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## INTERNATIONAL REUNION MEETS IN CODY, WY, JUNE 28 - JULY 1, 2012

Every 10 years the Cody Family International Reunion traditionally gathers in Cody, WY, the town founded by William Fredrick Cody, aka Buffalo Bill, and the home of the Buffalo Bill Historical Center.

Although it is not our customary time to meet, we are breaking with tradition for a very good reason. The Buffalo Bill Museum, one of the five museums of the Buffalo Bill Historical Center, and the one most closely associated with the Cody family, will be reopening June 29 after extensive renovations.

As most of you know, Cody family members under the leadership of Mary

**SEE INSIDE  
FOR MORE ABOUT  
THE REUNION**



Jester Allen founded the Buffalo Bill Museum in 1927. This is an event where the Cody Family will be honored, encouraging us to become increasingly visible in the life of the Buffalo Bill Museum, as well as in our hometowns. We hope you will all view this event as a tremendous opportunity for the family to come together not only to enjoy our reunion,

but also to re-establish the family vision of serving larger communities through the Cody Family legacy.

The BBHC has extended an invitation and welcomes our attendance for all the festivities that go along with the reopening, so PLEASE COME, enjoy the BBM opening, as well as other activities noted in the Agenda section. And encounter a great American icon, your cousin, again... for the very first time! Learn the compelling story about the life and legacy of William F. "Buffalo Bill" Cody through authentic artifacts, state-of-the-art exhibits, and engaging interactive displays in the "new" Buffalo Bill Museum.

## ICFA FORGES STRONGER BONDS WITH BUFFALO BILL MUSEUM AND BBHC

The ICFA board met with the Buffalo Bill Historical Center (BBHC) Executive Director, Bruce Eldredge, and Staff in June of this year to discuss how the ICFA can best interface with the BBHC for the benefit of both parties. After several discussions, the board agreed to share the ICFA mailing list (including email addresses) with the BBHC so that our members may be informed of future BBHC activities and events at the Buffalo Bill Museum. You will learn about the BBHC outreach programs throughout the nation and the world in which you may want to participate. Additionally, the BBHC has also offered to establish a kiosk in the Buffalo Bill wing that will make visitors aware of the ICFA and permit them to determine if they are related to the Cody family.

The ICFA and BBHC will NOT share ICFA member information with orga-

nizations other than the BBHC and the kiosk will not display any data that will reveal personal information about living persons.

The BBHC has offered to archive, conserve, preserve, insure and digitize Cody family letters, artifacts, and memorabilia in the names of Cody family donors.

The Board is confident that ICFA will benefit from greater exposure at a world-class museum and that will engender more interest among Cody family members as they realize that the original Buffalo Bill Museum was founded by members of our family.



You may opt out of receiving mail and email from the BBHC at any time (see "Times They Are A'Changing" article).

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# CODY REUNION AGENDA, JUNE 28 - JULY 1, 2012

The agenda includes actual and preliminary costs. Most are actual costs. Costs noted with a ~ sign are best estimates but should be very close to actual. The Registration form and final details will be included in the March *REVIEW*. An electronic version will be emailed to you sooner if we have your email address, and will also be available on the ICFA web site no later than March. Update your email address at [email@cody-family.org](mailto:email@cody-family.org).

## THURSDAY, JUNE 28

- 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM: **ICFA Board Meeting @** Cody Club  
 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM: **Registration and Reception @** Cody Club \$30/family for 2012 dues plus \$10/person.  
 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM: **Shootout @** Irma Hotel, Free  
 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM: **Dinner Buffet** BB's Private Dining Room, Irma Hotel. \$30/adult, \$12/child (6-11), under 6 free.

## FRIDAY, JUNE 29

- 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM: **Optional Activities:** River Rafting, \$25/person; Art Gallery Tour, no charge; Cody Trolley Tour ~ \$20.  
 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM: **No host Lunch.**  
 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM: **BBM Museum**, Family Tour  
 6:30 PM - 7:00 PM: **BBHC Reception** (no-host bar)  
 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM: **BBHC Dinner** - Speaker; Dr. John Rumm, Curator BBM  
 Meet Community and BBHC Leaders.  
 ~\$45/adult, \$TBD/child

## SATURDAY, JUNE 30

- 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM: **Tour of Historic Houses** (Stock House, Coe House, Japanese Internment Camp Museum @ Heart Mt. ([www.heartmountain.org](http://www.heartmountain.org))) or local Ranches. Bus ~\$25/person. Lunch ~\$15/person.  
 5:30 - 7:30 PM: **Dinner @** Cody Club (Speakers; Paul Fees, Naoma Tate). ~\$30/person.  
 8:00 - 10:00 PM: **Cody Rodeo.** \$16/adult, \$6/child, under 6 free.  
 10:15 PM - ? : **Cassie's Cowboy Bar** (Dancing & Hell-raising).

## SUNDAY, JULY 1

- 10:00 AM: **Historical "Poker Church" Episcopal Church Service.**  
 12:00 Noon: **Park Picnic.** ~\$20/adult, \$10/child, under 6 free.  
 2:00 PM: **Family Business Mtg.**

# HOTEL DEALS & DETAILS

As a gift for your family, begin now to plan on where to stay! The following hotels have blocked and discounted over 75 rooms on a first come, first served basis until early May. Additional hotels, motels, B&Bs and RV parks are listed on the web or contact the Cody Chamber of Commerce at (307) 587-2777.

**Best Western Sunset Motor Inn** (1601 8th Street, Cody WY)  
 \$126.65 single queen to \$199.75 for 3 queen family rooms.

Contact: 307-587-4265 or 800-624-2727.

Danyel Chitwood, General Manager. [dchitwood@bwsunset.com](mailto:dchitwood@bwsunset.com)

**Best Western Ivy Inn and Suites** (1800 8th Street, Cody, WY)

To be open in 2012. \$174.25 standard 2 queen to \$242.25 for large suites.

Contact: [bestwesternivy@gmail.com](mailto:bestwesternivy@gmail.com)

800-624-2727; 307-587-4265 x 200 (office); 307-587-9029 (fax)

**Buffalo Bill Village** (1725 Sheridan Avenue, Cody WY). 25

Cabins blocked, Reserve by May 1. 1-room Cabin (sleeps 4)

\$149. 2-room Cabin (sleeps 6) \$179.

[blair\\_j@blairhotels.com](mailto:blair_j@blairhotels.com); [www.blairhotels.com](http://www.blairhotels.com)

(307) 587-5555; (800) 527-5544

**Irma Hotel** (historic downtown)

11 rooms Blocked: 6 Historic Wing rooms-\$174.86 for 2;

5 Standard rooms- \$120.96 for 2 or 3

Contact: Tracey Van Dusen, 1.800.745.4762

**The Cody** (232 West Yellowstone Ave., Cody, WY)

25 rooms blocked - \$184 King beds, some with balconies.

Complimentary breakfast. Reserve by April

Contact: Maureen at 307.527. 3398

## HOW TO GET TO CODY

Cody is located in the NW quadrant of Wyoming, just 52 miles from Yellowstone Park. It's at the intersection of: US Hwy 14, 16, 20 and WY 120. It is accessible by road or air.

**By car:** From East: thru Denver and Cheyenne. From West: thru Yellowstone. From South: thru Salt Lake City and Grand Tetons. From North: thru N. entrance of Yellowstone, Billings or Glacier National Park.

**By Air (2 airports):** Yellowstone Regional (COD), ~2 miles from town, or Billings (BIL), about 2 hours North. Most flights go through Salt Lake City or Denver. Both airports have cars available and they are usually a little cheaper in Billings. There is a shuttle between Billings and Cody (see [www.codyshuttle.com](http://www.codyshuttle.com) for details). It may be cheaper and more convenient to fly into Billings and rent a car than flying into Cody. Check airline schedules and costs.

## TIMES THEY ARE A'CHANGING - USE YOUR EMAIL

The ICFA is planning to improve our communications with its members via email notification of events, such as reunions and other time-sensitive activities of interest to the Cody family. We will continue to publish the *REVIEW* newsletter twice each year and email notifications will give us the opportunity to let you know of developments between newsletter publications.

### INFO STILL NEEDED

The deadline for the upcoming genealogy and directory books has passed. While they will not appear in the new publications, please continue to submit updates to your family records. They will be included in our family database and will be available for future editions. Changes in address, phone and email are very important as they allow us to keep in touch with you through the *REVIEW* and occasional emails. Also, did you know that when we send our newsletter to an address that is not current, we have to pay first class postage when the newsletter is returned to us as undeliverable? Please think of the ICFA when you are sending out those changes of address notices – and send us an email if your email addresses change. We want to keep in touch with you. After all, you are family.

The purpose of the Directory is to provide current mailing and email addresses to encourage communication among family members. If for any reason you do not wish to have any part of your information in the Directory, you must let us know now. You can do so by sending an email to [email@cody-family.org](mailto:email@cody-family.org) or leaving a message at (513) 871-8661. Provide your name, Cody Family ID (from the *REVIEW* address label), your address and purpose of email or call. The Genealogy does not contain personal contact information. If you opt out of the Directory listing you will continue to receive the *REVIEW* and email from the International Cody Family.

We also encourage you to use email to provide family information to our Genealogist (Barbara Metalsky: [quest4lineages@aol.com](mailto:quest4lineages@aol.com)) and articles for the *REVIEW* (Dorothy Rauh: [editor@cody-family.org](mailto:editor@cody-family.org)) or web site (Allan Cody: [webmaster@cody-family.org](mailto:webmaster@cody-family.org)). Family updates and additions may be sent to us by using the forms in the *REVIEW*. However, you are strongly encouraged to use email or our web site. These methods reduce misinterpretation, are quicker to handle and more accurate.

If you haven't provided your email address already, just send an email to [email@cody-family.org](mailto:email@cody-family.org) with "email update" in the subject line. Put your name, address and Cody Family ID (from your *REVIEW* label) in the body of the email. Please consider including email addresses of your adult children so they can be included in our notices. You may also go to the ICFA website, mouseover "Membership," then click on the "Update Me" button and complete and send the form.

## IN AND AROUND CODY

The main attraction in Cody is the Buffalo Bill Historical Center ([www.bbhc.org](http://www.bbhc.org)), which houses five museums under one roof: Buffalo Bill Museum, the Whitney Gallery of Western Art, Cody Firearms Museum, Plains Indian Museum, and the Draper Museum of Natural History.

Other places to visit include Tecumseh's Old West Village, a wonderful display of miniature scenes tracing the history of Wyoming – a fascinating place. Old Trail Town and Opera House is composed of 26 famous historical western frontier cabins, dating from 1879 to 1901. The opera house has western shows ([www.nezperce.com/tritown](http://www.nezperce.com/tritown)).

Be sure to see the Irma Hotel, which was built in 1902 by Buffalo Bill and named for his daughter. It is said the bar was a gift from Queen Victoria ([www.irmahotel.com](http://www.irmahotel.com)).

Every night the Cody Rodeo is presented with lots of fast paced events ([www.codystampederoodeo.com](http://www.codystampederoodeo.com)).

While in Cody, there is bus service (COLT) that runs between lodging, shops, restaurants, and attractions. There is a

## BIRTHS AND MARRIAGES

*We want to know about your family, too. Send and email, fill out a form on the web, or send a letter. Please don't forget to let us know of changes, events or activities within your immediate family.*

Born to Kate and Richard Bradshaw (264/C61121) in July, 2011, a daughter, Evelyn Elizabeth. She joins 3-year-old sister, Amora. Mother Kate is from South Korea.

Lydia Wild (264/C611121) and J. Michael Brown were married on October 14, 2011, in Scottsdale, Arizona.

charge of \$2/day or \$5 for a family for unlimited use. Hours of operation are 9 am to 5:42 pm and buses are wheel chair accessible ([www.codywyomingnet.com/transportation](http://www.codywyomingnet.com/transportation)).

The elevation of Cody is 5,095 feet, almost a mile high. The summers can be warm during the days, but rarely over 90 degrees. The evenings can be fairly cool, so a sweater or light jacket is suggested.

As long as you are in the area, you might also schedule a side trip to Yellowstone park ([www.yellowstone.com](http://www.yellowstone.com)) or to the former lodge of Buffalo Bill, Pahaska Tepee, ([www.pahaska.com](http://www.pahaska.com)). Eighty-three miles southeast is Thermopolis, where there are hot springs for swimming, a dinosaur dig site, and an historical museum. ([www.thermopolis.com](http://www.thermopolis.com)).

Other websites for learning about Cody include the Chamber of Commerce ([www.codychamber.org](http://www.codychamber.org)), the newspaper ([www.codyenterprise.com](http://www.codyenterprise.com)), and websites [www.codywyomingnet.com](http://www.codywyomingnet.com) and [www.yellowstonecountry.org](http://www.yellowstonecountry.org).

See you all in Cody next summer!

# ASSOCIATION NEEDS YOUR HELP

Several main themes surface in this issue of the *REVIEW*. First and foremost is news of the 2012 International Reunion which will be held in Cody, WY, in concert with the re-opening of the expanded, improved and modernized Buffalo Bill Museum. This is an event in which we hope that all Cody family members will make every effort to participate.

Another theme of importance to all family members addresses the recent efforts to form stronger ties with the Buffalo Bill Museum and the Buffalo Bill Historical Center (BBHC). Members of the Cody family founded the original Buffalo Bill Museum and, as the Museum grew and became the five-museum complex that is now the BBHC, our ties with the museum waned. Recently, the ICFA Board and the Executive Director and staff of the museum met and agreed on ways to strengthen the ties between us.

Another theme describes how we plan to modernize some of our practices to bring you news of the family in a timelier and more economical manner by emphasizing the collection of email addresses. Our greatest expense annually is printing and mailing our newsletter, the *REVIEW*, and it has the limitation of only arriving at your home twice each year. Opportunities and activities that come along in between editions are often missed. Email provides a way for us to reach you as they come up. Please send your email address to us.

Finally, we have a great need to refill our treasury. As you know, we request a

## FROM THE DIRECTOR



voluntary dues payment annually to cover the expenses of publishing the newsletter, maintain the website, and pay bills for postage and maintenance and expansion of the family genealogical database. I encourage (beg, may be more accurate) each family to send in their dues now. If you haven't paid your dues in the past, I hope you will consider what a valuable association and family you are part of and begin sending dues each year. When you pay your dues, you will receive a member card and, if we have your email, the treasurer will send you a receipt for your payment. Starting in 2012 we will recognize and thank those who have paid dues or made donations by listing their names on the ICFA web site.

For those of you who have been sending in your family information for the forthcoming *Genealogy and Directory*, we thank you very much. Due to a huge influx of last minute updates our genealogist, Barbara Metalsky, has been swamped and has been working very hard and many hours to complete the work. Now, the inclusion of additional updates and additions has been cut-off. Currently, we are moving into the publication preparation phase and pre-ordering of the editions will begin with the March issue of the *REVIEW*.

# WHAT ELSE IS THE MUSEUM DOING?

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The Buffalo Bill Historical Center is continuing the tradition of bringing the West to other parts of the world that Buffalo Bill started with his traveling show. The current exhibition, **Visions of the American West: Masterworks from the Buffalo Hill Historical Center**, is a display of art, artifacts, guns and lectures and celebrates the appearances of Buffalo Bill's Wild West in Nashville of 100 years ago. The exhibit is showing at the

Cheekwood Botanical Garden and Museum of Art in Nashville, Tennessee. The exhibit opened in late October but will be there until March 4, 2012. A schedule of events can be found at [www.cheekwood.org](http://www.cheekwood.org) or [www.bbhc.org/explore/beyond-our-walls](http://www.bbhc.org/explore/beyond-our-walls). If you are near Nashville between now and March 4, it will definitely be worth your while to visit this exhibit. Don't forget to introduce yourself as a member of ICFA.

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# OHIO CIRCLE HOLDS ANNUAL REUNION NEAR COLUMBUS

The Ohio Circle of the International Cody Family Association gathered on October 1, 2011, at Beech Maple Lodge in Blacklick Woods Metro Park in Reynoldsburg, OH, for its annual reunion, which included a potluck luncheon, white elephant auction and business meeting. The white elephant auction is an annual tradition of the family to raise money for the next year's reunion.

Mr. William J. (Jeff) Steece, Buffalo Bill impersonator and historian, gave an exciting presentation about Buffalo Bill's life. After that he gave the children in attendance an authentic buffalo tooth necklace.

New officers were elected at the business meeting. They are Gretchen Barnes,

president; Frank Cody, vice president; Stacy Geffard, secretary; and Toni Trent, treasurer.

Attending were Bill & Sandy Cody (270/3473), Stacy Geffard & Sebastian (270/34732), Gerald & Marilyn Cody (270/3453, Ross & Glorine Cody (270/347), Craig Cody (270/3474), Kyle & Betty Moran (122/61432), Gretchen & Steve Barnes (122/614323), Nicole Chapman with Austin, Chance & Kaleigh (270/34731), Vivian Sidle (270/373), Terence Cody (270/3452), Janet Owens (000/105), Toni and John Trent (270/3731), Frank & Brenda Cody (270/3431), W. Jeff Steece (aka Buffalo Bill) (000/120).



*New OH Circle Officers, from top left, clockwise: Gretchen Barnes, president; Frank Cody, vice president; Toni Trent, treasurer; Stacy Geffard, secretary.*

## OBITUARIES

### EVA ROSE CORNWALL BABCOCK

Eva Rose Cornwall Babcock (142/4215) was born August 26, 1917, at Cole Lake, Ontario. She passed away on July 28, 2009, in Godfrey, Ontario. She was very active in her church and loved to visit people, often taking them cookies or pies. She is survived by one daughter, Ethel (Gordon) Kennedy (142/42151), two grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

### MARGARET CODY MABON

Margaret Cody Mabon (130/6251), age 84, passed away on April 25, 2011, in Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada. She is survived by her husband of 64 years, Bill, and three children:

Larry (130/62511), Dorothy (130/62512), Margaret Elia (130/62513) and five grandchildren. Margaret was employed at Crawford, Smith and Swallow for many years where she will be fondly



remembered by her many clients. She will be sadly missed by all who knew her, including many members of the International Cody Family. Margaret served the International Cody Family faithfully as treasurer for many years and she and Bill were regularly in attendance at the International Reunion where her pleasant and upbeat personality charmed us all. Margaret was also a founding member of the Upper Canada Circle.

### DONALD E. ARNOLD

Donald E. Arnold (264/C616) of Phoenix, Arizona, passed away on August 16, 2011. He was born in April 1933. He was a long-time employee of the telephone company and then became an employee of Communication Workers of America. He is survived by four children.

### HORACE JAY CODY

Horace Jay Cody (130/6132) passed away on April 21, 2011. Known to everyone as Jay, he was a prominent citizen of Orillia, Ontario, Canada. During his life in Orillia, Cody revitalized the Stephen Leacock Museum, helped turn the Sir Sam Steele Building into the Orillia

Museum of Art and History and was the first recipient of the Order of Orillia in 2001.

Cody held a position on Orillia's city council and fought against the use of pesticides in city parks, spoke against incineration and fought to preserve the Atherley Narrows fishing weirs. Jay is survived by his wife, Joan, and is the father of five children and the stepfather of five. He has 16 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Jay was also an important and influential member of the Cody Family Association. He was the president of the Upper Canada Circle for many years and regularly was in attendance at the International reunions.

### MARJORY A. SMITH

Marjory A. Smith (248/7114) passed away on Nov. 12, 2011, at Claremont East in Bremerton, Washington. Marjory was a regular attendee at Cody Family reunions and is remembered fondly by all who knew her.



**USE THIS FORM TO SEND US YOUR FAMILY UPDATE INFORMATION**

Cody Identification Number (if known) \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Birthplace and Date (mm/dd/yyyy) \_\_\_\_\_

Cody Descendant Name \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Marriage Place \_\_\_\_\_ Marriage Date(mm/dd/yyyy) \_\_\_\_\_

**CHILDREN IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER** (Do not include stillborn, but include those not surviving infancy) Adoption status: 0, not adopted biological descendant; 1, adopted & not a descendant; 2, descendant adopted by successor spouse; 3, descendant adopted by 3rd party; 4, descendant adopted by descendant relative.

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Adopted? \_\_\_\_\_ Birthplace & Date \_\_\_\_\_ Marriage Date \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birthplace & Date \_\_\_\_\_ Marriage Place \_\_\_\_\_  
(Include maiden name, if female)

Address(if other than above) \_\_\_\_\_ Email/Phone \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Adopted? \_\_\_\_\_ Birthplace & Date \_\_\_\_\_ Marriage Date \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birthplace & Date \_\_\_\_\_ Marriage Place \_\_\_\_\_  
(Include maiden name, if female)

Address(if other than above) \_\_\_\_\_ Email/Phone \_\_\_\_\_

3. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Adopted? \_\_\_\_\_ Birthplace & Date \_\_\_\_\_ Marriage Date \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birthplace & Date \_\_\_\_\_ Marriage Place \_\_\_\_\_  
(Include maiden name, if female)

Address(if other than above) \_\_\_\_\_ Email/Phone \_\_\_\_\_

To List additional children or grandchildren, use additional sheets

**LIST DETAILS OF FAMILY DEATHS** (Include name, Cody ID, Date & Place of Birth, Date of Death, Location of final resting place)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

You may provide **Biographical Data** for the above: up to 200 words on a separate sheet. Include civic, educational and occupational achievements.

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