



THE MONTANA HISTORY

FOUNDATION



Spring is on the Horizon!

First Day of Spring: March 19th



HISTORY EMERGENCIES! GRANT AWARDED



In early February, we awarded a [*History Emergencies!*](#) grant of \$5,000 to the [Glacier County Historical Museum](#) in Cut Bank. The museum applied for the grant in January to help maintain adequate, consistent heating in their building to protect their collections. The funding to cover those

utility bills became necessary when the Glacier County Historical Society recently had its funding cut by nearly 65%. The \$5,000 grant will ensure the heat can remain on through these last months of winter and keep the museum's precious collections safe.

HISTORY FOUNDATION HAPPENINGS



Author Kate Hampton and photographer Tom Ferris were both on hand at [Montana Book Co.](#) in Helena on February 12th for Hampton's lecture on [The Best Gift: Montana's Carnegie Libraries](#). Check out our events list below for upcoming lecture dates and the next few stops for the Carnegie libraries traveling exhibit.

BRINGING PEOPLE TOGETHER FOR HISTORY

Livingston - March: *The Best Gift: Montana's Carnegie Libraries* traveling exhibit is on display at the [Livingston-Park County Public Library](#), 228 W. Callendar St.

Helena - March 1: Downdogs & Draughts, [Ten Mile Creek Brewery](#), 48 N. Last Chance Gulch. Yoga at 11:00 a.m. with Loft Studio at the brewery. \$12 for yoga and a pint of your choice afterwards. A portion of proceeds benefits the Montana History Foundation.

Helena - March 1: Brew a Better Community, [Ten Mile Creek Brewery](#), 48 N. Last Chance Gulch, from 5:00-8:00 p.m., \$1 of every pint sold goes

to MHF.

Livingston - March 12: *The Best Gift: Montana's Carnegie Libraries* author Kate Hampton lecture, 6:00 p.m., [Livingston-Park County Public Library](#), 228 W. Callendar St.

Hardin - April: *The Best Gift: Montana's Carnegie Libraries* traveling exhibit is on display at the [Big Horn County Library](#), 419 N. Custer Ave.

Hardin - April 15: *The Best Gift: Montana's Carnegie Libraries* author Kate Hampton lecture, 6:00 p.m., [Big Horn County Library](#), 419 N. Custer Ave.

Billings - April 16: *The Best Gift: Montana's Carnegie Libraries* author Kate Hampton lecture, 12:00 p.m., [Western Heritage Center](#), 2822 Montana Ave.

Helena - April 20: Community Monday, [Blackfoot River Brewing](#), 66 S. Park Ave., Helena. \$1.00 from every glass of beer sold between 2:00-8:00 p.m. goes to the Montana History Foundation.

FEATURED PROJECT

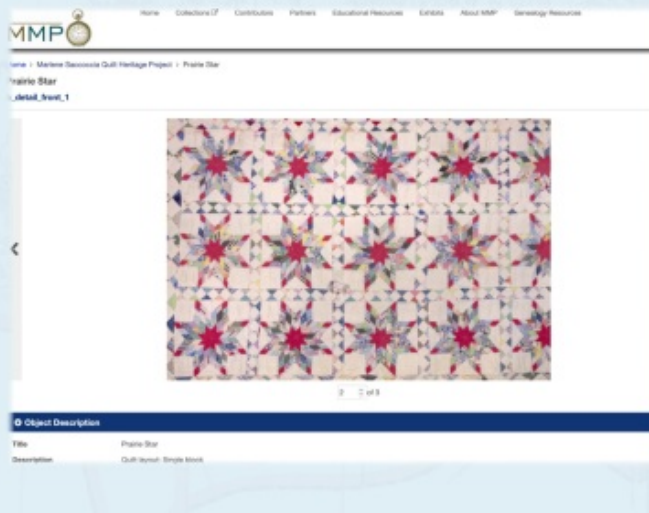
Marlene Saccoccia Quilt Heritage Project, Museum of the Rockies

More than 100 quilts have been catalogued and are available to view online with photographs, detailed descriptions and information on each quilt's provenance, completed with help from a \$3,300 grant in 2018 from the Montana History Foundation.



At left is one of the oldest quilts in the collection: *Slashed Star*, circa 1870. It traveled to Montana with a Civil War prisoner of war veteran, who came to Montana to homestead in Broadwater County in 1898.

Photo right: during the cataloguing process, Museum of the Rockies staff improved the storage conditions of their historic quilt collection by reducing the number of quilts in each archival box, re-folding and boxing the quilts, and labeling the boxes with images to create easier access.



To the left is an example of a catalogued quilt as viewed on the Montana Memory Project website. This quilt was created by Mary Hart Baldwin of Fort Shaw around 1908. Each star is made up of 72 small diamonds.

Read more about this month's featured project, the [Quilt Heritage Project](#), on our website!

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