With the temporary closure of the Museum due to Covid-19, we thought you, our members, might enjoy the exhibits and special events staff are busy creating for you once we can safely re-open. We recognize that many people have been disappointed over programs that were cancelled over the past two months—so our intent is to let you know, we plan to continue to work towards the goal of “welcoming you back” with an exceptional and fun selection of events.

We have been fortunate to keep our staff working and paid. Thank you all for your ongoing support during this difficult time. We could not maintain our facility and keep our staff without you.

It’s been fun developing alternative methods to reach out to you during this time. We have learned a lot about online programs and virtual tours. But we miss you and can’t wait to see you face-to-face!

Upcoming Events & Exhibits

- Summer Art Camp June 1-5
- *The Art of the Rodeo* Exhibit August 20 to October 25
- Commemoration 75th Anniversary of the end of WWII September 2
- Indigenous People’s Day October 3
- The 9th Annual Mammoth Quick Draw November 13
- Special Christmas Presentation of *Little Women the Musical* December 12, 17, 18, and 19

INDIGENOUS PEOPLE’S DAY
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2020

This program is a day-long celebration FREE to the public and includes Native American guest speakers, performers, an art exhibition, a documentary viewing, and children’s classes. This event will provide the opportunity for community members to experience and learn about Native American culture and heritage. The festival features two performances by the Wind River Dancers (Native American Powwow Dancers with music), Willie LeClair (Native American storytelling, singing, and hand drums), youth classes (Arapaho language and Plains Indian Culture), and Native American foods and artists. Weather permitting, most of the event will take place on the west lawn of the Museum.

SPONSORED BY THE NEWELL B. SARGENT FOUNDATION
The Washakie Museum & Cultural Center is holding their annual summer art camp but supporting social distancing. We are preparing all-inclusive camp supply kits in a tote. (Your child will need a pair of scissors.) Scheduled kit pickups will be the week prior to the camp start date.

Camp instructors are filming on-line videos to guide the kids through each project. Plus, the kits will contain instruction materials as well.

Each day take a photo of your child with their completed art project and email it to the museum—we will draw a child’s name for a prize! We will miss the personal interaction with your kids, but they can still enjoy the fun and creativity of the art projects.

Please call the Museum at 347-4102 for further information.

Camp Limited to 50 Kids
Registration ends May 22 or sooner if the camp is full.

The Museum is offering FREE STEAM kits for youth activities once per month. Although the schedule varies, the Museum is creating kits for grades K-5 that can be picked up at the entrance to the Museum. These are advertised exclusively on Facebook and our website. Call Robin at the Museum 347-4102 for more information.

MAY 15 STEAM KITS: What’s so cool about tree rings?
Students will learn how to “read” the story of a tree—its environment and history—by studying actual cross-sections of a tree trunk. They will be introduced to the structures within a tree trunk and the functions of each. A tree-related graphing project will also be included.

3 Art Project Kits
Corn & Bean Mosaics
Build a Barn
What Grows on a Farm?
(Perspective Drawing & Painting)
Corn Husk Dolls
Vegetable Print Making
Instructional Videos
(One project per Day)

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Events Cancelled or Postponed due to COVID-19

- Missoula Children’s Theatre Performance of “Snow White”. This will not be rescheduled. Another show is planned for March 2021.
- All School Art Show May 7-22
- 4th Grade History Days May 14 & 15
- Performing Arts Camp “Aladdin” June 8-30 (We will save “Aladdin” for the 2021 summer’s camp.)
- The American Farmer Exhibit (Postponed until Summer, 2022)
- Montana Shakespeare in the Parks has cancelled this summer’s tour of “A Midsummer’s Night Dream” scheduled for August 11.
- Sheridan Artist Polly Burge Art Show and art class. This is rescheduled for January 2021.

All of our exhibits and special events are subject to changed based upon when the Museum can safely re-open.
Hello Members!

Looking for a new book to read? We now have great books from our Gift Shop on our website! Check out all the great titles and merchandise at your convenience.

During the past two months, we have been working on alternative methods through social media to get information to our members and community. We miss having members and visitors peruse through the Gift Shop and visitors asking questions about the Big Horn Basin and our community. To make the museum’s gift shop more accessible, we have updated our website to include gift shop merchandise! We have educational books, games, and toys for kids. We have a great selection of history books from local authors, both non-fiction and fiction, and a wide variety of archaeology, paleontology, and geology titles as well. The newest book release is "Wyoming, A History of the American West" by author Sam Lightner, Jr. This book has great reviews and presents Wyoming’s history in an entertaining style.

In order to showcase talent and help our local artists, we added our artist consignments, which are great gifts if you are looking for something unique. There are also T-shirts and mugs featuring our Mammoth logo. If you are local there is no need to pay shipping costs—just choose “Museum pick-up” and check out using Paypal or a credit card. We will have your item(s) packaged and ready for you to pick up at the front desk during business hours. See all the merchandise online at www.washakiemuseum.org. Questions? Call the museum at 347-4102 and we would be delighted to assist you. You can also check out the merchandise and phone in your order.

Newest Release: “Wyoming; A History of the American West”
By Sam Lightner, Jr.

“D is for Dinosaur” By Todd Chapman

Copper Tree w/Tire Swing on Metal.
Consignment Artist– Cal Fulfer

CHECK IT OUT! GO TO: www.washakiemuseum.org
Featuring the art of Chris Navarro, Brandon Bailey, and Randy Wagner

August 20th 2020—October 25th 2020
Judy Gelles has interviewed and photographed more than 300 fourth-grade students from a wide range of economic and cultural backgrounds in China, England, India, Israel, Italy, Nicaragua, St. Lucia, South Africa, Dubai, South Korea, and multiple areas of the United States. She asked all of the students the same three questions: Who do you live with? What do you wish for? What do you worry about? Their varied stories touch on the human condition and urgent social issues.
“When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news, my mother would say to me, ‘Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping.’”—Fred Rogers

The October 10th, 1918 Worland Grit had the first ominous announcement: “Spanish Flu in Worland.”

Dr. W.O. Gray and his wife, Mary Forbes Gray, had set up a medical practice in their home in 1911, and Dr. Gray was well established by the time the flu hit Worland. Dr. Gray was one of the overwhelmed doctors who worked to combat the flu. Two emergency hospitals were established to help care for the sick.

“There were only 2 doctors in Worland at that time and they were hard pressed to take care of the sick, as it included almost everyone in town. Many died as there was no known remedy. Beds were made up in the churches, schools and any other vacant building.” (Dorothy Bush, 1988 Washakie Museum Oral History Collection).

Dr. Gray’s daughter, Georgia St. Clair, remembered well how tirelessly her father worked saying, “And he hired Bryant, Bob Bryant, Sr. He drove the buggy for him, because that’s the only time dad got to sleep at all was in that buggy when he was being driven from home to home” (1987, Washakie Museum Oral History Collection).

The community took steps to counter the epidemic by closing schools and canceling social gatherings, but deaths continued to increase. In the second week of December 1918 there were fourteen deaths in Washakie County. The Grays continued to work. “My brother Ralph had it really bad. They didn’t think he was going to make it, but he did. Dr. Gray made his rounds about every day on one side of the river – going down to Manderson and going back.” (Bessie Rhodes, 1988 Washakie Museum Oral History Collection).

The flu ran its course by late December 1918. Over twenty people died of the Spanish Flu in Washakie County. This outbreak of disease left the community shaken.

The Washakie Museum’s Oral History Collection is filled with stories of individuals who lived through this pandemic. While their stories ring with sadness for the lives lost, they also all remember the work and help given by Dr. Gray. Remember to look for the helpers.
On December 6, 2016, the Washakie Museum held a commemoration honoring the 75th Anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor and the start of the United States entering WWII. On Wednesday, September 2, 2020, the Museum is planning to host a commemoration honoring the end of WWII and the Japanese surrender. This special event will feature a presentation of the colors, historic speeches, film clips, and music. A simple meal will be served. Seating will be limited.

Patron Members (Mammoth Members and above) will be invited free to this event to thank you for your ongoing support of museum operations, events, and exhibitions through your supporting memberships. You will receive an invitation with an RSVP deadline later this summer.

Other Tickets as Available:
Individual and Family Members - $20
General Public - $25

General Umezu of Japan signs the instrument of surrender on Sept. 2, 1945. US General Douglas McArthur signed the agreement and was in charge of the surrender in Tokyo Bay. (U.S. Department of Defense).

Coming Christmas 2020...LITTLE WOMEN the musical

A holiday classic for the whole family to be directed by Naomi Durrant. Produced nationally and internationally, Little Women has been praised by critics for its ambition in adapting such a well-known story for the stage. This timeless, captivating story is brought to life in this glorious musical filled with personal discovery, heartache, hope, and everlasting love.

Based on Louisa May Alcott's life, Little Women follows the adventures of sisters, Jo, Meg, Beth, and Amy March. Jo is trying to sell her stories for publication, but the publishers are not interested – her friend, Professor Bhaer, tells her that she has to do better and write more from herself. Begrudgingly taking this advice, Jo weaves the story of herself and her sisters and their experience growing up in Civil War America.

Auditions will be held in early fall with performances scheduled for December 12, 17, 18 (Dinner Theatre), & 19. This is a show for the whole family to enjoy. Roles are available for women and men from teenager to mature adult.

(Book by Allan Knee, Lyrics by Mindi Dickstein, Music by Jason Howland Licensed by special arrangement with MTI Music Theatre International.)
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THANK YOU SPONSORS OF UPCOMING TEMPORARY EXHIBITIONS:
(donors through April 22, 2020)

The American Farmer:
(This exhibition has been postponed until Summer 2022. Donors will receive recognition for The Art of the Rodeo)
Richard and Liisa McKamey
John and Patricia Bailey in Memory of Jean E. Bailey Healy
Pinnacle Bank Festival of Trees
Casper Antique & Collector’s Club Security State Bank
Gabbard Family Foundation

Fourth Grade Project:
Tom and Laura McDonald

Artist Exhibitions
The Art of the Rodeo & Polly Burge:
ANB Bank
Jadeco Inc/Brad and Leslie Basse
Walter and Gail Schwede
US Bank
Steve and Laura Brown
Brett and Isabel Belden
Herzberg Hideaway/Lloyd and Donna Nielson

THANK YOU SPONSORS OF UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS:
(donors through April 22, 2020)

75th Commemorative for the End of WWII:
Jim and Jane O’Connor
Tom and Laura McDonald
Donna Moberly

Little Women the Musical:
US Bank
Steve and Laura Brown
Donna Moberly

Glo Clark in Memory of Kerry Clark
Steve and Carole Grosch
Tom and Laura McDonald
Rocky Mountain Power Foundation
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Sheila Duffy in Memory of David Duffy
John and Patricia Bailey in Memory of Jean E. Bailey Healy
Donna Beckstead
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Jack and Julie Stott
Mike and Tiffany Greear
Pinnacle Bank
Rolling Hills Trucking in Memory of Anne Hill
ANB Bank

The date has been set and our fingers are crossed that the best party of the year is a go! We are planning on 32 talented artists and entertainment with great food and beverages!