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NPS Employee Newsletter

Next Deadline: December 10

Special Display at V.C.

Stop by the Albright Visitor Center during November and December and take advantage of a rare opportunity to see a display of photographs by Mode Wineman (1865-1933). The exhibit includes photographs of park features, as well as Wineman's diary, illustrated with his photographs. Wineman's enthusiasm for the outdoors and for wilderness is captured in his "camera studies" of Yellowstone National Park.

Yellowstone first captured the artist's imagination when he visited as a tourist in 1908; in 1927 the recognized artist returned as the photographer for President Calvin Coolidge's visit. This exhibit is on view in the Moran Gallery through mid-December. The Moran watercolors normally on view in this space are on loan to the National Gallery of Art for conservation and exhibition (see accompanying article).

YELLOWSTONE CONTRIBUTES TO MAJOR TRAVELLING EXHIBIT OF WORKS BY THOMAS MORAN

Show celebrates Park's 125th Anniversary

by Susan Kraft, Museum Curator

One of Yellowstone's greatest treasures--the Thomas Moran paintings that helped persuade Congress to create the park--will soon assume a national stage as the National Gallery of Art mounts the first-ever retrospective exhibition of the artist's work.

Twenty-one watercolors by Moran and two of his sketchbooks, featuring pencil and watercolor sketches of park features, are among the items from the park's museum collection that the superintendent recently approved for loan to the National Gallery of Art (NGA). Most of the watercolors and one of the sketchbooks were produced by Moran during the 1871 Hayden Survey, which he accompanied, and are considered to be among the finest and most important works of art held by the National Park Service.

Some of the most important photographs owned by the NPS are also in Yellowstone's museum collection, and will form part of the Moran show as well. Four volumes of rare photos by William Henry Jackson, photographer of the Hayden Survey, are included in the loan to the NGA, and will be incorporated into the part of the show focusing on Yellowstone.

Although the exhibition will include Moran paintings from all over the country, the paintings from Yellowstone--and the importance of Yellowstone in Moran's body of work--will be prominently featured in the show. Opening in the year of the park's 125th anniversary, the exhibition will be one of the major "out-of-town" celebrations of the anniversary. The NGA plans to bill the show as occurring on the occasion of the anniversary, and a "Yellowstone Room" will serve as an introduction to the exhibition. The room is slated to contain giant enlargements of photographs from the Jackson albums, and will serve as a screening room for a short film on Moran and Yellowstone, to be produced by NGA's resident filmmaker. The film will draw heavily from the park's photo archives, and copies of it will be made available for use in park visitor centers and elsewhere. A panel focusing on Yellowstone will accompany the watercolors in the exhibit itself.

The NGA also expects to be able to develop a poster and several postcards featuring Yellowstone's Moran paintings. Copies of these could be made available to the Yellowstone Association at cost for sale in park bookstores.

The Moran exhibition will be seen in three venues: the National Gallery of Art,



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Washington, D.C., September 22, 1997 - January 11, 1998; the Thomas Gilcrease Museum, Tulsa, OK, February 8 - May 10, 1998; and the Seattle Art Museum, Seattle, WA, June 7 - August, 1998. The NGA will offer a special "behind the scenes" tour to NPS employees; the park will also request that a video "tour" be prepared for those Yellowstone employees who wish to see the exhibit but cannot travel to any of the venues.

Although the exhibition does not open until next September, the park has elected to start the loan early in order to take advantage of several extraordinary offers made by the NGA. In recognition of the importance, value and fragility of the Moran paintings and Jackson photos--and as a way of thanking the park for making the works available for the show--the NGA has offered to remat and reframe each watercolor using the latest museum-quality conservation materials, then hermetically seal each work within its new frame to exclude gases from park thermal features and airborne pollutants. (Rematting is recommended at least every 20 years for works of art on paper; it has been nearly 30 years since Yellowstone's Morans were last rematted.) In addition, NGA photographers will photograph each painting, each page of both sketchbooks, and each of the nearly 200 photographs contained in the four Jackson albums. The park will receive high-quality negatives and prints; digitized images; and same-size, exhibitable reproductions of the Moran paintings that can be displayed in the Albright Visitor Center while the originals are on loan. Digitized images will be used to improve researcher access to these materials and could be used to enhance the park's World Wide Web site.

The NGA agreed to perform the photography in November, so that reproductions of the Morans could be in place in time for the winter season. Accordingly, two NGA staff members recently travelled to Yellowstone, packed the Moran watercolors and Jackson albums, and transported them to Washington. The Moran reproductions are due by mid-December, and will be exhibited with labels that identify them as reproductions and explain that the originals are on loan. In the meantime, an exhibition of works by noted Yellowstone photographer Mode Wineman occupies the Moran Gallery in the Albright VC. The Moran oil painting of the Lower Falls, which was not needed for the NGA show, remains in the Moran Gallery.

While the watercolors are at the NGA, they will be examined by the museum's professional paper conservator, Judy Walsh. Walsh, one of the NGA staff members who packed the works and carried them to Washington, noted substantial fading of some of the watercolors when she compared the exposed parts of the paintings to those portions protected by mats. Although light damage is irreversible, current light levels in the Albright VC, as well as the motion sensor which allows the gallery to remain dark when no visitors are present, have done much to minimize the light damage to these extremely fragile works of art.

The NGA's curator of the Moran exhibition, Nancy Anderson, says that she would like to include as many of Yellowstone's Moran watercolors in the show as possible. The recent death of the museum's chief exhibit designer has delayed final selection of works to be included, but those Yellowstone paintings which are not ultimately included are expected to be returned to the park in early 1997.

When the show opens in Washington, Superintendent Finley will be invited to participate and play a role in a number of the opening festivities, such as their black-tie opening dinner (attended by members of Congress, the Supreme Court, major corporate sponsors, and NGA trustees) and their press breakfast, which is typically well-covered by reporters from major newspapers. These events will feature announcements about the park's 125th anniversary, and will afford the superintendent opportunities to address the press and take questions.

Smithsonian magazine plans to run an article about the exhibition, with a possible companion piece about Yellowstone's museum collection and archives and the 125th anniversary.

A Message From Payroll...

This is to remind all employees that the current leave year ends January 4, 1997. At that time annual leave in excess of the maximum carryover (240 hrs.) will be forfeited in accordance with existing regulations. Anticipated excess annual leave should be scheduled in order to avoid forfeiture. Leave which is forfeited cannot be considered for restoration unless it was scheduled and approved, in writing, before the beginning of the third pay period prior to the end of the current leave year, i.e. November 24, 21996. If employees are unable to use scheduled and approved annual leave, they

must reschedule it for use before the end of the leave year. If that annual leave is subsequently cancelled, a request for leave restoration may be submitted. Requests for restoration should not be submitted until after the leave is actually forfeited. If you have any questions, please contact the Payroll Office at extension 2051.

News From Personnel....

The following are new permanent employees:

Peter Schmidt - Communications Tech.
Martha Downing - Communications Tech.
Linden Schlenker - Communications Tech.
Casey Jones - Electronics Mechanic
Ray Lawless - Maintenance Mech. Supv., Grant
Charissa Reid - District Clerk - Lake
Sarah Gale - Office Assistant - Old Faithful

Promotions:

Chris Drake - Carpenter - Mammoth
Shirley Squire - Supv. Communications Tech.

Term Appointments:

Trent Coppinger - Electronics Tech.

Goodbye to Ken and Diana Schall who are leaving for Bureau of Reclamation in Page, AZ.
Ken's EOD in Page is December 8.

The annual Personnel Christmas (Food Fest '96) Party will be held on the afternoon of December 12. Stay tuned for more details. The Personnel Office is once again sponsoring the Christmas Door Decorating Contest. Start planning your holiday door decoration today! Prizes will be awarded to the best door display.

Open Enrollment for the Federal Employees' Health Benefits Program

This year's enrollment period continues through December 9, 1996. Enrollment forms must be submitted prior to the close of business on December 9, 1996. All changes in coverage will be effective January 5, 1997. Enrollment changes may now be made using Employee Express! Employees may access Employee Express by dialing 912-757-3080 (from work), 1-800-827-6254 (from any touchtone phone), or 912-757-3117 if you use a TDD. You will need your PIN number to complete this call. During the open enrollment period, permanent employees may register to enroll, change from one option or plan to another, change from self-only to self-and-family; or any combination of these changes. Carriers have agreed to issue enrollment membership cards within five days of receipt of the electronic record.

Thrift Savings Plan Open Season (TSP)

The TSP Open Season continues through January 31, 1997. Employees covered by Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS) or the Federal Employees' Retirement System (FERS) may enroll in TSP or change their contributions. Election forms can be obtained from the Personnel Office. This year you may phone in your Thrift Savings Plan changes. This service is available to all NPS employees and may be accessed by dialing the above numbers through the Employee Express telephone numbers. For further information on either the Health Benefits Program or the Thrift Savings Plan Open Season, contact Roseanne Riley in the Personnel Office at 344-2041.

Seasonal Reminder From Those Who Clean The Walks ****

It winter again and that means snow *** The Mammoth Maintenance staff would like to ask commuters to refrain from parking the front or back of vehicles over the sidewalk as it makes shoveling the walk more difficult. Thank you for your cooperation.

♀♂♀ New Arrivals ♂♀♂

A belated congratulations goes out to Tom and Tammy Totland at the birth of their daughter Tayler. Tayler was born September 11, 1996, was 19 inches long and weighed 7 lbs. 1 oz.

Heartfelt Thanks

♥ I want to thank everyone who helped me out in any way during the recent disaster with my car. Thanks for the rides, errand runs, support, and sympathetic ears. All the help meant a lot to me, and I really appreciate it! Helene P.S. If you're in the market for a Mazda 323 real cheap, give me a call!

♥ A big THANKS!! to everyone who came to my retirement party. It was very, very nice and we had a great time. Thanks also to everyone who contributed toward my gift. It is a beautiful elk tooth necklace. I love it and keep it close to my heart. Thanks also for the cards and well wishes. Thanks to everyone for everything. I love retirement. I am at home (sometimes) in Gardiner. If you have a minute, give me a call or stop by. **Judy Proffit**

♥ Many thanks to everyone for your thoughtful sympathy following the passing of my father. The flowers were beautiful, and your contribution went to the Lakeside Memorial Fund which is involved with water quality and wetland preservation in northern Michigan. We very much appreciate your kindness. Thank you. **Tom Huntington & Family**

COOKIES, COOKIES, COOKIES!!!

Were you missed during door to door cookie sales? Or, have you eaten the last thin mint? Opportunity knocks! Brownie Troop #187 will be having a booth sale (Cash & Carry Cookies) the second week of December, just in time for Christmas. Support you local Girl Scouts and stock up. Last chance until next year. Call Deb Bahr with any questions at 344-7378.

Host A Foreign Exchange Student

AYUSA, the local exchange student organization, is looking for homes for foreign students for the spring semester. These students are from Germany and Brazil. They arrive in mid-January and complete their stay at the end of the '96-'97 school year. This is a chance to try hosting on a short time basis. Call Dayna McClure for more information on these students and the program.

Park Leaves Lasting Impression on Youngster

The following was written by Elizabeth Ryer, age 11, niece of Betsy Mitchell on her way from Mammoth to the Bozeman airport and home to Cumberland, Maine after spending 15 days in the park...

Going Home-July 13, 1996

"Early up and Adam," my mom and my aunts called this morning. We had to pack up and go. We made sure that everything was packed. I'm so sad. I wish that I could be in this place forever. Yellowstone makes you feel at home. This grand national park pulls you in, like a current pulling water in. Nature is a beauty, a real beauty. I want to remember one thing about this trip. When I first came here, I saw this wonderful view. Mountains and valley...hills filled with wildflowers...such an amazing view it was! I know I will miss this place, but I know I won't forget it. I just left the sign that said 'for the enjoyment of the people.' The park is right behind me. I can say nothing more."

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

* **Vet Visit** – Veterinarian, Dr. Jim Murray, will be at the Gardiner Exxon on Friday, November 22, from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. No appointment necessary. Housecalls available upon request. Next visit: December 6.

* **Christmas Open House** – Mark your calendar! On Saturday, December 7, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., the *Yellowstone Gallery* will host their 12th Annual Christmas Open House. Come One, Come All for great gift selections, sales, and specials. Also, door prizes, refreshments, and lots of holiday cheer. If you're looking for fine art, crafts, or unique gifts and stocking stuffers, the *Gallery* is the place. Located in Gardiner directly across from the Roosevelt Arch. Call 848-7306 for more information. See you there!

* **Annual Community Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony** – will be held at the Mammoth Hotel Map Room on Wednesday, December 18, 1996, at 6 p.m.. Entertainment will be provided by the Little People's Learning Center and the Mammoth/Gardiner 4-6 grades "Breakfast Club Choir". Santa will be making a guest appearance to add to the festivities. Come and enjoy the tree lighting ceremony in the warmth of the Map Room and enjoy holiday treats and coffee. Persons are asked to please bring warm hors d'oeuvre's.

CLASSIFIED ADS

For Sale: 1981 Yamaha Enticer 340. In good shape, \$500. Call 344-2190.

For Sale: Asolo Sport Extreme telemarking boots, fits women size 7-7 1/2. Excellent condition, warm. \$60. (new over \$200). Call Renee at (307) 344-2204, (406) 223-1229 eves., leave a message.

For Sale: Gerry Guardian car seat, for child up to 40 lbs., very good condition. \$35. Also, one set of Springmaid sheets for twin bed. Dinosaur print. Still in original package. \$12. Call 344-7788.

For Sale: Nikon cameras, lenses and accessories; Powell futon couch/twin bunk combo; X-tra long twin bed set; youth Trek mountain bike; Power Wheels 4-wheeler; Little Tykes racer; hockey skates; kids cross-country equipment; Wamboldt oak dining room set, call 344-7378 for info.

For Sale: '91 Yamaha Phazer II long-track snowmobile with rack and hand warmers. Great machine! \$2150, OBO. Call Chris at 848-7147.

For Sale: Like new, Barecrafters ski rack for medium and small cars. Adjusts, holds four pair of skis, and has both keys for locking. \$25. Also, super single bed, complete with frame, box, mattress, bookshelf, and headboard. \$25, OBO. Call Rees' at 848-7566.

For Sale: '95 Indy Sport touring snowmobile. Must sell; \$3300, OBO. Tow sled, \$200, OBO. 18" RCA satellite dish and receiver, \$475, OBO. Call 545-7250 anytime.

For Sale: Desktop 286 IBM-Style Computer. Excellent condition, includes WordPerfect and a daisywheel printer. Good system for letter-quality word processing. Nordic Trak Pro ski machine with electric heat monitor, speedometer, and chronometer. Excellent condition. \$275. Ultra-Bright 10,000 Light Unit. Used for intensive light therapy. Fight off those winter doldrums. \$195. NPS flat flat hat. Size 7 1/4 long, oval. Never used. \$15. Call 344-9272 after 5 p.m.

For Sale: Vetta bike trainer, \$30. Sony 13" color TV with remote, \$85, trip for two to sunny Florida/Bahamas, six nights, motel accommodations, \$350. Use by mid-January. Call 848-7513.

For Sale: Chouinard Scarpa Gaiters, insulated, breathable, like new. Medium size. \$50. Call 848-7722.

For Sale: Incredible deal!! 1990 Isuzu Trooper V6, 4WD, 4-Door, A/C, Cruise, New Rear Tires, Extra Rear Seat, AM/FM Cassette, Excellent Condition With Only 109,000 Softly-Used Miles, \$7,300. What a fantastic deal!! Contact Bob at 344-7972.

For Sale: Hoyt Spectra 55 to 70 lb. compound bow. Includes sites, 12 arrows, and quiver. \$125. 12-foot aluminum, V-hull boat with 1979 3.6 HP Chrysler motor. \$450. Call 344-7926 after 5:30, Mon-Wed, or leave message.

For Sale: '95 Dodge Caravan Primetime conversion van, loaded, TV, VCR/remote, front and rear radio/cassette, reading lights, mood lights, four headphone jacks, PW, PDL, keyless entry, digital six-position computer, cruise, four captain's chairs plus three-passenger bench, dual air bags, eight-way power driver seat, cloth interior, oak trim, extended warranty, four studded snow tires, block heater, 25 mpg. Asking \$24K. Call Peggy at 344-7410 eves or leave message.

For Sale: NordicRider. Like new; less than a year old. Has both pulling and pushing motions--unlike the pull-only riders. \$399 new; asking \$200. Call 344-7475 after 5 p.m.

Winter Field Manager Needed: The Yellowstone Institute is looking for a winter field manager who can work six to eight weeks during January and February. The pay is up to \$1,000 depending on time period, including free lodging. Duties and qualifications include: willingness to live at the Lamar-Buffalo Ranch facility for six to eight weeks, an understanding of and identify with the Institute's purpose, mission, and programs, interpersonal skills for greeting and orienting students and visitors, physical ability to operate large snow blower and snow removal by shovel, willingness to keep facility clean, safe, and maintained, ability to perform basic maintenance skills, including painting, ability to anticipate student and facility needs. If you're interested, please contact Pam Gontz at (307) 344-2294.

1996 International and Military Mail Christmas Dates

International Mail Addressed To	Air Letters & Cards	Air Parcel Post	Surface
Africa	Dec 2	Dec 2	Oct 15
Australia/New Zealand	Dec 9	Dec 2	Nov 4
Canada	Dec 13	Dec 13	Nov 25
Caribbean	Dec 2	Dec 2	Nov 12
Europe	Dec 9	Dec 9	Nov 12
Far East/Southeast Asia	Dec 9	Dec 9	Nov 1
Middle East	Dec 9	Dec 9	Oct 25
Central & South America	Dec 2	Dec 2	Nov 4

Military Mail Addressed To	Air Letters/ Cards	Priority	Parcel Airlift (PAL)	Space Available (SAM)	Surface
APO/FPO AE ZIPs 090-097	Dec 2	Dec 2	Nov 22	Nov 22	Nov 1
APO/FPO AE ZIPs 098	Dec 2	Dec 2	Nov 22	Nov 22	Nov 1
APO/FPO AA ZIPs 340	Dec 3	Dec 3	Nov 22	Nov 22	Nov 1
APO/FPO AP ZIPs 962-966	Dec 4	Dec 4	Nov 24	Nov 24	Nov 1
U.S. Domestic ZIP Codes	Dec 11	Dec 4	*****	Dec 2	*****