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## **Upcoming Exhibit and Presentation at Fort Caspar Museum Feature Owen Wister**

Casper, Wyoming – Fort Caspar Museum is pleased to announce a new traveling exhibit and presentation in September.

The traveling exhibit, “The Virginian: Owen Wister’s Creation of the Great American Novel” will be available for viewing from September 8th through December 3rd. The exhibit commemorates the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the publication of this classic literary work. *The Virginian* is considered to be the prototypical American Western novel. The exhibit is from the American Heritage Center in Laramie and was created from materials in the Owen Wister Papers.

On Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, the museum’s support group, the Fort Caspar Museum Association, is hosting a “Lunch and Learn” presentation. Rachael Dreyer, an assistant archivist at the American Heritage Center will present, “New Yorkify, and Rot’: Owen Wister and the Restorative West.” The tradition of the Western novel - a distinctly American genre - is often said to have started with the author Owen Wister. Dreyer will explore the intersection of literature and history with Wister’s adventures in Wyoming and the West through his letters, diaries, and photographs. In addition, she will discuss Wister’s place in the American literary canon, as well as his life back East and out West.



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The luncheon begins at 12:00 pm in the Multi-Use Room at Fort Caspar Museum. Fees for the lunch - which includes meat lasagna, green salad, bread, dessert, tea and lemonade – is payable at the door with a RSVP. The lunch is \$5 for museum members and \$8 for non-members. The special presentation begins at 1:00 pm and is free with paid lunch, museum membership, or paid museum admission for non-members (\$3.00). Please call 235-8462 to RSVP for both the luncheon and/or lecture by Thursday, September 22nd.

For more information call the museum at 235-8462 or check our website at [www.fortcasparwyoming.com](http://www.fortcasparwyoming.com). The museum is open daily in September from 8:00 am – 5:00 pm and October through April, Tuesday through Saturday from 8:00 am - 5:00 pm.



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