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Buffalo Bill Historical Center Wins Another Award

The Buffalo Bill Historical Center has been honored as one of America's "favorite museums for group travelers" by the National Tour Association. It won the Bronze Award in this category, tied with another prestigious museum: New York's American Museum of Natural History. The Gold winner was the Smithsonian Institution and the Silver went to the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York.



Bruce Eldredge, executive director and CEO of the Center, stated, "We definitely have cause to celebrate at being included in the distinguished company of the Smithsonian, MOMA, and the American Museum of Natural History. Our numbers of group tours have increased significantly in the last few years, and we couldn't be more thrilled with this prestigious award. This honor acknowledges how engaging our group travels find our galleries and is sure to draw even more attention and visitors to the Center and to Cody."

Other recent accolades for the Historical Center include a listing in Cowgirl Magazine's *2012 Ten Favorite Western Art Museums* and a No. 2 ranking by the travel website GoNomad.com in its list of **The Ten Best Family Destinations for Learning Vacations**. (see <http://www.gonomad.com/family/1111/top-ten-family-learning-vacations.html>)

Cody Gears Up for Summer, Reunion

Cody, Wyoming, has a census population of about 9,100, but summer months see an explosion of people who come for the scenery the river rides, and the rodeo. This summer will also see the reopening of the Buffalo Bill Museum wing of the Buffalo Bill Historical Center.

The BBHC is comprised of several smaller museums that make up the whole. With the remodeling and refurbishing of the Buffalo Bill part, the BBHC hopes for an amazing number of people to visit starting with its grand reopening in late May.

This newly done Buffalo Bill wing was one of the reasons the ICFA chose to have the reunion back in Cody this summer. It is hoped that many "cousins" who have never been

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Register for June's Family Reunion Online

The ICFA is acting to reduce costs and increase participation. This year for the first time we are introducing an online 2012 Reunion Registration and Activities Sign-up webpage with PayPal and Shopping Cart buttons as another way (other than with paper) to take your reservations for the June reunion.

Directions are simple: Sign up for Activities by clicking the "Add to Cart" button, set your quantities and review your purchases with the "View Cart" button. Be sure to include your Cody ID number so

we can identify you. Print your receipt and bring it with you to reunion. If you have two receipts because someone changed his mind, bring that receipt also. If you are buying but not attending, designate someone to claim your tickets at the Registration Desk in Cody. No tickets will be mailed.

PayPal is a secure way to pay bills online. Payment can be made directly through your own PayPal account if you don't have one of the four major credit

cards they accept. You can also pay your 2012 ICFA membership dues using the PayPal button on the webpage. Donations can also be sent to the ICFA at this time. Donations support ICFA special projects such as genealogical research, web site expansion, publications, arts/letters collection, and many other service projects.

We want to provide good service, so use the "Contacts" menu choice to tell us what you think about your buying experiences.

Cody Reunion Activities and Events

See the Registration Form for costs and watch the web site for the latest on activities at the reunion. Send us your email address so that we can keep you informed.

Thursday, June 28

- 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM: **ICFA Board Meeting @** Cody Club (Open to all Cody descendants)
 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM: **Registration and Reception @** Cody Club (corner of 13th and Beck)
 5:30 PM - 6:00 PM: **Shootout @** Irma Hotel
 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM: **Dinner Buffet** BB's Private Dining Room, Irma Hotel

Friday, June 29

- 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM: **Optional Activities:** River Rafting; Art Gallery Tour; Cody Trolley Tour
 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**
 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM: **BBHC Dinner** - Speaker; Dr. John Rumm, Curator BBM

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)) or local Ranches
 5:30 - 7:30 PM: **Family Dinner @** Cody Club (Speakers; Paul Fees, Naoma Tate)
 8:00 - 10:00 PM: **Cody Rodeo**
 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**
 2:00 PM: **Family Business Meeting**

Correction

In the previous issue of the Review it was reported in the article entitled "In and Around Cody" that Cody has a public transportation bus line called COLT. We have learned since that the COLT is no longer in operation and there is no public transportation in Cody. Check with your hotel for alternative arrangements – and do not feel shy about asking Cody Cousins for a ride when you need one. We are family after all.

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 2 queen family rooms.

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

Tanna Edwards, Front Office Manager, tedwards@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

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; 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

Cody Gears Up

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to Cody will choose this summer to make their first journey there.

Visitors are encouraged to make room arrangements as early as possible since many other tourists besides our "family" will be in the area at the time. The registration sheet is located on the inside back page of this issue. Register as soon as possible as this will help greatly in planning for a successful reunion.

Suzanna Cody and Ron Hills, and Kit and Linda Cody have done a great job in setting up the agenda for this reunion, and they hope to see lots of cousins in attendance.

What to Do if I Can't Make It for Reunion

If your vacation time prevents you from visiting Cody at the time of the reunion, don't think you won't find plenty to do if you go during a different part of the summer. There are always activities for all ages going on in the town. The Chamber of Commerce website, www.codychamber.org lists many things to do around the area.

Many other parts of the country have events and sites pertaining to Buffalo Bill. Check out some of the following:

A great statue of Buffalo Bill on horseback with a rifle in his hand aimed at a running bison is near Oakley, Kansas, just off I-70. The sculpture is close to life size and you can get a sense of how dangerous it was to try to bring down one of these mammoth animals while riding at full gallop. It was supposedly near here that Buffalo Bill participated in that great

bison shoot that earned him forever the nickname of Buffalo Bill.

Two other interesting sites are near here – the **Fick Fossil and History Museum** in Oakley, and a little farther down U.S. 83 south is the **Monument Rocks Natural Landscape**, filled with strange natural columns of hardened chalk, wind whipped into unusual shapes.

The **Buffalo Bill Museum and Grave** is located on Lookout Mountain near Golden, Colorado. Here Cody and his wife are both buried in graves covered by concrete, to forestall the rumor that some Wyoming citizens were plotting to steal his body and take it back to Cody, Wyoming. This very informative and pictorial museum is filled with photos, posters, and other exhibits of Buffalo Bill, his friends and family. The museum, grave site, and gift shop sit atop the mountain, up a wind-

ing paved road with great views.

The **Scouts Rest Ranch**, near North Platte, Nebraska, was home to Buffalo Bill in his later years. His famous Wild West Show rehearsed there. It is currently a state historical site that can be visited, providing that the North Platte River isn't at flood stage.

Buffalo Gals Luncheon

The BBHC will hold a Buffalo Gals Luncheon on May 15. Dr. John Rumm will present a program entitled Backstage with Annie Oakley. This heroine of the Wild West Show comes alive through intimate stories. Limited seating is available, so if you are going to be in the area, this would be a great event. Reservation may be taken by phoning 307-899-3305.

Target Card Featured

Famed photographer, Annie Leibovitz, has included in her new book, *Annie Leibovitz: Pilgrimage*, a photo of a target card used by Annie Oakley. Held in a private collection at the time Leibovitz photographed it, the card has since been bequeathed to the Historical Center. It will be on display in the renovated Buffalo Bill gallery when it opens in May.

Genealogist Stays Sharp

Our ICFA Genealogist, Barbara Metal-sky, strengthens her years of genealogical studies and education by continually keeping involved with new classes, frequently attending conferences, lectures, and mastering advanced seminars.

The latest topics of interest, in part, have included: Solutions for Contradictory Documentation; Defining Corroborating Facts in Genealogical Sources; Strategies for Steering Clear of Internet Falsehoods.

This summer she will be assisting as an "indexer" with a coordinated project of many genealogical organizations that are all working to make the 1940 census available for the public to search.

We are so lucky to have such a talented genealogist working for our family association.

The REVIEW appreciates any news that you'd like to send, whether it is a birth, wedding, or death announcement, or in the case of the following, a short personal article by Barbara Cowell.

Barbara was "lost" for awhile as she moved to Las Vegas, NV, and her new address got misplaced. But she sent her new address plus many other family updates. Barbara enjoys writing short pieces for her family, and then shared the following with us. It was a little lengthy for the REVIEW, but I let her know that we'd edit it and still keep the flavor of her writing.

My Relationship with Buffalo Bill

By Barbara Cowell

As children we learned our family history and stories from my grandmother, Mary Wheeler Hunt. It wasn't long before I began to feel important and proud. I found out that I was related to the great Buffalo Bill Cody—a cousin five times removed.

The Cody Association had started a numbering system to keep the generations organized and traceable. Each person was assigned a number according to the previous generations and including that person's birth order within a family. My grandmother's number is 117/113. The last #3 is my grandmother Mary. My mother's number is 117/1135, and my number is 117/11351. The natural conclusion to me as a child was that the lower number, the more important the person! Being a #1—and related to Buffalo Bill—made me feel proud. I began to "put on airs" around my school mates and look down on them because they weren't related to anyone

famous. I could make myself important, so important that I didn't need to be friends with anyone less important.

After a while my mother started to notice a change in my behavior, and it was not for the better. She told me about the less famous characteristics of my famous cousin. Buffalo Bill was made to be a living human being with faults and bad habits like anyone else. I learned a valuable lesson in that while you may have a famous relative, you do not have the right to claim that fame or notoriety. You have to make your own mark on the world and experience both the ups and downs.

After writing this, I was given the biography, **Buffalo Bill: The Man Behind the Legend**, by Robert Carter. This excellent book put to rest all the negative things that had been said in my family. Currently the book is being passed around in the family. I'm proud to be a descendant, but it is a different kind of pride now.

OBITUARIES

Edward D. Harris

Leaving us on June 6, 2011, was Edward D. Harris, 78, (128/72114) of Hampden, Massachusetts. Born on April 6, 1933, Ed was brought up on a dairy farm and later worked as a truck driver in various occupations. He retired from Construction Service in 1995 as a member of Teamsters Local 404.

He married Joan Sloat and this year they celebrated their 60th anniversary. He was a member of the Hampden Federated Church, Hampden Garden Club and Historical Society. He was also an avid fan of the Red Sox and Patriots. He is survived by loving wife, Joan, four children, seven grandchildren and seven great grandchildren, many nieces and nephews. Burial was at Prospect Hill Cemetery in Hampden.

Don C. Borland

Don C. Borland, 90, (266/23122) of Seaside, Oregon, passed away on December 26, 2011.

He was born September 18, 1921 in LaCrosse, Washington. Don spent four years in the Navy during World War II, receiving the Navy Good Conduct, European-African Middle East Campaign, American Campaign, Asiatic Pacific Campaign and World War II Victory medals.

He married his first wife, Barbara Guild who preceded him in death May 15, 1997. He married Amanda Kammer in 2005 and she survives him. He is also survived by five nieces and three nephews.

Don is preceded in death by brothers Howard and Dick, and his twin Dan, and sister Pearl Borland.

Interment was at Oswego Pioneer Cemetery.

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VIEW subscription" in the subject line. Be sure to include your name and family ID number in the message and say you wish to sign up to receive the *REVIEW* electronically via email. For those who do not have email or wish to continue to receive a paper copy you will continue to receive it by mail.

Update on Status of Cody Family Directory and Genealogy Books

Preparing the Directory and Genealogy for printing has taken longer than expected. The goal of having them ready by the time of the International Reunion in Cody WY has not changed but we had hoped to have pre-order forms in this issue of the newsletter. Unfortunately, costs of publication have not been settled yet. As soon as we know, we will let you know a pre-order price. We will post it on the web site with a pre-order form.

In addition, you may send your email to us at email@cody-family.org and ask to be notified when pre-ordering begins. Please include your name and Cody family ID # in the body of the email. If you do not know your Cody family ID, tell us the name of your Cody descendant parent and grandparent.

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2012 International Cody Family Reunion (ICFA)

Cody, WY

Registration Form

Fees due by May 25. After that, add 10%

Sign-up on-line under ICFA Web site (www.cody-family.org),
or make checks to "ICFA" & send form/money to:

Ron Hills, ICFA Treasurer
18588 Woodbank Way, Saratoga, CA 95070
408-221-8625

Please register the following people (please duplicate form for additional people).

PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR EMAIL & CODY ID SO WE MAY KEEP YOU UP-TO-DATE IN A TIMELY MANNER.

<u>CODY ID/NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>EMAIL</u>	<u>PHONE</u>

Please mark the # of people attending each event and show the total \$ on the right.

<u>Date & Event</u>	<u>Cost per</u>		<u># Attending</u>		<u>Total \$</u>
	<u>Adult</u>	<u>Child</u>	<u>Adult</u>	<u>Child</u>	
Family Assn. 2012 Dues (if not already paid)	\$30/family				
<u>Thur., June 28</u>					
9 AM-1 PM ICFA Board Mtg. @Cody Club					
2-5 PM Registration & Reception @Cody Club	\$15	\$8*			
5:30-6:00 PM Shootout @Irma Hotel	<i>Free</i>				
6:30-10 PM Dinner Buffet @IRMA Hotel BB room	\$30	\$12*			
<u>Fri., June 29</u>					
9 AM-1 PM River Rafting (2hr) or	\$25	\$15			
Historic Cody Trolley Tour (1hr)	\$20	\$15			
1-4 PM Buffalo Bill Museum Tour	\$10	<i>Free</i>			
6:30-9 PM BBHC Reception & Dinner (Speakers)	\$45	\$30*			
<u>Sat., June 30</u>					
10 AM-3 PM Bus Tour Japanese Internment Museum	\$20	\$10*			
Lunch for tour	\$15	\$15			
5:30-7:30 PM Family Dinner @Cody Club (Speakers)	\$30	\$20*			
8-10 PM Cody Rodeo	\$16	\$6			
10:15 PM-? Cassie's Cowboy Bar - Dancing	<i>No Host</i>				
<u>Sun., July 1</u>					
10 AM Historical Poker Church Service	<i>Free</i>				
12:00 noon Picnic - Park	\$20	\$10*			
2 PM Family Business Mtg. - Park	<i>Free</i>				
Total \$					

Note: Adults & Seniors are the same. Children are 12 years and younger.

** Children under 6 are free.*

USE THIS FORM TO SEND US YOUR FAMILY UPDATE INFORMATION

You may go to www.cody-family.org to send updates electronically or to download additional forms.

Cody Family Identification Number (see address label below) _____

Cody Descendant Name (First, Middle, Last) _____

Birth Place & Date (mm/dd/yyyy) _____

Spouse Birth Name (First, Middle, Last) _____

Birth Place & Date (mm/dd/yyyy) _____

Marriage Place and Date (mm/dd/yyyy) _____

Address (Street, City, State, Zip) _____

Phone _____ Email _____

CHILDREN IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER: (Do not include stillborn but include children 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 a 3rd party; 4, Descendant adopted by a descendant relative.

1. First, Middle, Last Name _____ Adopted?__ Gender__ Birth Place & Date _____

2. First, Middle, Last Name _____ Adopted?__ Gender__ Birth Place & Date _____

3. First, Middle, Last Name _____ Adopted?__ Gender__ Birth Place & Date _____

If child is married, living at an address other than the parents or has children, please fill out a separate sheet for them. Also, add additional sheets to report more children, grandchildren and other family up dates.

LIST DETAILS OF FAMILY DEATHS (include name, Cody ID, date & place of birth, date of death and place of rest. If you wish, include biographical or memorial words or attach an obituary).

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THIS IS YOUR VOLUNTARY ANNUAL DUE INVOICE

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Additional Contribution _____

Name, Address, Cody ID (See label) _____

Phone _____ Email _____



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