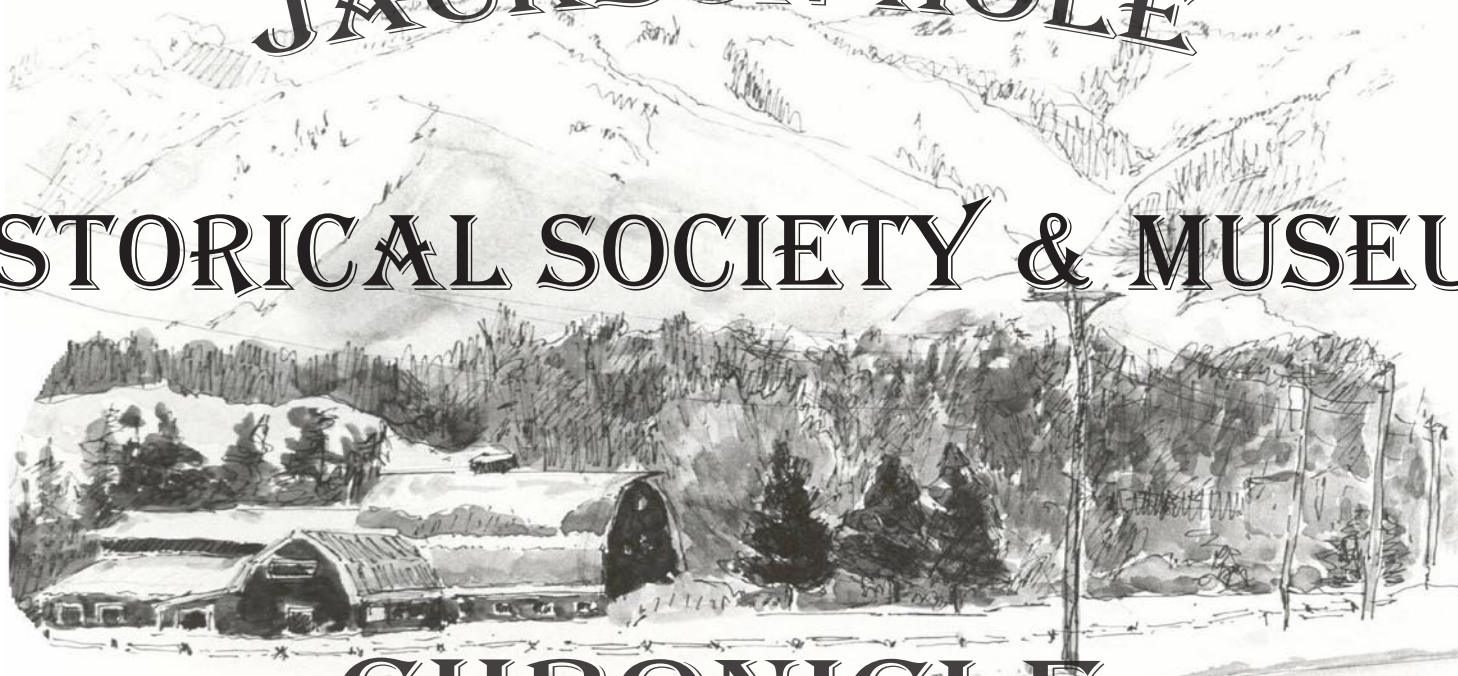


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"Sister Cities" is a concept whereby towns or cities in geographically and politically distinct areas are paired, with the goal of fostering human contact and cultural links between their inhabitants. The American Sister Cities program was begun in 1956 by President Dwight Eisenhower. Sister Cities of note include Los Angeles and Berlin, Chicago and

year partnership by displaying a plaque at the clock tower in Teton Village. This plaque can still be seen as you wait for the tram.

In 1972, by mere coincidence, a group of thirteen Jackson Hole students and their teacher spent the months of July and August studying and vacationing in Lienz. It was only after they had chosen

have enjoyed and hosted our friends from Austria here in Jackson. Dr. Emil Erhart has been the Lienz Sister City organizer since 1972, and Stan Klassen has represented and organized the activities for Jackson during this time.

Lienz, Austria is the seat of government for the East Tyrolean area and has a population of 13,000 in an area

## JACKSON SHARES RICH HISTORY WITH "SISTER CITY" LIENZ, AUSTRIA

By Stan Klassen

Prague, Cheyenne and Lourdes, and Idaho Falls and Tokai Mura.

There is, however, not a better pairing of two cities than Jackson, Wyoming and Lienz, Austria based on population, tourism, movie set locations, hiking and fly fishing, skiing, ranching and farming, spectacular mountains and scenery and a love of freedom and democracy by local citizens from both sides of the Atlantic Ocean.

In the summer of 1971, the young director of the Jackson Hole Ski School, Pepi Stiegler, realized that Jackson Hole and his own hometown, Lienz, Austria, were meant for each other. Pepi won bronze and gold medals in the 1964 winter Olympics and was quickly hired by the new Jackson Hole Ski Area. He invited the

Director of Tourism for Osttirol (region), Erich Meier, and members of the Lienz political community to join him, Mayor Lester May and other Jackson and Teton Village dignitaries to begin a thirty-eight-

this American Institute for Foreign Study location that they realized Jackson and Lienz had this Sister City relationship. That year began a thirty-seven-year adventure for the citizens of both communities. During this time, at least



Lienz in the fall ~ note the similarities to Jackson. Photo by Stan Klassen

twenty-eight student and adult groups from Jackson have traveled to Lienz to visit, study, fish, hike and experience the culture and charm of this small Austrian town, and hundreds of Jackson people

about the size of Teton County. Lienz was originally settled by the Romans in the first and second centuries A.D. as "Aguntum" under Emperor Claudius. The Osttirol has had to endure at least three wars and was heavily bombed, ironically,

by the American and Allied forces during the Second World War. The intent was to destroy the rail system. However, the bombs missed their target and destroyed most of the downtown area. Lienz is at the confluence of two rivers, the Drau and the Isel, and sits below the northern front of the Italian Dolomites with the European Alps rising on the northwestern side of the valley. The latest version of *Heidi* was filmed there as well as several scenes from *The Bear*. Interestingly, scenes from *The Bear*

were also filmed up the Gros Ventre in Teton County. The thirteenth century Schloss (Castle) Bruck sits above Lienz and houses the Historical Center and

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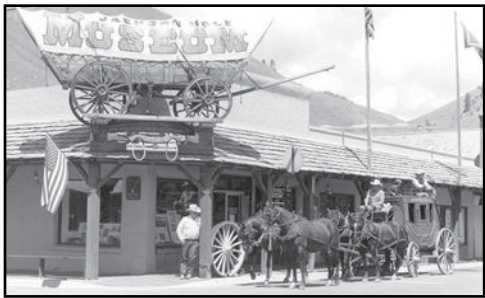
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*Mission Statement*

*The Jackson Hole Historical Society and Museum collects, interprets, and preserves our unique heritage in an engaging and enriching manner.*



The *Jackson Hole Historical Society and Museum Chronicle* is published quarterly for members and friends of the Jackson Hole Historical Society and Museum. Suggestions and comments are always welcome.

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# Organizational News

## Wish List for the JHHSM

- Digital camera for photographing and documenting activities and events.
- Sponsors to fund a set of four or five comfortable chairs for the research room at the historical society.
- Volunteer event photographer to attend most events and take candid photos for the newsletter, annual report, and publicity.
- Individuals willing to host, at their homes, a summer potluck dinner and program in June, July, or August.
- Ideas for speakers, activities, events, and newsletter stories. Someone to give a talk about an historical topic or their family history.
- Ideas to interest people in becoming members.
- Volunteers!! People willing to help with mailings, research, and at events.

Lokey Lytjen, Executive Director      Jim Luebbers, MD, Board President

## Match Campaign Raises Over \$75,000

In early September 2008, an anonymous friend of the Museum offered a challenge. The friend would donate \$25,000 to the Museum if we could match it 3:1 by December 31, 2008.

The Match Campaign was launched and exceeded the goal of \$75,000 by the end of 2008! Gary Hughes, Development Director, managed the Match Campaign and wishes to thank the community for its generosity in tough economic times. Thanks to the community for your generous donations and thanks to the friend who made this all possible.

The funds are part of our Annual Fund drive and are helping us with our transitional operating expenses as we realize our goal of creating a first-class history museum in the West and broaden our educational outreach on a year-round basis to students, residents and the three million annual visitors to Jackson Hole.

## New Museum Phase I Approved by Town Council

On March 2nd, the Jackson Town Council approved our plans to remodel the first floor of the building at 225 North Cache. This means that we can officially create our museum, and opens the way for our actual building permit, which is expected shortly. We would like to thank the Town Planning & Zoning Commission and the Town Council for their support as we went through this process.

Meanwhile, the staff has devoted all of its time to planning the exhibitions for the new museum. They are working closely with our exhibition designers, André & Associates. Story line, themes and layout are finalized, and now the artifacts, photographs, audio clips and text are being selected. The final steps toward creating the detailed exhibition plan will continue for the next several months, with the completed plan expected by mid-summer.

The board and staff have also been working intensely for the economic future of the museum. We are doing ongoing financial modeling for both our regular operations and our remodel project. We have developed a five year strategic plan, and detailed contingency plans to address both the current state of the economy, and possible scenarios of what may develop in the next several months to two years. Thanks to our past boards, and to you, our staunch supporters, we are in a sound financial position at this time.

All of this would not be possible without your interest, encouragement and support. Please feel free to stop by the log cabin at 105 Mercill Avenue and share your ideas with us as we move forward.

## Welcome New Members (December, January, February):

- |                        |                             |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| • Frank and Judy Basye | • Patricia Martin           |
| • James Bristol        | • Richard and Ellen Tambor  |
| • Grayson Buckingham   | • Phil and Karen Wilson     |
| • Dawn Kent            |                             |
| • Katherine Longfield  | Thank you for your support! |

# Board Welcomes Three New Members

## Stan Klassen

We are pleased to introduce Stan Klassen who joined the board in January 2009. He has been in the valley for forty-three years, and brings an interesting and broad background with him. A teaching position brought Stan to Jackson in 1966. He was an English teacher at the junior high for thirteen years, and then went on to be the high school activities director and assistant principal for four years.

Changing career directions, Stan worked for Jackson Hole Travel for a couple of years before starting his own travel agency, Aspen Travel, in 1985. He owned and operated the agency for five years. After that he managed the Crescent H Ranch for a year before becoming the director of the new Wildlife of the American West Museum (now the National Museum of Wildlife Art) for two years. His experience of creating a new museum will no doubt be invaluable to the organization as we move forward with plans for our new museum.

Stan managed the Firehole Ranch in Montana for thirteen years, and is currently managing the Lodge at Palisades Creek in Irwin, Idaho, for the past eight years as well as managing two Crescent H Ranch homeowners associations. He has organized five music excursions to Europe as fund-raising trips for the Grand Teton Music Festival. He served on the Teton County School Board for eight years.

Stan enjoys playing the piano at First Baptist Church which he has done since he first came to the valley, as well as pastimes such as hiking, fly-fishing, and cross-country skiing, not to mention traveling.

Stan believes our history is a very important part of our community, and we need to make sure we document and annotate personal accounts. He is interested in history, particularly the rich history of Jackson Hole, and feels so glad to have the good fortune of knowing a lot of the old-timers. He is willing to help the Jackson Hole Historical Society and Museum in whatever role he is needed.

## Jackie Fernald Montgomery

Jackie Fernald Montgomery joins the board with an excitement to be a part of the new museum which she believes has an important mission. When she first moved to the valley in 1976, what most impressed her was the independent nature, great sense of humor, and character of the people here. She believes

our community has good values, and preserving those is a wonderful part of the Jackson Hole Historical Society and Museum.

Born and raised in Manhattan, New York, Jackie embraced city life. She graduated with a B.S. degree in Art from Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs, and worked for J. Walter Thompson advertising agency in New York City. She became interested in politics when



Left to right: New board members Stan Klassen, Jackie Fernald Montgomery, and Stan Trachtenberg

her boss did, and with his endorsement made moves to Florida to work on her first political campaign and then to Texas to work on George H.W. Bush's senate campaign. Involvement in politics led her to Washington, D.C., where in the early 1970s she shifted careers and became a Realtor for Panorama International. She first came to Jackson Hole to check out and introduce buyers to the new Jackson Hole Racquet Club, and later decided to move here.

Since moving to Jackson, Jackie has worked as a Realtor at Real Estate of Jackson Hole, owned her own real estate company for five years, married and had a son Geoffrey, became a partner with Jackson Hole Realty, and is now a broker at Sotheby's. Her interest in politics remains, and she has served locally in many capacities including several terms as the Teton County Republican chairperson. Her favorite pastimes are being outdoors with her dog Max, reading, traveling, and meeting new people. She has enjoyed recent travels to Italy, Africa, China and India, and hopes to continue to see the world.

## Stan Trachtenberg

Stan Trachtenberg was born in Pittsburgh and raised in Munhall, Pennsylvania, a steel mill town on the banks of the Monongahela River. He likes to say that he lived so close to the mill that he used his slingshot to shoot rocks into it from his back yard. After graduating from Munhall High School, he did his undergraduate work at Washington and Jefferson College where he majored in

English, and then he attended Jefferson Medical School in Philadelphia.

After medical school, he went to Los Angeles to do his internship at the USC-Los Angeles County Medical Center. During that year, he both met his wife Barbara and was drafted into the service of the United States because of the ongoing Vietnam War (two memorable events in his life.) Rather than being sent to Vietnam, however, he was allocated to do research. After leaving the service, he did his residency training at both UCLA and USC.

After his training and a period of time on the full time staff of USC, he practiced radiology at a private hospital in Los Angeles where he served as chairman of the department and administrative head of the radiology group. During this time, he was also on the faculties of both the UCLA and USC medical schools. His prior non-profit board memberships include

the Curtis School in Los Angeles, Grand Teton Music Festival, Jackson Hole Land Trust, and the St. John's Medical Center.

Barbara and Stan moved to Jackson Hole in 1994 when he was offered a position in the Department of Radiology at St. John's Hospital. They felt that it was an opportunity too good to pass. Now that he is retired, he spends more time fishing and skiing. His daughter and son-in-law Julie and Paul D'Amours and their two sons live in Jackson, and his son, Joel and his wife Patty live in Salt Lake City.

He hopes that he will be able to contribute something useful during his tenure on the board of the Jackson Hole Historical Society and Museum.






### LEAVE A LEGACY

*Please remember us during your estate planning. By leaving a bequest, creating a memorial, or donating historical items you will help the Jackson Hole Historical Society and Museum preserve a lasting heritage for generations to come. For more information on how you can help, please contact us at 733-9605.*





 <div>April</div>
<div>Thursday, April 16, 2009</div> <div>Potluck at the Senior Center 6:30 p.m.</div> <div>Program to be determined.</div>
 <div>May</div>
<div>Friday, May 22, 2009</div> <div>Museum Open House 10:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.</div> <div>Doors open to visitors for the 2009 season with an open house offering refreshments, door prizes, free admission, and a free walking tour. The tour will start at 10:30 a.m. Living historian and fur trade expert Steve Banks will be on hand to demonstrate mountain man skills and talk with visitors throughout the day.</div> <div>Saturday, May 23, 2009</div> <div>Old West Days Parade 10:00 a.m.</div> <div>Watch for our entry.</div>
 <div>June</div>
<div>Saturday and Sunday, June 13 &amp; 14, 2009</div> <div>Locals' Appreciation Weekend at the Jackson Hole Museum. Free admission for locals.</div> <div>Thursday, June 18, 2009</div> <div>Potluck location and program to be determined. 6:30 p.m.</div>

### Store Gets New Look

The Jackson Hole Museum Shop at the corner of Glenwood and Deloney will have a new look this summer according to museum manager Jean Hansen. “A focal point in the retail shop will be an antique oak display case which has found its way back to us after twenty years.” Part of the merchandise displays will include an antique parlor/cookstove, a sideboard, and antique tables. Products from local area artisans will be featured along with new varieties of merchandise. Come check out the store and museum ~ Opening day is Friday, May 22, 2009.

Other notable news is that the museum will be holding a rummage sale early this summer at the historical society log cabin on the corner of Glenwood and Mercill. “Not only will museum merchandise be sold, but we are seeking donations of good, usable items, but no clothing please,” said Jean. This will be a fundraiser for the Jackson Hole Historical Society and Museum. Please contact Jean Hansen after May 1, 2009, at 733-9605 or 733-2414 if you have any questions and/or to donate. All items will be a tax deductible contribution, and your donations will be greatly appreciated!

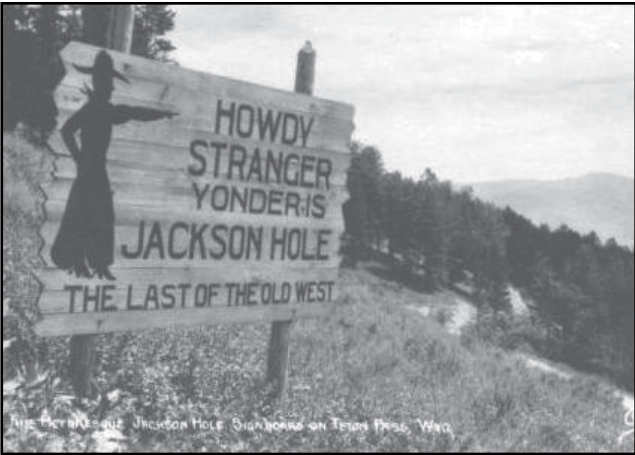
### Did You Know?

Did you know that three signs reading “Howdy Stranger: Yonder Is Jackson Hole, Last of the Old West” first appeared at the top of Teton Pass, Togwotee Pass, and the Rim in 1935 or 1936? They were made by Lester Lee, JHHSM member Betty Benson’s stepfather, a German craftsman who had an elk horn and pole furniture shop in the building just north of the Jackson Hole Museum on Glenwood.

Local artist Grant “Tiny” Hagen also played a part and was very likely the one who painted the signs. His daughter Julie remembered that her father worked on the signs while he was still in high school. Harry Clissold, the Mayor of Jackson at the time, put on chaps, a cowboy hat, boots and spurs and posed for the cowboy figure who points toward Jackson Hole. The Rotary Club maintained the signs for many years. The original signs were removed around 1973.

Bob Rudd, former Director of the Jackson Hole Museum, made it his goal to bring back reproductions of the signs. According to Rotarian Rod Everett, the Jackson Hole Rotary Club paid for the materials for Bob to make two signs. Permission was given by the Forest Service to place one on Teton Pass around 2000. The airport allowed the other sign there around 2002. There was a lot of community support to get the old-time welcome signs at the gateways to the valley once again.

Source: Rudd, Robert C. Report on Howdy Stranger signs, 6/26/99.



Original sign on Teton Pass 1958.0964.001

### Volunteers ~ We Need Your Ears!

Would you like to do some volunteer work at home? Do you have a CD and DVD player either on your computer or as part of a music/movie system? As written transcriptions from our project “Voices in Print – Transcribing Oral Histories of Teton County, Wyoming,” come in from our professional transcriber, we are looking for a few volunteers who would like to audit the transcriptions.

The work is comprised of listening to the oral history while reading the written transcription and making notes of any discrepancies between what is spoken and what is written. We have two volunteers who have committed to a small part of the project – they have both enjoyed hearing the voices of our old-timers and learning from them.

Auditing is the last stage before final printing on archival paper of the transcriptions. The Jackson Hole Historical Society and Museum received a grant from the Wyoming Humanities Council to get a number of our oral histories transcribed to written word.

As reported in earlier editions, JHHSM staff and volunteers have been transferring the collection of cassette tapes to CD and DVD format. In January, JHHSM staff selected a transcriptionist from over twenty resumes from around the country.

If you are interested in helping with the oral history auditing, contact Robin Allison at 733-9605 or [jhhsrobin@wyom.net](mailto:jhhsrobin@wyom.net). On average, it takes a little over an hour to get through one document. Arrangements can be made to work on site at the Jackson Hole Historical Society or at your home or office.

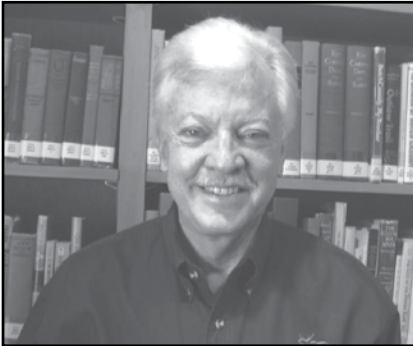
### No Job Too Tall for Paul Barbour

Almost a year ago, Paul Barbour answered our request for help in the newsletter for a volunteer handyman. Since then he has volunteered many hours getting the museum and historical society in tip top shape.

He is perfect for the job not only because he is a member of the JHHSM and loves Jackson and Wyoming history, but he enjoys working with his hands. He truly is a “handy man,” his skills ranging from plumbing, to electrical wiring, to carpentry. He remodeled a built-in desk and built a display case for the historical society front porch in addition to handling normal repair and maintenance needs.

Paul has been on the security staff at the National Museum of Wildlife Art for over five years. He moved to Jackson from California in 2003 to be closer to family. His sister and family live in Douglas. When he’s not working, he loves to read, especially books on history, and his interests include cars (his dream car is a 1957 Corvette), hiking, and golfing.

The staff appreciates Paul for his hard work, ingenuity, and good humor. Thank you Paul for being such a good caretaker of the Jackson Hole Historical Society and Museum!





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Society for Lienz and Osttirol, and displays works of art by Franz Defregger and Albin Egger-Lienz, two of Europe's finest painters – both were from Lienz.

Since 1971, Lienz has had only three mayors (Burgermeisters Hubert Huber, Helga Machne and Johannes Heibler) while Jackson has elected twelve in the same amount of time. All three burgermeisters have visited Jackson for official town exchanges (1986 and 2001) and plan to come again in June of 2009. Four Jackson mayors have led official exchanges to Lienz – Bob Shervin, Abi Garaman, Jeff Crabtree and Mark Barron. Hubert Huber was in office for twenty-eight years and when he retired he invited Jeff Crabtree to march with him in his retirement parade. Herr Huber has become good friends with Cliff and



Jackson Mayor Lester May (second from right) is presented with the first Sister City plaque at Teton Village by Lienz Director of Tourism, Erich Meier, 1971. 2005.0019.033

Martha Hansen and Grant and Marilyn Larson, and has visited Jackson with his sons several times. Frau Machne was one of the first woman burgermeisters elected to office in Austria and she went on to become a senator from the Tirol in Vienna. She and the town council were hosted by Mayor Jeannie Jackson in 2001. Helga has many friends in Jackson and has visited them often. Jackson mayors, city council members and county commissioners have celebrated in Lienz for the twentieth, twenty-fifth and thirtieth anniversaries of our partnership.

It would be impossible to mention every activity and/or person who has taken advantage of this Sister City relationship, but here are just a few:

## 1970s

Three student groups from Jackson Hole High School and Jackson Hole Junior High School spend the 1972, 1973 and 1975 summers in Lienz for study and travel – twenty-two Austrian students work in Jackson for the summers at Astoria Hot Springs, Crescent H Ranch and as babysitters.



Senator Cliff Hansen welcomes the Lienz City Council to Jackson, 1986.

## 1980s

Three more student groups from Jackson spend the 1980, 1982 and 1985 summers in Lienz – Three adult groups visit Lienz in 1982, 1984 and 1987 – Cliff and Martha Hansen celebrate their forty-ninth anniversary with Jackson friends in Lienz – Jackson group visits Lienz on their way to Sarajevo and the Winter Olympics – high school wrestling coach,



Hubert Huber shares some good times with part of the Jackson delegation in Lienz, 1987. Left to right: Frau Huber, Emil Erhart, Burgermeister Hubert Huber, Cile Lamb, Nita Garaman, Tom Lamb, Mayor Abi Garaman.

Ron Martinez, takes Devin Beard and the Wyoming High School Championship Wrestling Team to Lienz to wrestle – Virginia Huidekoper's collection of Jackson historical photographs were displayed in the Lienz town hall – In 1986 the Lienz City Council visits Jackson for the first time – The Jackson Town Council visits Lienz for an official Sister City Exchange in 1987 – Lienz artists, Joe Wandaller and Alois Salcher display their art during the summer of 1988 in the Jackson town hall – Jeff and Sherry Fueschel honeymooned in Lienz and workshopped with one of the major banks in Lienz – fifty Jackson adults had the first Halloween party ever celebrated in Lienz – twenty more Austrian students work in Jackson for the summer – Jackson elementary students exchange pen pals during several school years with Lienz elementary students – the Jackson Rotary Club sends Leanna Scott to Lienz for a student exchange year.

## 1990s

The director of the Lienz Medical Center and Hospital, Dr. Wille Bernard and his assistant, Christian Tiefnig, visit St. John's Hospital – The Arwin and Laurie Grant and the Tom and Becky Shell families trade kids for two months in the summer of 1995 – Several Lienz families vacation in Jackson – The Orvis Company sponsors a fishing week in Lienz for Jackson adults in 1998 – Several adults and college students visit Lienz in the summer and winter – The Jackson Town Council travels to Lienz in 1994 with thirty-two adults to celebrate the Sister City relationship.

## 2000s

The Grand Teton Music Festival sponsors three music fundraising trips in 2000, 2002 and 2004 that visit Lienz – The Lienz City Council visits Jackson for the second time in 2001 – Dave and Betsy Gieck host the Lienz City Council at the Park City Olympic Training Center where they tried out the biathlon course – The Orvis Company sponsors another fishing week in Lienz – In 2005 the Jackson Town Council travels to Lienz for a Sister City exchange – Dave Augé and family spend Christmas in Lienz in 2007 and watch Resi Stiegler break her leg – Peter Stiegler, Pepi's brother who owns and runs Stiegler's at the Aspens, celebrates the twenty-fifth anniversary of his award-winning restaurant by bringing back his high school band, "Peter Stiegler and the Silencers" from Lienz to play at his March twenty-seventh gala – Lienz students continue to work in the Jackson area during the summer months.

## On-Going

Jackson artist and photographers Conrad Schwiering, T. Allen Lawson, Kathy Wipfler, Matt Montagne, Abi Garaman, Thane Rich, Dale Burr, Pam McCool and others have photographed or painted in Osttirol and many have paintings, photographs or sculptures showing in Lienz today – Jackson people and groups that have shared with friends from Lienz include Bernard Rietmann and the Heidelberg, Putzi and John Harrington, Stiegler's at the Aspens, Marion Buchenroth, Jeff Parrott, Dornan's in Moose, the Bar J Chuckwagon, the Crescent H Ranch, all the Jackson town and county dignitaries, and many more citizens of Jackson.

It is easy to find pictures, books and

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artwork from and about Lienz and Osttirol. The Jackson town hall has several on display and one of the Sister City plaques is hanging just inside the

front door. The Historical Society will also be able to share their pictures and information with you. Also, try “google-ing” Lienz – you will find a piece by Matt Montagne and some fun videos.

This enduring and ongoing partnership has been a great opportunity for two different countries, cities and cultures to share friendship, ideas and common positive experiences – you, too, should get involved! Contact Stan Klassen at 733-3644 to see how you can be a part of our Sister City partnership with Lienz.



Left to right: Stan Klassen, Mayor Mark Barron, Bürgermeister Johannes Hibler, and Emil Erhart in Lienz, 2005.

## Photographs

The JHHSM has a collection of over 14,000 historic photographs. Most of the images used in the newsletter are part of that collection. Copies of these photographs are great for keepsakes, gifts, or decorating your home. Photographs are available in four sizes, and in black and white or sepia.

In the coming months, we hope to have several hundred images available for perusal on our web site at [www.jacksonholehistory.org](http://www.jacksonholehistory.org). Proceeds from the sale of these photographs help support the efforts of the Jackson Hole Historical Society and Museum.

A mystery from 1934 in the Togwotee Pass area has never been solved. In September of that year, Carl Mauger and his 21-year-old bride, Olga Schultz Mauger, were spending their six-day honeymoon at a hunting camp in the Togwotee Lodge area. The couple were taking a hike when Carl left Olga for a rest while he hiked up a hill. When he returned twenty minutes later, she was gone, never to be heard from or found. An intense search turned up no clues. (Lorraine G. Bonney, *Bonney’s Guide to Jackson’s Hole*, Revised Second Edition, Copyright 1995, p. 87)

The August 15, 1935 *Jackson Hole Courier* had a follow-up article on the disappearance. “Search for Mrs. Olga Schultz Mauger, 21-year-old bride who disappeared on Two-Gwo-Tee pass 11 months ago has been discontinued for the present time.

Officials said they have not given up

## History Mystery



Olga Schultz Mauger 2003.0117.082

hope of finding the missing woman’s body this fall, but that it was necessary to abandon the search now because men are not available as they are working in the hay fields or are fighting forest fires.

Two brothers of Mrs. Mauger and her husband, Carl Mauger, are expected to return to Jackson Hole within a short time to again head searching parties in the rugged mountains.

Belief that the bride of two weeks became lost and wandered some distance from the point she was last seen by her husband became stronger as the searching parties thoroughly covered the nearby country without finding a trace of the woman.

With the opening of hunting season, many more persons will be in that region and parties may be recruited from the hunters to continue the search in an attempt to clear up Teton County’s puzzling mystery.”



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