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SPRING 2022

2022 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

BUTTE, MONTANA

AUGUST 19-20, 2022

Hotel Finlen and Inn

100 E. Broadway St, Butte, MT 59701
406 723-5461
www.finlen.com

Group Room Block for 35 rooms. Rates are as follows +an 8% tax. We will offer a 10% discount on your group. Rooms not reserved 30 days prior to 7-18-22 will be released back into our inventory.

Rooms in the historic tower (we have a total of 24):

1 King Thursday night \$189+tax, Friday night \$259+tax (6 available)

1 Queen Thursday night \$189+tax, Friday night \$239+tax (8 available)

2 Queens Thursday night \$219+tax, Friday night \$304+tax (7 available)

Suite Thursday night \$249+tax, Friday night \$359+tax (3 available)

Rooms in the motor Inn (we have a total of 32)

1 Queen Thursday night \$159+tax, Friday night \$189+tax (15 available)

2 Queens Thursday night \$169+tax, Friday night \$199+tax (10 available)

1King/1Queen Suite Thursday night \$189+tax, Friday night \$239+tax (2 available)

ATTRACTIONS AND TOURS

BUTTE, MT



Museum and Underground Tours Tuesday – Saturday 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

The mission of the World Museum of Mining is to preserve the rich historical legacy of mining and the related culture of Butte, Montana, and the surrounding region and to promote the significant mining heritage by educating the public with a perspective toward total family interest. Explore more than 50 structures, ranging from the 100 ft high headframe to the many buildings of Hell Roarin' Gulch, a turn of the century mining town. Displays and exhibits focus on mining and the related culture that made Butte, MT. Enhance your visit by taking an underground guided tour into the depths of the Orphan Girl mine and learn the history of mining, see the Orphan Girl vein and the original workings of the mine. Tour is approximately 1.5 hours long. Get fitted with a miner's hard hat and lamp to experience life underground! Space is limited and reservations are required. Reservations can be made on our website. The Museum is open seven days a week until the end of October with limited hours in November. Weather conditions may affect our ability to offer all services.

DUMAS BROTHEL INN

The Dumas Brothel is located in the heart of the old Red-Light district in Uptown Butte, Montana USA. Built in 1890, the Dumas' sole purpose was to serve the predominately male population that sprang out of Butte's mining boom. As a house of prostitution, it operated for 92 years until its closure in 1982, making it America's longest running "house of ill-repute." As the only brothel remaining in Butte Montana, the Dumas is now a museum & antique shop. Tours of the Dumas brothel are available year-round, and it is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Dumas is also the last vestige of the Victorian Brothel style architecture existing in the United States today. Since 2012, the new owner's have been diligently working to preserve, restore, and protect the 126 year old iconic structure from meeting its demise. Butte's Red-Light district was the largest and most expansive in the West, and visiting the Dumas Brothel recalls a time when vice was key to Butte's rise to prominence, second only to its success as a mining metropolis.

MAI WAH CHINESE MUSEUM

[This museum provides a fascinating insight into the lives of Chinese citizens in Butte](#)

Editors Note

I believe we owe it to our children to tell them stories about our ancestors that settled this great state of Montana. We need to pass on the heritage that we were told by grandma and grandpa, mom and dad.

How many of you wish your grandparents were still alive so you could ask them questions about your heritage, I do. We need to involve our youth to pass on the legacy of our ancestors and hopefully they will want to participate in SDMP activities in the future. Just a note from me. We are trying to make it interesting within the Society for our youth to want to participate. If you have any more suggestions please let us know.

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Montana Famous People

Famous Americans: History and Biographies

Links to histories and biographies of the famous people of Montana. Many famous people of Montana have made significant contributions to the history of our nation and the state of Montana. These famous Americans, famous entertainers, famous players, famous scientist, famous singers, famous statesmen, famous women, heroes, great explorers, and others Montana famous Americans have all made Montana their home. This list includes Montana historical figures, celebrities and those individuals of Montana who have influenced the lives of others.

[Frank James "Gary" Cooper](#) (May 7 1901 - May 13 1961) was born in Helena, Montana. He was an American film actor and iconic star. He was renowned for his quiet, understated acting style and his stoic, individualistic, emotionally restrained, but at times intense screen persona, which was particularly well suited to the many Westerns he made. His career spanned from 1925 until shortly before his death, and comprised more than one hundred films

[Robert Craig Knievel](#) (October 17, 1938 - Friday, November 30, 2007), better known as the Evel Knievel, was an American motorcycle daredevil, an entertainer famous in the United States and elsewhere between the late 1960s and early 1980s. Knievel's nationally televised motorcycle jumps, including his 1974 attempt to jump Snake River Canyon at Twin Falls, Idaho, represent four of the twenty most-watched ABC's Wide World of Sports events to date. His achievements and failures, including his record 37 broken bones, earned him several entries in the Guinness Book of World Records.

[Myrna Loy](#) - (August 2, 1905 - December 14, 1993) was born Myrna Adele Williams in Radersburg, Montana (near Helena) to Adelle Mae and rancher David Franklin Williams. She was an American actress. Trained as a dancer, but after a few minor roles in silent films, she devoted herself fully to an acting career, and from 1925 gradually established herself as a film actress. Typecast in exotic roles, often as a vamp, Loy's career prospects improved following her performance as Nora Charles in *The Thin Man* (1934). Her successful pairing with William Powell resulted in fourteen films together, including subsequent *Thin Man* films

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