



FORT CASPAR MUSEUM Newsletter

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CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS AT THE FORT

DECEMBER 3RD • 5:30 TO 8:30 PM • FREE

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Bundle up for Casper's most beloved holiday tradition: *Candlelight Christmas at the Fort!*

Join us on Saturday, December 3rd from 5:30 to 8:30 pm.

This event is FREE and open to all.



FCMA Board President and Soldier re-enactor Con Trumbull with Pioneer re-enactors Libby and Lisa Thalken at last year's Candlelight event.

Meet 19th-century re-enactors and experience the Fort illuminated only by candlelight. Warm up inside the Museum with free hot chocolate and cookies, craft-making activities for the kids, exhibits, a dress-up photo area for pictures, and great holiday shopping.



FCMA Volunteer Bob Gray sells souvenirs in the Sutler's Store at Candlelight 2015.



A Cannon for Fort Caspar

Fort Caspar will once again have a cannon. A full-scale reproduction of an 1860s-era Mountain Howitzer will be shipped to FCM in November to become part of the fort's parade ground display during the summer months.

FCMA members will be invited to a members-only preview that will be sched-

uled as soon as the piece arrives.

Historic Fort Caspar had a 12-lb Mountain Howitzer that was manned by 11th Ohio Calvary.

This purchase was made to enhance the authenticity of the fort by the FCMA Board using proceeds from money raised at the 150th Anniversary event in 2015.



Reproduction of a 12-lb Mountain Howitzer. The "12-lb" refers to the weight of the projectiles it could fire. Their small size and portability made these cannons practical for use in the West.

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Exhibits & FCMA News

CASPER TROOPERS EXHIBIT

Fort Caspar Museum is organizing an exhibit to celebrate sixty years of the Casper Troopers. It will open in April 2017 and run through November 2018.

The Troopers were first organized in 1957 and gave their first performance the following year. This exhibit will

feature different uniforms, instruments, flags, photographs, posters, and other Troopers-related materials.

Many of the items have come from the Trooper organization, but we are looking for more objects to round out the exhibit. **If you or someone you know has Trooper memo-**

abilia and/or photographs you would like to lend to the Museum for this display, please contact Michelle Bahe or Rick Young, 235-8462.



The Troopers, c.1969, acrylic on canvas, by Mary K. Feezer. Collection of Fort Caspar Museum.

World War I Home Front Posters

A second exhibit is also in the works at FCM. This one will feature posters from World War I. "Home Front Posters from the Great War, 1917-1918" will consist of thirty framed copies of posters from the collection of The National WWI Museum and Memorial in Kansas City.

Most of the posters depict activities Americans were encouraged to undertake stateside to support the war effort abroad.

After its premiere at FCM in early 2017, the exhibit will travel to cities throughout

Wyoming for the next couple of years.

This exhibit is being funded by the FCMA and a grant from Wells Fargo Bank.



Collection of The National WWI Museum and Memorial.

FCMA Board Members Elected at Fall Membership Meeting

The FCMA's Annual Membership Meeting and election was held at the October 1st Lunch & Learn.

New 2016 Board members are Justin Moldaschel and James Robinson.

Leaving us are Allen Crowder and Patti Wood Finkle: thank you for your years of dedicated service!

Thomas Kennet-Were Watercolors Exhibit

During a 26,000-mile journey across the United States from 1868 to 1869, Englishman Thomas Kennet-Were



created field studies and watercolors of scenes he encountered. Beginning in New York, Kennet-Were traveled to California and eventually to Mexico and back again to New York.

Wigwam of Ute Indians, Salt Lake City, 1869. Watercolor on paper by Thomas Kennet-Were. American Heritage Center Collections.

This exhibit from the American Heritage Center in Laramie contains reproductions of his watercolors and related diary excerpts. It will be on view November 12th to mid-January 2017.

*Thank you, Fort Caspar Museum Association!
The FCMA supports much of our
programming and this publication. Check our website or
contact the Museum for membership information.*

Mission:

Fort Caspar Museum collects, preserves, and exhibits materials related to the history of Fort Caspar, the City of Casper, Natrona County, and central Wyoming.

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Hours of Operation:

May - September: Daily, 8 am to 5 pm
(Fort buildings open 8:30 am to 4:30 pm)

October - April: Tuesday thru Saturday, 8 am to 5 pm
(Fort buildings are locked for the season)

Ghost Tours 2016

The Casper Area Paranormal Seekers (CAPS) once again brought their detecting equipment and expertise to FCM for 48 tours of the fort buildings on four evenings: October 21st & 23rd and 28th & 29th. This event—while not for everyone!—brought over 470 visitors to the Museum. Thank you, CAPS! And a big thank you to the FCMA volunteers who helped run the tours.

Fort Caspar Museum Events Calendar—Fall/Winter 2016-2017

Nov 11	Museum CLOSED for Veterans Day Holiday
Nov 12	FFF Hands-On Workshop, 1-3pm: "Make a Pleather Bag" \$
Nov 12	Exhibit OPENS: <i>Thomas Kennet-Were Watercolors</i>
Nov 24 & 25	Museum CLOSED for Thanksgiving Holiday
Nov 26	Museum OPEN 8am-5pm on the Saturday of Thanksgiving holiday weekend
Dec 3	<i>Candlelight Christmas at the Fort</i> , 5:30-8:30pm—FREE event
Dec 6	<i>Reading the West</i> Book Discussion: <i>The Sand Bar</i> by Walter Jones, 6:30pm at Fort Caspar Museum
Dec 10	FFF Hands-On Workshop, 1-3pm: "Make a Holiday Ornament" \$
Dec 24 & 31	Museum is OPEN 8am-5pm on these Saturdays during the Christmas & New Year holidays
Jan 3	<i>Reading the West</i> Book Discussion: <i>Where Rivers Change Directions</i> by Mark Spragg, 6:30pm at NCPublic Library
Jan 28	FFF Hands-On Workshop, 1-3pm: "Winter Pioneer Games" \$
Jan 28	FCMA Winter Lunch & Learn, 12-2pm: Douglas Cubbison will present on the Bozeman Trail \$
Feb 3	<i>Date Night at the Museums Valentine Edition</i> : ticketed event (www.caspermuseums.org) \$
Feb 7	<i>Reading the West</i> Book Discussion: <i>Steamboat</i> by Candy & Flossie Moulton, 6:30pm at Natrona Co. Public Library
Feb 11	FFF Hands-On Workshop, 1-3pm: "Make a Valentine" \$
Feb 25	FFF Hands-On Workshop, 1-3pm: "Make a Wind Sock" \$
March 7	<i>Reading the West</i> Book Discussion: <i>Blizzard of '49</i> by Roy Alleman, 6:30 pm at Natrona Co. Public Library
March 25	FFF Hands-On Workshop, 1-3pm: "Mountain Men Activities" \$
April	Exhibit CLOSES: <i>Wearable Wyoming</i>
April	Exhibit OPENS: Casper Troopers exhibit
April 4	<i>Reading the West</i> Book Discussion: <i>Absolutely True Diary...Part-Time Indian</i> by Sherman Alexie, 6:30 pm at NCPL
April 23	FFF Hands-On Workshop, 1-3pm: "Gold Rush Activities" \$
May 2	<i>Reading the West</i> Book Discussion: <i>Life of Tom Horn</i> , autobiography, 6:30pm at NCPL— <i>final discussion of series</i>
May 13	FCMA Spring Lunch & Learn: Bill Rossiter will present railroad stories and songs \$
May 27	FFF Hands-On Workshop, 1-3pm: "Heirloom Garden Activities" \$
June 24	FFF Hands-On Workshop, 1-3pm: "Birds of Wyoming Activities" \$
July 22	<i>Caspar Collins Day 2017—save the date!</i>

Please note: Events may be subject to last-minute changes; please call the Museum or check our website for the latest details.

FFF = Fremont Family Funday Hands-On Workshop; open to all ages and free with museum admission. • \$ = cost associated with the event



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*Do your
 Christmas shopping
 at FCM! Members get
 15% off, and your
 tax dollars stay local!!*

Save the Dates

- **Winter Lunch & Learn** will be on Saturday, January 28th. Douglas Cubbison will present on the Bozeman Trail.
- **Spring Lunch & Learn** will be on Saturday, May 13th. Bill Rossiter will offer stories and songs of the railroad in "The Magic Carpet Made of Steel."
- **2017 Caspar Collins Day** will be held on Saturday, July 22nd.

Farewell, Trey

We are sad to announce the recent departure of our friend and colleague, Curator of Education Trey Corkern. He left us in September due to a withdrawal of funding for his position by the Natrona County School District. Trey was a valued member of our team for over three years, and his loss—and the loss of the position—will be greatly felt. He returned to Colorado to live full time with his wife, Pam. We wish them all the best.



Trey in his Zoot Suit at the 2014 USO Show with FCM's mascot Fremont Ferrett.



**150th
 Event
 Recognized
 by State
 Historical
 Society**



The 150th Anniversary of the Battle of Platte Bridge & Caspar Collins Days Commemorative Event of 2015 received an Educational Project Award last September from the Wyoming State Historical Society. These awards recognize individuals and organizations who have contributed to the state's rich legacy. Congratulations to committee members Con Trumbull, Steven Dacus, and Douglas Cubbison and to everyone who contributed to the 150th!

From Left: Con Trumbull, Steve Dacus, & Doug Cubbison