

**Butte-Silver Bow Public Archives
Board of Directors
October 9, 2023
12:00 p.m.
Agenda**

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of September 2023 Minutes
4. Directors Report for October 2023
5. Old Business
 - a. None
6. New Business
 - a. Deaccessions
 - i. 2016.223 – Vietnam Commemorative Knife
 - ii. Firemen’s table
 - b. Clerks’ Union
7. Adjournment

Butte-Silver Bow Public Archives
Director's Report
October 2023

Summary

	September 2023	August 2023	Year-to-Date
Visitors	137	310	1524
Auditorium Patrons	632	407	4710
Auditorium Events	28	29	208
Research Requests	34	32	334
Photos Requested	34	77	427
Gov't Requests	9	18	122
Website Visitation	1493	1480	12642
Facebook Engagement	3000	4939	31792
Instagram Engagement	302	530	3178
YouTube Views	1169	1032	9176
Volunteer Hours	222	218	2770
Collections Received	15	12	149

General Updates

We have hired Tyler Trudnowski for the Scheduler position. He formally was working on the MLIA road grant and began his work in his new position on October 2.

Brown Bag Lunches – Marc Johnson presented his new book on Mike Mansfield and Pat Munday presented on the Lady of the Rockies in September. Our upcoming lectures for October are Alan Noonan talking about his new book on Irish-Americans and Riley Auge with the Forest Service will talk about German Gulch.

Lindsay and I had to reschedule our cemetery tour due to weather. We held it on September 26 and had 65 attendees at the event.

Shannon is working on a new events handout for all Archives events and is working on getting our newsletter back up and running so we can send out monthly event schedules, or feature new exhibits and/or collections.

We opened our newest exhibit on schools last month. We've received nice feedback on the exhibit and received some additional donations from the promotion of the exhibit.

I was contacted by Charlene Porsild with the Foundation for Montana History about partnering on a cemetery workshop next summer. We're just in the early stages of communicating about this, but its looking like the partners will be FMH, the Archives, and the Mai Wah.

A graduate student in a museum studies program at the University of Oklahoma, Madeline McCombs, asked if the Archives has a project she could work on as part of her independent study work in the upcoming spring semester. She currently works at Grant Kohrs Ranch, but needs 150 hours toward this. I

had a conversation with her and we've identified a project for her to work on to better document our object collections. We will be in touch more over the next couple of months to formalize this.

We closed to the public on September 29 for a staff development tour day with Abby Peltomaa. Abby toured the Archives and Chateau staff around to various places and mine sites. It was highly valuable for the staff to see firsthand the work on reclamation that is occurring and to have a better understanding of how a mine actually runs.

Building Report

Quilici Glass came to look at the front door and did some work. The issue is better, but not entirely fixed. We have a call in to Quilici to have their technician come back and finish the work on the door.

John Sullivan sent staff to clean the area where the cornice was crumbling. He said unfortunately this issue is quite common with decorative cornice work. The issue is not structural in any way—just aesthetic.

Our security alarm, still with Photoscan, is not functioning properly and raising false alarms—multiple times a week. I spoke with Kathy Kenison, MIS, about having our alarm moved over to the Verkada system. B-SB has a five-year agreement for alarm monitoring through Verkada and she is working to get us moved over to that system. She believes our only cost will be the terminals located at the front and back door. In the interim, we have setup camera alerts on my phone so I am notified if anyone is in the building after hours. From there we can arrange to have dispatch come.

Grant Report

The MLIA Road Attribution Project is continuing along. JD is working on the records post-consolidation. Because the grant runs through May of 2024, we will not be filling the position Tyler vacated and just have JD work through the end of the grant period.

Chateau Report

The Chateau was notified that they were awarded a \$5,000 grant from Humanities Montana to produce and exhibit and small booklet of essays on the New Songs project. The exhibit will be held over the winter and will be a nice conclusion to the project.

New Songs has just one final performer with Ben Larson on October 13-14. After that, we will wrap up the final grant expenditures and reporting.

Their full calendar can be found here: <https://www.clarkchateau.org/servicescreative>

Friends Report

I have been thinking about how Butte needs to engage more in in our twinning relationship with Allihies and feel now we are in a space to begin planning this. A delegation from Allihies visited Butte in March 2022 and Dorothy Brophy with the Allihies library spent three weeks in Butte this past summer. I spoke with our Allihies committee and the Friends Board about funding a trip for myself and the Assistant Director to spend a week in Allihies to familiarize ourselves with the museum and area. The Friends approved to fund the trip in May 2024 and I can supplement with our B-SB travel budget as needed for

per diem. I will also be following up with the Chief Executive to see how he would like to be involved in the visit.

DEACCESSION REQUEST

Accession No.: 2016.223
Collection No.: OB0065
Collection Name: Walt Linnery Collection
Donor: Walt Linnery
Item(s) to Remove: knife

Reason for Deaccession Request

- POOR CONDITION: The item(s) are in such shape that they have lost physical integrity, identity, or authenticity; or are beyond practical conservation and therefore of little or no historical, exhibit, or artistic value; or materials endanger the rest of the collections.
- INAPPROPRIATE: The item(s) are no longer (or never were) relevant to the purposes of the Archives or its collections policy.
- CARE: The Archives can no longer properly store or preserve the item(s).
- USE: It is doubtful that the item(s) will be useful for research in the foreseeable future, or will not be useful for exhibits.
- REDUNDANCY: The Archives has one or more records series, photographs, or items similar to, or the same as, this object. (Note below the object ID numbers of the similar objects.)

Other: (specify) donor's son requested knife. Donor has passed and knife was promised to him.

Recommended Disposition:

- Return to Donor
- Add to Garage Sale
- Destroy
- Transfer to another Institution: _____
- Other _____

Recommended by: Anthony Jaap Date: 10/5/2023

Final Disposition:

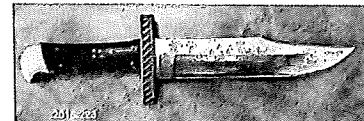
- Retain
- Deaccession

Authorized by: _____ Date: _____
(Archives Director)

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(Archives Board of Directors)

Collection Walt Lowney Collection
 Other# OB0065
 Old#
 Accession# 2016.223
 Received as Gift
 Cataloged by Kim Murphy Kohn
 Source Lowney, Walter
 Creditline
 Category 5: T&E For Science & Technology
 Subcategory Armament -- Edged
 Othername
 Accession date 12/28/2016
 Catalog date 01/05/2017

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Knife, obverse

Home loc

Description One hand-forged keepsake knife commemorating the donor's service in the Viet Nam war. The blade is made of meteorite steel with L64 steel used to harden it. The handle is made of black packwood with brass rivets and a brass guard. The rivets have a unique design specific to the maker, called the "cat's paw." The spine and tang of the knife are etched with a diagonal design. The blade is hand etched on both sides.

The design features Walt Lowney's years of service in Viet Nam in the Navy Special Forces seal: 66-67-68. The seal is surrounded by a jungle scene with a boat on a river. The reverse side features a seal commemorating service in South East Asia -- Viet Nam surrounded by a jungle scene with a helicopter.

Date ca. 1973
Year Range 0 - 0
Condition Good
Height 0.000 in
Length 12.000 in
Diameter 0.000 in
Weight 0.000 oz
Status date 01/05/2017
Status by Kim Murphy Kohn
Status OK
Width 0.000 in
Depth 0.000 in
Circum 0.000 in
Count
Dim Notes Blade is 7.25" long; handle is 4.25 inches long

Collector Walt Lowney
Site
Coll date / /
Site#

Pl origin Montana

Event Viet Nam War
Material steel, brass, packwood

Found
Used commemorative
Made custom-made
Owned

Title Commemorative Knife
Artist Oami

Provenance Walt Lowney served in U.S. Navy Special Forces. Captain Oami served in the U.S. Army Special Forces. In spite of being in different branches, they served together. Oami promised that if they both made it back, he would make a knife for Walt. Oami returned in 1972 to his home in or near Wickes, Jefferson County, Montana.

Makers mark The maker carved his name into the insignia on the reverse side of the blade, Serial No. 100 is etched into the left side of
Inscription type Signature
Inscription text "You had to be there to understand" on the face
Inscrip techq Etched
Inscription position on both sides of blade
Inscrip lang English
Inscription translation

Updated/by 01/05/2017 05:23 PM kkohn

DEACCESSION REQUEST

Accession No.: NA
Collection No.: fireman's table
Collection Name: _____
Donor: Bull Fire Dept.
Item(s) to Remove: table

Reason for Deaccession Request

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Other: (specify) BFD has requested table back. will donate historic images in return.

Recommended Disposition:

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- Destroy
- Transfer to another Institution: _____
- Other _____

Recommended by: Aubrey Jaap Date: 10/5/2023

Final Disposition:

- Retain
- Deaccession

Authorized by: _____ Date: _____
(Archives Director)

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(Archives Board of Directors)

Jaap, Aubrey

From: Jaap, Aubrey
Sent: Tuesday, September 26, 2023 4:27 PM
To: Osborne, Zach
Subject: RE: Fire Station Card Table

Hello Zach,

Certainly we can arrange for this. Since the table was formally brought into the building, I just need to have my Board formally deaccession it from our holdings. That will be no issue, however. They meet next on Monday, October 9, and after that point I can arrange with you for you guys to come pick it up.

Sound alright with you?

Aubrey Jaap

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From: Osborne, Zach <zosborne@bsb.mt.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, September 26, 2023 1:44 PM
To: Jaap, Aubrey <ajaap@bsb.mt.gov>
Subject: Fire Station Card Table

Good Afternoon,

I remember a while ago asking you how, if possible, we could get the old Fire Department card table from the Archives and display it in our Station. What do you think?



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Butte-Silver Bow Montana



Butte-Silver Bow Fire Department

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