

# HUNTLEY PROJECT MUSEUM

YEAR END 2014

Huntley Project Museum of Irrigated Agriculture

## DASSINGER BUILDING RESTORATION

We are currently working on a project to restore the “Dassinger Building”. The Museum has contracted Rod Propp Construction to under take the project, which will be completed by May 2015.

The Dassinger Building will increase our display area and make good use of the original donation from the Dassingers. The building is part of our Town-site Exhibit.

We would like to give a special thank you to the Huntley Project Lions club for providing financial support for this project.

### Special Points of Interest:

- *Dassinger Building Restoration*
- *New Gift shop*
- *Year end results*
- *Threshing Bee and Homesteader Days*
- *Shorty Mueller*
- *Membership and volunteering*



*Dassinger Building Interior under construction.*



*Dassinger Building Interior.*



*Dassinger Building*



*The Museum Gift Shop space at the entrance of the main Museum building.*

## NEW MUSEUM GIFT SHOP

A new gift shop is open and ready for your next visit to the Museum! We carry a variety of items from local artists including jewelry, glass art, forged items like barbecue tools and fiber work.

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### 2014 VISITOR NUMBERS

We had an outstanding year for visitors. Not only did the total number of visitors increase this year by 70%, we met people from all around the world including Singapore, New Zealand and England to name a few.

We also had a large number of visitors from across the U.S., including a farm tour from Kentucky and a tour from Texas.

We started participating in Get Outside Montana ([www.getoutsidemontana.com](http://www.getoutsidemontana.com)). Get Outside Montana encourages families to be more physically active and enjoy outdoor recreational activities in our area.

Homesteader Days & the annual Threshing Bee brought over 1,200 people into the museum this year!

We also hosted a Halloween event featuring fireside ghost stories by Jeff Kitchens. We'd like to continue this as an annual event next year!

*Huntley Project Museum fire truck in the 2014 Homesteader Parade.*

*Tractor Club member, Dick Tombrink, preparing for the Threshing Bee 2014.*

*Huntley Project Class of 1964 in the 2014 Homesteader Parade.*



*Shorty setting up the rope-making station during the 2014 Threshing Bee.*

### FAREWELL JERROL "SHORTY" MUELLER

We are deeply saddened by the loss of our dear friend Shorty Mueller. Shorty was a great colleague, neighbor, and most of all, friend.

Shorty was a pillar of our community. He was born on the Project and came back to spend his retirement in the community he loved. He worked and volunteered at the Museum, Lion's Club, and Volunteer Fire Department among other activities.

***He will be deeply missed by all.***

***It's sad when someone you know, becomes someone you knew.***

*-Henry Rollins*



*Keith, Hammad and Erik, getting the Das-signer house into shape!*

*Hanna mowing the grass!*

## VOLUNTEER TODAY!

Looking for a great opportunity to learn, have fun and meet some great people? We're looking for volunteers in all areas around the museum. No experience is needed.

We'll train you!

You can help us with:

- Reception
- Tours
- Demonstrations
- Computer work
- Construction
- Exhibit design
- Research
- Artifact care
- Record-keeping
- Workshops

Contact Neal Gunnels for opportunities: 406-348-2533!

## BECOME A MEMBER TODAY!

Please consider becoming a member of the Huntley Project Historical Society. Your donations will help the museum continue the ongoing work of preserving, interpreting, and cataloguing our rich history. Membership benefits include: discounted workshops, gift shops discount, free access to the museum's research library and invitations to member-only events.

### Membership Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Individual membership (\$15) \_\_\_\_\_ or Family membership (\$25) \_\_\_\_\_

Additional donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Come and visit!



And... don't forget about our friends at the Antique Tractor Club

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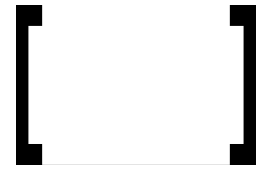
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