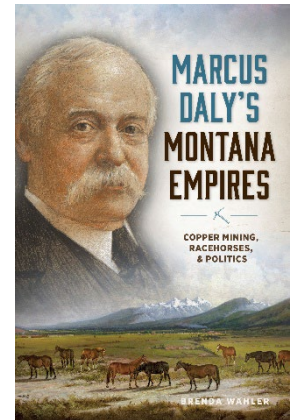


LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY AUGUST 2026 NEWSLETTER

We are pleased to note that 396 people visited your History Center in July. Volunteers gave 230 hours of their time to the museum in June. A special shout out to Liz Kohlsteadt for volunteering nearly 20 hours in July **Thanks to everyone!**

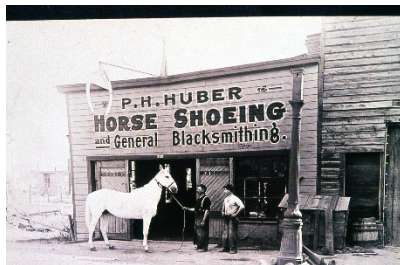
A “hard” copy (PDF) of this newsletter with photos is attached to this email for you.

SECOND TUESDAY PROGRAM – Join us on Tuesday evening, August 11th, at the Lewis & Clark History Center, 618 Helena Ave. in the Steamboat Block at 7:00 pm for a great program about Montana’s Copper King Marcus Daly. Important to Helena’s history, Daly was on the losing end of the vote that made Helena Montana’s state capital. Helena author Brenda Wahler fun and lively program brings us Daly through her new book about Daly. Light refreshments served. Admission, parking and air conditioning are free.



SPEAKING OF AIR CONDITIONING – One of two air conditioning units that serve the History Center failed. A brand new unit is being installed so please be aware of construction at the History Center. The working unit still keeps us fairly cool.

NEW PHOTOGRAPH COLLECTION – We are pleased to announce that your historical society has received a donation of digital photographs of Helena. The HUBER Collection contains some fifty five images including of the construction of Helena’s downtown walking mall. The collection will be posted on our website in August.



NEW TEACHER’S WELCOME – School starts in just a few weeks! As a member of the Helena Area Chamber of Commerce LCCHS is participating in the Chamber’s Welcome New Teacher program. The program includes a welcome basket for 45 new teachers in our area. LCCHS is helping fill the baskets with a discount coupon at the museum shop as well as other historical materials about the Helena area.



WE OFFER PROGRAMS - If you or a group have need of a program, call Karen to set up the time and date. We will come to you! We offer programs about Lewis and Clark County and

Montana history. Programs include **Curtains UP!** – the story of live theatre in Helena (15 minutes plus question and answer period); **Through Yesterday's Lens** – the story of photography in Lewis & Clark County (11 minutes plus question and answer period); **The Montana Power Company** (30 minutes plus question and answer period); **The Orphan Train Saga** (45 minutes plus question and answer period); **The Transcontinental Manitoba Railroad Comes to Lewis and Clark County** (45 minutes plus question and answer period) and several Lewis and Clark Count related railroad programs. All are Power Point programs. We can provide the projector, computer, etc.



GRANT APPLICATION – Karen has applied for a Cultural and Aesthetic Trust grant on behalf of LCCHS. Often folks in Helena are not familiar with the other communities across the county. If approved, the grant will fund bringing gallery exhibits from all communities in Lewis and Clark County to the History Center gallery so that Helena Area residents can learn more about all of our communities. The grant will also fund gallery shows for up and coming artists from across the county and our neighboring communities These grants are

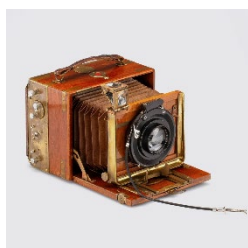
funded by the Montana Coal Tax Trust Fund and must be approved by the Montana Legislature during the 2027 Legislative Session. Fingers and Toes Crossed Please!

THE ARCHIVES – A big thanks to Volunteer Liz Kohlsteadt for working hard to organize and index your archives library. This is the first step to inventorying your History Center's collections. The library continues to grow thanks to donations. If you have a book, map or other written material to donate, please bring them by.



NEW VOLUNTEERS - if you are interested in volunteering with your History Center, contact Karen. We welcome the help to share and preserve the history of the people of Lewis and Clark County!

CALL FOR ANTIQUE PHOTOGRAPHS AND CAMERA GEAR - We are seeking permanent donations of early camera equipment and photographs of how the history of all our communities in Lewis and Clark County was documented by photography. Especially needed are (1) a 1970's era Polaroid camera, (2) an early digital camera and (3) an early 35mm camera. If you have items to donate or questions, contact Karen at lcchs1989@gmail.com or (406) 422-0546.



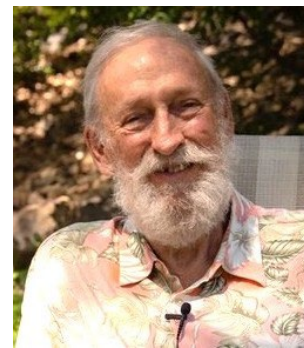
LCCHS BOARD MEETING – Your board of directors will hold its monthly meeting in the History Center at noon on Tuesday, August 11th. Join us with your thoughts and ideas!

STROLL HELENA'S MANSIONS AND MILLIONAIRES, HELENA'S WEST SIDE

NEIGHBORHOOD - See Montana's largest concentration of architecturally significant historic residences. Meet at the corner of Madison and Stuart Streets at 4 pm every Sunday in August. A \$5 donation is requested; children are free.



THE GALLERY - The Dennis McCahon gallery exhibit is ending August 31st. If you haven't spent time with Dennis's exhibit, join us this month! We are open Thursdays and Fridays from 10 am to 5 pm and Saturdays from 10 am to 3pm.



OPEN THURSDAYS AND FRIDAYS FROM 10 AM UNTIL 5 PM AND SATURDAY FROM 10 am UNTIL 3 pm.

Thank you for your support!

ALWAYS FEEL FREE TO SHARE OUR NEWSLETTER WITH ANYONE YOU LIKE!

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