

Faculty

Allan Byrd has had a lifetime career working with horses, and is knowledgeable about the vital role horses played in the open range cattle era. This is his third season at Grant-Kohrs National Historic Site.

Gene Hensen, as the livestock supervisor of the Montana State Prison, began working with leather 40 years ago. Working with inmates, he picked up many techniques for leather tooling and saddle making.

Jack Hinkle grew up on a ranch near Eureka, Montana, and learned at an early age how to cook using cast iron cookware and how to properly care for them. He began collecting them, and now owns hundreds of skillets.

Todd Kesner works at the Montana 4-H Center for Youth Development at MSU. As a former rodeo competitor, ranch hand, and shooter, Todd has a strong interest in the material culture of the American West.

Ruth Little was born and raised in the Big Hole Valley, and with her husband operated a ranch at Dell, Montana. Because of her interest in history she served on the board of the Beaverhead County Museum in Dillon.

Bill & Jill McIntosh operate a cattle ranch north of Avon that has been in the family since 1910. They have been putting up their hay with the use of a beaverslide, which creatively utilizes local materials and designs.

Mary Rangitsch is a Philipsburg resident who was raised in the Big Hole. As woodworkers, she and her father have enjoyed building five looms, and using them to create beautiful rugs.

William Rossiter is a retired instructor (Flathead Community College) of literature, humanities, and folklore. His presentations of songs and stories—with guitar, banjo, autoharp, and harmonica—have entertained and enlightened thousands of people throughout his career.

Lee Silliman & Brandi Fox As a local museum's photo archivist Lee curated a traveling photo exhibit celebrating early Montana dude ranching. Brandi is the guidance counselor and cheerleader/dance team advisor at Powell County High school. Living history, reenactments, photos, and stories

Carol Speich & Doris Richards, residents of Dillon, Montana, have presented candle making and butter churning respectively for years at Bannack State Park during the annual Bannack Days celebration.

Laura Lee Swant has been an expert homemaker, seamstress, and cook for her adult life. She enjoys teaching others how to reuse materials to make new products which enhance the home.

David Watkins & Bob Larson David was the vocational education instructor at Montana State Prison for many years. His enjoyment of woodworking and metal fabrication led him into the restoration of horse drawn vehicles, which has grown into a full time business. Bob began his career painting signs in Butte. After years of apprenticeship, he became skilled at lost techniques such as neon art, gold foil application, and pin striping. He now operates Brite Signs of Missoula Montana from his home studio.

Draft Horse Expo, September 17 & 18, 2011, in Deer Lodge, Montana

See Website www.drafthorseexpo.com

Registration

Download Registration Form at

www.academyoflivinghistory.com

mail/email application to:

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Deer Lodge, Montana 59722

Phone: 406-691-0368

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Mail-in Registration

___ Cast Iron Cooking @ \$15.00 \$ _____

___ Rag Rugs @ \$15.00 \$ _____

___ Horsemanship @ \$15.00 \$ _____

___ Paint Your Wagon @ \$100.00 \$ _____

___ Haying with Beaverslide @ \$15.00 \$ _____

___ Leather Tooling @ \$15.00 \$ _____

___ Restoring Antique Tractors @ \$15.00 \$ _____

___ History of Dude Ranching @ \$15.00 \$ _____

___ Denim Quilts @ \$15.00 \$ _____

___ Loom Weaving [10:00 am] @ \$15.00 \$ _____

___ Loom Weaving [3:00 pm] @ \$15.00 \$ _____

___ Candle Making/Butter Churning @ \$15.00 \$ _____

___ Home on the Ranch / no charge

___ Period Weapons & Clothing / no charge

___ Hot Dogs & Fiddles / no charge

Total Enclosed \$ _____

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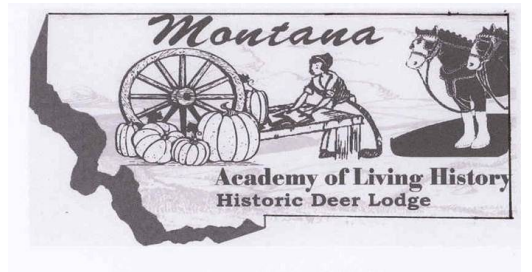
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Please Register By: September 7, 2011

Montana Academy of Living History

**Schedule of Courses
September 14—16**

2011



5th Annual Event

The Montana Academy of Living History

Is dedicated to preserving, understanding, and re-creating the heirloom cultures, skills, environments and experiences of the peoples inhabiting the Rocky Mountain area of Montana through

Hands-on Learning and Educational Programs

Relive the Past in Historic Deer Lodge

Wednesday September 14

Cast Iron Cooking Jack Hinkle

8-10 am/Pen Convention Center/ Cost \$15.00

This class will focus upon indoor stovetop cast iron cooking. Participants will learn how to season, use, and clean a wide selection of different cookware. Come learn why cast iron cooking has survived for centuries. Also bring your appetite.

Rag Rugs Laura Lee Swant

10am-12 pm/Pen Convention Center/Cost \$15.00

From the necessity of reusing every item of clothing during the Great Depression comes this method of rug construction. Laura Lee will start you on your own long-lasting rug that you can finish after the workshop. Bring 10 t-shirts or 8 yards of fabric and a number 8, 9, or 10 crochet hook.

Natural Horsemanship Allan Byrd

1-5 pm/Grant-Kohrs Ranch/Cost \$15.00

Come learn the evolution of a 2500 year old horse training method. The instructor will demonstrate with his mare how to apply these principles and explain the ten characteristics of the horse's mind which underlie this approach. Riding and driving principles will be explained.

Home, Home on the Ranch William Rossiter

7-9 pm/Pen Convention Center/No Charge

This musical presentation is a snapshot of life in the West, with an emphasis on the Montana frontier and homesteading era from 1890 to 1930. These songs and stories—some funny, some serious—show that staying for the long haul added flint to the soul, what with drought, grasshoppers, dust storms, and taxes.

Wed., Thurs. & Fri.

Paint Your Wagon

Dave Watkins

Bob Larson

1- 5 pm Wednesday

8 am - 5 pm Thursday

8 am - 12 pm Friday

Grant-Kohrs Ranch

Cost \$100.00

This three-day workshop will be a hands-on study of the preparation, priming, painting, and pinstripping of horse drawn wagons, buggies, and carts. Topics will include the removal of old paint, sanding, filling in, priming, painting, pinstripping, and the disposal of waste products. Participants will explore techniques of painting with brushes, spray can painting, and commercial spraying.

Painting will be taught using practice boards. Because of space limitations, only a limited number of projects can be accepted. Advanced permission must be obtained to bring a project. Call Dave Watkins at 701-573-4682

Win Door Prizes!

Two Western Motif Artworks

Intarsia (wood art)

Framed Print

Each class sign-up earns a ticket in drawing

Thursday, September 15

Haying with a Beaverslide Bill & Jill McIntosh

8-10 am/Pen Convention Center/Cost \$15.00

Have you ever seen the large loaves of hay in the Avon area? The McIntoshs are area ranchers who use the beaverslide to put up hay in stacks, rather than in round or square bales. Come learn an historical way of haying unique to SW Montana.

Leather Tooling Gene Hensen

10 am-12 pm/Pen Convention Center/Cost \$15.00

In this basic leather tooling class participants will learn about the tools and their order of use, how to prepare the leather with the correct moisture content, and how to dye, edge, mount, and hand stitch the finished project.

Restoring Antique Tractors Pioneer Tractor Club

1-3 pm/Pen Convention Center/Cost \$15.00

Interested in how to restore an antique tractor from the 1920 to 1960 era? Ken Taylor will take you to his shop where participants can see a restoration in progress. He will answer questions based upon his many years of experience.

A Short History of Dude Ranching Lee Silliman & Brandi Fox

3-5pm/Grant-Kohrs Ranch/Cost \$15.00

Using old photographs, books, and re-enactment scenes, Silliman and Fox (dressed up as Eastern dudes) will tell the story of how Western ranch hospitality evolved into a business proposition to the benefit of both ranchers and guests. Come see why many people traded their business suits or high heels for spurs.

Period Weapons & Clothing Todd Kesner

7:30-9 pm/Pen Convention Center/No Charge

See history come alive with photographs of artifacts that were entombed in Missouri River mud for over a hundred years inside a sunken steamboat. See frontier items such as firearms, hats, boots, clothing, and leatherwork.

Friday, September 16

Denim Quilts Ruth Little

8-10 am/Pen Convention Center/Cost \$15.00

This is a great way to use those worn-out denim jeans to create a utilitarian work of beauty. Bring worn-out jeans, or new denim (at least 48 pre-cut 6, 7, or 8 inch squares), a sewing machine, and scissors. Optional: old flannel material to use between the squares.

Loom Weaving Mary Raugitsch

10am-12 pm/Pen Convention Center/Cost \$15.00

3-5 pm /Pen Convention Center/Cost \$15.00

This is a beginner's class on the art of weaving with a handmade loom. "Hands on" learning experience of making a runner or rug.

Candle Making & Butter Churning Cathy Speich & Doris Richards

1-3 pm/Grant-Kohrs Ranch/Cost \$15.00

Before electricity's advent, our pioneer ancestors made and used their own candles. Relive this craft by making candles of various shapes, sizes, and colors over an open campfire. Also come watch rich (pasteurized) milk be churned into butter in a wooden vessel. Light and food!

Hot Dogs & Fiddles Deer Lodge Fiddlers

7-9 pm/Grant-Kohrs Ranch/No Charge

Come join the crowd on bales of hay around a campfire, and enjoy hot dogs, s'mores, and live fiddle music. What better way to end three days of learning about our western heritage!