

Wyoming Cultural Trust Fund



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This e-newsletter is designed to provide a brief update on the Wyoming Cultural Trust Fund and the happenings of its grant recipients.

It is our promise that this e-newsletter be brief, interesting and hopefully something that will provide you with ideas and contacts with other organizations around the state. If you wish to have your activity highlighted in this e-newsletter, please contact Renée Bovée, WCTF Administrator.

Historic Architecture Assistance Fund Grants



Built in 1909, the Silver Star camp in Thayne is managed by the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers as a meeting hall and visitor's center. The structure is one of the oldest occupied buildings in town. However, the mostly original building has deteriorating wood siding, no indoor plumbing, and a crumbling foundation. A building assessment from Kurt Dubbe at Dubbe-Moulder Architects in Jackson provided the group with a prioritized work list and cost estimates to plan their rehabilitation project.

Thanks to a grant from the Wyoming Cultural Trust Fund, between April 2016 and August 2017, the [Alliance for Historic Wyoming \(AHW\)](#) awarded eleven Historic Architecture Assistance Fund (HAAF) grants to historic preservation projects in seven counties, including barns in Albany and Carbon Counties, historic schools in Cheyenne and Casper, and a community hall in Star Valley. Reports generated from this program included building assessments, feasibility studies, phased rehabilitation plans, and an emergency structural analysis.

The Historic Architecture Assistance Fund grant is offered by the Alliance for Historic Wyoming in partnership with the Wyoming Business Council/Wyoming Main Street program, and the Wyoming State Historic Preservation Office and is made possible by a generous grant from the Wyoming Cultural Trust Fund. The Architecture Assistance Fund connects historic preservation architects and engineers with historic building owners, helping owners address rehabilitation issues with a plan that both honors the building's past and meets the owner's future needs. This fund is open to private

property owners as well as non-profits and government agencies and is a great first step for those endeavoring to preserve Wyoming's historic buildings.

As Wyoming Main Street only offers HAAF funding to Main Street communities, AHW was able to expand the program's reach by targeting its grants to historic properties outside downtown areas. In addition, AHW and Main Street have been able to work together to leverage funding and resources for several projects over the past year while utilizing the expertise of the Wyoming SHPO staff. In addition to providing funding for eleven assessments, HAAF has enabled AHW to make contact with dozens of historic property owners throughout the state and to help many of them with other grants and technical assistance opportunities.



Destiny Church and Academy, formerly the Johnson School, was constructed in 1923 in Cheyenne's South Side Historic District. In March of 2015, a driver traveling at a high rate of speed crashed into the west wall of the school causing crucial structural damage. The Alliance for Historic Wyoming contracted with architects at TDSi in Cheyenne who were able to work with the insurance company and structural engineers to

recommend repairs that respected the historic property. (Shots are before repair and of the east façade of the school.)

“That historic property owners set out on their preservation projects with a plan, including cost estimates for the expected work, is essential to ensuring that Wyoming’s cultural resources are here for future generations to enjoy,” says Thomas Tisthammer, vice president of the Alliance for Historic Wyoming and chairman of the Historic Architecture Assistance Fund review committee. “Preservation is not the same as new construction. We understand that, and are here to help point people in the right direction.”

The Alliance for Historic Wyoming hopes to continue working with preservation partners around the state to connect those passionate about historic buildings with the resources they need to protect our historic downtowns, residences, schools, and agricultural buildings. For more information on the Alliance for Historic Wyoming and their programming, please visit www.HistoricWyoming.org, email ExecDirector@HistoricWyoming.org, or call 307-333-3508.

MAT Camp in Evanston



Musical Theater

Class

This summer, anyone walking into Evanston High School between July 10-14 might have been surprised at the hum of activity in the school from early morning through the evening during MAT Camp.

MAT Camp is an annual summer camp in Evanston that celebrates music, arts and theater with week-long classes for students of all ages. MAT Camp is a program of [The Arts, Inc.](#) (Young Musicians, Inc.) and was supported in part by a Wyoming Cultural Trust Fund grant.

This year, the program set another record with a student enrollment of 397 and 162 different classes held each day for a total of 810 sessions over the period of 5 days. It has grown every year since its beginning in 1998. Classes were taught by 46 performing and visual artists from around the US, with some local educators. The teachers performed in concert for the students and community mid-week.

Behind classroom doors, students created and explored entire worlds of music, art and theater with a variety of instruments, tools and genres. Regardless of the class, there was a sense of industry and joy in learning throughout the week.

Many students took up to 8 different classes a day, and enjoyed learning a lot while having fun. Young kids created oil paintings, wrote and acted in a mini melodrama, showed their moves in Hip Hop dancing and played the Angklung, a Malaysian musical instrument made from bamboo. Some students wore colorful costumes for theater, while others toted instruments ranging from a penny whistle to a hefty string bass. In one room, string players played in a heavy metal band. In another, students took turns trying to crack each other up with jokes in Sketch Comedy Writing. Some students learned the science of acoustics while making instruments out of garden hoses. The Symphony Orchestra played the William Tell Overture, a huge undertaking even for professional level players. Students in the Blue

Sky Band created their own musical arrangements of popular songs and performed them in the style of bluegrass, pop and jazz. Some students went with their classes to the local farmer's market in downtown Evanston



Cello Class at Farmers Market

and performed for an enthusiastic audience. On the second evening, students and teachers gathered downtown for a big party where they socialized, played live folk music and learned some group folk dances. By the end of the week at MAT Camp, there was an overall feeling of one big family with lifetime friendships made.

The variety of classes and activities was overall bewildering, but MAT Camp provided something for people of all ages in and around Uinta County, and even beyond, who have artistic leanings. The program concluded with a day of performances, demonstrations and art displays, including a festive Grand Gala Concert. Students and parents reported that this was the best year yet for MAT Camp.



Garden Hose Band

Cultural Trust Fund Board Meeting, Rawlins, September 15



BECAUSE CULTURE MATTERS

The Wyoming Cultural Trust Fund board will be meeting in Rawlins at the Wyoming Frontier Prison, Orville Ventling Visitors' Center, on Friday, September 15. This meeting is a planning meeting with the board reviewing and updating its strategic plan and communication plan. The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. and conclude by 3 p.m. An executive session may be held if needed. This meeting is open to the public.

An agenda will be posted on the Cultural Trust website, wyoculturaltrust.com by early September. Please feel free to contact the WCTF administrator, Renée Bovée, at renee.bovee@wyo.gov or by calling 307-777-6312 with any questions.

Next Cultural Trust Fund Grant Deadline: October 2, 2017

And here is your reminder...the Wyoming Cultural Trust Fund's next grant deadline is a postmark deadline of October 2, 2017, for projects/events/activities which begin after January 1, 2018. Grant applications are available on our website, wyoculturaltrust.com. Draft applications are highly encouraged as this grant round will be very competitive. Drafts can be reviewed by the WCTF administrator, Renée Bovée, at renee.bovee@wyo.gov through mid-September.

Laura Jane Musser Fund Grants Deadlines Approaching



Through the Intercultural Harmony Initiative, the Laura Jane Musser Fund provides grants up to \$25,000 to projects that promote mutual understanding and cooperation between groups and citizens of different cultural backgrounds. Applications will be accepted online through the Fund's website from September 19 – October 19, 2017.

Through the Rural Initiative, the Laura Jane Musser Fund encourages collaborative and participatory efforts among citizens in rural communities that will help to strengthen their towns and regions. Program planning grants up to \$5,000 and program implementation grants up to \$25,000 will be considered. Applications will be accepted online through the Fund's website from October 2 – November 2, 2017.

The geographic area for these initiatives is **Colorado, Hawaii, Michigan, Minnesota, Texas** (Hidalgo, Cameron, Willacy, and Starr counties only), **and Wyoming**. The complete guidelines are available at <http://www.musserfund.org>.