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< Jackson Hole Mountain Resort c. 1967.
Read on for more fun historic photos
of the winter season!



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Hello, History Friends!

Another summer season has come and gone in Jackson Hole; it was busy, hot, and exciting. As we all know, this place is special – the mountains, wildlife, people, Western lifestyle, history – create this perfect combination so popular to see and experience. Many of these people stay and make a home here while others simply visit and get just a taste of what this place is about. This delicate balance between community and tourism is something Jackson Hole has been working on for over a century. Check out this poem preserved in our archives – it was written at the Bar BC Ranch, most likely in the 1920s, but with no author identified.

Dude Ranch Song

*They're taking city boarders out on the old ranch now
And charging fancy prices for to watch us rope a cow;
They feed 'em cowboy fodder, bed 'em down upon the floor;
This old ranch ain't runnin' like it used to run no more.*

*We ain't no longer where we can joke and chin.
And when we go out ridin' all the boarders they butt in;
They ask the darndest questions, and borrow all our traps
And make believe they're punchers in their fancy boots and chaps.*

*We used to rise at daylight and be off on the range,
We don't do that no longer, and geeh! But it seems strange;
We used to eat by lamplight, but now we eat at eight
Because our city boarders are used to sleepin' late.*

*We have to chaperone 'em and let the ranch work slide;
These tenderfeet are spoilin' all us boys that used to ride;
They're spoilin' all our ponies, and pretty soon, by Jing,
A horse won't know his business in any puncher's string.*

*But then the boss he pays us our wages just the same
As if we was a workin' at the cattle punchin game.
Of course it ain't my business how things are bein' run,
But darned if this here cow ranch ain't agein' on the bum.*

This community has and always will have to respond to growth and change, we are here to share the historical context and provide opportunities for our community to hear stories from those who came before us. Read on to learn more about what we've been up to at the Museum and what we have planned for the winter.

Our team wishes you and your family a very happy and warm winter season!

Morgan Albertson Jaouen

Morgan Albertson Jaouen, Executive Director



Upcoming Events

Welcome to winter at the History Museum! While things typically slow down in town during these cold, snowy months we're excited for the flurry of activity planned at the museum. For a full list of JHHSM events, see:

jacksonholehistory.org/calendar

DECEMBER 7 | 10AM | THE HOLE STORY

Kids' Storytime at the Mercill Education Center (105 Mercill Ave)

DECEMBER 12 | 10AM | MUSEUM WINTER OPENING

The Museum opens for the winter season! Our winter hours are Wednesday - Saturday, 10AM- 5PM.

DECEMBER 12 | OLD TIME CHRISTMAS @ THE WORT

A Holiday Variety Show with a historic twist! This year we have two shows - 5:30PM Kids + Family / 7PM Adult-Friendly (this year in the Silver Dollar Bar!)

DECEMBER 15 | 11AM | HISTORIC TRADE SCHOOL: HOLIDAY EDITION

Join us between 11am-1pm to gear up for the holidays - learn calligraphy techniques with local artist to create cards, wrapping paper, and ornaments. \$6, includes visit to the museum! (225 N. Cache)

DECEMBER 20 | 5PM | HISTORY COOP CORNER EXHIBIT OPENING

"My Jackson Hole History" Opening Reception (225 N. Cache)

DECEMBER 27 | 7PM | BEERS & BANTER

History of Snow King mountain & Town Hill Skiing (225 N Cache)

JANUARY 2-31 | FIRESIDE BOOK SALE

Feeling a little stir crazy this winter? Looking for a new book to crack open by a cozy fire? Stop by the museum store for 20% off all books.

JANUARY 4 | 10AM | THE HOLE STORY

Kids' Storytime at the Mercill Education Center (105 Mercill Ave)

JANUARY 18 | 9AM-1PM | XC SKI TOUR OF WHITE GRASS RANCH

Join JHHSM and Parks & Rec for a special tour of the historic White Grass Ranch in Grand Teton National Park. Register at www.tetonparksandrec.org

JANUARY 23 | 6PM | LIVING IN THE WEST SPEAKER SERIES

"Finding History in Rare Books: Early Books of Jackson Hole, Wyoming and the West," a presentation by Christy Smirl.

JANUARY 31 | 7PM | BEERS & BANTER

Early Ski Photography w/ Wade McKoy and Bob Woodall (225 N. Cache)

FEBRUARY 1 | 10AM | THE HOLE STORY

Kids' Storytime at the Mercill Education Center (105 Mercill Ave)

FEBRUARY 12 | 5:30 PM | HISTORIC TRADE SCHOOL: VALENTINE EDITION

Sign up at jacksonholehistory.org for an evening browsing our letter collection, learning about calligraphy, and writing your own valentine.

FEBRUARY 28 | 7PM | BEERS & BANTER (225 N. Cache)

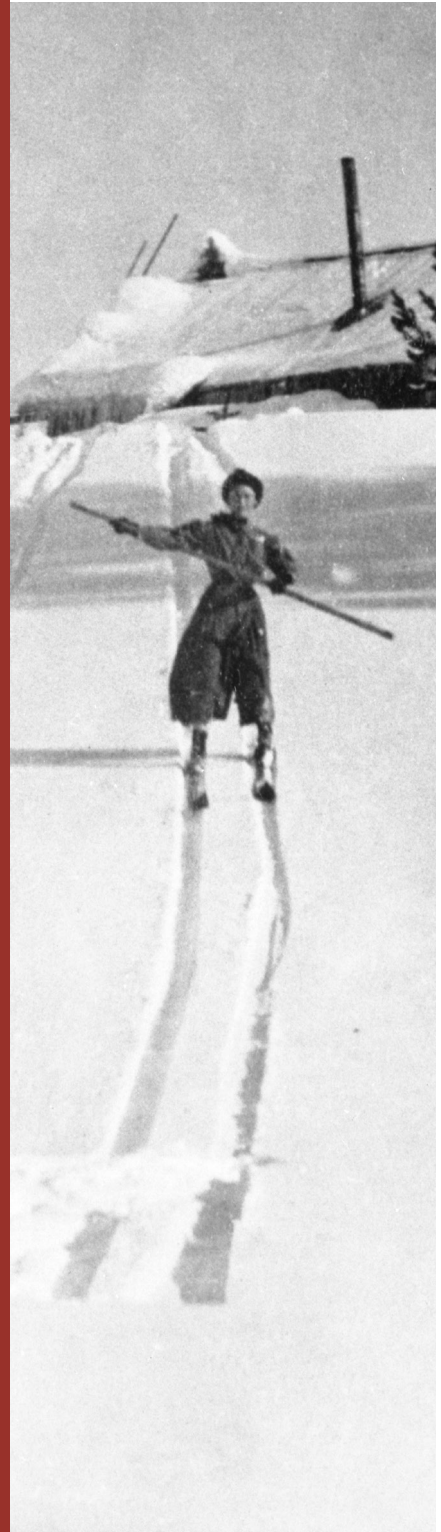
MARCH 1 | 10AM | THE HOLE STORY

Kids' Storytime at the Mercill Education Center (105 Mercill Ave)

MARCH 28 | 7PM | BEERS & BANTER (225 N. Cache)

MARCH 30 | MUSEUM WINTER SEASON CLOSE

The museum will be closed the month of April for our regular spring cleaning. Check back in May for our summer hours!



Getting Crafty at

By Frances Ritchie

Stitching, hammering, and stamping are the sounds that filled the Jackson Hole Historical Society and Museum this Fall. From August through November, we piloted a monthly program called **Historic Trade School**, a workshop style class where participants traveled in time through trade. This hands-on Adult Education series highlighted the historic trades that were both artistic and practical endeavors: Metalsmithing, Leather, Candlemaking and Fiber. Participants of all ages came together in our cozy cabin to learn about and practice these traditional skills.



METAL

For our Metalsmithing Workshop, we discussed the early blacksmith shops in Jackson and their role in the community. Long time local, Chet Woodward, describes his father's blacksmith expertise on their homestead north of Kelly: *"Like I say he had a blacksmith shop there. He got work from all over the country. He probably made more with the blacksmith shop than he did [farming]...."*

Chet goes on to describe the creativity and ingenuity of early homesteaders, including his father's varied skillset - *"Of course, everybody had a certain amount of skill in that type of thing out of necessity. He [father] used to sharpen the plow shears, shod the horses and whatever else. He used to make sleighs... It was all special order yes."* Metal was a speciality material that served many purposes in the valley.

LEATHER

In this workshop, we reviewed the technical process of creating a workable hide and how leather workers and carvers each had their own unique style and design to showcase on various leather goods. The Sheridan style is one of the most well-known styles in Wyoming carried on by a group of craftsmen in Sheridan; it is characterized primarily by a series of intertwined circles adorned with various decorations. The stylized rose is the most popular motif seen in Wyoming leather work. Leather clothing and equipment was ubiquitous in the West, but it became more broadly popularized by Hollywood's portrayal of the West and the emergence of Dude Ranches. Some actors actually had particular artisans craft their costumes for the set and dudes visiting Jackson Hole made sure to outfit themselves in the finest leather get-up.

WAX

This workshop was one of our messiest and more fun! Participants got to try both hand-dipping and pouring candles - inspired by some of the elaborate candle molds and candleholders from our museum collection. We also discussed how electricity did not become widespread in the Jackson Hole valley until the 1940s. Candlemaking was an important tool for the typical homesteader—these early candles were traditionally made from ox, bear, deer or moose fat.

FIBER

Instructors from the community demonstrated various spinning and weaving techniques, showcasing the process of wool to thread to fabric. Many of the clothing items in our collection are made of wool, including a bathing suit, cheerleader skirt, and baseball uniform.

The Doris Platts Legacy Lives On By Samantha Ford

On August 31, 2015, Jackson Hole lost one of our most prolific historians. Doris Platts, author of ten self-published books, was as genuine and unique as her anthology. Her books were skillfully crafted, often wading into convoluted stories and emerging with a clear and comprehensive narrative displayed in painstakingly neat handwriting. For many years, the JHHSM has kept her books prominently displayed in the Museum Store and as part of our

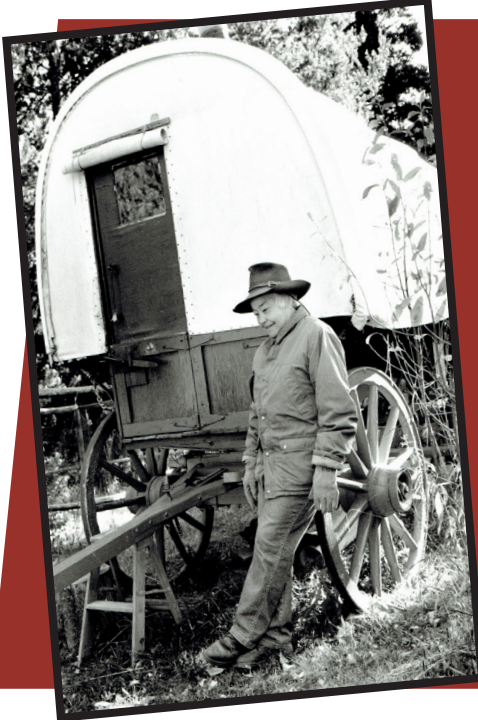
and chemistry and went on to earn a Master's in Education and Supervision. This led to a 25-year career teaching inner-city middle schoolers in New Jersey. Embarking on a road trip in 1958, Doris visited Jackson Hole for the first time. Like many, she vowed to return and did so for the next two decades until the move became permanent in 1974. In 1980, she purchased a 3-acre plot of land and built a one-room cabin in Wilson.

was the only dude ranch to host winter dudes for skiing. Owned by Betty Woolsey, Doris found good company in Woolsey and her circle of strong, independent pioneer women. Woolsey was an expert skier, successfully competing on the first women's U.S. Olympic Ski Team.

With her strong education background, Doris reveled in teaching dudes how to welcome the Western lifestyle with open arms. Her winters were spent tutoring, researching, and writing while her summers were spent almost entirely outdoors - leading pack trips, hosting dutch oven cookouts, enjoying community campfires, and sleeping in her authentic sheep wagon. Few who met her could guess she had an eastern upbringing.

Her affinity for learning led her to dive into the rich history of Jackson Hole, and her journals soon became full-fledged books. In the late 1980s, Doris hiked up Teton Pass in search of the original wagon road. With careful research and an intrepid spirit, she found it. Doris maintained the route for the next decade until the Forest Service picked up the job in the late 1990s. It's difficult to overstate the value of the work that Doris contributed to the history of Jackson Hole. Her passion for educating others was expressed through her teaching and wrangling, and remains alive in her books.

To purchase one of Doris' exciting books - *The Pass, Woldtimes in Jackson Hole Country, The Cunningham Ranch Incident of 1892* - just to name a few or to view our recent acquisitions, please stop by the museum!



< Pictured: Doris Platts with her sheep wagon. Photo by Amy Raab. 2009.0007.053

Research Collection. We are proud and honored to add her wealth of research notes, letters, maps, photographs and manuscripts to our collection. The donation includes 15 boxes filled with her research, a pair of touring skis and a replica cowboy cabin.

Doris Platts was born in Newark, New Jersey to Frank S. and Bertha Platts on March 22, 1928. She graduated from Montclair State College with degrees in math

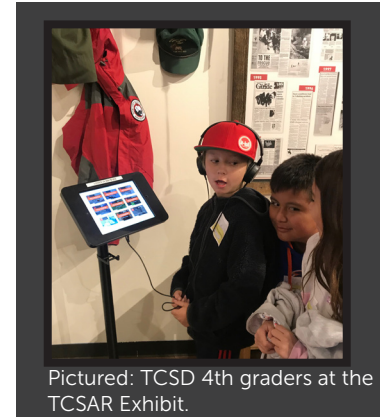
Initially, Platts worked for the all-girls Half Moon Ranch that taught well-off young ladies responsibility, Western-style. They were required to care for their own horse and a host of other ranch chores on their own. The Half Moon was unique in the valley for admitting only girls. Along with many ranches located in what became Grand Teton National Park, the Half Moon closed in the 1960s. Platts found another wrangling job at the Trail Creek Ranch in Wilson. Located up Teton Pass, Trail Creek

History Co-op Corner

The Jackson Hole Historical Society and Museum has launched a new project - the History Co-op Corner - a community gallery where we will partner with a variety of groups to help co-create temporary exhibits that share the diversity of Jackson Hole and different aspects of our history.

The Teton County Search and Rescue Foundation was our fearless first partner who helped install "A Legacy of Safety: 25 Years of Teton County Search & Rescue." This was a great opportunity to show residents, students, and visitors a slice of Jackson's more contemporary history and what our community is all about.

We are excited to announce our new exhibit and begin planning for future rotations.



Pictured: TCSD 4th graders at the TCSAR Exhibit.



The Jackson Hole
Historical Society and Museum presents

My Jackson Hole History: A Cooperative Community-Curated Exhibit

WHO My Jackson Hole History (MJHH) is an educational exhibit driven by community participation. The museum is providing the prompt "My Jackson Hole history is..." to a variety of students and community members, including artists, non-profit organizations, businesses, and government agencies in the valley.

WHAT To help connect our past and present through storytelling, the museum is asking community members to fill out postcards with their own reflections on contemporary Jackson Hole. Each participant can draw an image, write a short response, or provide a quote that describes your favorite part of Jackson and personal history related to the valley. These cards will then be included in our "My Jackson Hole History" winter exhibit in addition to objects from the JHHSM museum collection and a variety of audio-visual elements.

WHEN The exhibit will be open from December 12, 2018 - March 30, 2019 with an opening reception on December 20, 2018.

WHERE The Jackson Hole Historical Society, 225 N. Cache Street.

WHY The JHHSM is dedicated to preserving and sharing the local history of Jackson Hole to help inform and inspire the present and future. The purpose of this exhibit is to encourage community members to think about their own role in Jackson Hole history, connection to place, and legacy. The exhibit will include informal written histories, objects from our collection, and creative pieces from local artists. We hope this exhibit encourages local participation and engagement with the unique character of Jackson Hole.



Pictured: Mayor Muldoon showcasing his Jackson Hole History.

Object of the Season

By Nora Dewitt-Hoeger



< This Hereford hide coat was donated to the Jackson Hole Historical Society by Frank Story in 1992 because of its classic Western look and feel. It was originally made by the Spokane Hide and Tanning Company around the early 1900's with a thick black collar, fur cuffs, and a Hereford hide body. This drover- style coat was most likely used by cattle ranchers to keep warm on long distance cattle drives due to the large cargo and hand warmer pockets, plus the thick cuffs for added warmth and protection. Cattle drives have long been used as a way to transport cattle long distances and although long distance drives are not as common today it is still practiced routinely to bring cattle from one pasture to another especially here in Wyoming.

Most coats of this style typically have a split up the back, or a back vent, which enables the wearer to ride a horse more comfortably. Since this particular coat lacks that split, it was most likely used for more formal occasions when limited or no riding was required.

We are fortunate enough to bring this coat out of our collection storage for public display all winter long at the Western Range Clothing Company right on Town Square, along with a few of our other items. Make sure to stop by Western Range Clothing Co. this Holiday season to check out our satellite exhibit!

A Stitch in Time Piecing together the Ancient History of the Wyoming Mountains

By Matt Stirn & Rebecca Sgouros

In the summer of 2017 the Jackson Hole Historical Society and Museum launched a one week archaeological expedition deep into the Gros Ventre Mountains. Staff archaeologists, Matt Stirn and Rebecca Sgouros, were joined by Bridger-Teton archaeologist JP Schubert as well as several volunteers. The team discovered 11 new prehistoric sites. Ranging between 7,000 and 250 years old, these sites provided new evidence of ancient occupations and technology in the Gros Ventres. These sites included soapstone bowl making workshops, alpine camps, and a possible alpine village similar to those from the Wind River Range. The team also re-recorded the

only known rock art panel in Teton County, located on the far eastern edge of the Gros Ventre Range. This sandstone panel depicts several animal and humanoid figures that are reminiscent of Shoshone Dinwoody-style petroglyphs found near Dubois and other parts of Wyoming.

This project in the Gros Ventre builds off of previous JHHSM work in the Tetons investigating questions of high-altitude adaptations, subsistence practices, and resource acquisition. Several of the soapstone bowl fragments recovered on this project were submitted for lipid residue analysis to identify ancient foods residues. The results were very similar to the findings from the

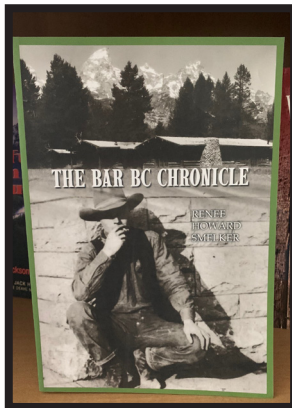
Tetons and showed a combination of plant and animal ingredients. Most exciting was the occurrence of fish in one of these bowls. In addition to fish, the bowl also contained traces of leafy greens, seeds, and nuts, all of which were ingredients in a traditional Shoshone fish stew recipe recorded at Fort Hall in the 1800s.

Altogether, the Gros Ventre survey was a great success and the results gleaned from it show that the area was highly used by people throughout the history of Jackson Hole. There is still much work to do! Throughout the winter, JHHSM will finish up reports, work more with laboratories and radiocarbon dating services, and begin planning a new area to explore when the snow melts

You are a History Hero!

Thank you members for being a part of the JHHSM network!
Here are a few more ways to show your support for local Jackson Hole history.

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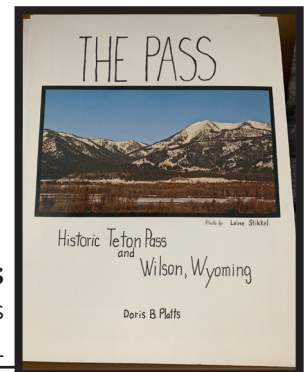
The Bar BC Chronicle
By Renee Howard Smelker
\$27.95



Cowgirl Mug
\$14.95



Pinecone earrings
\$25



The Pass
By Doris Platts
\$21

... and much more!

We hope you will consider the JHHSM in your year-end giving! Your contribution allows us to reach **more students**, offer **more programs**, and develop **more exhibits**! Thank you for all that you do in our community.

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TODAY

I love JHHSM so much, I want to donate \$ _____

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Photos of the Season

Winter in Jackson Hole has always been one of the best times of the year. Despite freezing (and below freezing) temperatures, locals have always made the most of the season. From holidays to outdoor recreation, there is a lot to love about winter in Jackson Hole.



< Online shopping for Christmas this year and worried that your Prime package might take more than 2 days to come in? Or maybe you're excited to get Christmas cards from friends and family? The Post Office has always played an important role in the lives of people in Jackson Hole. Here, Lida Gabbey, Geraldine Lucas, Leonard Timmermyer, and Tony Grace gather at the Post Office at Jenny Lake. 1958.0151.001P



^ Nothing says Christmas like a family gathering complete with a family photo. Here the Miller Family, including matriarch and Jackson Mayor Grace, gathers at what is now the Elk Refuge to celebrate the holiday season. And of course, someone is always not ready for the photo, or in this case, a few people weren't. 1958.2947.001



^ Staying warm has always been a priority in a Jackson Hole winter and swaddled up babies have always been cute. Before there were adorable Patagonia onesies to keep them comfy, Jeanne McKinstry used blankets to keep baby Linda warm as seen here in December 1916. 2017.0315.057



< Winter also brings many different types of recreation. Before the Moose were playing at the Snow King arena, locals took to the great outdoors to skate. Here, locals are seen playing hockey on Jenny Lake. 1992.4342.001



< Let's just hope none of the skaters needed to take a restroom break during the game as the Jenny Lake Outhouse most likely would have been completely snowed in. 1991.4020.001



^ Kay Willard Benson and Donald Naegli (rocking an awesome sweater) observing the town of Jackson from the top of Snow King. 1991.3951.001



^ One of the favorite winter activities in Jackson Hole is skiing. Ever since Snow King installed Wyoming's first chairlift in 1946 (pictured above), people from across the country and around the world have been coming to ski here. In addition to running the lift at Snow King, founder Neil Rafferty also ran rope tow operations on Teton Pass and Togwotee Pass during the 1950s and 1960s. 2017.0221.203



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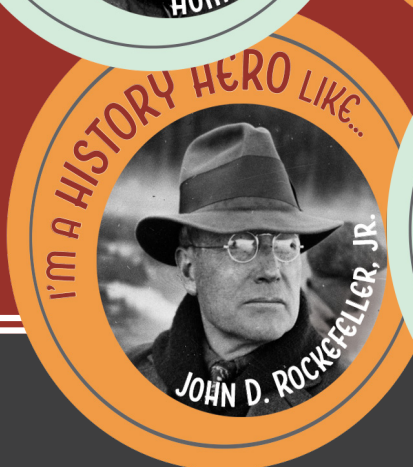
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