

Cooke City Area Community Council Newsletter

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A look back at 2014

By Bev Chatelain, President

We have done it again, a completion of yet another Major project! The Museum became real when the doors opened July 19th! What a Grand Celebration! The CCCC was so fortunate when Kelly Hartman stepped in as the Museum Director! Kelly and Florence Zundel researched all the materials gathered by Dee Smith and were able to complete the Museum as she designed!

The grounds surrounding the Community Center continue to change; with the completion of the Miners Cabin as well as all of the outside exhibits it has made the outside interpretation a showcase of the area! The Historical Cooke City Jail House Door was delayed until next summer and will be a super addition. The finale of the outside interpretation will be a

brochure that identifies each outside exhibit and its history.

We hugely welcome new board members Carole Oldemeyer and Fay Craig!

Our First Wine Tasting Fundraiser was a lot of fun and even more importantly a huge success to raise \$7,000 for the Museum. These funds will be used with ongoing operations, maintenance, cash match for grants, and Museum Director funding and any other needs of the Museum.

Ongoing fundraisers include Cookbooks, History books, mittens and a very successful cash donation jar at the Museum Entrance! Joe's Campfires were 4 Saturday evenings in July, arranged and hosted by Kelly Hartman, the speakers were

fantastic and this year was a pleasant surprise with NO rainy Saturday's, the average attendance is about 30 to 40 locals and visitors!

A huge thank you goes out to all of our past, present and future supporters. Your donations are greatly appreciated and are tax deductible. The CCCC donor form is included and has information on how your donation can be utilized! Would you like your correspondence by email, send us your email and we will include you on the weekly newsletter and any other ongoing CCCC news!

Council's Website's

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Visit the Council website every Wed. for the Newsletter!

www.cookecityareacouncil.org. The Museum website is live, www.cookecitymontanamusum.org Please contact us with any questions!

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What a year it has been for the Cooke City Montana Museum! With its doors officially open, the Museum has already begun to grow and change as those who have connections to the history step forward with their part of the story which will be incorporated into all aspects of the Museum. This winter I will be working on three exhibits, Colter Pass, The Beartooth and Silver Gate as well as updating the information on the touch screens to reflect the "new" history I have discovered. All of the artifacts in the Museum will be properly labeled and photographed to ensure that they can be identified for years to come. There is also a cookbook in the works that will tell about the history of the area through newspaper articles, photographs, historic notes, family histories and of course recipes. This book will be available summer 2015. AND as a personal project, I will be painting a body of work using the Museum's collection of wonderful

artifacts as my subject. This show will be on display summer 2015 for a month or so before the paintings are sold and auctioned off, all proceeds benefiting the Museum. Keep an eye out for additional information concerning the cookbook and the art sale on our website: cokecitymontanamuseum.org. I am excited to have another year here as your Director!

CCCC Goals 2015:

Ongoing fundraisers, donation campaign and Community involvement in projects that follow our Mission. Complete Museum Exterior & Interior projects utilizing remaining Grant Funds and donations. Develop future plans and needs

of the Museum such as; Museum Director, Volunteers, Networking, Rotating Exhibit ideas and budget. Ongoing Management of the Community Center Building to fit the needs of the Community. CCCC will continue to keep supporters and Community informed with website information, mailings and the newsletter. Network with Fire Dept. /EMS as needed with their new building.

Mission Statement: Maintain and Sustain our Community by creating projects that support the health, safety, welfare and enjoyment of all people through educational and charitable actions

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