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President’s Message

The Montana History Foundation is working tirelessly to preserve and protect Montana’s history.

This fiscal year we supported new projects like preservation work on the Frank Bird Linderman cabin in Southwest Montana, funding a sound system for the tour train in Virginia City, and granting funds for historic lighting on the Fort Benton Bridge. We also sponsored speakers at the History Day festivities in Billings, Original Governor’s Mansion fundraising activities, and we lent our fundraising expertise to organizations large and small.

MHF continues to provide annual support to the Virginia City History Camp, music machine repair and maintenance in Virginia City, the Montana Historical Society’s History Conference, and Advocacy Day support to the Museums Association of Montana.

In addition to our project funding priorities, we also took the time this fiscal year to think long and hard about our own future.

Along with another clean audit, including high praise from our independent auditor, we created long-term fund accounts to maintain our office headquarters at the Scriber Center in Helena and the McFarland Curatorial Center in Virginia City. These accounts are rainy day funds that allow us to perform preventative maintenance to our properties...something we have learned from the historic properties we assist with...maintenance deferred translates to larger problems later.

We reorganized our office to meet best practices and better accommodate our goal of having more of a presence in Montana’s communities. Establishing a new strategic plan in May 2010, we have ignited a passion for our new paradigm in funding historical projects in Montana. Working quietly with the Montana Preservation Alliance and the National Trust for Historic Preservation to establish a granting fund called the Preserve Montana Fund, we have already drawn the support of many donors and we have raised $560,000 to date.

As our vision gains further focus and momentum, we will be sharing the exciting details with you, our donors. Here at MHF we are excited about all the possibilities that await us as we are out and about in Montana. With your support, we are up to the challenge!

Bruce Parker, President

Mission The Montana History Foundation is an independent, nonprofit corporation that provides development and advisory leadership for organizations dedicated to the preservation of Montana’s history and culture.
Projects

Opportunities

Opportunities abound when it comes to preserving Montana’s past. Our new Preserve Montana Fund allows donors the opportunity to make a difference locally, regionally and statewide. Grants help fund history projects under the broadest of definitions. If you are interested in the Preserve Montana Fund or hosting a presentation in your community, please contact us.

Accomplishments

$560,000 raised for Preserve Montana Fund • Preservation funds for Frank Bird Linderman Cabin in Southwest Montana • Established long-term maintenance accounts for Scriver Center in Helena, MT and McFarland Curatorial Center in Virginia City, MT • Fort Benton Historic Bridge Lighting project • Virginia City Train sound system • Virginia City Blacksmith Shop forge components • Sponsored funds raised for Friends of #12 Steam train in Nevada City, MT • Music Machine restoration and maintenance in Nevada City, MT • History Day speaker sponsorship in Billings, MT • Original Governor’s Mansion fundraising support in Helena, MT • Fundraising expertise support to various organizations statewide • Annual support of Montana Historical Society’s History Conference, Montana Heritage Commission’s History Camp, and Advocacy Day sponsor for Museums Association of Montana • Office restructuring to meet best practices
# MHF Statement of Financial Position as of June 30, 2010 and 2009

## Assets

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## Liabilities and Net Assets

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