Message from the President/CEO

I am honored to have the opportunity to lead the Montana History Foundation. I have had a love affair with Montana and its history for a long time, so I am excited to be back in Helena and serving the historical community of the state. Originally from the Yukon in northern Canada, I have spent my career researching, writing, and teaching western history. I have served as a college history professor, university administrator, fundraiser, and museum/archives administrator. I am author of numerous articles and two books on western history, most recently a co-authored volume called *Montana Place Names from Alzada to Zortman* (Montana Historical Society Press, 2009).

The future is bright for the Montana History Foundation, and my vision is to continue our important work of raising money to support history projects across the state. We have many generous supporters, and we want to engage them more and find new partners as well. In the months ahead we will be building new and expanding current partnerships to leverage cooperative funding for projects from Yaak to Ekalaka and all points in between.

Join me and our wonderful staff and board as we help the dedicated people across the state save our history for generations to come.

Best wishes,

Charlene Porsild, PhD

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Message from the Board Chair

It is my privilege to serve as the chair of the Montana History Foundation board this year. We had a very successful year in fundraising and grant making, and I am excited to share the details of that important work in this report.

Our Preserve Montana Fund brings together individual donors, corporate fundraising, and a variety of sponsors to create a unique pool of resources for community-based history projects. We received 46 grant applications requesting more than $199,500. Of these, we granted almost $80,000 to 16 organizations in 15 counties across the Treasure State.

We continue to pursue collaborative projects with the Montana Historical Society, the Montana Heritage Commission, the Montana Preservation Alliance, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, and the Museums Association of Montana. We are proud to say that with combined assets of over $6.4 million, the organization is financially healthy and strong.

We are excited to have a new leader to chart new directions for us. Charlene Porsild succeeds Amy Sullivan as our new President and CEO. Her passion, energy, and experience in Montana history promise great things to come. With Charlene’s leadership and your generous support and assistance, the big sky is truly the limit for Montana history!

Thank you,

Christopher Warden

Charlene Porsild, PhD
Our Mission  The Montana History Foundation is an independent, non-profit corporation preserving the rich legacy of Montana’s past—one story, one community, one project at a time. We grant funds, mobilize the generosity of donors and collaborate with individuals and organizations to explore and honor Montana history.

Our Vision  The Montana History Foundation is the leading source for contributions and funding to preserve and protect history resources throughout Montana.
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Holland Lake pack trip circa 1980. Photo courtesy of Upper Swan Valley Historical Society
# Statements of Financial Position

## Assets

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Fixed assets, at cost

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<td>Scriver Center</td>
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Less accumulated depreciation and amortization

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Other assets

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<td>Interest in charitable remainder trust</td>
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**Total assets**

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## Liabilities and net assets

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<td>Deferred revenue</td>
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Net assets

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<td>Permanently restricted</td>
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**Total Assets as of June 30, 2014**

![Pie chart showing asset distribution](chart1.png)

**Total Assets as of June 30, 2013**

![Pie chart showing asset distribution](chart2.png)

- **Cash**: 53%
- **Fixed Assets**: 42%
- **Investment Securities**: 3%
- **Receivables & Inventory**: 9%
- **Other Assets**: 8%
2014 Preserve Montana Grants

The Montana History Foundation protects the historic legacy of communities across the state by offering grants for restoration and preservation. Projects fall into four categories: buildings and structures, oral histories, collections and artifacts, and one-room schoolhouses.

Buildings and Structures

**Bert Mooney Airport**, Butte, $5,000. Restore the Charles Lindbergh hangar to its original condition.

**Deer Lodge Development Group**, $5,000. Emergency roof repairs to Hotel Deer Lodge.

**Fort Assinniboine Preservation Association**, Havre, $5,000. Replace porch on the Middle Double Guard Stable.

**Monarch Neihart Historical Group**, Monarch, $5,000. Replace roof and provide structural support on the 1902 Great Northern Train Depot. Reverse inappropriate alterations to the building.

**Town of Virginia City**, $3,000. Undertake a comprehensive assessment and analysis of all known and potential cemetery sites within the Virginia City town site.

**Upper Blackfoot Valley Historical Society**, Lincoln, $3,000. Apply wood preservatives to historical structures.

View toward the Jewish/Hebrew Cemetery in the town of Virginia City

Restoration work on the Charles Lindbergh hangar at the Bert Mooney Airport in Butte

Emergency roof repairs to Hotel Deer Lodge
Oral Histories

Highlands College/Montana Tech, Butte, $5,000. Create, distribute and archive 30+ filmed oral history interviews with Montana history makers from 1965–1980.

Clay Scott/Mountain West Voices, Sidney, $5,000. History in Peril on the New Frontier oral history project in northeast Montana.


Highlands College/Montana Tech oral historian Evan Barrett with Dorothy Eck who was a pioneer for Montana women in politics and a champion of open government

Juanita and Margaret Carranza of Richland County, participants in the History in Peril on the New Frontier oral history project

(also) Also a participant in the History in Peril oral history project, lay minister Dean Blount gives a sermon in the Dakota language in Frazer, Montana.
2014 Preserve Montana Grants (continued)

Collections & Artifacts

Montana Historical Society, Helena, $4,994. Add 1,300 images, 650 each from Huffman and Cameron, to the Montana Memory Project.

Museums Association of Montana, Statewide, $5,000. Provide 3 to 4 Helping Hands projects across the state to applying museums.

Western Heritage Center, Billings, $5,000. Digitize, research, and share 150 historic documents.

Montana Historical Society photographer Tom Ferris digitizes photographs from the Evelyn Cameron and L.A. Huffman collections.

One-Room Schoolhouses

Tallow Creek School, Hinsdale, $5,000. Reroof school.

Big Elk School, Two Dot, $5,000. Replace roof, repair foundation, clean interior, and fix front porch.

Stark School, Huson, $3,000. Hang historically appropriate wooden storm windows.

Montana Preservation Alliance, Statewide, $10,000. Create Big Sky Rural Preservation assessment and restoration program.

Reviewing the Preserve Montana grants is a great opportunity to reflect on the remarkable work being done to celebrate Montana’s history throughout the state and it is, indeed, rewarding to have the opportunity to financially support so much of this work.

—Jennie Stapp, State Librarian

The Museums Association of Montana provided training workshops across the state. Here, Jonathan Appel instructs attendees on preserving and repairing historic headstones in the Demersville Cemetery in Kalispell.

Photo courtesy of Brenda Ahearn/Daily Inter Lake

Team members from the Western Heritage Center in Billings prepare historic documents for conservation and digitization.

The Stark School in Huson received historically appropriate storm windows with MHF grant funding.
Accomplishments fiscal year 2014

Donated 193 copies of *Visions and Voices: Montana's One-Room Schoolhouses* book by author Charlotte Caldwell to the School Administrators of Montana to distribute to school libraries across the state.

Reprinted *Visions and Voices: Montana’s One-Room Schoolhouses* book by author Charlotte Caldwell to raise funds for the preservation and protection of one-room schoolhouses in Montana.

Fundraising continued for our annual grants program, resulting in awards of $78,994 for 16 important historical and cultural projects in 15 counties across the state.

Funded solar lighting project in Nevada City.

Funded painting of railroad cars, repairing the engine and brakes on the train, and the static display of the No. 12 engine in Virginia and Nevada Cities.

Funded educational and curatorial activities for Montana Heritage Commission staff.

Accepted two oil paintings to be sold for the benefit of the Montana Historical Society.

Sponsored Montana Preservation Alliance’s road show in Lewistown; Museums Association of Montana’s annual conference in Helena, Montana Historical Society’s annual history conference in Helena; and the Helena Middle School Civic Club’s trip to Washington, D.C.

Remodeled office. The fire suppression system in MHF’s Scriver Center offices experienced a catastrophic failure causing extensive water damage to the building and its contents. Cleanup and remodeling were required, resulting in new computers, carpet, paint, windows, and kitchenette.

Fiscal Sponsorships

**Montana Women’s History Mural** (mural in the Montana State Capitol)

**The Original Montana Club**, carpet replacement

**Placer Center**, formerly the Placer Hotel, centennial celebration

**Virginia and Nevada Cities** 150th anniversary celebration

MHF grant funds were used to restore the Big Elk School in Two Dot.
Family of Friends

Thank you to all our generous donors. We strive to ensure that everyone who gave to MHF in calendar year 2014 is listed here. If we have inadvertently omitted your name, we apologize and ask that you please let us know.

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Tallow Creek School near Hinsdale received a new roof with grant funding from the MHF.
I am proud to be a long-time supporter of the Montana History Foundation. Over the years I have watched MHF become the great organization it is today—an organization that brings communities together by providing resources for history and culture.

—Penelope Wilson
Hill School, near Chester in Liberty County, was one of the first recipients of MHF’s grant program in 2012. Grant recipients made significant repairs to the doors, windows, roof and siding as illustrated by these before (back cover) and after (front cover) photographs. We gratefully acknowledge the generosity of Charlotte Caldwell, who continues to donate the proceeds of her book, *Visions and Voices: Montana’s One-Room Schoolhouses*, for such efforts.

Above photo © Charlotte Caldwell, author and photographer, *Visions and Voices: Montana’s One-Room Schoolhouses*
Front cover photo courtesy of Janice Hendrickson