Masonry is an exact science that, like an endowment, creates solid foundations and structures that last for generations. Masonry is one of the oldest professions in the history of construction. It’s a traditional skill that’s still in demand, and one Montana family is working to promote it through their donor advised fund, established in memory of Bud Anderson.

Bud began his masonry career in 1968, taking over the family business after his father suffered a heart attack. He had just graduated from Montana State University’s Construction Engineering Program in 1967, married his wife Nina, and joined the Air Force as a second lieutenant before being called back to Bigfork to assume responsibility for the family business, Anderson Masonry. With his brother Don and, later, partner Tom Arvidson, Bud expanded the business over the next three decades into a successful construction and retail business. Today, Anderson Masonry is the only union mason contractor in the Flathead Valley, with construction offices in Bigfork and Spokane, and retail stores in Kalispell and Missoula. The construction arm of the business has completed projects in Montana, Idaho, Washington, California and the Bahamas, including historical restoration of Going to the Sun Road in Glacier National Park.

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—Nina Anderson
In April, I was privileged to be asked to deliver the Paul Ylvisaker Public Policy Lecture at the Council on Foundations Annual Meeting in Los Angeles. The lecture is meant to carry on the spirit of Ylvisaker, a planner, government official, foundation executive and educator. Ylvisaker was years ahead of his time, and often a lone voice on important social issues. His passion and intellect inspired and challenged grantmakers, policymakers, and fellow citizens.

Delivering the lecture caused me to become acquainted with Paul Ylvisaker, through his writings. His thoughts on philanthropy have become very meaningful to me, and I wanted to share them with you.

As a foundation executive for the Ford Foundation from 1955–67, Paul Ylvisaker directed money to social programs predating the Federal war on poverty. Lamenting the decline of cities, he wrote in Life magazine: “Men may find God in nature, but when they look at cities they are viewing themselves. And what Americans see mirrored in their cities these days is not very flattering.” With Paul’s vision and impatience with the lack of true impact, the Ford Foundation began to focus its work on the “gray areas” between renovated downtowns and new suburban communities. He changed their focus to social needs rather than physical revitalization. His work became the model for the Community Action Program initiated in 1964 after President Johnson announced that the federal government would wage a war on poverty.

Ylvisaker was a thoughtful critic of the modern philanthropic sector, calling himself “a house radical in philanthropy.” He told foundation leaders to be wary of “the preoccupation with money and the money function of philanthropy,” an admonishment that rings true today. At the Montana Community Foundation, we award a lot of grants, but few of them are very large. In 2011, we awarded more than $2 million in grants and scholarships, but the average size of each individual grant was about $2,000.

Whatever their size, those grants are important. This issue of Infinity sheds some light on the smaller checks we write. Our Face of Philanthropy story on the Bud Anderson Family Memorial Fund will tell you about the very first grants made from this fund. The total amount awarded was $5,000, to four architecture students at Montana State University, for their use of masonry in design. $5,000 isn’t a lot, considering what these students will pay for their overall education. However, it’s the first step in fulfilling the purpose of this fund, to remember Montana mason Bud Anderson and promote his passion for masonry in Montana.

Our Good Granting story in this issue is about the Matthew Hansen Endowment for Wilderness Studies. This small donor advised fund awards about $5,000 every year to writers and researchers investigating Montana history, land and culture. This year, the smallest grant the fund awarded was $100, for a writer to purchase a digital recorder to interview Montana dairy farmers about the declining dairy industry.

In the foundation sector, it’s easy to become obsessed with the size of our grants and assets. It’s assumed that the more assets you have under management, the bigger the grants you award, the more impact you make. To some extent this is true—the more philanthropic dollars available, the healthier our nonprofit sector. But small, thoughtful grants have their place too—they can purchase that one necessary piece of equipment to allow a writer to work, or help spur the passion of an aspiring architect. Whether you give a hundred dollars or a million, it’s still philanthropy, and anyone can be a philanthropist.

Ylvisaker understood that. He said, “My final concern is whether philanthropy may be straying too far from its humanistic and altruistic origins. The trend toward more professionalized philanthropy has in most respects been a good thing, but not when it stiffens into bureaucracy and loses the spontaneity and compassion of the one-to-one.”

The grants profiled in this newsletter are evidence that that spontaneity and compassion is still there in our work, and in the legacies of our donors. I hope you enjoy it.

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Linda E. Reed
President/CEO
"He built a very good business and was a good, honest competitor in his field."

Bud passed away suddenly in 2005. “When he passed away, we knew we wanted to do something to remember him and promote his passion for masonry,” Nina said. “We didn’t know exactly what we wanted to do at the time, but the kids and I decided to set up a scholarship fund.”

The Bud Anderson Family Memorial Fund was established by the Anderson family in 2005. The family has been very thoughtful in determining the purpose of the fund, considering many options. In the fall of 2010, Nina and her sons Zachary and Justin Anderson and daughter Katie Radtke decided to work with the Montana State University Schools of Architecture and Engineering to create a competitive scholarship award for architecture designs featuring masonry. Nina and Bud both attended MSU, and two of their children are also graduates. “We are just so pleased that we got to work with the Architecture and Engineering departments at MSU,” Nina said. “The University has been really good to work with.”

65 students in MSU’s Architecture Design I class were asked to design a new building on campus where students could eat lunch and study. The use of masonry in the design determined the award. The top designs were selected from the five sections of the class, with 65 students participating. A team of Architecture professors awarded first and second place prizes and two honorable mentions in April.

“We were excited to host the competition, and hope to do it again,” said Steve Juroszek, Interim Director of the School of Architecture. “It was a great opportunity for our students to be exposed to a wonderful building product early in their education. It will shape how we think about masonry as a design material.”

Victoria “Tory” Bull took first place for her design, “Layers of Community” and received a $2,500 scholarship. Derek Stevens was awarded $1,500 for his second place design, and Kalina VanderPoel and Zyg Wotzak received Honorable Mentions for their designs and $500 each.

Nina visited the MSU campus in February to meet the students and see their projects under development. “It was so neat to see the students become involved,” she said. Part of the class included a field trip to the Kanta Products plant in Three Forks to learn how masonry blocks and bricks are produced. “They all commented to me that that was very interesting to experience how a block was made.” Zach also delivered a lecture and demonstration of the actual laying of block and brick.

The Andersons plan to continue to work with the school to promote masonry education. “It’s not just going to be a simple small award,” Nina said. “We want to build it into a real masonry promotion. We know that if we educate these students they won’t just be designing buildings in Montana but all across the country.”

This is the first year the Bud Anderson Family Memorial Fund has made awards. As the Andersons explore different ways to promote masonry education, they’re also creating an effective way to remember Bud and his impact on the masonry industry in Montana.

“It’s very satisfying that we can do this in his memory,” Nina said. ‘I’m proud of it.”
from an investigating the history of Montana’s dairy farmers to a biography of the first woman to own and operate a Montana Dude Ranch, the Matthew Hansen Endowment regularly invests in some of the most interesting writing and research projects we see all year. Since 1984, this fund has been making small but vital investments into the work of Montana researchers and writers working to illuminate Montana history and preserve wild spaces.

The fund was established in 1984 to honor the memory of Matthew Hansen, a Missoula historian, poet and wilderness advocate. Hansen was a University of Montana graduate in Montana History and the "Wilderness and Civilization" program at the UM Forestry School’s Wilderness Institute. He co-founded the Rocky Mountain Front Advisory Council, which provides information on habitat and wildlife along the eastern boundary of the Bob Marshall Wilderness. He also completed “Clearing,” a book of poems, before his untimely death from cancer in 1984, at the age of 23.

“I have a deep attachment to this country,” Hansen wrote in his journal. “That attachment is the force behind my desire to know the land better. Why did they come? How did they live here at first? How do they live now? Why do they want to destroy it by carelessness and greed?”

For more than twenty years, grants from the endowment created in his memory have been helping writers and historians to answer those questions. The advisory committee for the fund is formed of a group of professors of creative writing, history, forestry and two of Matthew’s family members. This year, the Matthew Hansen Endowment Fund awarded 9 grants to a diverse group of researchers, writers and historians.

Indianapolis writer Lisa Hendrickson was awarded $1,000 to fund her research into the life of Julia Bembrick Bennett, the first woman to own and operate a Montana Dude Ranch. Bennett, a single mother from Bozeman, designed and built the Diamond J guest ranch near Ennis during the height of the Great Depression. She owned and operated the Diamond J for nearly 30 years, entertaining prominent guests such as Gary Cooper, Chicago Tribune cartoonist Casey Orr and the family of George Westinghouse III.

“I wanted to write a biography of a groundbreaking woman who accomplished great things at a time in history when women were generally relegated to the roles of mother, housekeeper, nurse or teacher,” Hendrickson wrote in her proposal. “I believe that a detailed biography of Julia Bennett’s life, which remains relatively unknown, is an important piece of Montana history.” The grant will fund Hendrickson’s travel and research in Montana this summer. She plans to complete her biography of Julia Bennett in 2013.

David Stagliano, a writer, aquatic ecologist and entomologist from Helena, was awarded $400 for a photo essay and biodiversity project in the Bob Marshall Wilderness. Stagliano proposed to retrace two of Bob Marshall’s epic hikes in the wilderness area, which are now legendary among Montana hikers and foresters. Along the way, Stagliano will document invertebrate species, especially dragonflies and butterflies and create a geo-referenced trail map with species lists and detailed notes of his observations.

“Across the region, ranches are becoming ranchettes, and dirt roads are more often clogged with SUVs than tractors,” wrote Craig Ridgon, a University of Montana PhD candidate in history, in his grant application. Ridgon was awarded $700 to cover costs associated with conducting archival research and interviews for his dissertation: “The Booming Frontier: Homesteading in the Rocky Mountain West 1950–2006.” He wrote, “New neighbors bring to the table different ideas about how to use the landscape, and these conflicts stretch the social fabric of countless rural communities. But what lures newcomers to mountain valleys is often the same thing that drives old residents to defend them: A powerful love of the land and the way of life it promises.” His dissertation will capture the dynamic, changing relationship people have had with Montana landscapes from the post-World War II era to modern times.

Laura Ginsberg applied for $100 to purchase a digital recorder to conduct interviews with Montana dairy farmers. She wanted to understand their views of Montana’s dairy industry and state policy. “In today’s world there are fewer than 80 dairy farms remaining across the state and only four creameries; the decline in this traditional farm enterprise has been precipitous and could spell the end of a chapter of Montana agricultural history,” Ginsberg wrote. The interviews will lay a foundation for her thesis, which will explore how state policies have affected the ability of dairy farmers to survive in a globalized market system. Ginsberg is working toward her Master’s in Environmental Studies at the University of Montana.
Charitable Giving Guide
Gifts of Life Insurance

Life insurance is an excellent tool for making charitable gifts for a number of reasons. Through a relatively small cost, a benefit far in excess of what would otherwise be possible can be provided for your favorite charity or local community foundation. This sizeable gift can be made without impairing or diluting the control of a family business or other investments. It is one of the most cost-effective, simplest gifts to execute, and can be a great investment that pays real dividends for your favorite charity.

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- **Large Gift for Low Cost:** Aside from the tax benefits mentioned above, a gift of life insurance is a cost effective way of making a large future gift with comparatively small costs.
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Learn More

As with any planned gift, deciding if gifting life insurance is the right plan for you depends on a number of factors including your age, income and financial objectives. It’s best to consult your financial advisor to formulate your best strategy. For more information about gifts of life insurance and other ways to give back to Montana, contact us at (406) 443-8313 or visit our website at [www.mtcf.org](http://www.mtcf.org).

Did you remember your favorite charity in your will?
Every year, the Foundation invites affiliate community foundations across the state to apply for our Leadership Grant Program, which provides up to $15,000 to foundations taking the lead to organize a project for community betterment. Each community foundation must take the lead in organizing the project, finding community support for it, fundraising, and finding partners to make it a reality. This year, a total of $28,120 was awarded to five community foundations located in Polson, Red Lodge, Missoula, Seeley Lake and northern Rosebud County.

**F.A.I.R. Community Foundation Receives Leadership Grant to Improve Community Centers in Forsyth, Rosebud**

F.A.I.R. Community Foundation, which serves Forsyth, Angela, Ingomar and Rosebud in Rosebud County, was awarded $7,000 to improve community centers in Forsyth and Rosebud. The Forsyth Community Center, located in the basement of the Rosebud County Library, suffered flood damage in 2011 that the grant will help to repair. In addition, the grant will help to create a usable space for classes, public meetings, presentations and performances. In Rosebud, grant funds will be used to combine and renovate two existing buildings to create a new community center.

**Greater Polson Community Foundation continues Envision Polson! Project**

In January 2011, GPCF convened area leaders and formed Envision Polson!, a movement to engage the entire community and focus energy towards desirable outcomes. Envision Polson! engaged a community wide survey to identify values and formed eight working committees around identified community values. In 2011, GPCF received a $100,000 grant from the Orton Family Foundation to continue their community visioning work. The $7,120 grant from the Montana Community Foundation will allow GPCF to rent office space to house the Envision Polson! work.

**Missoula Community Foundation and Seeley Lake Community Foundation to build Norman Maclean Historical Trail between Missoula and Seeley Lake**

The Seeley Lake and Missoula Community Foundations have joined forces to establish the Norman Maclean Historical Trail between Missoula and Seeley Lake. The planned trail will take visitors 42-47 miles from the Rattlesnake trailhead in Missoula to Seeley Lake, depending on the final route selected. The Trail will be designed for human powered use to promote recreational tourism for Nordic skiing, snow shoeing, running, hiking, dog walking, birding, and back packing. The Norman Maclean Historical Trail has the potential to connect communities, improve health, celebrate history, provide spiritual replenishment, encourage economic development and engage residents and visitors in the wonders of Montana. The community foundations received $5,000 from the Montana Community Foundation for the project.

**Red Lodge Area Community Foundation launches FUEL**

The Red Lodge Area Community Foundation received $9,000 to fund FUEL-Fundraising Unites Everyone’s Life, a project to provide professional training and back-office support for fundraising, grantwriting and marketing for local nonprofits. FUEL is part of RLACF’s ongoing project, C3–Creating Community Change, a community wide collaboration focused on addressing community needs through engagement, support, development, resolution and action by responsibly professionalizing the nonprofit sector in Red Lodge to capture and create community assets.
Other award recipients included Sam Berry for “Life at the Confluence, Riverside Stories: An oral history and art collaboration in the Bonner, Montana area,” Danielle Lattuga for “Working Landscape, Living Wilderness in Montana’s Centennial Valley,” and “Sweet Grass Hills Policy Analysis and Archival Masters’ Thesis” by Cassandra Sheets. Joseph Nickell was awarded $500 to research and write “Tainted Revelations,” a book celebrating Montana artist Bill Ohrmann. Lastly, Our Montana Conversation Director Mike Penfold received $1,000 to order portable display cases that will preserve replicas of ancient rock-art images from the Yellowstone River Corridor and allow them to be displayed in Montana museums.

It may make small grants, but this endowment has had a big impact on aspiring Montana writers and researchers. Since 1984, the Matthew Hansen Endowment has invested more than $70,000 in projects that follow in Matthew’s footsteps and keep his spirit alive. We can’t wait to see which projects they fund next year.

Warren Ross

Warren Ross, a friend of the Foundation for many years, passed away in April. Warren served on the Montana Community Foundation’s board of directors and founded the Blaine County Community Foundation. He also established the Ross 87 Ranch Endowment, named for the Ross 8 Bar 7 Ranch that Warren and his wife, Betty Don, lived and worked on all their lives. The endowment is permanently designated to benefit the Blaine County Community Foundation. Warren was the third generation of his family to ranch in Blaine County. He had a strong commitment to community, serving on the board of the Montana Stockgrowers Association, the Chinook school board, Western Bank, and the Helena branch of the Minneapolis Federal Reserve Bank. Warren was also a 4-H leader for more than 25 years.

“Warren was a visionary and cared deeply about the future of Blaine County,” Linda Reed said. “Because of that he understood how important it is for rural communities to have access to unrestricted money—the kind available from permanent endowments. He put his beliefs into action by starting the Blaine County Community Foundation and along with his wife Betty Don leaving their own family fund for the benefit of the county. He was inspirational and I miss him.”

Legacy Society

We’re eager to welcome donors who remembered a Montana Community Foundation endowment in their will into our Legacy Society as a way of honoring those who have made a lasting commitment to Montana.

If you currently have a provision in your estate plan to make a gift to a fund at the Montana Community Foundation and wish to be listed as a Legacy Society member, let us know about your gift!

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Honorariums

Jenny Baglien, Women’s Foundation of Montana in honor of Charlene Baglien and Ruth Fikes
Beverly Brown, Big Sky Honor Flight in honor of Eldon Toogood
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Carla Christ, Women’s Foundation of Montana in honor of Alberta Janich
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Lenore Durell, Fort Peck Theatre Preservation Endowment Fund in honor of Joe Etchart
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Lynd Webber, Women’s Foundation of Montana in honor of Clara Erickson
Stanley and Regina Wegner, Big Sky Honor Flight in honor of Dad
Cheryl Wolfe, Women’s Foundation of Montana in honor of Suzanne Luepke

Memorials

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Susan Alleshouse, Greater Polson Community Foundation in memory of Vernetta Karlsgodt
American Society of Farm Managers, Blaine County Community Foundation Endowment in memory of Warren Ross
Roberta and Ed Amslar, Wibaux Endowment Foundation in memory of Ginny Archdale
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Chamber of Commerce, Wibaux Endowment Foundation in memory of Ginny Archdale
Rene and Newell Clarke, Wibaux Endowment Foundation in memory of Ginny Archdale
Barbara B. Cowan, Blaine County Community Foundation Endowment in memory of Warren Ross
Maureen and Mike Davey, Columbus Community Foundation in memory of Don Hemphill
Gordon Dean, F.A.I.R. Community Foundation in memory of Ronette Ball-Hein, Maynard Fulton and Liela Vincent
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Claudia F. Evans, Tobacco Valley Community Foundation in memory of Robert McKelzie and Bill Gwynn
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Melissa Gerving, Wibaux Endowment Foundation in memory of Ginny Archdale
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Angie and Darren Hagen, Greater Glendive Community Foundation in memory of Wes Toepke
Antoinette R. Hagener, Blaine County Community Foundation Endowment in memory of Warren Ross
Norma Hahn, Big Sky Honor Flight in memory of Chuck McGlothlin
Elaine and Terry Hall, Wibaux Endowment Foundation in memory of Ginny Archdale
Charles and Betty Handley, Big Sky Honor Flight in memory of Chuck McGlothlin
Ervin and Judith Hedegaard, Jefferson Valley Community Foundation in memory of Elaine Barnett
Lorena and John Hekkel, Culbertson Area Community Foundation in memory of Pete and Marcia Hekkel
Larry and Peggy Helvik, Wibaux Endowment Foundation in memory of Ginny Archdale
Thomas W. Hughes, Greater Glendive Community Foundation in memory of Wes Toepke
William and Linda Hutzicker, Wibaux Endowment Foundation in memory of Ginny Archdale
Linda and Allan Hutchins, Wibaux Endowment Foundation in memory of Ginny Archdale
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Linda Jenny, Wibaux Endowment Foundation in memory of Ginny Archdale
Greg and Barbara Jergeson, Blaine County Community Foundation Endowment in memory of Warren Ross
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Sharon Kearnes, Wibaux Endowment Foundation in memory of Ginny Archdale
Jean Kerr, Big Sky Honor Flight in memory of Montee Wallace
Cathy and Gary Kirkpatrick, Greater Glendive Community Foundation in memory of Tootie Mort
Rex and Sandy Knight, Wibaux Endowment Foundation in memory of Ginny Archdale
Donald and Alice Koski, Big Sky Honor Flight in memory of Chuck McGlothlin
Larry and Carole Kreiger, Big Sky Honor Flight in memory of Chuck McGlothlin
Alyce Kuehn, Women’s Foundation of Montana in memory of Warren Ross and Jerry Clem
Fred and Rita Langford, Blaine County Community Foundation Endowment in memory of Warren Ross
Allen and Eva Mae Larsen, Culbertson Area Community Foundation in memory of Jerry Knick
Myron and Claire Lehnen, Wibaux Endowment Foundation in memory of Ginny Archdale
Louie Petrie Cattle Co., Blaine County Community Foundation Endowment in memory of Warren Ross
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Norrine M. Lunde, Wibaux Endowment Foundation in memory of Ginny Archdale and Rose Gasho
James and Dixie Marosok, Big Sky Honor Flight in memory of Chuck McGlothlin
Joyce Massing, Big Sky Honor Flight in memory of family, friends, and those that served
Deborah S. McBride, Wibaux Endowment Foundation in memory of Ginny Archdale
Judy M. McCartney, Big Sky Honor Flight in memory of Roy Price
Sandra and Kevin McGovern, Greater Glendive Community Foundation in memory of Wes Toepke
Give back to your community

The Montana Community Foundation has a dual mission: to cultivate endowed philanthropy and invest in community vitality. The best way we know how to stimulate community vitality is to support the development and growth of local community foundations. Our goal is to see at least one active local community foundation in every county of Montana because we think granting decisions are best made locally. If you feel indebted to your community for the education you received, the opportunities that have come your way, and the quality of life you have enjoyed, here is your chance to give back.

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