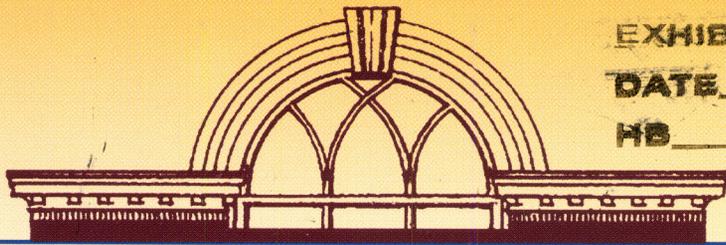


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Teaching to Save

• *New Grant from MT History Foundation Will Carry On the Good Work*

Just before Memorial Day, MPA excitedly **launched The Montana Touchstone Project**, a new project to document and preserve threatened history and buildings in Montana's small towns. Taken from the ancient Greek practice of touching stone to precious metal ores to determine their purity, the word "touchstone" means "a fundamental or quintessential part or feature" expressing the value of community history to sustaining a region's unique identity and culture.

Inspired by past fieldwork, Executive Director Chere Justo and former MPA staff member Kate Hampton, conceived a statewide project to save the heritage of threatened places. Working on-site, MPA teaches community members how to preserve and digitize photographs, maps, artwork, and letters; conduct oral history interviews; and research and complete Montana Historic Property forms on important sites and buildings. Electronic versions of these materials are then uploaded by local libraries to the Montana State Library's Montana Memory Project while the real-life versions of these resources are housed in a stabilized local historic property.

Happily, public and private entities have embraced MPA's innovative approach. Touchstone funders include the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Steele-Reese Foundation, Humanities Montana, the Jerry Metcalf Foundation, Montana Community Foundation, Montana History Foundation, and the National Trust for Historic

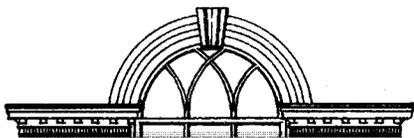
Preservation. A generous grant from the **Montana History Foundation's Preserve Montana Fund** will support new workshops in 2012.

"We are so grateful for the hearty support of friends and funders," reflects MPA's Team Leader Patty Dean. "With their generous backing, MPA has assembled a top-notch 'Touchstone Team' to lend a hand all across the state." The team is made up of Montana Historical Society archivist Caitlan Maxwell, Montana State Historic Preservation Office preservationist Kate Hampton, Montana State Library training specialist Jo Flick, and Clay Scott, an independent, Helena-based journalist. The compelling human stories Scott records in Touchstone communities are later broadcast on "Mountain West Voices", his on-line and public radio program.

Montana's record-breaking wet spring shifted the inaugural Touchstone workshop to Lewistown from the railroad town of Danvers where MPA had assisted descendants of the town's early Bohemian Catholics in taking title to the inactive St. Wenceslaus Church. The newly-painted and re-roofed church will serve as a summertime repository for archival materials associated with Danvers.

Workshop attendees brought photographs, home movies, slides, letters, diaries, objects, and recorded memories and stories associated with rural Fergus County communities and homesteads. Family

Get more detailed information at www.PreserveMontana.org



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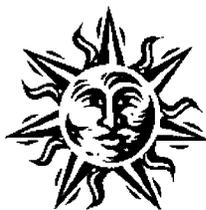
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Summer is here!!

Despite the Spring floods, MPA and our colleagues have been out and about, and some great projects are underway. Along with lush grass and wildflowers, this summer brings on a season of restoration, with some significant properties getting important TLC. The work owes much to the efforts of dedicated volunteers, private sponsors and the state historic preservation stimulus grants. We are most appreciative of the network of people in Montana and beyond, who appreciate heritage, roll up their sleeves and work to protect this special legacy.

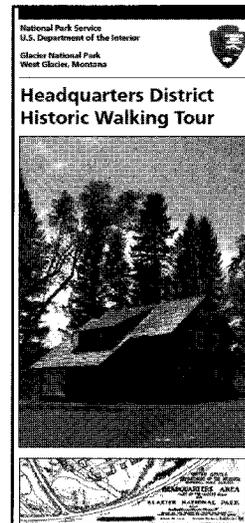
In other news, we had a sneak preview of our new book, *Hand-Raised: The Barns of Montana*. It looks fantastic, Montana and her barns photograph beautifully. We are excited about bringing the book out at the end of the summer and sharing our excitement about Montana's barns with readers far and wide. And now, please read on, enjoy the news and make a point to stop by and visit us in Reeder's Alley!

Chere

Students Create New GNP Walking Tour

With a Cultural & Aesthetic grant from the Montana Arts Council, students from the **Whitefish Independent High School** have created a brochure and companion audio walking tour of **Glacier National Park's Headquarters Historic District**. Visitors to the district can pick up a brochure on site, and either dial a phone number or use a Smartphone to listen to the audio portion of the tour. The voices of the Whitefish students and their teacher take tourists on a stroll past 15 buildings and provide information about the architecture and inner workings of a major national park.

"It has been a most pleasurable experience to work with these students and I think they are justly proud of the final product -- the park certainly is!" says Lon Johnson, the park's historic preservation architect. The link to the brochure and audio tour will soon be posted on the Glacier Park website. Currently, visitors can dial 406-281-7023 to take the tour.



Join us today! Membership to MPA helps support our efforts to preserve the best of Montana's heritage for the future. Members receive a one-year subscription to our *Preserve Montana* newsletter, notices of upcoming events, updates on statewide preservation issues, and discount admission to workshops throughout the year.

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members surprised each other as each brought out photographs the others had never seen!

The second workshop in early June took place in Big Arm, a homesteading town sited on the western shore of Flathead Lake



Historian Kate Hampton took Big Arm Workshop participants out in the field for a lesson in documenting historic properties. Alison Meslin of the Big Arm Association said, "Kate, with her infectious enthusiastic personality, gave us a whole new way of looking at our local architecture; what many considered a rather shabby and abandoned cabin became a gem of the 1930's way of life."

and on the Flathead Reservation. Recently, MPA has worked with the town's dedicated volunteers to rescue and restore a one-room schoolhouse that ultimately will serve as a repository for their tiny town's history. Big Arm Association president Alison Meslin remarked: "The level of enthusiasm and love of preserving history from all of you was indeed contagious. Many folks, these days, seem not to care about history, in any form, so having you here gave us great encouragement to continue."

The goal of the Touchstone Project is to provide community volunteers with the knowledge and confidence necessary to go out and continue the good work they have already begun and MPA is honored to share in this work. Ready to hit the road once again, the Touchstone Team can't wait to see what treasures, buildings and stories we'll find and help preserve this autumn!

To nominate communities for a **Touchstone Team visit**, contact Patty at patty@preservemontana.org.

To listen to **Clay Scott's interviews** from the Touchstone Project, visit <http://mountainwestvoices.org>.

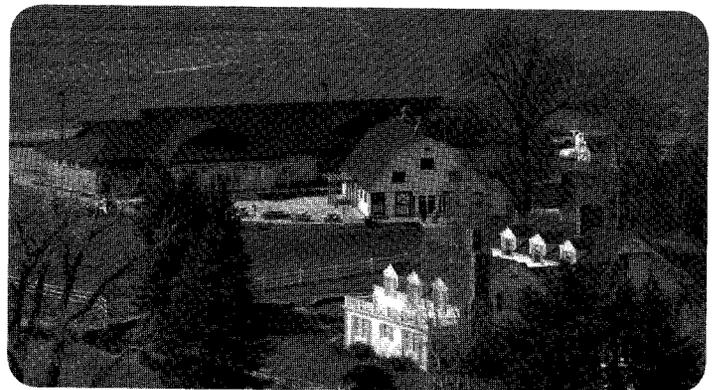
To view some of the collections on the **Montana Memory Project** webpage, go to <http://cdm15018.contentdm.oclc.org>.

Endangered Places Update

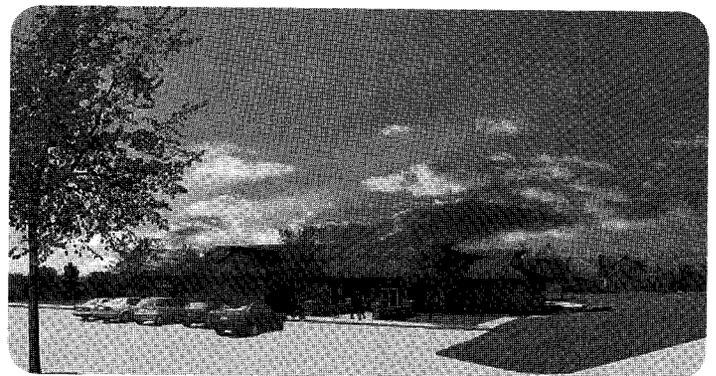
New Bair Family Art Museum Opens

Eight years after the **Charles M. Bair Family Museum** in Martinsdale was added to MPA's Most Endangered Places list, it is now better than ever, having just opened a new \$3.1 million art museum building. In 2003, Bair Family Trust administrators closed the museum and shipped the Trust's Charles M. Russell and J.H. Sharp paintings to the Yellowstone Art Museum, citing the ranch's remote location and the collection's vulnerability to theft and fire. However, in 2008 the Montana Supreme Court found that the Trust had breached its duty in closing the house museum and the day after the decision, the museum reopened -- thanks to the energy and commitment of its grassroots supporters!

Shortly after the 2008 court decision returned the original paintings to the site, planning began for an art museum building to house the most valuable and vulnerable objects in the collection. The new museum building, designed by O2 Architects of Billings, opened shortly after Memorial Day. Galleries in the 7,300-square-foot building are decorated in the vibrant colors the sisters used in their home and feature the family's Native American artifacts, Western and European paintings, and Edward S. Curtis photogravures. The museum is open every day through Labor Day and will be open Wednesday through Sundays in September and October. Visit <http://bairfamilymuseum.org/> for more information.



The art museum addition to the Bair Family Museum sits behind the barn, which is now the museum Visitor's Center.

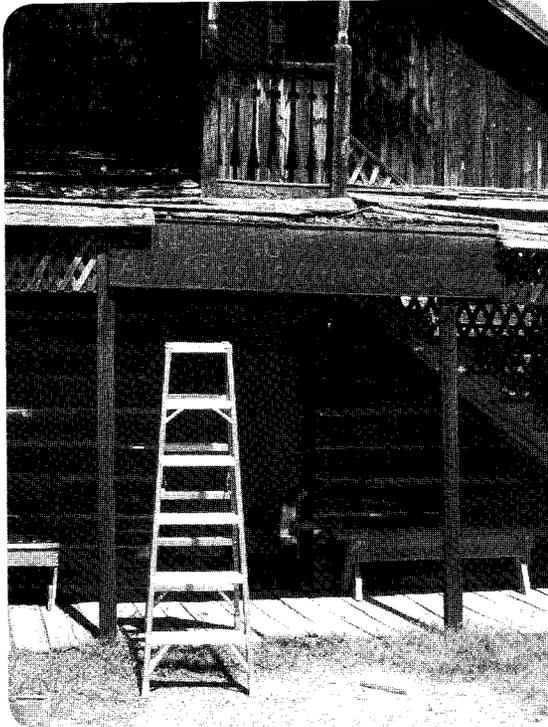


Architects rendering of the Bair Family art museum building, courtesy O2 Architects, Billings.

Preservation in Progress

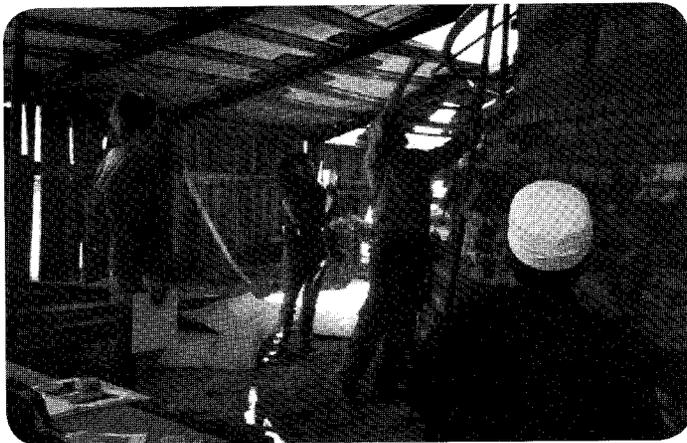
MPA is bursting with good news on many excellent preservation and restoration projects happening in summer 2011. From new roofs and daubing to high-tech laser documentation, a number of Montana landmark

buildings and places are getting a new lease on life. Even more inspiring, these properties have been preserved through much volunteer labor and generous grant funding.



Nevada City Cabins

In Nevada City, MPA worked with a group funded by Philip Morris USA to give much needed TLC to the bachelor's cabin, the Finney homestead house, and the Chinese store. Participants helped restore the roof framing, install a new sod roof, and re-chink the logs on the bachelor's cabin. Before restoration (below right) the cabin would not suit even the rudest bachelor, but with its sturdy new sod roof and leak-proof walls, the cabin is looking cozy enough for the dandiest of occupants. Careful work on the Finney homestead cabin resulted in a recycled rustic tin roof, restored windows, and new daubing. In addition, the Wing Hong Chong sign on the Chinese grocery store (left) got a fresh coat of paint.



High-Tech Meets History

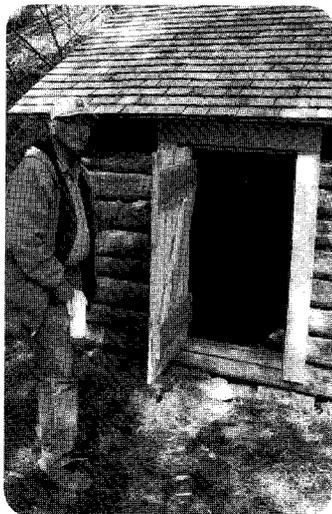
A six-person team of preservation experts from the **University of Pennsylvania** was in Helena in July examining, assessing and documenting the beehive kilns at the Western Clay Manufacturing Co. brickyard at the Archie Bray Foundation. The team documented the structures with large-format photography, but will also use a laser scanner to create a 3D model of at least one of the kilns. The result of the work will allow the Bray's staff and board to better plan for the future of this rich industrial heritage site.

The group was led by Professor Frank Matero, founder and director of U Penn's Architectural Conservation Laboratory. Matero has consulted on a wide range of national and

international architectural and archaeological conservation projects including the fortifications of Cairo, Egypt; Ellis Island buildings in New York City, and the Lincoln and Jefferson Memorials (Washington, D.C.), among others.

Patty Dean, Director of Sustainability and Preservation at MPA noted: "We are truly enthused to have this remarkable group of experts from the University of Pennsylvania documenting the Bray. In fact, they are as excited to be doing this work as we are to have them here. The site is significant not only for its role in Montana's early 20th century industrial history but also noteworthy for its state of preservation and the inspiration it has provided to artists for sixty years." This project was generously underwritten by the J.M. Kaplan Fund to preserve Montana's Endangered Industrial Architecture.

Rock Creek Cabins Ship-Shape



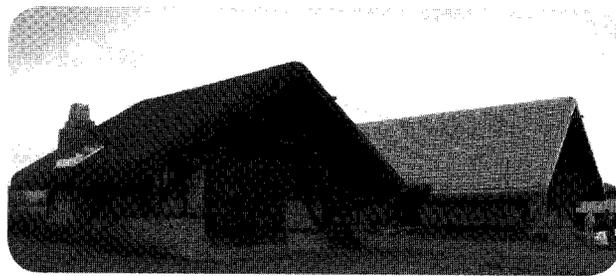
Milo McLeod shows off new shingles and trim on the spring house at the Rock Creek Guard Station.

In May, retired Forest Service Archaeologist, Milo McLeod led volunteers from the **Friends of Rock Creek Historic District** on another round of preservation maintenance work on three historic Forest Service cabins in the Rock Creek area, east of Missoula.

At the Rock Creek Guard Station volunteers re-roofed the spring house with fresh wood shingles, and also replaced a rotten wall log and the door trim. General preservation maintenance was completed at the Hogback cabin and a new interpretive sign was installed at the Morgan-Case homestead that chronicles the history and significance of the buildings and grounds. The

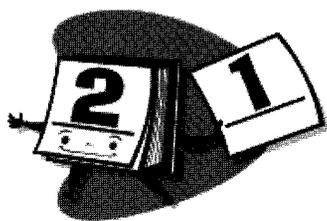
Rock Creek Guard station is still in use by the Forest Service and the Hogback and Morgan-Case homesteads are some of the most popular cabins in the region's cabin rental program.

Green Meadow Ranch, Helena



The Green Meadow Ranch granary (right) and blacksmith shop (left) are dry and safe now that each has a new roof. The project was funded by an MPA/J.M. Kaplan Fund grant and federal historic preservation stimulus funds awarded to the Lewis & Clark County Historical Society. Much of the labor to remove the old shingles came from Montana Conservation Corps staff.

After two years and \$123,000, these majestic Robert Reamer-designed ranch buildings are in great shape. In the end, only the granary was roofed in wood shingles, due to the high cost of producing and installing the shingles. Asphalt rolled roofing protects the blacksmith shop for now, in hopes of stabilizing the building and someday shingling it with wood. All involved are relieved that these rare and outstanding buildings are now safe.



Save the Date!

Getting to Know Modern
September 21, 4 - 5 pm, U of M Music Hall Get to know mid-century modern architecture on a guided tour of U of M's Music Hall

and other Modern buildings on the campus. \$15 members, \$20 non-members. Space is limited. Call 406-457-2822 to register.

MPA Preservation Excellence Awards

September 21, 5:30 pm, Florence Hotel Ballroom, Missoula MPA's lively presentation will feature inspiring before and after images of outstanding preservation projects from all four corners of the state. Refreshments to follow. Free and open to the public. Donations accepted.

No Ordinary Time: War, Resistance & the Montana Experience
Sept 22-24, Missoula, Montana Historical Society Conference Conference highlights will include sessions on, and a visit to, Fort Missoula, an internment camp for Italian detainees and Japanese-American citizens. For more information, visit <http://mhs.mt.gov/museum/historyconference2011.asp>.

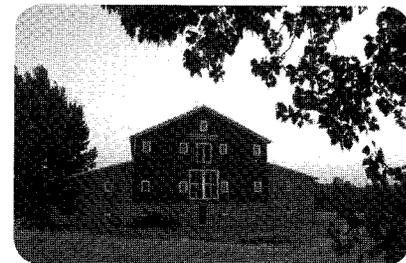
Barn Dance and Book Release Party

October 1, Child/Kleffner Barn, East Helena

Don't miss the biggest Montana barn dance in years to celebrate

the release of *Hand Raised: The Barns of Montana*.

Tour the barn, purchase signed books, enjoy music, and dance in one of Montana's most fabulous historic barns! Free and open to the public. Hardcover books available for sale, \$40.



MPA Annual Meeting and Preservation Celebration

October 12, 6:00 pm, Story Mansion, Bozeman Help MPA celebrate our 25th anniversary and boost our preservation fund. Enjoy fine food, music, silent auction, and a lively talk by the authors and photographer of MPA's new book, *Hand Raised: The Barns of Montana*. \$50/person, proceeds benefit MPA. Call 406-457-2822 for tickets.

Annual Montana Downtown and Main Street Conference

October 12-14, Bozeman Public Library This 2-day conference features topics on downtown development, economic growth, historic preservation and local business support.

National Trust for Historic Preservation Conference

Oct 17-21 Buffalo, NY Buffalo is the perfect laboratory for examining and debating the alternating currents of preservation. Visit www.preservationnation.org for more.

Main Street News

Last winter, the Montana Department of Commerce's Main Street program was awarded a Preserve America subgrant from the Montana State Historic Preservation Office to help Main Street communities with planning efforts to revitalize their historic downtowns. The towns of **Sheridan, Stevensville, and Terry** were chosen in May to each receive up to \$7,500 for planning projects.

Preserve America grants are designed to support a variety of activities to promote the use of historic properties as educational and economic assets. Staff



Downtown Terry

from the National Trust for Historic Preservation (NTHP) and the Montana Main Street program recently visited the three communities to evaluate each town and recommend best use of the funds. NTHP and Main Street staff interviewed

board members and community leaders to identify the specific needs, opportunities and challenges in their towns. The next step is for NTHP staff to recommend a specific project that would best benefit each community.

The types of plans most often funded include operational plans to revitalize the historic downtown; tourism development plans; design plans for historic façade improvements; and fundraising plans, among others.

This information will give a boost to three towns working hard to preserve their charming downtowns.

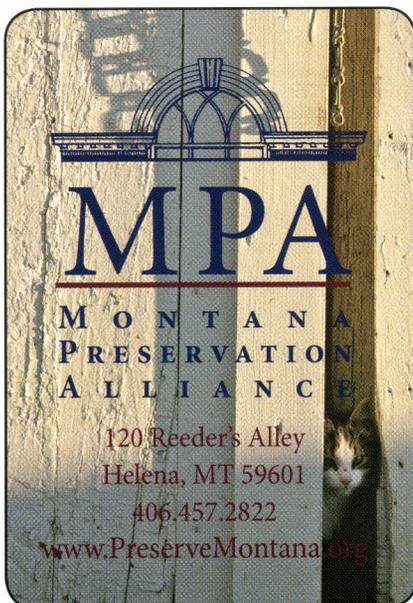
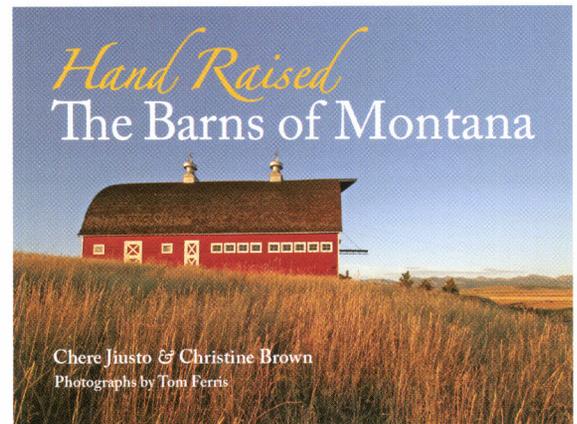
Hand Raised: The Barns of Montana

MPA is delighted to announce the arrival of our long awaited, much anticipated, most ambitious work yet, **Hand Raised: The Barns of Montana!** The book holds more than 300 pages of breathtaking barn photographs by acclaimed **photographer Tom Ferris**, accompanied by diverse and intriguing stories of Montana's agricultural history. Authors Chere Jiusto and Christine Brown spent a good part of the last five years talking to ranchers and farmers, researching local and family history, and writing captivating stories of dozens of barns and their owners. **Hand Raised: The Barns of Montana** recognizes these invaluable buildings, encourages their preservation, and honors the ranch and farm families that built them.

The book will be available from MPA, the Montana Historical Society, and local and online bookstores on September 15. The Montana Historical Society Press will host a book release party and book signing in the loft of the Child/Kleffner barn near Helena on October 1. See page 5, "Save the Date," for more details.



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