The Path Less Traveled
Montana Preservation Road Show

May 31 - June 2, 2012
Dillon & Beaverhead Valley

SCHEDULE AND PROGRAM
SCHEDULE AT-A-GLANCE

Wednesday, May 30

1-4 pm  Tour Beaverhead County Museum, 15 S. Montana (on your own)
6-8 pm  Registration & Revelry: – Metlen Hotel, 5 S. Railroad Ave.

Thursday, May 31

7-8:30 am  Registration – UM Western, Mathews Hall Lounge
8:30 am  Breakfast & Kick-Off – UM Western, Mathews Hall, Lewis & Clark Room
          Carroll Van West, Middle Tennessee State University
9:45 am  All Day Tours of Beaverhead Valley Heritage Sites & Cultural Landscape
          Line up in UM Western, Mathews Hall Lounge
          (choose one, lunch provided)
10 am  Tour 1—Featured Stops: Wheat Bison Jump, Tash Ranch, Argenta, Taylor Creek Site, Bannack
          Tour 2—Featured Stops: Rock Art Site, Henneberry Homestead, Camp Fortunate, Horse Prairie/Brenner Home Ranch, Bannack
5 pm  Buses Return to UM Western behind Main Hall
5:30 pm  Evening on the Town! Dinner On Your Own
7 pm  Dessert Reception & Lecture — Old Depot Theatre, 15 S. Montana
          Frank Matero, University of Pennsylvania
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**PROGRAM**

**Wednesday, May 30**

1 pm-4 pm  **Beaverhead County Museum Self-Guided Tours**  
*15 S. Montana St.*

Enjoy the Beaverhead County Museum, a local institution for over 50 years. Housed in a log building complex in downtown Dillon, the museum and its friendly staff offer a wealth of information. See an authentic homesteader’s cabin, the first flush toilet outhouse in Dillon, mining and agricultural equipment, and a fascinating display of local wildlife.

6 pm-8 pm  **Registration and Revelry**  
*Hotel Metlen, 5 S. Railroad Ave.*

The Metlen’s distinctive architecture has graced Dillon’s downtown since 1897. Come enjoy good company and lovely atmosphere as we register and gear up for the workshop’s activities.
**Thursday, May 31**

7-8:30 am  **Registration**  
*UM Western, Mathews Hall Lounge*  
Check in with workshop staff to receive your workshop materials and get up-to-date on all the events.

8:30 am  **Welcome & Breakfast Lecture**  
*UM Western, Mathews Hall, Lewis and Clark Room*  
Montana Preservation Alliance Executive Director Chere Jiusto, U.S. Forest Service Regional Archaeologist Carl Davis, Beaverhead County Museum Director Lynn Giles and UMW Vice Chancellor Susan Briggs welcome all to the workshop at this friendly kickoff to the events.

Dr. Carroll Van West, Director, Tennessee Civil War National Heritage Area & Center for Historic Preservation at Middle Tennessee State University will share insights gained from looking at the places and listening to the stories of southwest Montana. The region is the first leg of his three-year project to revisit all of Montana, 30 years after his classic book *A Travelers' Companion to Montana History*, and to reconsider how the Montana historic landscape can empower communities' futures in the 21st century.

9:45 am  **All Day Tours — Line up in Mathews Hall Lounge**  
*Board Buses in Main Hall rear fire lanes*
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**Stop 1**  A Staple of Life: Wheat Bison Jump

The Wheat site is a classic “buffalo jump,” consisting of converging drive lanes made of stone piles, a vertical cliff face (jump), and a bone midden below. Indian groups, likely Shoshone and Salish peoples, used the jump primarily sometime between A.D. 1175 and 1270. They herded bison grazing in the grassy foothills behind the jump toward the cliff, then stampeded the herd over.

**Stop 2**  Ranching in Beaverhead Country:  
Van Camp-Tash Barn

The Van Camp-Tash barn dates to the mid to late 1860s, and displays *piece-sur-piece* construction, a technique usually associated with the French building style. This barn is part of the Tash stock raising operation, and often referred to by the family as the “maternity ranch” - as its location is suited to calving.
**Stop 3** Muckmen and Groundhogs: Argenta Mining District

Situated at the mouth of Grasshopper Creek, miners founded Argenta in 1865, and the community served nearly 3,000 claim holders in the surrounding area. At its peak, Argenta boasted hotels, restaurants, stores, and of course saloons. By 1866, it also boasted Montana’s the first smelter. By 1874, as the placer deposits played out, the camp was nearly deserted. Despite this, some mining operations in the area continued as late as the 1970s.

**Stop 4** Not Just Any Rock: Taylor Creek Archaeological Site

The clink-clink of rock against rock, and bone against rock, was a familiar sound in southwestern Montana for thousands of years. Stone tools made by Indian peoples were essential to their well-being and survival. The tool stone came from places like Taylor Creek, a prehistoric quartzite quarry. Taylor Creek was also an ancient campsite, as evidenced by stone tools, bone refuse, and scattered charcoal from cooking fires. This enclosed little valley was likely a convenient stop-over that provided access to game, such as bison, antelope, and bighorn sheep, and other resources beyond quartzite for tool making.

**Stop 5** On the Banks of Grasshopper Creek: Bannack City

A National Historic Landmark, Bannack is one of the best preserved ghost towns in the American West. John White’s discovery of placer gold in the gravel of Grasshopper Creek in 1862 set in motion a gold rush and immigration that culminated in the establishment of Montana Territory in 1864, with Bannack as its first territorial capital. Gold strikes elsewhere in western Montana soon drew away Bannack’s itinerant mining population, but those who stayed continued to hardrock mine and use electric placer dredges (the nation’s first) into the 1930s.
Thursday May 31—All Day Tours (continued)

Tour 2  Clark Canyon Rock Art Site, Henneberry Homestead, Camp Fortunate, Horse Prairie/Brenner Home Ranch, Bannack

Stop 1  A Place of Power: Clark Canyon Rock Art

Long ago, red images, now called pictographs, were painted in a small alcove nestled in a tall cliff above the Beaverhead River. It was--and still is for many--a place of spirituality and power. Pictographs were painted with various minerals, such as iron oxide (hematite), and are common on cliffs and rock outcrops throughout southwestern Montana, in both ordinary and spectacular settings.

Stop 2  Laying Claim: The Henneberry Homestead

William Henneberry received his 160-acre homestead patent in 1887, after “proving up” his claim by farming, fencing, and building. The beautifully constructed 1905 residence, together with the chicken coop, original log cabin, and surrounding hay fields, conveys the hard work and dedication required to be successful in this stunning but challenging setting. Through a partnership between the BLM and MPA, the cabin will live on as a recreation rental cabin.
Timely Contact: Camp Fortunate

In August 1805, Lewis and Clark traveled separately up the Jefferson (Beaverhead) River in search of Shoshone guides who would lead them through the mountains before winter. Lewis made contact with the Shoshone, and persuaded them to return to the forks of Horse Prairie Creek and the Red Rock River, where Clark arrived on August 17th. There, at “Camp Fortunate,” the dramatic reunion of Sacajawea and her brother Cameahwait occurred. Author Stephenie Ambrose-Tubbs and Shoshone-Bannack Historian Leo Ariwite will discuss this important site.

Literary Topography: Horse Prairie and Brenner Ranch

Dillon’s most famous author, Thomas Savage, spent his childhood on the Brenner Ranch in Horse Prairie. The windswept landscape and isolated ranching culture of southwest Montana provide the backdrop for most of his works. UM Western Professor Alan O. Weltzein will compare fiction and reality in Savage’s novels set in this beautiful, but often unyielding place.

On the Banks of Grasshopper Creek: Bannack City

Tours 1 and 2 will meet up in Bannack—see description on previous page.

5:30 pm Evening on the Town! Dinner On Your Own
7:30 pm Dessert Reception & Keynote Lecture

Old Depot Theatre/Beaverhead Co. Museum, 15 S. Montana St.

Frank Matero, Director of the Architectural Conservation Lab at the University of Pennsylvania will address “Global Perspectives on Historic Preservation,” detailing his national and international conservation projects, including recent work at the former Western Clay Manufacturing Company in Helena. Through his many impressive projects worldwide, Matero finds that historic preservation and sustainability go hand in hand.
Friday morning, June 1

7 am Registration UM Western, Mathews Hall Lounge

8 am Breakfast Lecture—UM Western, Mathews Hall, Lewis & Clark Room

Amy Jordan Webb, Senior Field Officer, National Trust for Historic Preservation will present “Finding the Path to Success in Heritage Tourism,” focusing on how Montanans can develop successful tourism programs based on the cultural and historic resources in their area. An active advocate for heritage tourism at the national level, Webb joined the National Trust’s Heritage Tourism Program in 1993 and served as the program's director from 1995 to 2011.

Half Day Tours

9:15 am–noon All tours begin in UM Western, Mathews Hall Lounge

Downtown Dillon & Heritage Tourism – Tour with Chere Jiusto, Amy Webb, Cyndy Andrus, and Kate Hampton.

The walking tour leaves UM Western campus and winds through Dillon’s original townsite, past mansions built by early cattle barons and industrialists, including the 1862 Tuscan-style Orr Mansion. The architectural tour continues through the business district, including the Beaverhead County Courthouse, the Peterson Drug Building, and the Hotel Metlen. These buildings tell the story of wealth, optimism, and access to materials that Montana’s first railroad brought to the territory when it arrived in 1880. Heritage Tourism Consultant Cyndy Andrus is a featured speaker.

Includes box lunch discussion in the Old Depot Theatre or outside in the park.
This tour explores the resettled and beautifully restored Roe House, an elegant 1912 colonial-style home built by Edward and Effie Roe on their ranch in Red Rock, MT. In 1998 the house was moved 28 miles onto the University of Montana-Western campus after its new owner, Ted Turner, donated it to the school. This tour continues next door at the University of Montana-Western’s carefully restored Main Hall. The university’s Vice Chancellor, Susan Briggs, and Architect Ken Sievert, guide this tour through Old Main’s history, from laying its cornerstone in 1896 to current ongoing restoration projects.

Includes box lunch discussion in Main Hall, Room 217.

Canyon Creek Charcoal Kilns – Bus to site, tour with Mike Ryan and Carl Davis.

Trek by bus out to the Canyon Creek charcoal kilns, which produced charcoal to fuel the Hecla Consolidated smelter’s blast furnaces between 1877 and 1900. Today, this rare and compelling historic industrial site features 23 charcoal kilns—three of them restored—plus a wooden log chute, a wooden loading platform, a log building ruin, and an historic dump. Archaeologists Mike Ryan and Carl Davis will talk about its history, and the challenges and successes of preserving such a unique industrial site. Box lunch included.
Plenary Lecture and Discussion

1:30 pm  Keynote Lecture: Preservation in a Changing West

*UM Western, Main Hall, 3rd Floor Small Auditorium*

Barbara Pahl, Vice President, Western Field Office, National Trust for Historic Preservation

Western landscapes are layered with stories of human existence over large expanses of time, but population growth, increasing demands for recreation and our growing need for energy threaten this history. Many of these landscapes are managed as public lands, on behalf of us all. Pahl will draw on three decades of experience to provide an overarching look at where preservation has been, and some challenges that lie ahead as we work to insure these landscapes and stories from our past endure for the future.

2-4:30 pm  Historic Preservation: Caring, Sharing, and Lighting the Flame of Awareness — Roundtable Discussions

*UM Western, Main Hall, 3rd Floor Small Auditorium*

Carroll Van West will moderate panel members
USFS Regional Archaeologist
**Carl Davis**, Historic Architect
**Jim McDonald**, Gallatin National Forest Archaeologist
**Marcia Pablo**, Professor
**Frank Matero**, and **Barbara Pahl**. These leading preservationists will engage in a thought provoking conversation on how we can encourage and better engage the public to preserve and protect Montana’s heritage.
Tour and Frivolity

5:30 pm  Former Montana Children’s Home Campus Tour

*Intersection of Hwy 41 and Hwy 287, Twin Bridges*

*Carpool on your own*

Rich in history, the former Montana State Children’s home is monumental in scale. Equally remarkable is its owner, **Leslie Adams**, who in 2005 acquired the property in order to stabilize it and find an appropriate, long-term use. Over the past seven years, Adams has replaced fifteen roofs, remediated asbestos, upgraded sewage lines, overseen landscaping and lawn maintenance, and cleaned the 26 buildings on the 26-acre facility. Join her for this poignant tour.

6:30 pm  Down-Home BBQ Dinner and Barn Dance

*Jeffers Building, Madison County Fairgrounds, Twin Bridges*

*Carpool on your own*

Fantastic food, delightful company, and rousing music await at the Madison County Fairgrounds. During this fun-filled evening, connect with old and new friends, fill yourselves with delicious, down-home cookin’, and take a turn on the dance floor. Attendees will have a chance to win exciting raffle prizes, including **Patagonia brand** items and a “barn book extravaganza” basket. On stage, **Watercarvers Guild**, recognized as one of the best contemporary acoustic ensembles in the Northwest, will delight with their melodic genius.
Got an old house or cabin with historic windows in need of repair? Or a building in your community you’d like to help refurbish? Just Say No to vinyl windows! This half day workshop will explain the why, how, and what tools to use to restore your historic wood windows.

Cathy Bickenheuser and Kirby Matthew of the USDA Forest Service’s historic preservation team, along with Pete Brown of the State Historic Preservation Office, will teach participants the technical aspects of repairing wood windows, sills, and frames. Brown will also cover the reasons it’s usually better to repair historic windows than to replace them with new ones.
All Day Tour

Barns of Southwest Montana Tour *(lunch provided)*

8:30 am  *Line up at UM Western, Mathews Hall Lounge*

8:45 am  *Board bus behind UM Western, Main Hall*

5 pm    *Bus returns to UM Western*

Join *Hand Raised: The Barns of Montana* authors *Chere Jiusto* and *Christine Brown* and *photographer, Tom Ferris* for a tour of southwest Montana barns. Participants will have access to selected barn interiors, learn about the evolution of barn building in America, and the development of horse, sheep and cattle ranching in southwest Montana. Stops include the Bishop, Malesich and Doncaster/Bayers ranches, the Diamond O and Page barns, and the Poindexter and Orr Barn on today’s Matador Ranch south of Dillon.

*Please bring your own camp chairs/blankets for our picnic lunch at the Doncaster Round barn.*
The artwork used on our Road Show tote bags was provided by Claire Emery of Missoula. Emery is an artist, naturalist and educator living in Missoula. She is passionate about transforming her sketches and observations of Montana’s natural and cultural history into wood engravings and woodcuts. Using knives and picks, she pecks away at the woodblocks, drawing images out of the darkness of the wood and into the light. Her lifelong quest is to know and celebrate the place in which she lives.

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Notes
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