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# ALF ENGEN SKI MUSEUM



## CHAIRMAN'S LETTER



All of us associated with the Alf Engen Ski Museum share a special pride in showcasing the history of our great sport in the Intermountain West. I was reminded of that earlier this winter as over a hundred supporters gathered for the opening of our new Alf Engen trophy case, Stein Eriksen exhibit and updated Hometown Heroes.

Ski history is a passion for me. I'm a firm believer that history is the road map to the future. It's important for us, as one of the world's leading ski museums, to always be looking ahead - looking for new ways to tell the story of skiing and snowboarding. We want to engage the public and motivate young people to get excited about sport.

I know that each of you share that passion. And I thank you for your support! Your donations - be those financial or just telling your friends about the museum - are pivotal to our success.

In coming years we will roll out some wonderful new exhibits thanks to your support. Please stop by and visit the museum, and bring some friends! Have a great winter.

-Tom Kelly

## FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The life of a Museum Director is enviable, and after working in this museum for almost 17 years, I have to say LIFE IS GRAND. During that time, every component of our operations has continued to develop - the Board of Trustees, museum members, grantors, staff, exhibits, docents, and visitorship. Last year alone we welcomed over 500,000 guests! Furthermore, thanks to our hardworking staff (see page 8), we recently recorded our best year yet in terms of sport simulator ridership. A big THANK YOU to Jon Green for leading our team of Museum Guides and helping us achieve this success.

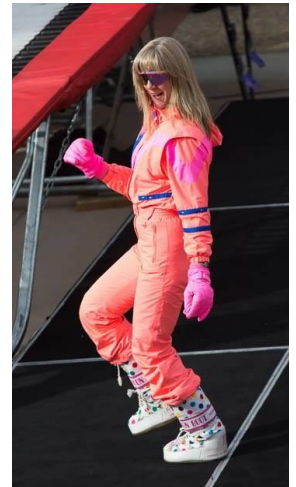
One particularly exciting development of this past year was being selected to participate in the Utah Division of Arts & Museum's StEPs program (Standards and Excellence Program for History Organizations). This is a two-year pilot program designed to help us improve the Museum in six different ways. We've already completed the first two "modules" of the program and have created a revised Foundation mission: *To inspire and educate guests through the preservation and exhibition of the Intermountain Region's rich history of skiing.* I encourage you to see page 12 for more information about StEPs.

In keeping with our mission, we strive to present a relevant, up-to-date collection of exhibits. To this end, we've begun a capital campaign to remodel a major portion of the Museum. Scheduled for completion in 2020, the upgrade will include many exciting new components. Visit <http://alfengen.design> to view some of the concept plans, and please let us know if you would like to help support this ambitious project.

Ours is truly a world-class ski museum - thanks to all of YOU who help make it so.

-Connie Nelson

**Photo: Connie Nelson models a 1988 Obermeyer one-piece at the 2014 Barbara Alley Simon skiwear fashion show. See page 7 for information about the next fashion show coming up in April during Skiing History Week.**



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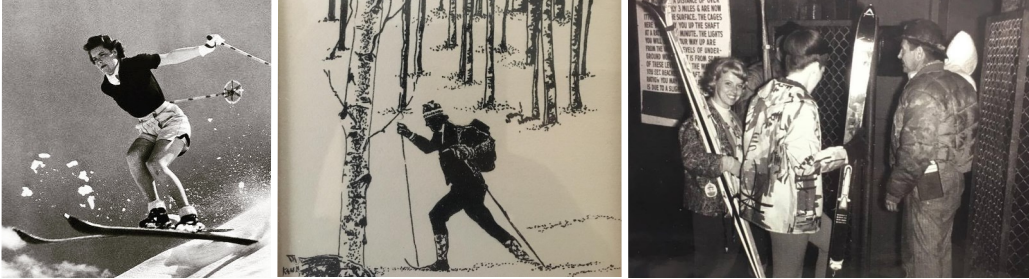
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Cover photo courtesy of Dick Durrance: Ski training at Flagstaff Mountain in Little Cottonwood Canyon, circa 1950s.



## COME SEE OUR NEW EXHIBITS

On Tuesday November 27<sup>th</sup>, the Alf Engen Ski Museum unveiled three newly remodeled exhibits at an open-house event attended by over 100 guests. The featured exhibits included the new 'King of the Hill' trophy case which houses hundreds of Alf Engen's awards and trophies spanning several decades of competition, a redesigned Stein Eriksen exhibit and the 2018 version of the rotating Hometown Heroes exhibit. Several media outlets, including KSL Channel 5 and the Deseret News, were on site to document the unveiling and interview athletes and their families.

Museum Executive Director Connie Nelson and Board Chair Tom Kelly each delivered remarks to the crowd, as did Alan Engen who was instrumental in the early stages of the Museum's development and was very impressed with his father's new trophy case. By all accounts, the event was a great success. Several Intermountain Ski Hall of Fame members were in attendance, along with ski resort administrators, Museum Foundation Board members, and several athletes and their families. Special thanks to Done to Your Taste catering for providing event refreshments, and Unrivaled - the exhibit designers who helped bring these new exhibits to life.

### King of the Hill Trophy Case

With crisp new wall graphics, an array of interior lighting, and an interactive touchscreen component, the new trophy case provides guests a more entertaining and engaging experience. Additionally, Alf's many trophies and awards have been reorganized by region, showcasing Alf's widespread competition dominance in Norway, Washington, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, California and, of course, Utah.

*"Alf's trophy case is an anchor exhibit for us and was long overdue for a re-design. We put a lot of work into this, and we're thrilled with the end result."*

*-Connie Nelson, Executive Director*

*Funding for the new trophy case provided by Alan & Barbara Engen, John & Shirley Durham, and the Summit County Cultural RAP Tax Grant program.*



Alan and Barbara Engen in front of Alf's new trophy case.

### 2018 Hometown Heroes

The rotating Hometown Heroes exhibit first opened in 2010, following the Vancouver Winter Olympic Games, and has since undergone several updates. The most recent version of the exhibit features several Park City athletes (Ted Ligety, Sarah Hendrickson, Lindsey Van), one Ogden athlete (Keith Gabel), and another originally from California, but now considered one of Park City's own (Brita Sigourney).

See page 5 for biographies of the new 2018 Hometown Heroes.

*Funding for this exhibit came from the Park City Community Fund, Park City Rotary, and a Summit County RAP Tax Grant.*



A mannequin displays equipment and mementos of 2018 Hometown Hero, Keith Gabel.

### Stein Eriksen: The Father of Freestyle Skiing

Maybe it's his perfectly coifed hair that draws guests to this popular exhibit. Originally installed as a temporary tribute to the legendary skier, the redesigned Stein Eriksen exhibit has become part of the Museum's permanent collection. Upgrades include a larger display case to house more artifacts, updated detailed information about Stein's impact on the sport of skiing and several new photographs of Stein in action.

Perhaps the most recognizable piece in the Stein Eriksen exhibit is his iconic Marius sweater. Hand-knit by Stein's mother, Birgit, it is a quintessential piece of ski clothing worn by Stein. Furthermore, the ski pants on display came from Stein's personal wardrobe.

*Thank you to the Eriksen family, Deer Valley and Stein Eriksen Lodge for their help and support with this new exhibit.*



The iconic Marius sweater - named for Stein's Eriksen's brother - is on display.



## EDUCATIONAL FIELD TRIP PROGRAM IS THRIVING

The Alf Engen Ski Museum's Educational Field Trip Program turned 17 years old this year - and with a team of dedicated docents, a few new exhibits, and more than a dozen registered schools, it shows no sign of slowing down.

The program is designed for 4th grade classes and includes several different stations throughout the Museum where students learn about and discuss ski history, Utah weather patterns, avalanche danger, the 2002 Olympic Games and Park City's growth from a mining camp to a ski town. Additionally, students are taken on a guided tour of Olympic Park and given a gift bag packed with snow sport related items, a Junior Snow Ranger activity book and a voucher good for one ride on the Alf Engen Mountain Sport Simulator.

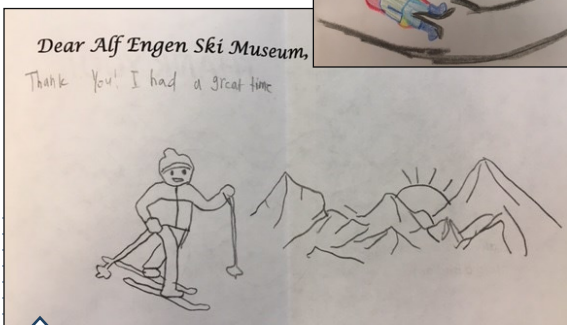
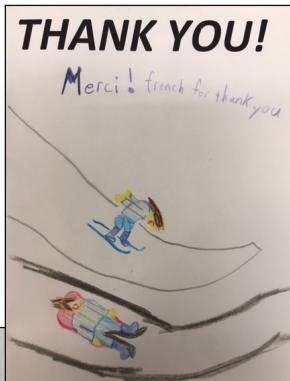
*"We love this field trip and look forward to it each year!"*  
*-Jessica Keyes, North Summit*

So far this year, approximately 700 students have taken part in the Educational Field Trip Program. Participating schools have included Trailside in Park City, Riverview Elementary in Spanish Fork, Muir Elementary in Bountiful, Ascent Academy in Lehi, North Summit in Coalville, Diamond Ridge in West Valley and Entheos Academy in Kearns.



**Longtime Docent, Fred "Rube" Rubinfeld, welcomes a group of eager 4th graders from North Summit Elementary School.**

*Thank you Vail Resorts Epic Promise, Summit County RAP Tax, Marriner S. Eccles Foundation, and the Utah Division of Arts & Museums for supporting our Educational Field Trip Program.*



## OUR DOCENTS ARE THE DIFFERENCE!

**Left: Field trip thank you cards from 4th grade students at Trailside Elementary School in Park City.**



**L to R: Sue Bhanos, Connie Nelson, Ann Miller, Marilyn Jameson, Mel Dutcher, Leno, Fred "Rube" Rubinfeld.**

- Sue Bhanos (2017)
- Bonnie Bower (2017)
- Judy Brophy (2010)
- Joyce Cossin (2009)
- Melanie Dutcher (2009)
- Barbara Engen (Founder)
- Ute Fowler (2002)
- Marit Glenne (2013)
- Karen Halverson (2015)
- Marilyn Jameson (2012)
- Rusty Martin (2014)
- Ray Miamidian (2003)
- Ann Miller (2010)
- Janis Pierce (2014)
- Fred Rubinfeld (2008)
- Dan Steffen (2011)
- Jim Tedford (2015)
- David & Susan Vandehei (2002)



## MEET OUR LATEST HOMETOWN HEROES

### Sarah Hendrickson

Ski Jumping  
Hometown: Park City, Utah

In 2012, Sarah Hendrickson was crowned the first ever female World Cup ski jumping champion, after winning an incredible 9 of 13 events that season. She followed up that performance with another World Championship in 2013, becoming only the second American to do so, after teammate Lindsey Van in 2009. At the 2014 Sochi Olympics, Sarah drew bib #1 and took great pride in being the first woman ever to jump in an Olympic Games. In late 2017, at the U.S. Olympic Team Trials here at Utah Olympic Park, Sarah secured her spot on the 2018 Olympic team to the delight of her family, friends, and thousands of hometown fans. Despite finishing out of the medals at those Games, Sarah remains one of Park City's true Hometown Heroes.



### Keith Gabel

Snowboard Cross - Silver Medalist  
Hometown: Ogden, Utah

Keith Gabel was introduced to snowboarding in 2000, and he quickly developed a love for the sport. Five years later, Gabel was involved in an industrial accident that crushed his left foot and resulted in its amputation below the knee. Gabel returned to his snowboard three months later, but it wasn't until the 2010-11 season, his sixth season riding with an amputation, that he discovered competitive adaptive snowboarding and began training with the National Ability Center in Park City, Utah. As the sport progressed, so did Gabel, rising quickly through the international ranks, earning a spot on the first ever Paralympic Snowboard team heading to Sochi, Russia in 2014. There he won a bronze medal in the sport's Paralympic debut. At the 2018 PyeongChang Paralympics, Gabel bettered his Sochi performance with a silver medal in the snowboard cross event, becoming the world's first and only male two-time Paralympic medalist in this discipline, and thereby securing his legacy as a Hometown Hero.



### Brita Sigourney

Halfpipe Skiing - Bronze Medalist  
Residence: Park City, Utah

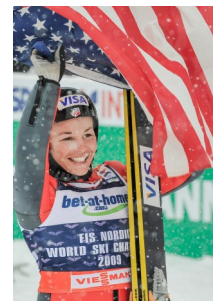
Brita Sigourney's parents put her on skis as soon as she could walk. Throughout her life she's skied practically everything, including aeriels, slopestyle, halfpipe and moguls. Today she is one of the best female freeskiers in the world, specializing in halfpipe. After four consecutive years of season-ending injuries, the three-time X Games medalist battled back to the top of her sport to earn a spot on the inaugural U.S. Olympic halfpipe team. She finished sixth at the 2014 Sochi Games, and then returned in 2018 to win a bronze medal at the PyeongChang Winter Olympics. Although originally from California, Brita has lived and trained in Park City since 2011, making her one of our adopted Hometown Heroes.



### Lindsey Van

Ski Jumping  
Hometown: Park City, Utah

In the story of Park City's skiing history, Lindsey Van merits her own chapter. She started ski jumping at age seven and never looked back. Mentored by the great Alf Engen, Lindsey's first Olympic experience was at the 2002 Salt Lake City Games where she participated as a forejumper - testing wind speed and landing conditions by performing jumps prior to the competition's start. Despite being only 17 years old at the time, it was clear Lindsey was destined for greatness in the sport. During her career, she amassed 51 Continental Cup podiums, 16 National Championships, and was the first woman to ever win a World Championship in 2009 in Liberec, Czech Republic. Perhaps Lindsey's greatest achievement for the sport of ski jumping was her tenacious fight with the International Olympic Committee to recognize women's ski jumping as an official medal event. The year after losing a lawsuit against the organizers of the 2010 Vancouver Olympics, Lindsey's efforts were rewarded when it was announced that women's ski jumping would be included at the 2014 Sochi Olympics. It was there that Lindsey Van and her teammates made history and set the stage for generations of female jumpers to come.



### Ted Ligety

Alpine Skiing  
Hometown: Park City, Utah

Ted Ligety is a Park City native and one of the greatest giant slalom racers of all time. Among others, his achievements on snow include four Olympic appearances (2006, 2010, 2014, 2018), two Olympic gold medals (2006, 2014) and five world championship titles. In 2013 he was also the first skier to earn three gold medals at a single world championship since Jean Claude Killy in 1968. Going into the 2018 PyeongChang Games, Ted had his sights set on his third Olympic gold medal. Unfortunately, it was not meant to be as Ted's best finish was 5<sup>th</sup> place in the alpine combined event. Regardless, Ted Ligety remains one of the hardest working skiers on the World Cup circuit and one of Park City's most beloved Hometown Heroes.



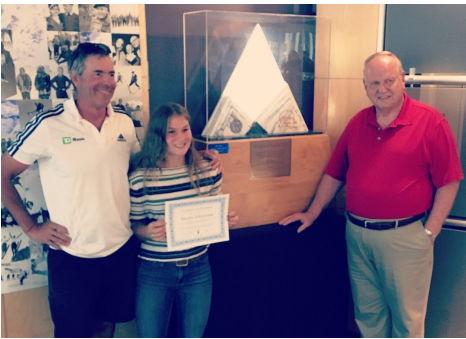
*For generations, Utah has proudly produced scores of elite winter athletes. In February 2018, the state's reputation was again on display in South Korea where over twenty Utah competitors took to ice and snow at the PyeongChang Olympic Winter Games. This exhibit recognizes all our local Olympians and highlights several as Hometown Heroes.*



## ENGEN SKI TROPHY AWARDED TO LOCAL SKIER



**National Ski Hall of Fame members, Alan and Alf Engen with their namesake trophy, 1993.**



**Masha Johnstone with coach, Gordon Lang (left), and Alan Engen, 2018.**

The Alf & Alan Engen Ski Trophy is an annual award presented to young athletes who exemplify the competitive spirit, sportsmanship and leadership that characterizes Intermountain and U.S. National Ski Hall of Fame members, Alf and Alan Engen. The trophy is on permanent display near the exit of the Museum and now bears the name of the 2017-2018 recipient: 19-year-old cross-country skier, **Masha Johnstone**.

Masha grew up in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, and has been skiing since she could walk. She currently lives in Bozeman, Montana where she works for a nonprofit called The Station Foundation, an organization which helps servicemen and women returning from active duty restore family and community relationships.

**Ski Meister:** Masha, what do you love about skiing?

**Masha:** The biggest thing I love about skiing is the lifelong friendships you create with teammates and coaches. It's quite an incredible community.

**SM:** What are your skiing goals?

**M:** To feel comfortable with good and bad days, to believe I'm just as fast as the other girls and to walk out of training at the end of day knowing I had fun.

**SM:** Who would you like to thank for helping you with your skiing?

**M:** Three of my coaches from last year who helped me in so many ways: Gordon Lang, Ruff Patterson and Liz Stephens - for teaching me to breathe, for waxing my skis to perfection, pushing me to new levels and for believing in me every step of the way. A huge thank you also goes out to my parents for always supporting me - not only as an athlete, but in all aspects of life. Thank you, Mom and Dad.

**SM:** What advice would you give younger athletes?

**M:** Don't worry so much about results. Let the work come to you. Cross-country skiing is a long journey of ups and downs. Focus on the big picture and have fun!

Masha is spending this winter season healing from a few injuries and recovering from a lingering illness. She plans to get back on her skis this spring when she's once again healthy, strong and ready to have fun. In the fall, she will return to school at Montana State University where she plans to study psychology. Congratulations Masha on being awarded the Alf & Alan Engen Ski Trophy!

*Note: The Museum is working with Utah Olympic Park's sports department to identify past recipients whose names will be retroactively added to the trophy.*

## SUSTAINABILITY MATTERS

In November 2017, the Alf Engen Ski Museum joined Recycle Utah's Green Business Program, a program designed to help local businesses create sustainability goals and increase existing "green" endeavors.

During the first year of membership in the program, the Museum completely eliminated toxic products from their cleaning supplies inventory, replacing them with environmentally-friendly, non-toxic alternatives. Additionally, disposable floor mop heads and dusters were replaced with washable/reusable products, a change that not only reduces waste, but also saves more than \$500/year. Finally, the Museum increased its use of post-consumer content in paper and packaging materials. This includes all in-house print jobs and larger contracted production printing - like the Ski Meister newsletter!

Looking ahead, plans are in the works to upgrade to LED all the track lighting bulbs in the George S. and Dolores Doré Eccles Salt Lake 2002 Olympic Winter Games Museum. Furthermore, an ongoing system of e-waste collection has been implemented to ensure the safe disposal of used bulbs, batteries, ink cartridges and other miscellaneous office hardware.

Other small, day-to-day sustainability practices include eliminating single-use water bottles from company meetings and events, reusing exhibit materials (ie. plexiglass panels, foam board signage, etc.), trip-chaining errands and off-site meetings and encouraging employees to take advantage of public transit and on-site lunch options.



*For more information about Recycle Utah's Green Business Program, visit [www.recycleutah.org](http://www.recycleutah.org).*



# MUSEUM NEWS

## SKIING HISTORY WEEK COMING TO PARK CITY - SEE YOU THERE!

The International Ski History Association (ISHA), in conjunction with the U.S. Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame, will convene in Park City this April for skiing, a fashion show, banquets, parties and more.

The fun begins at the Alf Engen Ski Museum on Thursday, April 4 when the Museum hosts a "Fashion Through the Ages" show and cocktail reception. The show is free to the public and will feature vintage ski wear from the Barbara Alley Simon Ski Fashion Collection, modeled by local volunteers and narrated by Barbara herself.

The ISHA Awards banquet takes place at the Museum following the fashion show and reception. All are welcome; visit [skiinghistory.org](http://skiinghistory.org) for ticket info. The ISHA Awards, first established in 1993, honor outstanding creative works of ski history. In recent years, the ISHA Awards banquet was held in Squaw Valley (2018), Stowe (2017), Aspen (2016) and Steamboat (2015). The awards are presented to book authors, journalists, filmmakers, academicians, website developers and other media publishers. This year's presentation is particularly exciting as Museum Director **Connie Nelson**, receives the ISHA Curatorial Award!



### April 4-6, 2019 • SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

#### Thursday, April 4 - Alf Engen Ski Museum (Park City)

- 4:30pm - Fashion Through the Ages fashion show (free)
- 5:45pm - Women in Industry Award presentation (free)
- 6:00pm - Kick-Off Reception (\$25 plus cash bar)
- 7:00pm - ISHA Awards Banquet (\$175) [skiinghistory.org](http://skiinghistory.org) for tickets

#### Friday, April 5

Visit [skihall.com/induction/schedule](http://skihall.com/induction/schedule) for Friday's event schedule

#### Saturday, April 6 - Little America Hotel (Salt Lake City)

- 5:00pm - U.S. Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame Induction (\$319)



Kyle Cote-Pope moonwalks at the 2014 fashion show, while Barbara Alley Simon describes his 1989 Roffe one-piece.

## U.S. Ski & Snowboard Hall of Fame - Class of 2018

Capping off the ISHA weekend is the U.S. Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony. Over 250 industry advocates voted to determine the 2018 class, which includes our very own Board Chairman **Tom Kelly**. Other inductees - selected from a pool of over 70 outstanding nominees - are Hillary Engisch-Klein, Don Henderson, William Jensen, Bode Miller, Tom Sims, Kristen Ulmer and Andrew Weibrecht. This class will be inducted Friday April 5 at a ceremony at the Little America Hotel in Salt Lake City.



Hillary Engisch-Klein



William Jensen



Bode Miller



Andrew Weibrecht



Kristen Ulmer

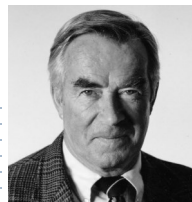
Please visit [skihall.com](http://skihall.com) for more information about ticket options and US Ski & Snowboard Hall of Fame events.



Tom Kelly



Tom Sims



Don Henderson



# U.S. SKI AND SNOWBOARD HALL OF FAME



## FOLK ARTIST VISITS MUSEUM AND ‘PAINTS THE TOWN’

Eric Dowdle is a renowned folk artist whose work is distributed throughout the world. He specializes in rural landscapes and cityscapes featuring customs, foods, families and activities common to each location. His work has taken him all over the globe and many of his art pieces have been manufactured into puzzles.

In the summer of 2017, Eric contacted the Alf Engen Ski Museum regarding a visit to Park City for his television program, “Painting the Town with Eric Dowdle.” Now in its second year of production, episodes are filmed in a different place and features people, places, traditions and activities unique to that town. After touring the town and meeting locals, Eric creates a painting, depicting his experience and the people he met along the way.

Eric’s visit included a tour of the Alf Engen Museum and 2002 Olympic Winter Games Museum. He rode the Mountain Sport Simulator and tried his hand on Alf’s Take Flight Ski Jump Simulator. Afterwards, Eric’s crew decided to visit historic Ecker Hill where they filmed what would end up being the closing segment of the Park City “Painting the Town” episode.



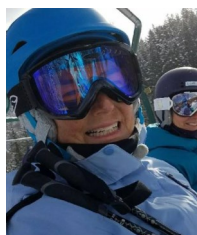
Folk artist, Eric Dowdle (left) and Museum Operations Manager, Jon Green discuss Park City’s rich ski history at historic Ecker Hill.

The *Painting the Town with Eric Dowdle - Park City Summer episode (season 2, episode 8)*, can be viewed online at [byutv.org](http://byutv.org).

## MEET THE ALF ENGEN SKI MUSEUM STAFF

Legendary football player and coach, Vince Lombardi, once said: “Individual commitment to a group effort - that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work.”

These words, uttered decades ago, describe perfectly the team of eight incredible people who work part-time and on-call at the Alf Engen Ski Museum. Each employee has made a personal commitment to the Museum’s mission to preserve the rich history of skiing in the Intermountain Region and promotes that mission with their own style and flare. From all walks of life, with ages ranging from teens to septuagenarians, these people are a big reason why the Museum is one of the world’s best. Please take a moment to meet this amazing staff...



**LIZ WELLER**

Hometown  
**Palo Alto, CA**

Favorite Exhibit  
**2002 SLC Olympic Cityscape**



**JONATHAN BARKER**

Hometown  
**Park City, UT**

Favorite Exhibit  
**Take Flight Ski Jump Simulator**



**GREG DUPRATT**

Hometown  
**Dixon, CA**

Favorite Exhibit  
**Stein Eriksen**



**NAYELL BARNETT**

Hometown  
**Kearns, UT**

Favorite Exhibit  
**Hometown Heroes**



**FREEMAN STEVENSON**

Hometown  
**Salt Lake City, UT**

Favorite Exhibit  
**King of the Hill Trophy Case**



**THALIA BARNETT**

Hometown  
**Heber, UT**

Favorite Exhibit  
**Barbara Simon Ski Fashion**



**LURIE BROWN**

Hometown  
**Ogden, UT**

Favorite Exhibit  
**Intermountain Ski Hall of Fame**

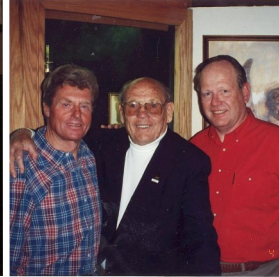


**SHARON BRESIN**

Hometown  
**Orange, CA**

Favorite Exhibit  
**2002 Olympic Museum**





## UTAH SKI AREAS SUPPORT ALF ENGEN SKI MUSEUM

With nearly half a million visitors annually, the Alf Engen Ski Museum is a bustling and vibrant facility. To help maintain engaging exhibits and educational offerings, the Museum relies, in part, on the generous support of our partner ski areas. This season, ten of Utah's ski areas donated lift tickets to the Museum for use in an annual lift ticket fundraising effort.

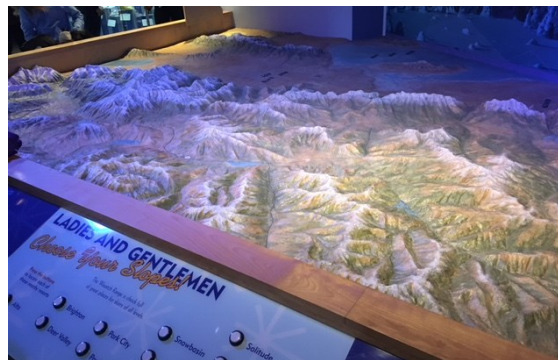
During the winter season, the Museum welcomes visitors from all over the world - many who've come to Park City for skiing and are keen to take advantage of special ticket deals. Through the use of social media and other online advertising platforms, the Museum promotes this ticket offer as an exchange for donations. So far this season nearly three dozen tickets have been distributed to visitors and locals alike.

For their part in the effort, each partner ski areas receives :

- Representation in the interactive *The Greatest Snow On Earth* Utah ski area snowfall exhibit
- Logo recognition and link on the Museum website: [engenmuseum.org](http://engenmuseum.org)
- A ski area banner with logo at the Museum entrance
- Recognition on the Wasatch topographical map, with accompanying interactive ski area profile video



Museum entrance adorned with partner ski area logo banners.



Interactive Resort Profiles topo map.



The Greatest Snow On Earth resort snowfall exhibit.



Thank you to Ski Utah and all our partner ski areas for their ongoing support!



## INTERMOUNTAIN SKI HALL OF FAME - Class of 2018

September 20, 2018 - Three new members were inducted into the Hall of Fame, located at the Alf Engen Ski Museum.



### GARY DESEELHORST (1938 - )

In 1977, Phoenix business executive, Gary DeSeelhorst, decided to seek a quieter career path. He answered an advertisement in the Wall Street Journal, purchased a small troubled ski area in Utah's Big Cottonwood Canyon, and spent the next 38 years nurturing Solitude Ski Resort into a world-class destination.

Gary's tireless efforts were validated when readers of Ski Magazine selected Solitude as a top-rated resort in the country. In 2015, the family sold its interests in the European-style family-friendly Solitude Village and its challenging mountain to Deer Valley Resort.

In other contributions to the benefit of winter sports, DeSeelhorst led the effort to create a 17-mile-long sewer line that serves most of Big Cottonwood Canyon. Always willing to give of his time, DeSeelhorst held seats on the Salt Palace Advisory Board and the Salt Lake Convention and Visitors Bureau Board of Trustees.

Gary L. DeSeelhorst – a visionary who brought skiing to solitude-seekers worldwide.



### BARBARA YAMADA (1946 - )

That winter sports thrive in the Intermountain Area can be attributed to a vital ingredient: selfless volunteers. In that arena, Barbara Yamada has few peers.

From officiating at collegiate, national, international, and Olympic/Paralympic Winter Games competitions, to helping preserve the area's rich history of winter sports, to conducting clinics and certifying race officials, to masterfully administering ski clubs and ski associations -- the name Barbara Yamada is at the forefront.

Her voluminous volunteer resume includes being a charter member of the Alf Engen Ski Museum Foundation Board and of the University of Utah J. Willard Marriott Library's Ski Archives Advisory Board, where she has served as chair of its annual Ski Affair since 2000.

Yamada's down-to-business work ethos expands well beyond winter sports. The University of Utah Athletic Department, the Adopt a Native Elder Program for the Navajo Nation, the Park City Institute and other organizations are among the beneficiaries of her tireless offerings.

Barbara Yamada has worked behind the scenes for decades helping showcase the best of the intermountain region's athletes and events. Now it's her turn in the spotlight.

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### MEL FLETCHER (1918 - 2010)

In the annals of Utah's skiing history, Mel Fletcher merits his own chapter. Its pages would regale readers with tales of "a human ski lift," a lift builder, trail-cutter, ski jumper, ski school director, ski patrol leader, ski club president and tireless servant in his hometown of Park City.

In 1946 he became Summit County's first ski school director at Snow Park, also called Frog Valley and now Deer Valley Resort. In

1965, Mel became ski patrol director at Treasure Mountain Ski Area (now Park City Mountain). From 1979 to 1981 he was patrol director at Parleys Summit (Gorgoza).

The grandson of a town barber, Mel's passion for Park City ran as deep as its silver mines. He was a volunteer for the fire department, the Park City School Board, the Park City Historical Society and the American Legion, among others.

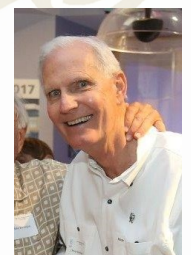
Living to age 92, Mel watched the 2002 Olympic Winter Games unfold at his doorstep, and marveled at how far his beloved ski sport had advanced. It was a pleasure well deserved.

## 2018 Crystal Award Winners

*The Crystal Award was initiated in 2016 as a means of recognizing individuals who have been longtime supporters of the Museum and have contributed personally throughout the years. Criteria for the award include donation of years of service and continued support. The 2018 recipients are both volunteers who continue to give tirelessly of their time... Ann Miller and David Vandehei. Their awards were presented at the Intermountain Ski Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony.*



Ann Miller is honored for her efforts as a docent in our Educational Field Trip Program. For nearly a decade, Ann has been one of the first to raise her hand and help wherever needed. She also volunteers annually to help welcome and check in guests at the Hall of Fame.



David Vandehei has been a Museum docent since our opening in May 2002. As Chairman of the Board of Trustees from 2009 to 2017, David led the Museum through incredible growth. He continues to volunteer his time in our Educational Field Trip Program and as a member of the AESM Board of Trustees.

For nomination info, contact the Ski Archives at (801) 581-3421



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The Utah Division of Arts & Museums, Utah Humanities and the Utah Division of State History have partnered to pilot a program based on the American Association for State & Local History's Standards and Excellence Program for History Organizations (StEPs).

Since its debut in 2009, StEPs has helped 900+ institutions nationwide begin taking "steps" to plan for positive change.

The Alf Engen Ski Museum was proud to be recently selected as one of only seven Utah museums and local history organizations to take part in the program. This two-year enrichment opportunity is designed to help organizations achieve success in six areas of institutional practice:

1. Mission, Vision, Governance
2. Management
3. Audience
4. Stewardship of Collections
5. Stewardship of Historic Structures & Landscapes
6. Interpretation

To date, the Museum has completed the first two modules in the program, with plans to finish in May 2020. Stay tuned for more updates on our progress.



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Give us a call for more information - or just to chat about skiing.

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