MIKE MANSFIELD
From Butte to the halls of the U.S. Capitol to Japan, he made a difference by being a true statesman.

How will you make Montana history?
ENSURING MONTANA’S HISTORY
Never Fades.

Montana History Foundation
2007 Annual Report
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JIM BRIDGER
survived bear attacks, arsenic poisoning and Indian battles.

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President’s Message

This was an eventful year for the Montana History Foundation. We moved forward on a number of initiatives. Most significant of these was the successful funding for the publication of the first comprehensive Montana history textbook. This textbook is designed to meet the needs of Montana’s teachers and middle-school students, with 5000 copies being given to schools free of charge. MHF played a critical role in securing donations and grants to bring this project to fruition.

Through the generosity of our Board and numerous donors, we have substantially reduced the debt on the Scriver Center building, making us financially stronger and allowing us to direct future efforts on working with our partners in preserving Montana’s history. While most of our fund raising efforts go toward assisting the Montana Historical Society and the Montana Heritage Commission, we have expanded our mission to provide resources to other organizations in our state.

Of note, we have formed a strategic alliance with the Montana Preservation Alliance—a statewide, not-for-profit organization dedicated to providing Montanans with the resources necessary to preserve our state’s unique history and culture.

We have made a number of operational changes that have increased our ability to serve our partners. Nationwide, there has been increased scrutiny of corporate governance and fiscal responsibility of non-profit organizations. As a Board, we take this very seriously and continue to work with our capable staff to ensure that our operations are above reproach.

Looking ahead, we will continue our efforts to secure grants and funding for a variety of important projects. The work of preserving Montana’s history never ends. The MHF Board and staff remain resolute in our mission so that future generations will be able to share in the beauty and richness of our collective past.

With sadness I must report that in early May we lost Allan Hamilton, a long-time board member and friend to us all. Allan had a strong passion for Montana and historic preservation, and was a true leader among us. His generosity and sense of community service made a lasting impact on all that he touched. He is sorely missed.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Matt Cohn
President

Mission

The Montana History Foundation is an independent, non-profit corporation that provides development and advisory leadership for organizations dedicated to the preservation of Montana’s history and culture. We partner with leading preservation organizations, like the Montana Historical Society and the Montana Heritage Commission, to ensure that Montana’s unique history is available for current and future generations.

Vision

The Montana History Foundation is the leading source for contributions and funding to preserve and protect history resources throughout Montana.
PROJECTS

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

We have successfully funded a new middle-school Montana History Textbook titled *Montana: Stories of The Land*. Working closely with the Montana Historical Society, we received enough donations to make 5000 textbooks available for free to schools the fall of 2008.

We continue our work to repair and preserve Virginia City’s music machines. One of the largest publicly owned music machine collections in the United States, the machines continue to delight visitors of all ages. Some machines have been completely overhauled while others have received a thorough tuning. In the process, we also secured a $100,000 endowment to make sure the collection is regularly maintained.

Working with our newest partner, the Montana Preservation Alliance we have helped them to receive funding to provide more grassroots help to communities to protect Montana’s historical assets—in particular, Montana’s historic structures.

OPPORTUNITIES

We are looking forward to expanding our assistance to the Montana Preservation Alliance by working in concert with the National Trust for Historic Preservation to raise funds together. This “trifecta,” as we are calling it, is a fairly new concept in fund raising that will combine our talents to bring the most help we can to Montana communities.

Virginia and Nevada Cities will receive a marketing boost from a project we are funding to produce a movie-quality DVD explaining the importance of the sites and why we need to protect them. The piece will be used with donors, in applying for grants, and in educating publicly-elected officials. We have raised about 1/3 of the cost of the project and will be looking to complete the project in 2008.

As always, we continue to look for unique ways to unite donors with projects. We like to see Montana’s history preserved, protected and saved while we fulfill a donor’s desires to give back to the community of Montana!
# Financial Position


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GEORGE BIRD GRINNELL

saved the American bison from being hunted into extinction.

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