]. There are presently 32,139\* report documents in CRABS and on file at SHPO, comprising documentation on 5.07 million acres of survey as well as other studies, including overviews, syntheses, excavation, analyses and additional research. (\*Approximately 750 documents were removed from CRABS in FY2013 as unnecessary or duplicates.)

- ✓ Added 913 newly recorded properties in FY2013 to the Montana *Cultural Resource Information System* (CRIS) database and statewide property inventory files maintained in the Site Records Office at SHPO [FY2012: 1505]. These include 462 new historic properties, 413 pre-contact sites, 20 combination



historic/pre-contact sites, as well as 18 paleontological localities. Updated information was collected and registered for an additional 157 previously recorded properties. There are presently 54,852 total cultural resource properties recorded in Montana in the state antiquities database and inventory.

- ✓ Continued upgrade of State Antiquities Database to a statewide Geo-database/Geographic Information System (GIS) platform for locating previous cultural resource sites and surveys. Have completed the digitization process for 23,758 (43%) recorded historic and pre-contact properties and 10,449 (35%) survey locations within the state. This effort is being supported by an ongoing Bureau of Land Management-SHPO Cultural Resource Data Sharing Partnership (CRDSP). All newly submitted site records and documented surveys in FY2013 continue to be digitized for the statewide GIS on a go-forward basis.
- ✓ Continued scanning of the more than 32,000 existing cultural resource survey documents and reports in the Montana Cultural Resource Annotated Bibliography System (CRABS) library, begun in FY2011. Once scanned, these documents become accessible, on a mediated basis, through the State Antiquities Database system as .pdf images, with optical character recognition (OCR) search capabilities. The hard copies are then transferred to the Montana Historical Society Research Center (Library-Archives) for permanent storage. To date, 26,561 of the 32,139 documents in CRABS (83%) have been scanned. (Scanning of CRABS legacy documents temporarily suspended after February 2013, due to funding and lack of storage space in the MHS Research Center).
- ✓ Continued ongoing scanning of all newly submitted property records and updates (site forms) and re-scanning of older records to improve quality and convert to OCR .pdf format. Three Montana Historical Society Friends of the Society volunteers assist Andrew Craft, SHPO Cultural Records Assistant, in the scanning and re-scanning of site forms: Matt Ford, Jeff Kirkland, and Tim Cail.

- ✓ Completed the full integration of the Site Records Office, transferred from the University of Montana in 2011, into the State Historic Preservation Office organizational structure. While handling a backlog of legacy data upgrade and entry, new SHPO Cultural Records Assistant, Andrew Craft, continues to work on creating a more seamless workflow with an easy and efficient process of getting new properties entered into the database, digitized into the GIS, uploaded into the image directory, and ultimately stored in archives.



- ✓ Revamped and increased the SHPO fee structure for data file searches and copies of electronic data (site forms, report copies, GIS shape files) to be consistent with rising costs, value-added service, and quality control.
- ✓ Established new report and site form submission protocols, including digital data submission requirements. Created Digital Data and Information User Agreement for the use and protection of confidential shared information.
- ✓ Updated survey and inventory of Central Elementary School and 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue Gymnasium in Helena and prepared National Register nomination addendum as contributing properties to the Helena Historic District.



## NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES PROGRAM FY2013

*. Perform regular, allowable National Register program activities that contribute to the preservation of Montana’s cultural resource properties, including: support for the Montana State Historic Preservation Review Board; documentation and evaluation of properties for potential National Register listing; preparation and submission of nominations for eligible properties to be listed in the National Register of Historic Places; participation in the designation of National Historic Landmarks; public education and promotion of the National Register program; and the support of the official Montana National Register property interpretive sign program (2013-2017 Goals/Objectives: IV.1-3)*

- ✓ John Boughton, SHPO National Register Coordinator, organized three meetings of the nine-member, Governor-appointed Montana State Historic Preservation Review Board in FY2013: Helena (January 18, 2013); East Glacier (May 10-11, 2013); and Bozeman (September 13, 2013). Nine (9) draft National Register nominations were reviewed and passed at these meetings; no nominations were not approved or tabled.
- ✓ C. Milo McLeod, USDA Forest Service retired, was appointed to a four-year term on the State Historic Preservation Review Board by Governor Brian Schweitzer on October 15, 2012. Milo was appointed in the Board’s professional archaeologist position, replacing Tim Light who retired after serving two four-year terms as archaeologist (2005-2012). Lesley Gilmore and Jon Axline were also re-appointed to the Board on October 15, 2012 for second terms, as professional historic architect and architectural historian, respectively.



- ✓ Thirteen (13) new Montana properties were officially listed in the National Register of Historic Places. FY2013 Montana National Register listed properties are (by county):

Old US Hwy 91, Cascade and Lewis & Clark counties	08/27/2013
Great Falls High School, Cascade County	03/20/2013
Montana, Wyoming & Southern RR Depot, Belfry, Carbon County	10/03/2012
Kose Hall, Belfry, Carbon County	04/09/2013
Square Butte School, Choteau County	07/15/2013
C. E. Conrad Memorial Cemetery, Kalispell, Flathead County	12/05/2012
Glacier County Courthouse, Cut Bank, Glacier County	06/25/2013
John H. Huseby House, Lewis & Clark County	12/26/2012
Stockmen’s Bank of Martinsdale, Meagher County	05/01/2013
Guy Ressler Homestead House, Huson Vicinity, Missoula County	11/28/2012
Garfield School, Billings, Yellowstone County	10/03/2012
Northern Hotel, Billings, Yellowstone County	06/12/2013
Babcock Theatre Building, Billings, Yellowstone County	04/09/2013

- ✓ The Old US Highway 91 historic district (now Recreation Road off Interstate 15 between Spring Creek and Hardy) nomination was prepared by the Montana Department of Transportation as part of a MDT-FHWA-SHPO Historic Roads and Bridges Programmatic Agreement for consideration of the impact of MDT/FHWA undertakings under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.
- ✓ Organized and hosted the *2013 Biennial Montana State Historic Preservation Awards Ceremony and Reception* at the historic Myrna Loy Center Theater in Helena on January 18, 2013. An estimated 125 people in attendance witnessed 39



properties listed in the National Register during the past two years (2011-2012) receive official certificates of listing from Governor Steve Bullock, Lt. Governor John Walsh, Montana Historical Society Director Bruce Whittenberg, and State Historic Preservation Officer Mark Baumler. In his opening

remarks, Governor Bullock recognized the importance of historic preservation in Montana. Four 2013 Montana Historic Preservation awards were also bestowed upon former Lt. Governor John Bohlinger (Outstanding Contributions), the Silver Bow Brewery Malt House, Butte (Outstanding Local Preservation Project), the Babcock Theater Building, Billings (Outstanding Preservation Rehabilitation Project), and Flathead County for the Flathead County Courthouse, Kalispell (Outstanding Heritage Stewardship/2013 Governor's Award for Historic Preservation). Outgoing State Preservation Review Board members Robert Valach (Lewistown, 2003-2011), Jeff Shelden (Lewistown, 2010-2012), Tim Light (Somers, 2004-2012) and Donna Coate, deceased (Forsyth, 2008-2011), were recognized for their service with plaques of appreciation.



- ✓ Established a new preservation award in honor of John N. DeHass (1926 – 2011), a former Montana State College professor of historic architecture and founder of modern historic preservation in Montana, to be awarded at future National Register and preservation award ceremonies.
- ✓ Regularly met or communicated with public and private owners of historic properties interested in listing properties in the National Register of Historic Places. Provided workbooks, guidance and technical assistance to owners to assist in research and documentation efforts.



- ✓ Routinely provided information to public inquiries regarding properties currently listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Maintained the Montana SHPO online list of National Register of Historic Places properties in Montana:  
<http://mhs.mt.gov/shpo/register/NRmap/NRmap.asp>



- ✓ Met with the State Historic Preservation Review Board to develop a priority list of potential properties to be listed in the National Register. Specific properties discussed included those most people presume are listed, but in fact are not. Discussed the need to further develop support and encouragement for owners to list properties in the National Register.
- ✓ Documented and concurred in 76 evaluations of National Register eligibility and 198 evaluations of ineligibility of historic and archaeological properties within the context of state and federal historic preservation legislation (aka “consensus determinations” under Section 106 National Historic Preservation Act and Montana State Antiquities Act). An additional 15 federal properties were found eligible and 114 ineligible by the Bureau of Land Management programmatically under a national agreement with state historic preservation offices.



- ✓ Gave file support to the Montana Historical Society’s Outreach & Interpretation Division, National Register Property Sign Program for the production of 40 new heritage property interpretive plaques. The one-of-a-kind sign program is supported by an annual allocation from the Montana state accommodations tax. Many of the state's National Register sign

texts can be found on the Montana Historical Society [Montana History Wiki](http://montanahistorywiki.pbworks.com/National-Register-of-Historic-Places-Sign-Texts) :  
(<http://montanahistorywiki.pbworks.com/National-Register-of-Historic-Places-Sign-Texts>)

- ✓ Regularly announced or assisted local communities and owners in the preparation and distribution of press releases and stories of new and previously listed National Register properties across the state.
- ✓ Continued to upgrade the National Register files with the expansion of additional file cabinets and the re-labeling of file folders, led by MHS Volunteer and public Review Board member Miki Wilde.
- ✓ *Montana’s National Register Program*, Montana The Magazine of Western History, Spring 2013, pp. 64-67, by SHPO National Register Coordinator John Boughton.

## DEVELOPMENT/ACQUISITIONS/COVENANTS PROGRAM FY2013

*. Perform regular, allowable activities relating to historic property development, acquisition and/or covenants that contribute to the preservation of Montana's cultural resource properties, including: the review or preparation of "pre-development" plans; assistance in the material conservation of National Register listed properties; support for the acquisition and preservation of historic sites; preparation and provision of technical assistance in historic architectural preservation; and the development and monitoring as provided for in historic property preservation agreements. (2013-2017 Goals/Objectives: I.1; V.4; VII.3)*

- ✓ Routinely responded to public inquiries regarding historic building repairs and renovations for properties eligible for or listed in the National Register of Historic Places.
- ✓ Provided technical reviews and comments to the Montana Department of Commerce on ten project proposals submitted as applications for support in 2013-2014 under the Montana Tourism Infrastructure Investment Program (aka TIIP grants). Two projects involving historic buildings approved for funding: Prairie County Museum in Terry and Agency Indian Boarding School Dining Hall in Poplar.



- ✓ Gave technical assistance and made field visits to public and private historic building renovation projects (non-compliance/non-tax credit projects) active in planning or implementation in FY2013, including Central Elementary School, the Placer Hotel and the State Capitol building in Helena, the Great Falls High School in Great Falls, the Mountain Bell building in Lewistown, and the Hotel Deer Lodge and other downtown historic buildings in Deer Lodge.
- ✓ Participated in reviews and comments on ongoing National Park Service Save-America's-Treasures (SAT) grant recipient projects in Montana: Havre Post Office building and Bozeman Main Street.
- ✓ Continued editing a *Handbook for Historic Window Rehabilitation* to be posted on the SHPO website in FY2014. Created in 2012 as part of a grant to the Montana Department of Environmental Quality from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (EECBG: Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant program), the handbook describes why window repair and rehabilitation is important in terms of a building's architectural integrity; and why rehabilitation is a smart choice economically. Appendices include sample window rehabilitation specifications; window drawings with components labeled; and sources for materials and tools.

- ✓ Attended regular committee meetings to consider plans for the maintenance and rehabilitation of the National Register listed Helena/Lewis and Clark County city-county building, a former Federal Building protected under a deed covenant.
- ✓ Currently hold term preservation covenants and/or agreements for 31 historic properties as a result of previous historic preservation assistance grants (e.g. NPS Save-America's Treasures grants; SHPO HPF Rural Property Brick and Mortar Grant program; etc.) and/or compliance mitigation projects.
- ✓ Provided letter of support and made introductions for non-profit Absaroka Agency Preservation Committee in their efforts to acquire lands containing the historic archaeological site of Crow Agency II (1875-1884) near Absarokee, Stillwater County. Attended tribal gathering and open house, May 18, 2013.
- ✓ No new or pending state-owned heritage property acquisitions.





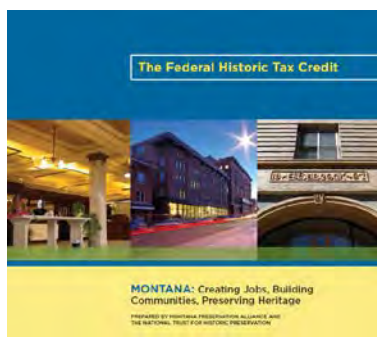
## PRESERVATION TAX INCENTIVES PROGRAM FY2013

*. Perform regular, allowable activities related to the federal and other tax credit rehabilitation programs that contribute to the preservation of Montana's cultural resource properties, including: providing technical assistance and information to organizations and individuals related to the use of federal, state, and local tax incentives; and the review, inspection, and certification of federal tax act projects pursuant to 36 CFR 67 (2013-2017 Goals/Objectives: I.1, V.3; VI.2)*

- ✓ Reviewed over \$2 million in federal and \$500,000 in state tax credits representing \$10.2 million in investment in four commercial historic property rehabilitations certified as complete (Part 3) by the National Park Service in FY2013: Baum-Trinastich building in Great Falls, Clowes House in Kalispell, Palace Apartments in Missoula, and the Tracy Building in Billings.



- ✓ Actively participated in and made on-site visits to ongoing historic Tax Act credit projects active in FY2013 (Part 2 approved), including the Missoula Mercantile (Macy's Building) and Arcraft Printers building in Missoula; the Garfield School in Billings; the Clark Apartments and Arvon Block in Great Falls; the Conroy Bungalow in Butte; the Modern Hotel in Whitehall; and 150 East Spruce and the YWCA building in Helena.
- ✓ Regularly responded to and met with owners of commercial properties considering the federal tax credit rehabilitation program.



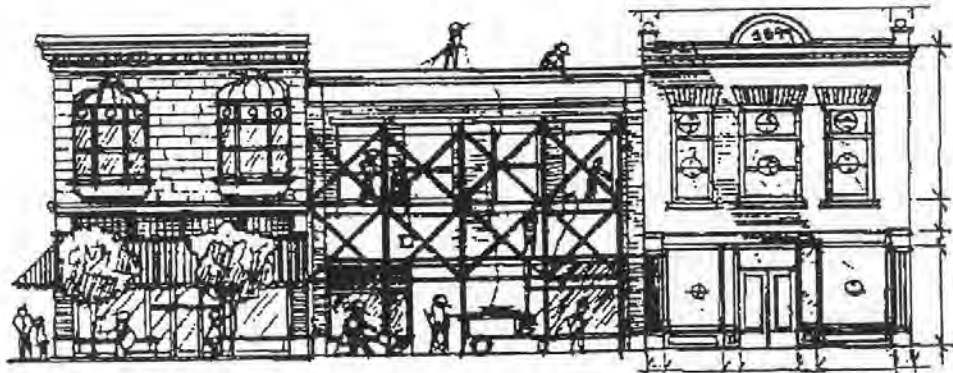
- ✓ Provided information, illustrations and research assistance to 2013 national report, *Montana: Creating Jobs, Building Communities, Preserving Heritage*, prepared by the National Trust for Historic Preservation and Montana Preservation Alliance to describe the success of the Federal Historic Tax Credit program in Montana. The report documents that 62 revitalization projects undertaken between

1990-2012 have leveraged \$9.8 million in federal credits to support \$59 million in investment, creating 1,140 Montana jobs.

- ✓ Made public presentations on the Tax Credit program and/or the Secretary of the Interior's Standards to groups at the *Montana Downtown Conference* in Great Falls (October 25, 2012), The University of Montana, Missoula (January 3, 2013), the USDA Forest Service facilities management team in Missoula (March 6, 2013), a CLG-sponsored *Revitalize Historic Downtown* workshop in Miles City

(June 14, 2013), and at Senator Baucus's 6<sup>th</sup> annual *Montana Economic Development Summit* in Butte (September 17, 2013) [see also below, Other Activities: Outreach].

- ✓ At the *Montana Economic Development Summit*, Pete Brown, SHPO Historic Architecture Specialist, spoke about the federal tax credit program as an invited speaker in a workshop panel discussion "Preserving Uptown & Downtown: Keys to Successful Historic Building Renovation."



## REVIEW AND COMPLIANCE PROGRAM FY2013

*. Perform regular, allowable review and compliance activities that contribute to the preservation of Montana's cultural resource properties, including: timely project reviews with qualified professional staff according to applicable federal and/or state rules, standards and guidelines; specific assistance to federal agencies in fulfilling their responsibilities under Sections 106 and 110 of the National Historic Preservation Act; the development and participation in preservation compliance agreements; and the participation as legally designated in related state preservation laws and code, including the Montana State Antiquities Act, the Montana Human Skeletal Remains and Burial Protection Act and the Montana Repatriation Act (2013-2017 Goals/Objectives: V.3; VI.4; VII.2)*

- ✓ In FY2013, SHPO Review and Compliance team (Compliance Officer Kathryn Ore, State Archaeologist Stan Wilmoth, Historic Architecture Specialist Pete Brown, Cultural Records Manager Damon Murdo) reviewed and provided written responses to 1,633 agency compliance project/program letter requests under the National Historic Preservation Act (Section 106), the National Environmental Protection Act, and/or state preservation laws (Montana State Antiquities Act, Montana Environmental Protection Act). These responses represent an average of 6.5 written review and compliance consultations per *work day*, down slightly from FY2012 (1786 reviews; 7.1/work day). A single compliance request for SHPO comments may involve one or more individual projects and properties, i.e. a single 1 acre gravel pit with no identified sites versus an entire 100 mile pipeline project with tens or hundreds of sites. Additional compliance projects for certain federal agencies (e.g. Bureau of Land Management; USDA Forest Service, Natural Resource Conservation Service) are also programmatically reviewed, and do not require written SHPO responses.
- ✓ Of the total 1,633 compliance consultations in FY2013, 866 were “file search” requests for initial SHPO cultural resource information and/or survey recommendations for project areas of potential effect. SHPO provided same- or next-day responses to the majority of these file search requests (response turn-around rate = 0.48 days, where 0 = same day; 1 = next *calendar day*). The 866 FY2013 file searches involved record searches of 11,837 sections of land.
- ✓ For the remaining 767 Review and Compliance written reviews and consultations for project undertakings (e.g., written comments on cultural resource survey reports, evaluations of historical significance, determinations of effect, treatment options, preservation agreements for mitigation of adverse effects, etc.), the overall average response turn-around rate in FY2013 was 6.4 *calendar days* per consultation. This average response rate, less than in FY2012 (7.1 calendar days), is also well below the 30-day review time generally allowed for under preservation regulations.
- ✓ For 501 of the 866 initial project reviews (“file searches”) made in FY2013 when SHPO survey recommendations were requested by agencies or designated applicants, SHPO recommended that no further cultural resource work was

necessary in 353 (70%) of the cases, based upon existing information in the State Antiquities Database and staff determination that there was a low likelihood of impact to significant heritage properties within the defined project scope or area of potential effect. These projects were able to proceed without further consultation with SHPO on cultural resource impacts.

- ✓ SHPO participated in the development of and signed eight (8) new Memoranda of Agreement (MOAs) and two (2) new Programmatic Agreements (PAs) in FY2013 with lead federal agencies, the federal Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP), and other concurring parties for the treatment and mitigation of adverse or potential adverse effects to significant heritage properties under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. In addition one existing MOA was formally amended.



The two new FY2013 Programmatic Agreements are:

- *Regarding the Maintenance of Missile Alert Facilities and Launch Facilities at Malmstrom Air Force Base (341 Missile Wing)* (Department of Defense/Montana SHPO/Advisory Council on Historic Preservation)
  - *Regarding the Big Sky Regional Carbon Sequestration Partnership – Phase III: Kevin Dome Carbon Storage Project* (Department of Energy/Montana SHPO/Montana State University/Bureau of Land Management/U.S. Fish & Wildlife Services/Montana DNRC/Tribes)
- ✓ In November 2012, SHPO and the USDA Forest Service Region 1 also began the process of revising and updating our 1995 Programmatic Agreement regarding cultural resources management on national forests in Montana. Changes in federal preservation regulations (36CFR800) as well as changes in current standards, organization and operating procedures necessitated revision. SHPO and a task force from USFS Region 1 met on three occasions in FY2013 to begin the identification and discussion of primary issues and their potential resolution.



- ✓ Developed and signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to address allowances and abbreviated historic preservation consultation for disaster recovery related to the Spring 2013 floods in Montana (FEMA-4127-DR-MT; Presidential Declaration July 10, 2013). In addition to exemptions, SHPO expedited the review and comment on 27 FEMA project consultations in FY2013 relating to the flood disaster recovery.

- ✓ Out of the total 1,633 compliance consultations in FY2013, only seven (7) new federal undertakings resulted in a finding of *adverse effect* to National Register listed or eligible properties (outside of potential future adverse effects to properties addressed through programmatic agreements).
- ✓ The seven federal undertakings resulting in findings of *adverse effects* in FY2013 were:
  - Anaconda Bowman Field proposed airport fence - impact on the Yellow Gopher archaeological site (24DL0423) (Federal Aviation Administration)
  - Forest Grove road re-alignment project – impact to historic railroad grade (Federal Emergency Management Agency) (\*MOA)
  - Cutbank Airport improvements (Federal Aviation Administration)
  - Junction Montana 43 North highway project – impacts to archaeological sites (Federal Highway Administration/Montana Department of Transportation) (\*MOA)
  - 2013 Pony hazardous historic mine opening closures (USDA Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest) (\*MOA)
  - Avista Noxon Reservoir HED substation and switchyard re-location (DOE Federal Energy Regulatory Commission) (\*PA)
  - Grant Hartford mining lease (Bureau of Land Management Missoula) (\*MOA)

Pursuant to 36CFR800, memoranda of agreement (MOAs) were developed and signed in consultation with SHPO by the federal agencies for mitigating the adverse effects of four of these undertakings. A programmatic agreement exists for Avista (on behalf of FERC) to develop mitigation for Noxon Reservoir projects with SHPO and other parties without a MOA. Unless project plans are changed to avoid impacts, MOAs with agreed-upon mitigation measures to lessen adverse impacts will need to be developed by the FAA in consultation with SHPO for the remaining two federal undertakings prior to initiation.

- ✓ SHPO hosted or participated in 24 office meetings and 17 teleconference calls with representatives of federal, state and local agencies, tribes, applicants, organizations and/or other interested parties regarding general programs and specific state and federal project undertakings with the potential to impact heritage properties.



- ✓ SHPO made 10 on-site project and meeting visits, as requested by federal and state agencies or proponents for review of pending or ongoing compliance projects. On-site meetings for compliance projects were curtailed in FY2013, due to federal budget sequestration cuts impact on SHPO travel.

- ✓ Initiated updating of *Consulting with Montana SHPO: Guidelines and Procedures for Cultural Resource Review and Consultation under the National Historic*

*Preservation Act and the Montana State Antiquities Act (2000) to be completed in FY2014: <http://mhs.mt.gov/shpo/archaeology/consultingwith.asp>*

- ✓ Regularly consulted with state agencies involving state-owned heritage properties and projects on state land under the Montana State Antiquities Act, including the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (trust lands), Fish Wildlife & Parks, the Montana Heritage Commission (Virginia City NHL/Reeder's Alley), the Montana Department of Administration, and the Montana University system (see also: Other - State Heritage Stewardship reporting)

- ✓ Assisted Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks in developing time-sensitive emergency response to damage of flash flooding in July 2013 at Bannack National Historic Landmark to minimize further impacts to historic buildings and archaeological resources.




- ✓ Provided staff support to the Montana Burial Board under the Montana Human Skeletal Remains and Burial Site Protection Act, assisting in the notification, handling and documentation for four new cases involving discovery of human remains in FY2013. Participated with Burial Board members in repatriation of human remains and attended Burial Board meeting in Great Falls in June 2013.





## LOCAL GOVERNMENT CERTIFICATION PROGRAM FY2013

*. Perform regular, allowable activities relating to the certification of local governments in the Certified Local Government (CLG) program that contribute to the preservation of Montana's cultural resource properties, including: certification as eligible under Section 101c of the National Historic Preservation Act; processing of applications for certification or amendments of certification agreements; development of state program guidance and procedures; and monitoring and evaluation of existing CLG performance under sub-grants. (2013-2017 Goals/Objectives: IV.3, V.2, VI.1)*

- ✓ Allocated a total of \$78,375 in sub-grant support from the FY2013 Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) as pass-through to Montana communities and/or counties actively participating in the Certified Local Government (CLG) program. This exceeds the minimum NPS 10% HPF pass-through requirement, however represents a total 5% reduction from FY2012 due to federal budget sequestration cuts. [As in FY2012, Anaconda-Deer Lodge County CLG did not meet minimum requirements to apply for funding in FY2013]
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- ✓ The 16 Montana CLGs as of FY2013 are: Anaconda-Deer Lodge County, Billings-Laurel-Yellowstone County, Bozeman, Butte-Silver Bow County, Carbon County, Columbus-Stillwater County, Deer Lodge, Great Falls-Cascade County, Hardin-Big Horn County, Havre-Hill County, Lewis & Clark County, Lewistown, Livingston, Miles City, Missoula, and Virginia City.
  - ✓ Communicated regularly with all Montana CLGs during the year. Eliminated a Montana CLG list-serve for communications at the end of FY2013 as a cost-saving measure, to be replaced with an Outlook distribution list.
  - ✓ Provided orientation at SHPO for newly hired Missoula local historic preservation officer, Leslie Schwab, following the retirement of longtime local HPO Phillip Maechling.
  - ✓ Worked successfully with Great Falls-Cascade County to ensure continuation of active CLG program following the retirement of longtime local historic preservation officer Ellen Sievert and pending city budget cuts.
  - ✓ Met with community members in Stevensville, one of two certified Montana Main Street program participants, to explore participation in Certified Local Government program.
  - ✓ Performed 4-year performance evaluations of three CLG programs in FY2013: Bozeman, Deer Lodge, and Bighorn County. Each CLG met or exceeded performance standards.



**OTHER ACTIVITIES FY2013  
(OUTREACH and MULTIPLE PROGRAMS)**

See also individual programs

*. Perform regular, allowable other activities that contribute to the preservation of Montana's cultural resource properties, including: organization and participation in historic preservation outreach and education programs; assistance to HABS/HAER documentation projects; the support of statewide and local preservation organizations; and the conduct of other activities that cross-cut other program areas (2013-2017Goals/Objectives: I.2, II.1, VII.3; All)*

- ✓ Routinely provided expertise in preservation, historic architecture, architectural history, and archaeology to the programs and projects of the Montana Historical Society (MHS).
- ✓ Hosted half-day workshop May 30, 2013, for state agencies in preparation for the second biennial reporting by agencies on the stewardship of state-owned heritage properties, due in February 2014. (For more information, see: <http://mhs.mt.gov/shpo/State-owned%20Heritage%20Properties.asp>)



- ✓ Assisted in the processing and approval of applications to the Montana Centennial Farm & Ranch Program, administered through the Montana Historical Society. Twenty-five properties have been certified by the Montana Historical Society since the creation of this program by the 2009 Montana Legislature.
- ✓ Regularly networked online and on the phone with national preservation partners, including the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers (NCSHPO), National Trust for Historic Preservation (NTHP), National Alliance of Preservation Commissions (NAPC), the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP), and the National Park Service (NPS).
- ✓ Co-sponsored Montana Archaeology Month (April 2013) in conjunction with the non-profit Montana Archaeological Society (MAS). Organized the mailing of the Montana Archaeology Month 2013 poster *Technology in Preservation* to over 300 addresses. (<http://www.mtarchaeologicalsociety.org/16401.html> )
- ✓ Organized and participated in conjunction with the Montana



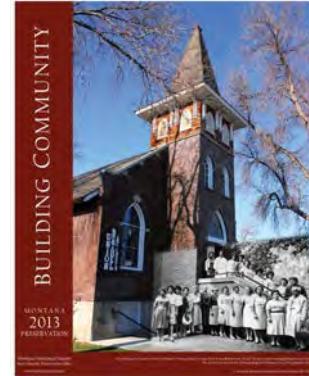
Historical Society Outreach and Interpretation program in the annual MHS *Archaeology Day!* with hands-on demonstrations for over 500 elementary and middle school students (October 11, 2012).

- ✓ Co-sponsored the 2012 *Montana Downtown Conference* held in Great Falls, October 24-26, 2012, featuring sessions on the economic benefits of historic preservation and a panel discussion on the federal historic tax credit program that included SHPO Historic Architecture Specialist Pete Brown.
- ✓ Helped Montana Historical Society host Magda Resik, public relations coordinator for the *Officina del Historiador*, Havana, Cuba, in an international visit of Helena and discussion of historic preservation issues, August 28 2013, culminating in her evening lecture at Carroll College, Helena, about the ongoing historic rehabilitation program for Old Havana.



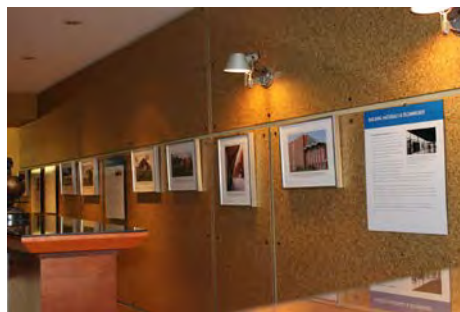
- ✓ Collaborated with non-profit, statewide Montana Preservation Alliance (MPA) in two *Touchstone Project* community history preservation workshops held in Columbus (November 27-28, 2012) and Helena (January 23-24) (<http://www.preservemontana.org/touchstone.html>).
- ✓ Oversaw assistance from Montana Historical Society volunteers (Friends of the Society) in various program activities supporting file and information management at the preservation office: Miki Wilde, Jessica Baird, Matt Ford, Jeff Kirkland, and Tim Cail.
- ✓ Hosted summer historic preservation intern, Emily Sakariassen from the University of Oregon graduate historic preservation program. Special project: survey and National Register nomination of the Pine Butte Guest Ranch (historic Circle 8 Guest Ranch) near Choteau.
- ✓ Collaborated with the Bureau of Land Management Project Archaeology Montana Site Stewardship Program (Montana State University), including participation in a state coordination meeting, SHPO staff training (Andrew Craft: May 17-18), and a field visit.
- ✓ Compiled and reported on activities involving Montana's seven Indian reservations for the Governor's Office 2013 State-Tribal Relations report.

- ✓ Designed, printed and mailed the 2013 Montana Preservation poster, *Building Community*, in June 2013 to over 900 addresses, including preservation constituents, Montana museums, local historical societies, and public libraries, as well as membership of the Montana Historical Society. The poster features members of the Montana Federation of Colored Women's Clubs gathering in the late 1950s at the 1917 National Register-listed Union Bethel African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church in Great Falls.



<http://www.montanahistoricalsociety.org/shpo/PreservationPoster.asp>

- ✓ Under special contract, completed the *Montana Modern* traveling architecture exhibit in July 2013, and arranged for its premier showing on August 2 in Missoula at the offices of A & E Architects in conjunction with Missoula's monthly First Friday downtown event. The exhibit, an expansion of a 2012 temporary exhibit originally on display at the Montana Historical Society,



includes properties from a SHPO sponsored 2010 pilot survey of post-WWII buildings, excerpts from oral histories with pioneering Modernist architects, and images from field work. The exhibit next moves to Billings, followed by a showing in

Bozeman. After 2013, the exhibit will become a permanent part of the Montana Historical Society travelling exhibit program, available upon request.

- ✓ Updated our Montana Modern website at <http://www.montanahistoricalsociety.org/shpo/modernism.asp> and contributed to article in Montana Magazine by author Carol Bradley: *Montana's 'Mad Men' Days* (November/December 2012).
- ✓ Maintained through FY2013 a statewide local preservation list-serve with announcements and news related to state and regional preservation events and happenings. [This list-serve will be replaced in FY2014 with an Outlook email distribution list, as a cost-saving measure]
- ✓ Provided service to boards and special committees or programs of state and other organizations, including: the State Historic Preservation Review Board, the Montana Heritage Commission, the Montana Burial Preservation Board, the Natural Resource Information System Advisory Board, the State Information Technology Services Division Geographic Information System Coordination Committee, the Montana Archaeological Society, the Montana Main Street Advisory Board, and the Montana Preservation Alliance Executive Board (ex-officio).

- ✓ Regularly prepared and/or assisted in the preparation of press releases for state preservation activities, including National Register of Historic Places meetings and property listings, public forums and workshops, special events, and grant awards. Regularly provided content to the Montana Historical Society newsletter (Society Star) and social media outlets, including the MHS Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/MontanaHistoricalSociety>
- ✓ Helped plan and begin to shape the 2014 Montana Historical Society's "Women's History Matters Initiative," in celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Women's Suffrage. Included will be lesson plans, an interactive website, and magazine articles highlighting women's history in Montana. Initial projects undertaken in 2013 included identifying twenty National Register properties in the state related to women's history, writing interpretive pieces to be posted on the Initiative's website, and drafting an article about Montana's pioneering aviatrixes.
- ✓ FY2013 SHPO staff presentations, educational programs and outreach:

- Education: MHS Archaeology Day demonstrations, October 11, 2012 (All SHPO staff)
- Education: East Valley Middle School archaeology day demonstrations, East Helena, October 12, 2012 (Damon Murdo/Andrew Craft)
- Presentation: *Old Barns of Montana*, Deer Lodge Rotary Club, Deer Lodge, October 17, 2012 (Kate Hampton)
- Outreach: USDA Forest Service Region 1 Heritage Program annual meeting, Missoula, October 17-18, 2012 (Mark Baumler, Kathryn Ore, Stan Wilmoth, Pete Brown, and Damon Murdo)
- Presentation: *Historic Preservation Tax Credits*, Montana Downtown Conference, Great Falls, October 25, 2012 (Pete Brown)



- Outreach: Walt Sullivan Building National Register sign dedication, Helena, October 29, 2012 (Pete Brown)
- Presentation: *What is SHPO?*, Carroll College Introduction to Archaeology class, Helena, October 30, 2012 (Damon Murdo)
- Presentation: *Site Records, Section 106, and SHPO*, University of Montana Archaeological Survey class, Missoula, November 14, 2012 (Damon Murdo/Kathryn Ore)

- Presentation: *How to Record a Historic Building*, Montana Preservation Alliance Touchstone Project workshop, Columbus, November 27-28, 2012 (Kate Hampton)
- Outreach: Montana Site Stewardship Program coordination meeting, Bozeman, November 28, 2012 (Damon Murdo/Andrew Craft)
- Presentations: *Forensic Archaeology and Anthropology*, Helena PEAK Program, Helena Middle School, December 3-6, 2012 (Damon Murdo)
- Publication/Book review: *Montana Before History: 11,000 Years of Hunter-Gatherers in the Rockies and Plains* by Douglas H. MacDonald, Mountain Press Publishing Co., 2012 in *Montana The Magazine of Western History*, Winter 2012 (Mark Baumler)
- Education: *What is SHPO?* and *The Secretary of Interior Standards and Design Guidelines*, UM Historic Preservation seminar, Missoula, January 3, 2013 (Kate Hampton and Pete Brown)
- Education: *Section 106 Compliance*, UM Historic Preservation seminar, Missoula, January 17, 2013 (Kathryn Ore)
- Outreach: Montana Historic Preservation Awards Ceremony, Helena, January 18, 2013 (All SHPO staff)
- Education: *How to Research A Historic Property*, Montana Preservation Alliance Touchstone workshop, Helena, January 23-24, 2013 (Kate Hampton)
- Outreach: 2013 Montana Historical Society Legislative Open House, Helena, January 28, 2013 (Mark Baumler, John Boughton, Kathryn Ore, Kate Hampton, and Pete Brown)
- Presentation: *African-American Women in Montana History*, Rotary Club, Deer Lodge, February 20, 2013 (Kate Hampton)
- Outreach: Humanities Montana Award Ceremony, Montana Historical Society, Helena, February 21, 2013 (Mark Baumler, Stan Wilmoth, Kathryn Ore)
- Outreach: Fourth Annual Preserve Historic Missoula Night: Saving the Past – Shaping the Future, Missoula, February 23, 2013 (Kate Hampton)
- Presentation: *The CLG Program and Economics of Historic Preservation*, Main Street program, Stevensville, March 5, 2013 (Kate Hampton)
- Education: *The Secretary of the Interior Standards*, USFS Region 1 Facilities training workshop, Missoula, March 6, 2013 (Pete Brown)



- Education: *Overview of the State Historic Preservation Program*, MSU Historic architecture seminar, Bozeman, March 7, 2013 (Kate Hampton)
- Presentation: *What is SHPO?*, MHS Friends meeting, March 20, 2013 (Kate Hampton)
- Education: *Montana Archaeology & SHPO*, UM Helena College archaeology seminar, SHPO visit, March 22, 2013 (Stan Wilmoth)
- Outreach: MHS Montana History Revealed

blog: *Guiding Lights: Montana's Historic Lighted Airway System*, March 22, 2013 (Kate Hampton)



- Publication: *Montana's National Register Program*, From the Society, Montana The Magazine of Western History, Spring 2013, pp 64-67 (John Boughton)
- Presentation: *Guiding Lights: Montana's Lighted Airways*, Montana Historical Society, April 4, 2013 (Kate Hampton)
- Outreach: Montana Historical Society Legislative open house, April 9, 2013 (Kathryn Ore, Pete Brown, John Boughton)
- Presentation: *Montana's Historic Architectural Styles*, MSU-Bozeman architecture class seminar, Bozeman, April 11, 2013 (Kate Hampton)
- Presentation: *SHPO and Section 106: A Case Study in Historic Preservation*, UM-Missoula anthropology class seminar, Missoula, April 16, 2013 (Mark Baumler)
- Presentation: *SHPO and the Montana Burial Board*, MHS Trustees meeting, April 18, 2013 (Stan Wilmoth)
- Education: National History Day competition judge, Billings, April 20, 2013 (Kathryn Ore)
- Presentation: *They're Our B-17s: Montana's WWII Training Bases*, Deer Lodge Rotary Club, Deer Lodge, April 24, 2013 (Kate Hampton)
- Outreach: Crow Agency II (historic archaeology site) public open house and tribal gathering, Absaroka Agency Preservation Committee, Columbus/Absarokee, May 18, 2013 (Stan Wilmoth)
- Outreach: *Steeped in History* tea fundraiser, Montana Preservation Alliance, Helena History Fair, Helena, May 18, 2013 (Kathryn Ore, John Boughton, Kate Hampton)
- Education: CR Anderson Middle School career day panel session, Carroll College, Helena, May 23, 2013 (Damon Murdo)
- Presentation/Outreach: State-owned Heritage Property Stewardship workshop for state agencies, Montana Historical Society, May 30, 2013 (All SHPO staff)
- Outreach: Montana Archaeological Society annual meeting, Lewistown, April 12-14, 2013 (Mark Baumler, Kathryn Ore, Damon Murdo, Andrew Craft, and John Boughton)
- Education: 2013 Montana Project Archaeology (Bureau of Land Management) field school planning, Virginia City, April 16, 2013 (Stan Wilmoth/Kathryn Ore)
- Outreach: How to Research Your Historic Property/SHPO Preservation Posters, MHS Second Saturday, Montana Historical Society, June 8, 2013 (Kate Hampton)
- Presentation: *The Federal Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit program*, Revitalize Historic Downtown local preservation workshop, Miles City, June 14, 2013 (Pete Brown)
- Outreach: Montana Site Stewardship program field visit, Grassy Mountain, Helena National Forest, July 10, 2013 (Andrew Craft)



- Presentation: *Helena's Reeder's Alley*, Montana State Library tour/dinner, Helena, July 23 (Kate Hampton)
- Outreach: Montana Modern traveling exhibit opening, A&E Architects office, Missoula, August 2, 2013 (Pete Brown)
- Outreach: Gateway Project local historic district survey and planning, Gardiner, August 14, 2013 (Kate Hampton)
- Education: University of Pennsylvania historic preservation field school, Archie Bray beehive kilns, Helena, August 15-16, 2013 (Kathryn Ore)
- Outreach: Montana Preservation Alliance (non-profit) board meeting, Helena, September 6, 2013 (Kate Hampton)
- Presentation: *Preserving Uptown & Downtown: Keys to Successful Historic Building Rehabilitation*, Workshop Panel, Senator Max Baucus Montana Economic Development Summit, Butte, September 17, 2013 (Pete Brown)
- Outreach: 2013 Montana History Conference, Sidney, September 18-21, 2013 (Kate Hampton/Kathryn Ore)
- Presentation: *Paleo Boom: The Discovery of Dinosaurs in Montana*, Montana History Conference, Sidney, September 20, 2013 (Kate Hampton)

