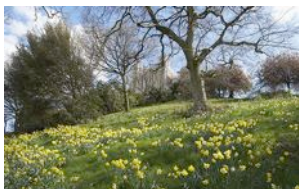




CALENDAR

- ❖ Wednesday, March 3, "What is a Fossil?" training, Classroom, 2pm
- ❖ Saturday, March 6, Survivor: Jamestown Family Day, 1-3pm, Free with Admission or Membership
- ❖ Tuesday, March 9, "Dinosaurs of the Gobi" with Molly Ward, 6:30pm, Classroom
- ❖ Wed. Thurs., and Fri. March 24, 25, and 26, Dino Egg Stuffing, 10am-1pm, Seminar Room or Classroom
- ❖ Wednesday, March 24, Dr. Robert Shaw, Docent Enrichment Speaker Series, 1pm, Classroom
- ❖ Thursday, April 1, Club320 Event: "Los Caprichos" and Las Tapas, 6-8pm, Free with Club320 membership or \$15 for non Club320 members
- ❖ Saturday, April 3, Dino Egg Hunt and Eggstravaganza,, 10am



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NOTES FROM THE TINSLEY HOUSE

As a student of anthropology at MSU, I was always interested in placing events in context. The questions that come to my mind concerning the Nave and Tinsley families abound. One of the questions was, what did the travelers from Missouri find when arriving to the newly designated Montana Territory? What were living conditions? How did they make a living? What follows is perhaps a glimpse.

Late in the month of May, 1863 gold was discovered along the area which became known as Alder Creek. Within one week, 200 miners, plus their pack animals descended upon this area, setting up tents, brush shelters, and rough log cabins. These early arrivals would soon be followed by thousands of others who came to seek their fortunes. By the mid 1860s it is estimated that 10,000 people lived and worked along the 14 mile stretch known as Alder Gulch, with 5,000 of those living in Virginia City. The surrounding hills were denuded of trees, cut for log buildings and for firewood. According to "A Guide to Historic Virginia City", by M. Grant, "The first permanent commercial building was a log cabin built in June 1863 to house a bakery. A saloon occupied the second commercial building. By mid to late summer the town included among other businesses, a blacksmith shop, brewery, hotel and eatery, and livery stable".

Meanwhile, in the Spring of 1863, the Nave family left Missouri, traveling with a wagon train, arriving in present day Denver, Colorado, in August 1863. There they remained until the spring of 1864 when they headed north, arriving in Virginia City, Montana Territory early summer.



James and Lucy Harvey Nave settled their family in Willow Creek, building a small cabin to shelter their family.

In her writings entitled "Memories of Loved Ones and Home Sweet Home", Lucy Mary Tinsley Hale recounts some stories told by her mother and father when she and her siblings were children. One story told by her mother, Lucy Ann Nave Tinsley, recalls her family's earliest days in the newly formed Montana Territory. "We were so glad to move into this one small room. It was our home. We didn't feel so much like wanderers in this unsettled country and alone. This little home wasn't so pleasant as the home we were driven from.

But we thank our Heavenly Father for the warm shelter from the cold winter storms. And how we enjoyed living in this small home together. But soon my brothers, Lizzie and I went away to work so we could help Father and Mother.

They built a small log house in Virginia City for Lizzie, Lula, and I.

Father covered the roof with shakes so our home was always warm and dry. **Cont., Pg. 3**

NOMINATIONS MADE FOR VOLUNTEER AND DOCENT BOARDS

The slate of nominees has been announced for both the Volunteer and the Docent Boards. The Volunteer Board meets every other month on the second Wednesday at 9:30am, and discusses various issues that relate to the entire volunteer community. They act as representatives of the volunteer corps and advise the Volunteer Coordinator on certain topics.

The following have all been nominated for the Volunteer Board: **Iris Gray** for President (automatically moving up from Vice President), **Beth Naert** for Vice President (she will automatically move up to President next year), and

Priscilla Walcheck for Secretary. **Dee Hellings** will serve as Docent Chair, **Merry Shyne** will serve as newsletter representative, and **Jack Karp, Jean Thorson,** and **Susan Vander Vos** will remain as representatives. Voting for these candidates will take place at the April volunteer meeting on Monday, April 12, 2010.

The Docent Board meets at least four times a year, analyzes docent training surveys from the previous fall, puts together a training agenda for the next fall, and helps advise the Volunteer Coordinator on other issues that pertain to docents. Board members also review docent policies and procedures and facilitate the operations of the Docent Program.

The following have all been nominated for the Docent Board. **Dee Hellings** for Chairperson (automatically moving up from Vice-Chair), **Bob Hamil** for Vice Chair (he will automatically become the Chairperson next year), **Dorie Green** for Secretary, **Lynne Barnes, Jon Eden, Ellen Lammers,** and **Bluette Phillips** for representatives. Recently, a change to the docent bylaws was made allowing voting by e-mail, and therefore, voting for these candidates will take place via e-mail in early April. Those docents without e-mail will be sent a ballot in the mail, and will be allowed to vote via the mail.

MOLLY WARD TO PRESENT TO VOLUNTEERS ON HER TRAVELS TO MONGOLIA

Former Paleo Educator and Technology Coordinator, **Molly Ward** will make a special presentation to the volunteers on Tuesday, March 9 at 6:30pm in the Classroom. Her talk is entitled "Dinosaurs of the Gobi" and will detail her travels to Mongolia in September 2009 with **Bolor Minjin**. While they were there, they hosted a three day workshop about basic paleontology and the fossil treasures found in Mongolia for students aged 8-14 from four different schools in the area near the Flaming Cliffs. Molly will talk about her experiences in Mongolia and will show pictures from the trip. "Yurt" sure to like it!



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NOTES, CONT.

Lizzie was a fine seamstress-you know she did all her sewing by hand. She did so well that her dressmaking was in demand. I was the housekeeper and helped with the sewing too. We supported ourselves and helped. Father and Mother were very thankful there was something we could do."

From this, it appears that of necessity, the children of James and Lucy left the family home in Willow Creek in order to earn money to help support themselves and their parents.

Lizzie or Elizabeth was Lucy Ann's sister, a widow, nine years older than Lucy, who was just 20 years old when the family arrived in Montana Territory. Lula refers to Lucy Ann Martin, Lizzie's daughter, born in 1856, who was approximately 12 years old at the time that she, along with her mother and aunt lived in Virginia City.

James and Lucy moved to Spring Creek, built another home and opened an inn, lodging those who traveled between Virginia City and Helena. This business was apparently able to support the family and Lucy, Lizzie and Lula returned home.

On a cold, clear day January 1, 1867, 22 year old Lucy Ann Nave married William Bailey Tinsley, 30 years old. The ceremony took place at her parents home in Spring Creek, with her sister, Lizzie as her bridesmaid and brother, Jacob, as best man.

And at this point, the familiar story of the Tinsley's begins for us as volunteers at the Living History Farm, as we tell the story of the Tinsley family, keeping in mind that their story is the story of many of Montana's homesteading families. The details may differ, but the truth of their hard work, perseverance, and ingenuity is the same. Our role as interpreters is knowing the history of the farm, the Tinsley family as well as the details of local, national, and world events during the time period of 1890-1900.

Additionally, I believe it is our obligation to breathe life into this history, to bring this colorful adventure to our guests. To accomplish this, I hope that you will make use of the many resources available at the Museum of the Rockies. Use of the volunteer library is encouraged as is attendance at the monthly lectures for Tinsley House volunteers. And please make a re-reading of the Volunteer Training Manual an annual event!

Karen James, Tinsley House staff.

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“WHAT IS A FOSSIL?” CLASS TRAINING, WEDNESDAY MARCH 3



*Are these fossils or rocks?
Come to the class and find out!*

Docent, Maury Irvine will conduct a training on a class the Museum of the Rockies offers to school groups called, “What is a Fossil?” on Wednesday, March 3 at 2pm in the Classroom.

In this class, students learn the difference between a fossil and a rock, and what the processes are that are involved in creating a fossil.

All docents and paleo volunteer are encouraged to attend this training. At the conclusion of the training, if you feel that you would eventually be comfortable conducting this class on your own or with a co-teacher, please let Susan know. The more volunteers who are capable of teaching the class, the more classes we will be able to offer.

EGG STUFFING TO PRECEDE THE ANNUAL EGG HUNTING, DESTUFFING

Once again, the Education Department is seeking several bunny-impersonating volunteers to help stuff thousands of plastic eggs in anticipation of the annual Easter Egg Hunt and Eggstravaganza on Saturday, April 3.

Space is reserved in the Classroom and Seminar Room on Wednesday, March 24, Thursday, March 25, and Friday, March 26

for volunteers to stop by pitch in for one or two hours (or more!).

Stuffing will take place in the following locations at the following times.

Wed., Mar 24, 10am-1pm:
Seminar Room

Thurs., Mar 24, 10am-1pm:
Classroom

Fri., Mar. 25, 10am-1pm,
Classroom.

Please let Susan know if you can help out with this annual project. Bunny ears not required, though very welcomed.

One down, 2999 to go!



DR. ROBERT SHAW TO SPEAK

Dee Hellings, Vice Chair and general Party Person of the Docent Board has arranged for **Dr. Robert Shaw** to speak to the docents and volunteers on Wednesday, March 24 at 1pm in the Classroom.

Dr. Shaw is the Director of the Optical Technology Center at MSU and his talk is entitled "What Color is the Sky at Night?". In this photographic tour of the night sky, you will be introduced to research being conducted at MSU to measure the Aurora Borealis.

Please join us for this exciting presentation.

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