

# THE MONTANA ACADEMY OF LIVING HISTORY

2009

CATALOGUE OF COURSES  
SEPTEMBER 16-18

DEER LODGE, MONTANA

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**Academy of Living History  
Historic Deer Lodge**

**WELCOME** to the Montana Academy of Living History located in Historic Deer Lodge, Montana. Our workshops are held at two locations. These are the Old Prison Museums including the Territorial Prison and the Grant-Kohrs Ranch, a National Historic Site dating from 1859. These locations provide appropriate settings for living history workshops which teach skills needed for living during the draft horse era.

Our list of courses this year provide fun learning opportunities in skills ranging from sewing, quilting, and cooking, to horse training, driving and wagon repairs, as well as evening lectures.

Your week of learning concludes with the enjoyment of watching draft horses and mules in action during the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Big Sky Draft Horse Expo located just across the road from Grant-Kohrs. Other activities during the Expo include the Antique Quilt, Lap Robe and Carriage Show, Trade show, and the Montana Draft Teamster Hall of Fame BBQ and Reception.

Do not forget to enjoy the 5 Old Prison Museums which are free during the week to those who purchase an Expo Event Button.

There will be plenty of learning opportunities, and time to have fun meeting new people while learning old skills. Indeed, Historic Deer Lodge is Montana's September Place to Be!

### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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#### **How to Apply**

Montana Academy of Living History Workshops are fee based. Enrollment in some courses may be limited so early registration is encouraged. A registration form is attached at the end of this catalog.

**Registration deadline is September 1, 2009. After September 4, 2009 all fees are non-refundable.**

**Workshops not meeting minimum enrollments by September 1, 2009 may be cancelled and applicants will be notified of cancellation by September 10, 2009. Fees for Academy cancelled workshops will be refunded.**

**Registration is required of all courses (including those that are free) as workshop space is limited.**

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Register on line at [www.academyoflivinghistory.com](http://www.academyoflivinghistory.com)

## THE MONTANA ACADEMY OF LIVING HISTORY 2009 WORKSHOP & LECTURE OFFERINGS

**MALH-19 HORSEMANSHIP**  
**Presented by: DOUG "DOC" HAMMILL, DVM**

This is a two day demonstration clinic using the principles and techniques of natural Horsemanship to safely and quietly start young horses in harness. The first two hours of the first day will be a lecture on understanding the nature, mind, psychology, and body language of horses, and how to effectively communicate with them in ways they inherently understand and that makes sense to them. The format will be discussion, demonstration with horses, and question/answer (no hands on work with horses) by the participants.

Workshop Location: Grant-Kohrs Ranch  
Class Dates: Thursday, September 17 & Friday, September 18 8 AM-5PM  
Fee: **FREE**

**MALH-29 Buggy Extension Tops**  
**Presented by: Dave Watkins**

A study of construction and restoration of buggy extension tops as used on a surrey or a carriage. Topics covered include mounting of bow sockets, fitting bows to sockets, head liners, top fabric, side curtains, storm covers and final fitting. Flat top or fringe surrey tops, express and wagon tops will also be addressed.

Workshop Location: Grant-Kohrs Ranch  
Class Dates: Wednesday – Friday, September 16-18, 2009 8AM- 5 PM  
**Course is limited to 10 participants; early registration is advised)**  
Fee: \$100

**MALH-39 Birding in the Deer Lodge Valley**  
**Presented by: Gary Swant**

This is a great class for any birding enthusiast! Gary will talk about the history of birding and birding in Montana. He will then talk about the tools that are needed such as binoculars, spotting scopes, field guides, and computer programs on birding. Then Gary will do a pre-test on the birds that are found in Arrowstone park in the autumn and then the group will do a walk through and look at the birds in Arrowstone and then there will be a post-test on all knowledge that has been obtained and any discussion. Gary makes birding fun and interesting for all levels from the beginning birder to the advanced.

Participants should bring a pair of binoculars.

Workshop Location: Pen Convention Center  
Class Dates: Thursday, September 17 9 AM to Noon  
Participation Fee \$10 including materials

**MALH-49 Frontier Soldiers**  
**Presented by: Matt Saville**

Join Matt dressed in his 2<sup>nd</sup> Calvary Uniform and learn about the uniforms, weapons, equipment and lifestyle of the Indian War/Frontier Soldier.

Workshop Location: Grant-Kohrs Ranch  
Class Date: Thursday, September 17, 1-3 PM  
Fee: **FREE**

**MALH-59 Dutch Oven Cooking**  
**Presented by: Barry and Victoria Strait**

This course is a hands on cooking class that will stimulate your mind with the history and art of Chuckwagon Cooking using the Dutch Oven as well as filling your belly with all kinds of creations. This class will end around noon with lunch that you have all helped to prepare.

Workshop Location: Grant-Kohrs Ranch  
Class Date: Friday, September 18, 9 AM to Noon  
Fee: \$25 per person

**MALH-69 Romantic History of Western Characters**  
**Presented by: Don Cappa**

Don has a vast knowledge of the Wild West and the many characters that helped to form this history. Join him in reliving some of this romantic history.

Workshop Location: The Pen (across from the Territorial Prison)  
Class Date: Friday, September 18, 1 PM to 2 PM  
Fee: **FREE**

**MALH- 79 Horsehair Hitching**  
**Presented by: Lyndel Meikle**

Drop in any time to watch Lyndel work the mastery of horsehair hitching and learn about the history and art of hitching.

Workshop Location: Grant-Kohrs Ranch  
Class Date: Friday, September 18, All day  
Fee: **FREE**

**EVENING PROGRAMS**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2009**

**MALH 109 Lee Silliman presents: GHOST TOWN PHOTOGRAPHY OF THE OLD WEST**

Lee brings to life through his photos, ghost towns around Montana and 10 different western states. Lee will talk about his experience in black and white photography and about his ghost town show of Treasure State Remnants. He will take you through the history of our ghost towns, and how his photos record some of our past.

7pm Pen Convention Center  
Fee: **FREE**

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2009**

**MALH 119 Dr. Ellen Baumler and J.M. Cooper presents: DARK SPACES**

The historic prison—as the shadows creep and a chill settles over its stone walls—is the perfect setting for Ellen Baumler’s storytelling. Weaving history around things that go bump in the Big Sky night, Baumler spins a ghostly web and explores the subtle presence of the spirited past in modern-day Montana. Haunted mines, cemeteries, hotels, and houses where spirits walk will leave you looking over your shoulder. Richly embroidered with Montana’s historical legacy, stories include uncanny tales about the prison, Grant-Kohrs Ranch, and other heritage places across the state.

7pm Meet at visitors center at Montana Territorial Prison Visitors Center

**Registration required FREE**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2009**

**MALH 129 HOT DOGS AND HISTORY**

This is a family program for kids from 5-95. Come burn a hot dog and marshmallows over a campfire at Grant-Kohrs and enjoy some fun history with Teddy Roosevelt, our vibrant 26<sup>th</sup> President.

6pm Grant-Kohrs Visitors Center **FREE**

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**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2009**

**14<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL BIG SKY DRAFT HORSE EXPO BARBQUE INCLUDING MONTANA DRAFT TEAMSTER HALL OF FAME RECEPTION**

Enjoy an outdoor chuck wagon barbeque and visit with teamsters from Draft Horse Expo.

6pm Fair Grounds in front of Blue Ribbon Pavilion  
\$ 9 for adults; \$5 for children 12 and under, pay at the barbeque.

Bring chairs and be prepared for cool evening weather. There is no entertainment

**ACADEMY FACULTY**

**Doug (Doc) Hammill, D.V.M.**

Throughout his life Doc has had a passion for horses, and particularly for driving and working horses in harness.

Doc's lifetime of studying and working with horses, combined with his equine veterinary experience give him a unique perspective on horsemanship. He is blessed with lessons from thousands of horses and an abundance of great old-time mentors. His commitment to gentle but effective techniques and principles, coupled with his depth of knowledge and experience make him an extraordinary instructor.

He now devotes full time to teaching and helping people with their horses and horsemanship through his writing, workshops, clinics, demonstrations, lectures, and horsemanship video series. Doc lives, works horses and mules, and conducts workshops on his ranch in the Rocky Mountains of Montana. [www.DocHammill.com](http://www.DocHammill.com)

**DAVID WATKINS**

A farm in western North Dakota is where David Watkins started. He grew up in the transition period where horses were still working, but tractors were becoming accepted. His farm style education led him to working in auto mechanics, degrees in vocational education and teaching vocational education. Dave lived in Deer Lodge for many years while he was the director of the Montana State Prison vocational education program.

Dave's enjoyment of woodworking and metal fabrication led him into the repair and restoration of horse drawn vehicles. His hobby has grown into Wagon & Wheel Works, a full time retirement business. Not content with just accurate historical restorations, Dave has continued to teach. His wagon wheel building courses are highly recommended.

Dave now conserves and restores horse drawn vehicles and teaches classes in wheel, body and upholstery restoration at Wagon & Wheel Works in Manning, North Dakota.

**GARY SWANT**

Gary Swant has a Master Degree in Education, with an emphasis in field Ecology from the University of Montana. He taught biology at Powell County High School in Deer Lodge for 25 years and retired in 1993. During his teaching career he taught many college summer courses for both the University of Montana and Montana State University on science related issues. He has also authored a book, and several science curriculums. He has coauthored a number of curriculums in the field of outdoor education and ecology. He has published articles in Montana Outdoors and the National Biology Teacher Magazine.

Since retirement Gary also did school assemblies on making healthy choices and spoke over 1,500 times nationally.

He has also served as a consultant for the Grant-Kohrs National Historic Site authoring 3 field guides and several Environmental Assessments.

Gary is president of GoBirdMontana, a birding guide business. He frequently speaks on birds and leads numerous bird walks for organizations. Swant holds the title of seeing the most species of birds in Montana in one year, 328. He accomplished that goal in 2007.

### **BARRY AND VICTORIA STRAIT**

In 2005 Barry and Victoria Strait started teaching and cooking with Dutch Oven's. They have cooked on trail drives, branding's, rodeos, fairs and many events around Montana and the west. They learned under the tutelage of Colleen Sloan and have perfected the Chuckwagon cooking style.

### **DON CAPP**

Don Cappa began his love of history after inheriting his father's gun collection. Over the years, Don has become a Western historian and a collector of Western memorabilia, which he has on display at the Frontier Montana Museum in Deer Lodge. Through his growing collection, Don has developed a love for history and has a strong desire to share the information with others.

### **MATT SAVILLE**

Matt became interested in the Civil War when he was 16 years old. Since then, he has expanded his historical knowledge of Civil War and frontier soldiers, and is a member of the 2nd Cavalry Association.

### **LEE SILLIMAN**

Lee Silliman is a local high school Science and Math teacher and has lived in Deer Lodge for the past 35 years. He has been a black and white photographer since 1979 and began his passions of photographing ghost towns around Montana in 1991. For the past 3 years, he has also been photographing ghost towns in 10 different western states and currently has a ghost town traveling show of 42 different pictures called Treasure State Remnants. Lee also has an extensive library of approximately 75 different ghost town books.

### **DR. ELLEN BAUMLER**

Ellen Baumler is the interpretive historian at the Montana Historical Society in Helena. She is the author of many articles on a wide variety of subjects and several books. Her *Beyond Spirit Tailings: Montana Ghosts, Mysteries and Haunted Places*, earned a 2006 Award of Merit from the American Association for State and Local History. *Dark Spaces*, a history of the prison at Deer Lodge, is her newest endeavor.

### **J.M. COOPER**

J.M. Cooper is a photographer for the Montana Historical Society and an accomplished documentary photographer whose work is in many private collections.

### **ARCH ELLWEIN**

Arch Ellwein, independent scholar and actor from Sidney, MT. Meet the vibrant 26th President of the United States, Theodore Roosevelt, during the 100th anniversary of his administration (1901-1909). Even Roosevelt's critics admired the man who took on the corporate trusts, charged up San Juan Hill, defied the Party "bosses," built the Panama Canal, defined conservation and won a Nobel Peace Prize. Hear his views on conservation, agriculture, and democracy, all shaped by his Western experience. Portrayed by Ellwein, President Roosevelt talks of his experiences in Montana as a rancher and sportsman. Following his "press conference," the actor/historian will come out of character for further discussion.

## **OTHER ACTIVITIES**

**Attend the 14<sup>th</sup> Big Sky Draft Horse** at the fairgrounds across from Grant-Kohrs, Saturday and Sunday September 19 and 20. Singles to 6 horse hitches will again be showing at the Fairgrounds in Deer Lodge during two performances each day. Working teamster events including the popular feed team races are included. Some new events are included this year, as well as two additional performances.

The 2009 class of inductees to **the Montana Draft Teamster Hall of Fame** will be presented at the start of the Saturday afternoon performance on September 19th. This honor belongs to those Montana teamsters who have demonstrated a commitment to the preservation, education, and community service using draft animals. The Hall is sponsored by both the Montana Draft Horse and Mule Association and Big Sky Draft Horse Expo.

Under the grandstand is a trade show of vendors, and the Antique Quilt, Lap Robe and Carriage show. Lap robes and carriages are displayed to educate folks about these every day items from the Draft Era.

(Individuals may enter items in the Quilt and Carriage show. Entry forms and more information are available at [www.draffhorseexpo.com](http://www.draffhorseexpo.com) or by calling 406-846-2854 or 406-586-5113)

### **EXPO EVENT BUTTON**

Purchase of the \$15 Event Button Entry provides entry to both days of the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Big Sky Draft Horse Expo, the Antique Quilt, Lap Robe and Carriage display, and the Trade Show. This button also provides 4 days of free admission to the five Old Prisons Museums and discounts at some merchants in downtown Deer Lodge, and entry to prize drawings during the show. The event button is truly a bargain. (The daily admission alone to Expo is \$8 and it is \$8 per day for the Prison Museums admission.)

### **Montana Auto Museum**

Too many to list, but too much to miss, is a visit to the Montana Auto Museum in the Old Prison. Over 140 cars are on display from classic Chevy, Mopar and Ford muscle cars to a Schacht high wheeler and a 1903 Ford with tonneau and wicker side baskets. Listed by *USA Today* as one of the Top 10 "Must See" Car Museums in the country, the Montana Auto Museum offers a splendid display of automotive history.

#### **Old Prison Museum**

Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, The Old Prison Museum was the working prison for Montana from 1871 to 1979. Old Montana Prison was built by inmate labor under the supervision of Warden Frank Conley. The complex survived riots and fire during its 108 years of operation until it was relocated 5 miles west of town.

#### **Yesterday's Playthings**

Generations of toys played with by children of all ages, are on display. Trains, cars, doll, teddy bears, and antique dolls and doll furniture are just a few of the categories housed in this museum. Everyone can take a trip down memory lane while viewing all the playthings inside this museum.

### **Frontier Montana Museum**

Housed in the Old Prisons Mule Barn and fittingly so, artifacts in this museum showcase the old west. Items include saloon memorabilia, cowboy and Indian artifacts, and Libby Custer's silver tea service. Situated next door is Cottonwood City, a representation of what a frontier town would have been like. This is the perfect place to get lost in your mind about how life was when the west was still wild.

### **Powell County Museum**

Powell County Museum features artifacts pertaining to the history of the Deer Lodge Valley. Current displays feature weapons, mining, period furnishings, and other collectables. Here visitors will find a little bit of everything to entertain their eyes.

### **MONTANA HISTORY "LIVE"**

Montana History "Live", Inc. (MHL) is an organization of people who bring history to life. Through the exchange and sharing of information and experiences centered on accurate historical interpretation, MHL is able to make history a valuable part of the lives of those who experience its events. MHL leads its site interpreters, educators, researchers and curators in historical agriculture, trades, period clothing and food, living history programming, care of collections and program delivery. For information contact Mark Brown at [cdvbrown@hotmail.com](mailto:cdvbrown@hotmail.com) or call 406-287-9233

2009 MONTANA ACADEMY OF LIVING HISTORY REGISTRATION FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

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		Amount
<input type="checkbox"/> MALH-19	Horsemanship	\$ FREE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> MALH-29	Soft Buggy Tops	\$100 _____
<input type="checkbox"/> MALH-39	Birding in the Deer Lodge Valley	\$10 _____
<input type="checkbox"/> MALH-49	Frontier Soldiers	\$ FREE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> MALH-59	Dutch Oven Cooking	\$25 _____
<input type="checkbox"/> MALH-69	Romantic History of Western Characters	\$ FREE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> MALH-79	Horsehair Hitching	\$ FREE _____

**EVENING PROGRAMS**

<input type="checkbox"/> MALH-109	Ghost town Photography of the Old West	FREE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> MALH-119	Dark Spaces: Presented in Montana State Territorial Prison.	FREE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> MALH-129	Hot Dogs and History: A campfire program for kids of all ages.	FREE _____

**TOTAL AMOUNT SUBMITTED** \_\_\_\_\_

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