



# THE MONTANA HISTORY

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## FOUNDATION



### In Memoriam



Montana history lost a huge champion and a great friend with the passing of Emily Stonington Hibbard. Emily was a fearless leader on the History Foundation Board of Directors, a generous donor, and a caring friend. We will miss her deeply.

Read more about Emily's impact on the world [here](#).

### HISTORY FOUNDATION HAPPENINGS

#### Coming in August - Release of *The Best Gift: Montana's Carnegie Libraries*

Seventeen Montana communities built libraries between 1901 and 1922 thanks to money provided by Andrew Carnegie. Architectural Historian Kate Hampton tells the stories, while photographer Tom Ferris captures the images of these iconic buildings. The book also includes architectural renderings, along with historic photographs.

Pre-order now from [Farcountry Press](#)



# Welcome New Staff & Board Members!



## Brenda Peterson, Board Member

As the president/CEO of The Wendt Agency, Brenda uses her own creativity to guide an artistic-by-nature company. She has been in the marketing, advertising, and public relations arena for more than 30 years.



## Mike Dalton, Board Member

Mike joins the board after retiring from a lengthy career in banking in Montana. He most recently served as President of First Interstate Bank in Helena.



## Melissa Jensen, Community Outreach Coordinator

Melissa joins the staff of the History Foundation after more than 20 years in Montana broadcast journalism. She is excited to help share the stories that have shaped Montana through the efforts of those working to preserve it.

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## Bringing People Together for History

**August 7 - Conrad Grant Writing Workshop**, 10 am - 2 pm, Conrad Community Center, [Register here](#)

**August 15 - Author Kate Hampton** talk on *The Best Gift: Montana's Carnegie Libraries* at Museum of the Rockies, [Bozeman, 6:00 pm](#)

**August 28 - Exhibit opens** on life of Montana rancher and Basque immigrant John Etchart, Helena, [Find dates and locations here](#)

**September 7 - Book Launch** for *The Best Gift: Montana's Carnegie Libraries*, Big Timber

**October 12-13 - [3rd Annual Antiques Appraisal Fair](#)**, Butte Civic Center

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