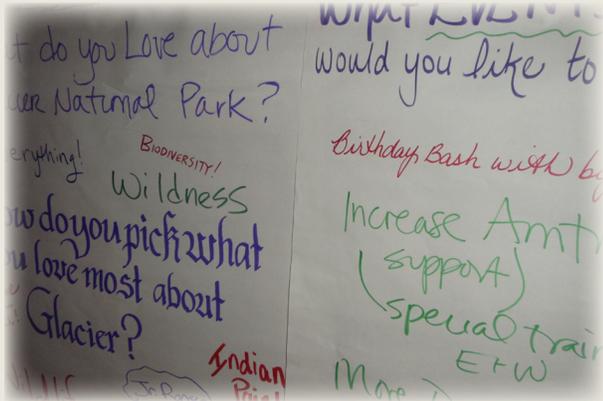


# Centennial

Celebrating 100 years of Glacier National Park

ISSUE 3



Listening Session Comments

## What did we hear?

As you may know, over the past few months the Glacier Centennial Program has been hosting a series of Listening Sessions throughout north-west Montana. We set out to engage people in Glacier's Centennial in 2008, and goodness did we ever! A core group of volunteers worked together to listen and to brainstorm with local communities, visitors, and park staff.

In a 65 day period the group hosted eight listening sessions and spoke to over 300 individuals. In addition, the Centennial Program has been presented to another 2,500 people in various other formal meetings. Meaning that we have reached out and engaged over 2,800 people in just 2 months time.

Oh, but that's not all! We also took a poll of ideas via the website- for which has had over 40,000 hits. Please feel free to share any ideas or suggestions about Glacier's centennial through the 'contact us' tab.

*Okay,* for those of you just itching to hear what people had to share, here are a few ideas: host a Glacier Symphony; bring back the musicals in the hotels; have a 'park paint out day';

## Featured Photo



Heavens Peak  
Jane Timmerman  
Kalispell, Montana

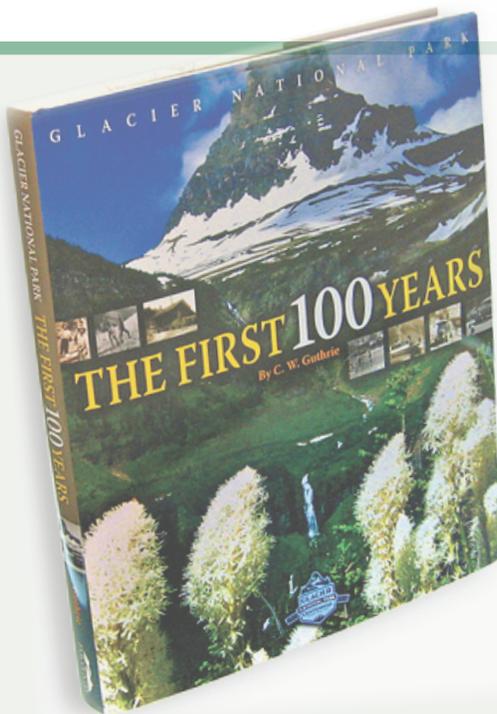
enhance the Native American Speaks program (offer more!); stabilize Heaven's Peak Lookout; create centennial education trunks for schools; allow for a grand heritage tour with the lodges, horses, boats, and red busses; have a day for quiet and wilderness; support a climate change conference to talk about the science in the crown...

You can find all of the centennial comments on the Glacier Centennial website. This information is for anyone to use and is organized by the three questions that we posed pertaining to engagement, events/programs, and projects and then by theme. If you would like to implement an idea that is found on the list and host it as an official centennial event or program, you can find the appropriate applications on the Glacier National Park Centennial website.

If the organization you work for or are associated with would like to have a centennial presentation, please let us know!

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The Montana House, The Glacier National Park Fund, and the Glacier Centennial Program are hosting a reception for Carol W. Guthrie to be held on Saturday, November 29, 2008 from 2 to 5 pm at the Montana House in Apgar Village.

Carol's new book Glacier National Park - The First 100 Years will be available for purchase. She will speak at 2:30 pm and at 3:30 pm with book signings before and after each of her presentations. There will be coffee, hot cider, and snacks, and a 20% sale on Montana House selected items.

There is no cost to attend but seating is limited - please call to make your reservation.  
888-5393 for a seating reservation

This is one of the first of many centennial events to come. We have recently added a calendar feature to the website- Please check back often to see what events have been added!

## Application Reminder

The centennial committee is holding a juried competition to continue the tradition of preserving our heritage for the future through art. Entries in the form of digital files are due by March 1, 2009 and may be submitted in any art medium, including painting, drawing, photography, sculpture, textile and graphic design. Any entries not in these categories may fit under the general category.

The event application will be open until June 2009, while the logo use application for retail items will be open through January 31, 2009.

More information can be found on the website!

*"I will never forget the color of Avalanche Lake, the smell of the air, seeing Two Medicine - or my first mountain goat. Amazing."*

## Sign Our Guestbook

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**Gene Wigington said:** November 11th, 2008  
I have been campground hosts at Fish Creek, Apgar Village, or another. We hiked most of the trails in Glacier National Park Chalets. Glacier is like no other place I have ever seen. Florida, our home, to stay a week or all summer. I am in touch with them still.

Be sure to sign the Glacier Centennial Guestbook, on the website.

Do you have a photo or a story to share for the eNewsletter? Share it with us on the website, 'contact us'!

## Centennial Storyboard

I visited Glacier for the first time this Summer. To quote John Denver it was like "coming home to a place I'd never been before." I don't think the English Language is expressive enough for the majesty of Glacier. I have tried to describe my visit to others and even though I consider myself fairly good with words--I have problems finding adjectives. I wept when it was time for me to go...I know I left a piece of myself there and I carry a piece of Glacier here with me. I can not wait to return!

- Angela

