



LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY MAY 2026 NEWSLETTER

In April 348 people visited your History Center. Volunteers gave 222.7 hours of their time to the museum in April. Thanks to everyone!

Feeding the Frontier: A History of Chinese Vegetable Gardens in Montana will be presented by Helena resident and University of Notre Dame professor and author Mark Johnson on Tuesday evening, May 12th at the Lewis and Clark County History Center at 7 pm. Using techniques they brought from southern China, the Chinese fed fresh vegetables to the



mining camps in Helena and across Montana for decades in spite of often local hostility. If you are a gardener this is a must see! See you at Tuesday at 7 pm at the History Center in the Steamboat Block; 618 Helena Ave.



The annual membership meeting of the Lewis & Clark County Historical Society will convene on Tuesday, May 12th at 6:00 pm at the History Center at 618 Helena Ave. Please come and share your thoughts about the History Center; what exhibits should we present? An over-view of the last year will be presented.

We do need a quorum of members so please come! Refreshments will be served.

We will also have a ribbon cutting ceremony opening your new exhibit: **CURTAIN UP! HISTORY OF LIVE THEATRE IN HELENA**. Come and join the fun! Learn a long lost secret of the Helena Civic Center.

MEET OUR NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: KAREN HENDERSON IS NOW OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR! KAREN IS A RETIRED PROFESSOR FROM HELENA COLLEGE. WE ARE EXCITED FOR YOU TO MEET HER!

The Lewis & Clark County Heritage Preservation Office is looking for your thoughts about 35 ACTIONS FOR 35 PLACES. The Office asks you to take a short survey on their website; www.lccounty.gov/historic. Let the folks at the office know your thoughts by taking the survey. The survey is open through June 30th.

HOURS. Your History Center is open from 10 am until 5 pm Thursday and Friday and from 10 am until 3 pm every Saturday. You can always reach us at: lcchs1989@gmail.com.

Thank you for your support!

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