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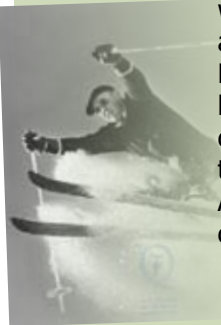
- New Website Features
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- And lots more!





Be sure to check out the new and exciting features on our website!

- **A fabulous Alf Engen** collection over 50 photos, some of which have never been made public, awaits visitors to our website. Highlighting major events in the late Alf Engen's legendary 70-year career, this collection commemorates the 100th anniversary (May 2009) of Alf's birth and can be accessed from our website's home page.



- **Teachers can now** review and download individual lesson plans or the complete Field Trip Curriculum book prior to visiting the museum.

- Our new **"Ask a Question"** feature allows website visitors to submit questions about ski history in the Intermountain Region and have them answered by ski historian Alan Engen. Questions and answers are posted on our "Utah Ski History FAQs" page, creating a valuable, informative resource.

*These are just a few examples of the many resources you'll find as you peruse our new website. Thank you to the staff at CentralPoint Systems for their fabulous efforts in redeveloping this site.*



*From l-r: Cary Adgate, Bill Briggs, Liz McIntyre, and Nelson Carmichael.*

## Deer Valley Hosts National Ski Hall of Fame Induction

*by Tom West*

The U.S. Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame has been honoring the greats of American ski sports since 1956. For the first time in over 50 years, the annual induction ceremonies of our national hall of fame were held at a ski resort. The area selected for this honor was Deer Valley in Park City. The Alf Engen Ski Museum worked in close partnership with the U.S. Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame to ensure that the event was a complete success.

The highlight of the weekend, April 3 and 4, was the induction banquet held before a sell-out crowd at Deer Valley's Silver Lake Lodge. There inductees Cary Adgate, Bill Briggs, Nelson Carmichael and Liz McIntyre received the national Medal of Honor, symbolic of the highest permanent national award given to the best in skiing and snowboarding. Cary Adgate was inducted for

his fifteen-year career on the U.S. Ski Team, his outstanding career in pro ski racing and his continued work to bring older skiers back onto the slopes. Bill Briggs was recognized as the father of big mountain skiing, the first person ever to ski down the Grand Teton, in spite of a challenging handicap. Nelson Carmichael had a great career as a ski team and professional skier in freestyle moguls winning the U.S.A's first Olympic medal in the event. Liz McIntyre, too, won a silver medal in the 1994 Olympics in moguls and then made significant contributions as a technical coach with the U.S. Freestyle Ski Team.

There were many great moments over the weekend. For a select few, there was the opportunity to ski with the inductees at Deer Valley and at Alta. Banquet guests were treated to Bill Briggs, wrapping up the evening with a special ski song.

## Janet Quinney Lawson—1922-2009

By Mike Korologos



In the eyes of her numerous friends she wore the tiara as "The Grande Dame of Intermountain Skiing." And rightly so.

Janet Quinney Lawson, who died at the age of 86 on Dec. 25, 2008, was the quintessential ski enthusiast. Her skiing exploits ranged from performing as a "ski-in" (as opposed to a "stand-in") for Hollywood starlet Claudette Colbert during a movie filming session at her beloved Alta in the 1940s to being a generous benefactor for numerous ski-related pro-

grams such as the Olympic Winter Games of 2002 and the Joe Quinney Winter Sports Center/Alf Engen Ski Museum at Utah Olympic Park.

Her competitive skiing accomplishments were equally as impressive. During her prime racing years, Janet was a top U.S. skier, winning the prestigious Mary Comelia Trophy at Sun Valley twice. In addition, she was mentioned as a potential member of the U.S. Olympic Ski Team in 1940 but those Games were cancelled due to World War II that loomed on the horizon. She also was named a "Utah Ski Legend" in 1988 by the organizers of the Utah Winter Games.

A major recipient of her support is the Ski Archives, which was founded at the University of Utah J. Willard Marriott Library in 1989 with a grant from her family. It houses one of the nation's largest collections of ski history materials, including the records of the Olympic Winter Games of 2002. The daughter of the late S.J. (Joe) and J.E. Quinney, (he was one of the founders of Alta Ski Area in 1938), Janet

in 2005 received an award, named in honor of her parents, from the Ski Archives for her contributions to the preservation of skiing history in the region. At the time of her death, she was serving on the board of directors of the Alta Ski Lifts Co.

Janet also was a patron of many community-based programs in the region, including the University of Utah law school that bears her father's name, the Girl Scouts of America and Utah's Hogle Zoo. She also was a pioneer in running the rivers of the Western U.S.

Utah ski historian and National Ski Hall of Fame member Alan K. Engen, founder of the Joe Quinney Winter Sports Center/Alf Engen Ski Museum, says of Janet: "Without her significant funding support, the museum would not have been possible. She provided the seed money to pursue the museum idea and, as the project progressed, she and other members of the Quinney and Eccles families, among other donors, provided a significant amount of the \$11 million that made the museum a reality."

## Andrea Mead Lawrence

by Alan K. Engen

The Passing Of A Great Champion



On March 30, 2009, skiing lost one of the finest ski athletes in American history: Andrea Mead Lawrence who passed away at the age of 76.

Andrea Mead Lawrence first made the U.S. Olympic team at age 14, competing in the 1948 Winter Olympic Games held at St. Moritz, Switzerland. At the age of 19, she won both the slalom and giant slalom events at the 1952 Winter Olym-

pic Games held in Oslo, Norway. In 1956, she competed in her third Winter Olympics for the U.S. in Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy only three months after having her third child.

Andrea skied several times in Utah during the 1940s and 50s, once winning the famed Alta Snow Cup in 1955. Respected by all who knew her as a role model of athletic achievement, she spent her later years devoted to environmental causes.

Olympic historian Bud Greenspan named Andrea Mead Lawrence among the top winter Olympians of all time. He said, "Andrea personified the Greek concept of the ideal athlete...excellence both in body and mind...It is indeed rare to find someone who throughout her life pursued two passions in the purest and highest form of the human spirit." Those of us associated with the Alf Engen Ski Museum Foundation join countless others in saluting the life of this outstanding champion.

## David Engen



David Engen, son of ski legend Corey Engen, passed away at age 64 on February 26, 2009, as a result of a melanoma found in his lung. He had been undergoing treatment in Boise prior to his death.

David was a fine skiing athlete. He was a former Junior National alpine ski champion (1962); a former member of the University of Utah Ski Team (1963-66); named N.C.A.A. All-American in 1964; and was a member of the U.S. Ski Team in 1965-66.





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By Scott  
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July marks  
our official

seven year anniversary of opening the Museum to the public. We have seen many changes through the years, but one thing that has remained steady is our commitment to our Mission Statement—"To preserve the rich history of skiing in the Intermountain Region by providing a world-class facility."

Over the course of these seven years, the continued support from our members, foundation contributors and grant funders has enabled us to entertain and enlighten over one million visitors, host 11,217 students, teachers and parents in our Educational Field Trip Program, induct thirty-eight honorees into the Intermountain Ski Hall of Fame and maintain and expand our world-class facility to attract local, national and international cultural and historical tourists, athletes and corporate events.

Our Board of Trustees is committed to ensuring that the Alf Engen Ski Museum continues to be a destination for both visitors and education groups. With a goal to educate, stimulate and entertain all who visit, the Foundation continues to focus on making each of the interactive exhibits current and well-maintained. In an effort to keep within the budgetary confines of today's economy, we cut our yearly budget by 15% compared to the previous year and will continue to monitor our income and expenditures to ensure our Foundation is viable for years to come.

Please make the Alf Engen Ski Museum and the Utah Olympic Park part of your family's summer activities—you will not be disappointed!



WHAT'S ALL THE  
**BUZZ**  
ABOUT?

*"I have always had an amazing experience working with the Museum staff. Our students talk about the field trip for the rest of the year! Everything runs smoothly and the content is relative to the students."*



This is what teachers are saying about the museum's popular Education Field-Trip Program. Now in its seventh year, the program hosted a record 38 schools and 2,967 students, parents and teachers in 2008-09. From the moment the students enter the Museum, our knowledgeable docents present informative, entertaining lessons to our student visitors, teachers, and parents. One excited teacher wrote, "My students told me this was the best field trip they have ever been on—I think that says it all." Because we host a number of Title I schools, (schools in low-income areas), many of the children would not have the opportunity to visit Utah Olympic Park without our program.

We have recently welcomed new docents Melanie Dutcher, Fred Rubinfeld and Joyce Cossin to our team. We are so pleased to have them as they all are great additions to our docent group.

Chairman's Letter

*“The activities directly support our core curriculum, especially in science and social studies.*

*Our 4th Grade class has a ‘See Utah’ program and this is perfect. Our students are able to experience things we could not give them otherwise.”*



*Pictures: preceding page—Martha Kleffman teaching the Water Cycle Station; top— Dick Taylor with students; above—Barbara Engen teaching the Silver Ore to White Gold Station.*



# Director's Letter



*By Connie Nelson*

We are looking forward to seeing you and your family this summer here at the Alf Engen Ski Museum. After enjoying the first floor interactive exhibits, take a trip down memory lane on the second floor of the Joe Quinney Winter Sports Center

in the Eccles 2002 Winter Olympic Museum. Then stroll outside to watch the athletes flip and twist into the freestyle pool. If you are adventuresome—try the steepest zipride in the world, the summer bobsled ride or the alpine slide. Whatever your fancy, you will find it here at the Utah Olympic Park, so please be sure to take some time to come and visit us this summer.

Some of the Museum highlights so far this year include:

- Updating the website—[www.engenmuseum.org](http://www.engenmuseum.org);
- Renovating the “Ski Like an Olympian” interactive exhibit;
- Installing isolation speakers throughout the Museum;
- Receiving Utah’s “Best of State” for the second time in the Attraction/Museum section;
- Hosting the U.S. Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony in April;
- Enlightened 2,967 students, parents and teachers from 38 schools—in our Educational Field Trip Program—a 44% increase from the previous year;
- Partnering with the International Skiing History Association to deliver the Skiing Heritage magazine to our Contributing, Supporting, Sustaining and Corporate members; and,
- Entertaining over 90,000 guests through the Museum this year alone!

A big “Thank You” to the Board of Trustees, docents, granting agencies, museum contributors and members for continuing to make this ski museum a world-class facility. Without your continued support we could not be the leaders we are in the ski museum world!

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