

“Quick Quotes”

Like all Montanans I have a keen interest in the history of our state and in making sure we utilize the tools available to share that history and culture with the Montana school children, with the other residents of our great state and with the thousands of visitors who come to Montana to enjoy the last best place.

As you consider this project, I hope you know that you can count on me to work closely with you should there be an appropriate role for the federal government in the project

United States Senator Max Baucus

I am writing today in support of the proposed expansion for the Montana Historical Society.

The development of a new Montana History Center would be the most extraordinary and significant gift to Montana and its citizens and will create a lasting legacy for future generations. I hope you share in the knowledge what a precious value our history has in our rich Montana heritage, and support the effort of this statewide campaign.

United States Senator, Conrad Burns

Understanding the past helps us feel connected to generations of long ago and gives our lives deeper meaning;

Education, especially education that teaches an appreciation of the past, is a key to the preservation of our freedom and civilization. The Montana Historical Society provides and supports this kind of education. I appreciate your dedication to your work.

Adequate space for the Montana Historical Society is important. I support your efforts to raise funds for a new site.

Montana's Congressman, Denny Rehberg

Having built and managed the Colonial Inn, I know how important the Tourism Industry is to the citizens of Montana. As it says in the brochure, the Montana History Center will be a “Montana Tourism Centerpiece”. It won't just benefit Helena, but will help our economic development throughout the state.

I hope when it is complete, the bucking horse by Scriver, the “Symbol of the Pros” will be placed very near the front entrance so the tourist and all who come there will see it the first thing. I urge your support and my best wishes for success with this project.

Former Governor Tim Babcock

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With an admitted bias that derives naturally from seven years of studying history in college, I enthusiastically support the effort to fund the expansion of the Montana Historical Society and Museum.

The current reputation of the Society, Museum and its publications and outreach speaks well of the desire of the people of the Treasure State to our past---and our future.

Former Governor Ted Schwinden

Each generation, it seems, has its chances to impact the future and write its own history. My great hope is that this generation of Montanans will display the same strength and optimism as those who set our course in the past. Having personally considered these issues in the past, and knowing how difficult it is to find the resources necessary to address all our needs, I, none the less, would still strongly recommend moving forward with the Montana Historical Societies Capital Hill shopping Center proposal.

Former Governor Marc Racicot

This letter is in strong support of a new building for the Montana Historical Society.

As a publisher, author, university teacher and historian, I know how important the Society is to preserving, protecting and advancing the cause of Montana history and heritage. I am well aware that the Society has outgrown its current facility, and a new building is badly needed. The Society serves people all across the state, and is a vital asset in many ways.

**Rick Graetz,
American Geographic
Northern Rockies Publishing**

How exciting! A Montana History Center at the site of the present Capitol Hill Ma... With what is now in storage you could have a fabulous exhibit. Montanans, and others will wake up to our fascinating history. What is more important----- future generations will keep learning.

As you say the traffic flow is ideal-- local people will be more aware and it will be more lively. I talked with Max yesterday and he needs to be fully informed.

Jean Baucus

We are writing to let you know that the Museums Association of Montana is in favor of the state bonding proposal for the Montana History Center . We urge you to support this worthwhile endeavor.

Your support through this bond will enable the Montana History Foundation to better leverage support from the public to help with this project.

The Montana Historical Society has been invaluable in setting standards that all Montana museums look to in their operations. The Museums Association of Montana works closely with the MHS to convey professionalism to all museums in the state. In showing the commitment to provide for the expansion of needed space and the ability to provide the proper care of the states magnificent collection of history, this project will insure the continuation of the MHS lead in helping to make all the state wide museums important to our citizens and visitors alike.

**Paul Shea, President
Museums Association of Montana**

The more than 50 year old Building that now houses the Society is badly over crowded. Not only do important archives, artifacts and other items half to be stored off site, the Museum exhibit space also is woefully lacking. The Society at its heart is about educating young and old alike what it means to be good citizens and good Montanans. A new building is needed to allow that mission to be accomplished.

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