

February 13, 2007

Cultural and Aesthetic Grant Hearings  
Capital Building Room 305  
Helena, Montana

Long Range Planning Joint Subcommittee;

Show Case Grant #1206 is a very special project grant request. On behalf of the citizens of Livingston and of Park County we need your support and help to make this far reaching historical project one of unusual quality and worthiness. We feel we have much to share and know how to put it together in the very best and most professional way. It is our hope you will feel the same way.

Small towns are nothing if they do not have the support of the people they elect to help them be successful in the ways that they know and in the main street of the small towns that Montana is made up of. Our history is the most important thing we have. Its behind us and its with us. We are proud of what we have made of our town and need the support of our government to make our history available to all others who would learn how to retain their own history. We will be available to teach any other community how to start and what they must do to make their own successful historical DVD. All towns should have this tool in their tourism kit.

Very Sincerely Yours,

Patricia Miller  
Show Case Writers Guild, Inc  
Livingston Chamber of Commerce  
Park County Commissioners  
Livingston City Commission  
Yellowstone Gateway Museum

# Park County Commissioners

*Montana Constitution. Article II — All political power is vested in and derived from the people. All government of right originates with the people, is founded upon their will only, and is instituted solely for the good of the whole.*

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July 28, 2006

Cultural and Aesthetic Projects  
Advisory Committee  
c/o Montana Cultural Trust  
PO Box 202201  
316 N. Park Avenue, Suite 252  
Helena MT 59620-2201

Dear Advisory Committee Members:

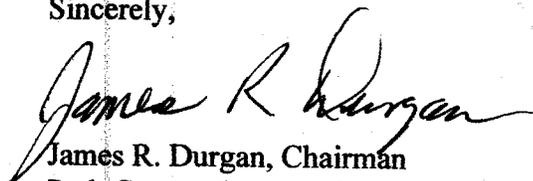
I am pleased to submit this letter of sponsorship to the Cultural and Aesthetic Projects Grant Program for the Show Case Writer's Guild. Park County understands and supports the DVD project, titled *Livingston, Montana—As it Was and As it Is*, being put forward by the Show Case Writer's Guild.

Please know that Park County is a bona-fide government unit able to receive state funds on behalf of the Show Case Writer's Guild. Park County understands that it will be legally and financially responsible for implementing a grant from the Montana Cultural Trust if an award is made.

It is important to note that Park County endorses the DVD project because it aims to conserve Livingston's past and makes its history more accessible to young and old. The DVD will feature a collection of audiovisuals that highlight the settling and development of Livingston over 120 years ago. The DVD will also include chronicles about Livingston's railroad depot, hotels, art galleries, museums, and annual events. The presence and influence of Calamity Jane, Sam Peckinpah, and "King Kong" Clayton will also be presented. The DVD will provide our community with an exclusive educational and promotional resource to share with Livingston residents and guests.

If you have questions about Park County or its sponsorship of the Show Case Writer's Guild, please call me at 222-4106.

Sincerely,

  
James R. Durgan, Chairman  
Park County Commissioners

Enclosure

# City of Livingston



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## Cultural and Aesthetic Projects

### Advisory Committee

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Dear Advisory Committee Members:

I am pleased to submit this letter of support for the *Livingston, Montana—As it Was and As it Is* interactive DVD being developed by Park County and the Show Case Writers Guild.

The City of Livingston endorses this unique, cultural project because it aims to conserve Livingston's past and makes its history more accessible to young and old. The DVD will feature a collection of audiovisuals that highlight the settling and development of Livingston over 120 years ago. The DVD will also include chronicles about Livingston's railroad depot, hotels, art galleries, museums, and annual events. The presence and influence of Calamity Jane, Sam Peckinpah, and "King Kong" Clayton will also be presented. The DVD will provide our community with an exclusive educational and promotional resource to share with Livingston residents and guests.

Thank you for considering Park County's request. If you have questions about the City of Livingston or its support of the DVD project, please call me at 222-2005.

Sincerely,

Edwin R. Meece  
CITY MANAGER





*"To Collect, protect and educate concerning the geology, paleontology, archeology and history of Park County, including Yellowstone and its surrounds for the benefit of the people."*

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July 30, 2006

Dear Advisory Committee Members:

I fully and passionately support the efforts of Park County and the Show Case Writers Guild production of an interactive DVD entitled *Livingston, Montana—As it Was and As It Is*. It is a unique opportunity to bring to the people the remarkable historical heritage of the area.

As director of the museum I am in a position to have learned large portions of that history and believe it will attract numerous people to the area to experience it in person. Our museum holds a national class collection that touches on numerous aspects of that story and can stimulate further interest and exploration by those drawn to Livingston by the DVD.

I also support the DVD as it intends to conserve Livingston's past and make it accessible to the public, as a story of profound geology, Native American prominence, fur trappers, discovery of Yellowstone, military expeditions and the Northern Pacific Railway. The DVD will feature a collection of audio visuals and interviews that celebrate our 120 years of settlement, development and change. It will cover our famous depot, hotels, galleries, museums and numerous annual events. Colorful area personalities like Calamity Jane, Sam Peckinpah, and "King Kong" Clayton will be brought to life. The DVD will also provide our community with a dual purpose educational and promotional resource to share with residents and guests.

I urge your full support of this project that will have long term benefits for our area. Please call me at (406) 222-4184 if you have any questions about the museum or our support of the project.

Sincerely,

Brian Sparks  
Executive Director

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February 13, 2007 Helena Mont., room 305 7:45 a.m.  
Cultural and Aesthetic grant hearings in front of the Long-Range  
Planning Joint Subcommittee.

Mister Chairman, members of the committee, for the record, my name is Patricia Miller. I am the Director of Show Case Writer's Guild, Inc. of Livingston, Montana and the Ambassador of Tourism for Livingston. I am testifying on behalf of grant number #1206 which is a special project grant.

Our grant request not only revolves around our community but tells the story of a small Montana community from before the time of Clark on the Yellowstone. This historical DVD will not only educate the newcomer to our area and to Montana but will influence the visitor to take part in our cultural amenities, staying in our area, spending time and money to enjoy what Montana does the best, entertain the visitor.

I did not write this grant and so not all the facts were presented as they are. We do have previous grant history. Show Case has been around since 1992 and received a wonderful grant of \$11,800 in July of 2002 that was used for the successful huge film conference that was held at the Livingston Depot. Show Case applied for an Opportunity Grant in 2004 for the successful Sam Peckinpah film production celebration. Show Case held a very successful Writer's Conference in June of 1998. It brought 40 well known writer's together to teach 100 wanabee writing students. This was an economic effort for Livingston that was very successful. Show Case has been a successful and on going effort on behalf of Livingston and tourism in our community. Show Case has at least 100 writers as members and supporters. They live all over Montana and the United States. They support our projects and help on all levels of expertise.

This Historical Community DVD which already has 24 hours of filming on file waiting to be edited, is supported by the County Commissioners. They have been asked to contribute money for the advertising trailer which is scheduled to be made in the late spring. The Livingston Trust will be involved with a small grant this year. Ten local well known citizens have pledged funds for the DVD so we do have political and citizens involved with this tourism based project.

The most important fact that this committee needs to know is that I am the Producer, but the number of people involved in this far reaching community historical piece involves many talented and capable people. Among them are Dr. Larry Lahren, he will be our historian in the pre 1800 history. He has already been interviewed and is eager to be part of this project. He is a very well known archeologist and one of our County Commissioners in Park County. He just published a historical book called Homeland. Others already approached who will be involved are Dennis Aig, Professor of Film and Video at MSU Bozeman, as a media consultant; History consultants are Mary Murphy, Professor of History, MSU, Bozeman; Humanities Professors contacted and very interested and supportive are Gordan Brittan, Professor of Philosophy, MSU, Bozeman. Dale Martin, Professor of History and well known railroad historian, MSU, Bozeman. John (Jack) Fisher Jr., Associate Professor Of Sociology, Dept of Sociology and Anthropology, MSU, Bozeman. We have so many who are interested in helping make this a success that we are very excited at the possibilities that we are handed by this opportunity.

I have a long and successful reputation in business in Livingston. I owned the Murray Hotel for 14 and one half years and sold this historic business in 1991 to the Kauls. It is an important barometer in the business of downtown Livingston. I work with the Chamber and served with Yellowstone County for over four years. I put

together the successful bid for Livingston to become the Tourism Community of the year in 2004. I was very proud to bring home that honor. I serve as Secretary of the Friends of the Gateway Yellowstone Museum and this past year we successfully raised over \$40,000 for our small Museum.

I am a writer and have published two books of history and another will be published this year on Clyde Park.

I have included the supporting information in my packet and am open to any questions we might have time to ask.

I request your support in this far reaching and important historical piece of work that is so important to a very small town in Montana.

Thank you so very much for your time and interest.

Patty Miller



# Southwest Montana Arts Council

*Advocating, Celebrating & Nurturing the Arts  
in Southwest Montana*

***Improving our community through  
the educational  
& creative power of the Arts.***

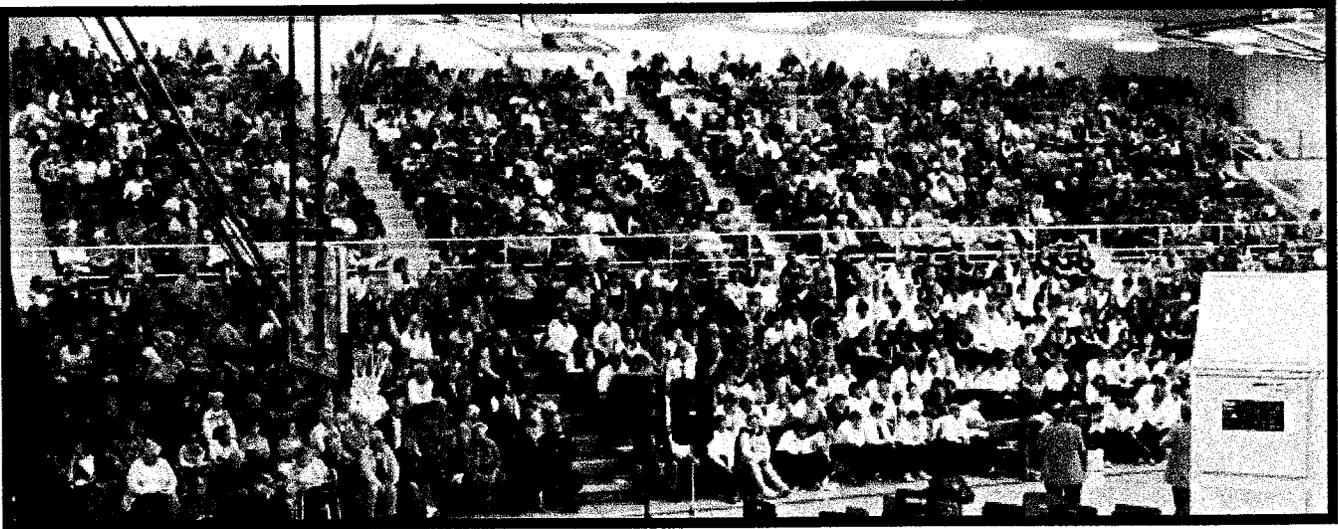
***3200 children at school residencies & workshops  
3900 attending concerts & performances***

#### *Our Vision:*

*We see the Southwest Montana Arts Council as the driving force  
advocating Arts in the greater community,  
which enlarges the place of the Arts in the daily lives of citizens  
and which identifies the community as one  
known for excellence and diversity in Arts programming.*

# SHOWCASE Series

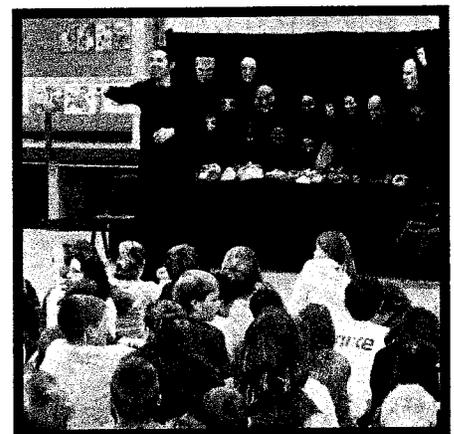
2006-07 season to date  
Over 1900 audience members  
5 concerts (1 more April 07)  
Record attendance at Dallas Brass  
(note: gym was as full as a basketball game!)



# 2006-07 School Residencies - over 3200 students served



*Hands-on arts opportunities for children and youth.*



*Educating and inspiring our youth to reach their creative & expressive potential!*

# Lunch & Dinner IN THE PARK



1600 in attendance  
25-40 volunteers  
Children's Art activities

Five FREE events!  
Wide variety of  
performers  
Great community  
support!

Special concerts by  
George Winston  
& Usti Children's Choir

