



# THE MONTANA HISTORY

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## HISTORY ROAD TRIPS



Come along as we hit the road to visit some great historical spots across Montana. So far, we've visited [Sculpture in the Wild in Lincoln](#) to see Montana Memory, a teepee burner from the industrial heritage of the Lincoln community, and [Virginia City and Nevada City](#) for a true trip back in time.

## WELCOME KATE MCCOURT

Please join us in welcoming our new Heritage Projects & Grants Manager, Kate McCourt! Kate grew up in the Hudson Valley in New York State, but fell

in love with Montana upon moving here for the first time in 2008. She has an undergraduate degree in history and a Master's degree in archaeology. She is currently undertaking an MA certification in historic preservation. Kate has worked for the State of Montana in Virginia City's National Historic Landmark District, at the federal level as a contractor for the University of Montana's Center for Integrated Research on the Environment, and at the local level as Great Falls-Cascade County Historic Preservation Officer. Kate is looking forward to working with and assisting our grantees across the state! You can reach her by email at [kate@mthistory.org](mailto:kate@mthistory.org).



## CEMETERY WORKSHOP IN BUTTE



Monuments conservator Jonathan Appell made a stop in Butte on Friday, September 11th, as part of his national [48 State Tour](#). Appell held the free gravestone preservation workshop at St. Patrick's cemetery for about 50 people from around the area, including Butte, Helena, Warm Springs, Whitehall, Neihart, and Deer Lodge. Those in attendance learned techniques to clean and level gravestones and monuments, and how to perform common repairs. They also had a chance to practice the work hands-on. Thank you to Jonathan Appell for leading the workshop, and to the Ancient Order of the Hibernians and the Butte-Silver Bow Public Archives for joining us in sponsoring this event.

## FEATURED PROJECT

# Buses of Yellowstone Preservation Trust, Inc. Master Plan

The yellow buses of Yellowstone National Park became an iconic part of the landscape not long after the Beartooth Highway opened in 1936. Ninety-eight Model 706 touring buses were originally built for the park and three of them now reside in the care of Buses of Yellowstone Preservation Trust, Inc. (BOYPT). A 2019 History Foundation grant helped fund a master plan to lay out stepping stones for the organizations's future.



The yellow bus at left is known by its fleet number: Bus 401. According to the Buses of Yellowstone Preservation Trust website, Bus 401 came off the assembly line in 1937 at the White Motor Company in Cleveland, Ohio. Two other buses (circa 1936 and 1938) are family heirlooms which are also cared for and maintained by BOYPT.

The BOYPT purchased the historic Whitcomb Garage in downtown Red Lodge in 2018. It provides a place to showcase the vehicles and provides visitors with an interpretive experience through historic memorabilia and photographs.



The MHF funded master plan, prepared by Lynda Moss of Moss Consulting in Billings in 2019, provides a timeline of short and long-term goals. Some have already been completed, including an architectural assessment of the Whitcomb Garage.

Read more about this month's featured project, the [Buses of Yellowstone Preservation Trust, Inc.'s master plan](#), on our website!

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