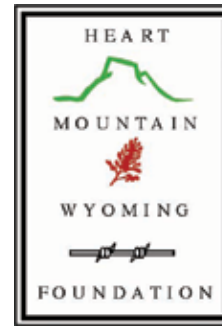


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LESSONS FROM THE PAST ~ GUIDANCE FOR THE FUTURE



HEART MOUNTAIN ILC GRAND OPENING, PILGRIMAGE PLANS UNVEILED

POWELL, Wyoming—Three days of activities, including a dedication ceremony, tours, mountain hike, and a gala banquet will signal the Grand Opening of the Heart Mountain Interpretive Learning Center Aug. 19, 20, and 21, according to event chair Kathleen Saito Yuille.

The tentative schedule includes:

Friday, Aug. 19 – A Pilgrimage Dinner for internees from all camps, their families, and friends will begin the festivities on Friday evening, with a reception at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn in Cody, Wyoming. Seating is limited. Early reservations are recommended.

Saturday, Aug. 20 – The Interpretive Learning Center Dedication Ceremony begins at 10 a.m. at the front entrance of the ILC and concludes with the official opening of the doors. Complimentary docent-led and self-guided tours of the interior exhibits will follow along with screenings of a film created especially for the ILC by Academy Award-winner Steven Okazaki. Visitors will also be able to take map-guided tours of the historic site by car or enjoy a leisurely walking tour. Vendors will be on hand selling food and beverages.

In the evening, the Grand Opening Banquet will be held at the Park County Fairgrounds in Powell. Reservations are required.

Sunday, Aug. 21 – For the physically active, an optional early morning hike to the top of Heart Mountain is planned. Those who reach the top will be rewarded

with a breathtaking view of the valley below.

Additional details, including the names of guest speakers, will be announced as they become available.

The journey toward completion of the Interpretive Learning Center commenced in 1996 with formation of the Heart Mountain Wyoming Foundation with the goal of commemorating what happened to Japanese Americans during the tumultuous war years and sharing the lessons embodied in that experience with the rest of the world.

With money contributed largely by former internees, the HMWF purchased 50 acres of the former World War II internment site in 2002 and proposed the idea for a world-class educational facility. Gradually, the core group expanded and today the HMWF board of directors and advisory council are comprised of individuals from across the United States.

The opening of the ILC's doors on Aug. 20 will symbolize the beginning of a new era of understanding and help remind the nation about the importance of tolerance and the need to balance our concern for national security with a commitment to respect the basic civil rights of all our fellow citizens.

Bus transportation and air travel details are being finalized for those planning to attend the festivities and will be announced in the coming weeks. Check www.heartmountain.org for the latest grand opening details and updates or call (307) 250-5542.

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Jan. 28-29, 2011
Board of Directors Meeting,
Powell, Wyoming

April 22-23, 2011
Board of Directors Meeting,
Powell, Wyoming

July 15-16, 2011
Board of Directors Meeting,
Powell, Wyoming

Aug. 19, 2011
Pilgrimage Dinner, an all-camp
get-together at the Holiday Inn,
Cody, Wyoming. Seating is
limited. Reception 6 pm; Dinner
7 pm

Aug. 20, 2011
Interpretive Learning Center
Dedication Ceremony, 10 am,
Heart Mountain, Wyoming

Aug. 20, 2011
Grand Opening Banquet,
Park County Fairgrounds, Powell,
Wyoming. Reception 6 pm,
Dinner 7 pm

Aug. 21, 2011
Heart Mountain Hike, 7 am.
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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Keepers of Our History

Heart Mountain Wyoming Foundation Board Member and University of Wyoming Professor Pete Simpson led a panel discussion at the Progress Celebration last August that has set us on a mission to examine the future of the Interpretive Learning Center (ILC).

The panel consisted of Powell High School teacher Karen Roles, Sansei artist Jamie Poulsen, Sansei film student Vanessa Yuille, and my son, Bill Higuchi Collier, a Yonsei. Coming from different regions of the United States and different generations, each brought a unique perspective. Yet, they all shared a belief in the ILC’s long-term relevance and its importance as cautionary lesson for today’s world.

As a Sansei, I am also part of the Baby Boomer generation. While the Nisei measure time in terms of “BTW” (before the war) and “ATW” (after the war), Baby Boomers, who grew up with television and microwaves, have no comparable touchpoint.

As the older generation passes on and we Baby Boomers mature, we begin to assume a new role as keepers of the family history and traditions. For me, that purpose is embodied in the ILC, a powerful reminder of our responsibility to honor our parents and grandparents by preserving their legacy and carry on the family traditions.

In the case of the Japanese Americans incarcerated during World War II, those family traditions included making the best of tragic situation. The ILC, therefore, is more than a museum and more than an educational facility. It is our tribute to those who struggled and survived before us, which made it possible for their children and grandchildren to have better lives.

The ILC is also a symbol of what we have learned from those struggles, and it challenges us to draw meaningful lessons from the experience of the Heart Mountain internees. Those lessons must help ensure that what happened to the Japanese Americans during World War II will never happen to another group.

If the ILC is to sustain itself into the future, my generation and my children’s generation must step forward now to support the Heart Mountain Wyoming Foundation in its mission to preserve and teach the values embodied in our community’s history and Wyoming’s history.

I am asking all of you to work with me to encourage your children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews to support the mission of the Heart Mountain Wyoming Foundation as we prepare for the August 20, 2011 Dedication and Grand Opening. Share your family’s stories; share your history and experiences with them. Tell the younger generation that we need to keep this important part of our nation’s history alive.

West Coast Task Force Launches Push to Reach the Top

Spurred by a \$160,000 gift from the family of a former internee and a \$25,000 gift from American Airlines in honor of former U.S. Secretary of Transportation Norman Y. Mineta, the Interpretive Learning Center capital campaign has generated over \$4.8 million to date toward its \$5.3 million goal.

Fundraising chair Douglas Nelson announced that HMWF board members Tak Hoshizaki and Alan Kumamoto are heading up a fundraising initiative encouraging former internees, their families and friends on the West Coast to help the Heart Mountain campaign reach the top.

The multi-faceted effort began in December with a year-end mail campaign and includes targeted outreach to donors, who are being asked to contribute toward completing and sustaining the Heart Mountain facility.

Nelson emphasized that now is the time for any and all of the HMWF’s supporters to dig deeply one more time to assure that the Interpretive Learning Center opens on time.

Naming Opportunities – Rotating exhibits, theater seats, display themes highlighting Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, education, sports, and medical services are examples of areas to be highlighted inside the ILC.

Commemorative Brick Pavers – Those who contribute \$250 or more can become stakeholders by donating toward a special section or item in the ILC. Commemorative bricks are ideal for remembering individuals, families, and/or expressing a sentiment. Donation is \$250 per brick. Forms are available with this newsletter.

Membership – HMWF will launch a major national membership drive early next year to enlarge and engage our growing ranks of supporters and friends. As a member, you become a stakeholder in the future of the ILC and help ensure that it continues to serve as a vital educational resource for generations to come.

“ILC...a powerful reminder to honor our parents and grandparents.”



Shirley Ann Higuchi



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Meeting the Challenge of Depicting Life Behind Barbed Wire

When visitors tour the Interpretive Learning Center at the Grand Opening on August 20, they will encounter a permanent exhibit that draws them into the drama of life behind the barbed wire fences of the Heart Mountain Relocation Center.



Main exhibit room combines artifacts with modern technology.

believe that Steven's film will be one of the emotional centerpieces of the ILC experience,” says Carolyn Takeshita, the Program Committee's other co-chair.

Visitors will exit the theater into an area dedicated to capturing the upheaval of Executive Order 9066 and forced removal from the West Coast. From there, visitors will enter the exhibit's largest gallery, which will allow them to explore a model of the camp, experience various facets of daily life at Heart Mountain, and use interactive touchscreens to see and hear oral histories.

Visitors will be especially interested to enter two recreated barrack rooms -- one of them in the sparse condition that inmates would have encountered upon their arrival at Heart Mountain, and the other one “decorated” in the ways that resourceful inmates managed to spruce up their living quarters. “We have been devoted to making sure that the barrack rooms are as authentic and accurate as possible,” says Sarah Bartlett of Split Rock Studios, the lead exhibit designer.

Exhibits on the challenges of post-war life and on the legacy of this mass deprivation of civil liberties for current and future generations of Americans will guide visitors toward the last stop on the tour, the Hoshizaki Reflection Area, where they will have the chance quietly to think about what they have experienced as they gaze toward the site of the camp and the imposing profile of Heart Mountain itself.

“We anticipate that the visit will engage both the minds and the hearts of our visitors,” says Shirley Ann Higuchi, the Chair of the Heart Mountain Wyoming Foundation. “We hope that people will be compelled to remember what happened here and to commit themselves to making sure such a thing never happens again.”

Designed by the renowned exhibit company Split Rock Studios, together with the Heart Mountain Wyoming Foundation's Program Committee, the exhibit will carry visitors from Japanese Americans' pre-war lives in California through their forced confinement at Heart Mountain and into the many challenges of post-war readjustment.

“We had a few basic objectives in designing the exhibits,” says Professor Eric Muller, co-chair of the Program Committee. “We had to tell the truth. We had to tell the story from the perspectives of those who were unjustly incarcerated at Heart Mountain. We had to capture what was unique about Heart Mountain among all of the camps, such as its tremendous agricultural productivity and its many public debates about patriotism and citizenship. And we had to do all of this in a way that would engage visitors of all ages and different learning styles.”

Visitors will first encounter displays documenting the richness of pre-war life on the West Coast before screening Academy-Award-winning filmmaker's Steven Okazaki's introductory film in the ILC's theater. “We



Features include a scale model of the camp.



Overview of the ILC shows the various exhibit areas, replicated barracks and multipurpose theater, and reflection room.

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Among items donated by former Troop 333 Scouts are a cap, patches, hand-carved Eagle Patrol log book, Scout diary, Eagle Scout certificate and handmade neckerchief.



Vintage Singer sewing machine donated by a former internee.

A large collection of Boy Scout Troop 333 memorabilia was recently acquired from Kaz Shiroyama, Bill Shishima, Chuck Uyeda, and others. Acquisitions include a sewing machine, quilts, crocheted articles, a drawing of Mozart, and a pair of ladies' ice skates.

To donate artifacts, call (307) 250-5542 or email flemingchristy@heartmountain.org.

Fleming Steps in to Manage Heart Mountain Center

POWELL, Wyoming—The Heart Mountain Wyoming Foundation board of directors announced that Powell, Wyoming native Christy Bulkeley Fleming has been named local manager of the Heart Mountain Interpretive Learning Center (ILC).

Fleming's hiring, which was approved by the HMWF board on Oct. 8 and became effective Nov. 1, is a key step in engaging the local Wyoming community in support of the new facility.

"We are especially mindful of the importance of this new facility to the area," said Shirley Ann Higuchi. HMWF board chair. "Christy's lifelong connection to Wyoming and specifically to Powell emphasizes our resolve to work closely with the local community."

Fleming is a member of the Homesteader Museum board of directors. Prior to joining the Heart Mountain project, she worked for 13 years with Bighorn Canyon, a national recreation area that is part of the National Park Service in Lovell, Wyoming. For the past year, she has served as the South District lead interpretive ranger. She has a range of experience that includes interpreting and managing the Bighorn natural and cultural resources.

"I am excited by the opportunity to help preserve this historical place and the meaning it holds, so that its lessons can be taught to future generations. It is a part of Wyoming's history and America's history," said Fleming, who will be responsible for administering day-to-day operations and assisting with grand opening preparations.

She is a graduate of Powell High School and Northwest College, where she earned an Associate in Arts degree in preforestry. In 2000, she obtained her Bachelor of Arts degree in history from the University of Wyoming.

The Foundation's Acting Curator LaDonna Zall of Ralston called Fleming "very versatile and creative," adding, "I think she's going to be a great asset."

HMWF board member and University of Wyoming Professor Pete Simpson described Fleming's selection as "a significant step toward creating a strong, experienced team to oversee the new Center." Prof. Simpson will also lead the search for an executive director.

CARING FOR THE COLLECTION Volunteer Training Offered Through ILC

POWELL, Wyoming—A Volunteer Training Program will be initiated next spring for the Heart Mountain Interpretive Learning Center slated to open in August, it was announced by La Donna Zall, the ILC's Acting Curator. Zall is overseeing the training along with Christy Fleming, the ILC's newly hired Local Manager.

"There is already a great deal of interest," said Zall. "People here want to get involved." The program is one of a variety of activities designed to engage local community members in the new educational facility, currently in the final stages of construction.

Zall, who conducts tours of the Heart Mountain site for all age groups, recently invited 40 Powell High School students to experience the techniques involved in archiving and preserving artifacts. The students examined photographs, furniture, artwork, crafts, clothing, books, and other artifacts and then went to work covering shelves, cleaning and helping to itemize memorabilia in the growing collection.

A homemade puzzle donated by Carlo Okada caught the students' attention. Okada, brother of HMWF board member Shig Yabu, created the replica of a toy that helped Yabu pass the time during the war years. "I would love to have more toys, games, and models from the camp," said Zall as she called upon former internees, their descendants and Wyoming residents to consider donating to the ILC. "The students are curious about what the children did in camp and seem to relate to that experience."



La Donna Zall



Wood puzzle



Christy Fleming



Heart Mountain Interpretive Learning Center
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Thank you for your interest in joining us for the Interpretive Learning Center Grand Opening at the historic Heart Mountain, Wyoming confinement site. Share this unique experience with your friends and family. Early registration is recommended.

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Are you interested in volunteering to lead ILC tours on Saturday, Aug. 20?

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If so, can you attend a docent orientation session on Friday, Aug. 19?

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

DATE/TIME	DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	NUMBER ATTENDING	COST PER PERSON	TOTAL COST
Friday, Aug. 19 (seating is limited) Reception 6 pm • Dinner 7 pm	Pilgrimage Dinner & All Camp Get-Together	Holiday Inn Ballroom Cody, Wyoming		\$45	
Saturday, Aug. 20 Program 10 am • Tours from 11 am	ILC Dedication Ceremony	Highway 14A, Road 19 Heart Mountain, WY		FREE	
Saturday, Aug. 20 Reception 6 pm • Dinner 7 pm	Grand Opening Banquet	Park County Fairgrounds Powell, WY		\$75	
Sunday, Aug. 21 7 am departure from Holiday Inn	Heart Mountain Hike	Heart Mountain Ranch		\$20	
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Lamplighter Inn	234 E. 1 st St., Powell, WY	(307) 754-2226	Heart Mountain Foundation
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* includes continental breakfast

^º provides shuttle service to and from Cody Airport

AIR TRAVEL

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Billings Logan International Airport (BIL) is served by **Delta**, **United**, and **Frontier**. However, those flying into Billings will need to arrange transportation, such as a rental car, from Billings to Cody, about 109 miles (two-hour drive).

CAR RENTALS

Cody Airport – Budget, Hertz and Thrifty operate car rental services through Cody Airport. **Billings Airport –** Most major car rental companies, including **Avis, Budget, Hertz, Dollar, Thrifty**, and **Alamo** serve the Billings airport.

BUS TOURS ARRANGED ESPECIALLY FOR HEART MOUNTAIN VISITORS

DESCRIPTION	DURATION	SCHEDULE	CONTACT	PHONE	PRICE
NATIONAL PARKS ADVENTURE	12 DAYS	Departs from Torrance 8/16 Returns 8/28	Kokusai Travel	(714) 840-0455	\$2,595 (shared room)
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National Parks Adventure – This 12-day/11-night excursion features many of America’s natural wonders. 24 meals are included (12 breakfasts and 12 dinners). Stay at leading hotels and travel through five states. See Jackson Hole, Grand Tetons, the Presidents at Mount Rushmore, Crazy Horse, Grand Canyon, Yellowstone, and witness the Grand Opening of the Heart Mountain Interpretive Learning Center. Enjoy gaming in Laughlin, Nevada before returning home to Southern California. Departs from the Holiday Inn Torrance, CA. Early bird reservations accepted until April 16, 2011. Contact Cheryl at Kokusai Travel for details (714) 840-0455 or visit www.kokusaitravel.net.

San Jose Kokoro Kara Tour – Ride in comfort on this 8-day/7-night bus tour that departs San Jose for Reno, Nevada then on to Salt Lake City. Arrive in Cody, Wyoming for the Grand Opening of the Heart Mountain Interpretive Learning Center followed by a visit to experience Yellowstone National Park and the Grand Tetons. Spend (includes stop in Las Vegas) - Contact Lilly Nomura at Yamato Travel for more information. Phone (800) 334-4982.

Los Angeles Kokoro Kara Tour – This 8-day/7-night bus tour departs from Los Angeles then makes its first stop in exciting Las Vegas. The group will move on to Salt Lake City before heading for the Heart Mountain ILC Grand Opening festivities in Wyoming. Before returning home, the group will enjoy an excursion to Yellowstone National Park and the Grand Tetons followed by another stop in Las Vegas. Contact Lilly Nomura at Yamato Travel for details. Phone (800) 334-4982.