

# Trailing of the Sheep Festival



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### **The Patricia Crandall Lane Trailing of the Sheep Festival Archives to be Dedicated at The Community Library in Ketchum, Idaho**

The Trailing of the Sheep Festival, which is celebrating 25 years in 2021, has gifted its historical archives to The Community Library in Ketchum. A special ribbon-cutting and dedication event will be held on June 30, 2021, at 5:00 pm at the library to recognize and celebrate the gift of the estate of Patricia Crandall Lane which helped make this project possible. This event is open to the public.

The Community Library will own, curate, and maintain the Trailing of the Sheep Festival archives, and an internship program has been established to help work on the project. The inaugural Patricia Crandall Lane Trailing of the Sheep Festival Archives intern is Kaili Smith, a Wood River Valley local of Basque descent. A graduate from the University of Redlands with a bachelor's degree in Sociology and Anthropology, she is next starting her graduate degree at City University of London where she will be completing an MSc in Library Sciences. This summer, she will be processing part of the Trailing of the Sheep Festival archive that is now a part of The Community Library collection. "I look forward taking an in depth look at the history of the Festival and its connection to the rich history of shepherding here in Idaho and the West," she shared.

#### **About Patricia Crandall Lane**

Patty Lane regarded herself as an authentic Sun Valleyite. She was born in the Sun Valley hospital, then occupying the third floor of the Lodge. Her mother was Jeanne Rodger Lane Moritz – one of the 17 women who founded The Community Library Association, and her father was John Crandall "Pete" Lane, a native Idahoan and the owner of Pete Lane's, the Sun Valley ski store, and a founder of the Sun Valley Ski Education Foundation. Her grandfather was John Pusey "Jack" Lane, a merchant and livestock man who established his businesses in Ketchum a century ago. Her home growing up was on the Box L Ranch, the Lane family sheep property just south of Ketchum that spread the width of the Wood River Valley and up on Elkhorn Gulch. Patty's happiest professional years were in sales at Pete Lane's. In addition to many other jobs,

she served as a trustee of The Community Library. She enjoyed retirement in Hailey with her friends and her dogs. She passed in 2016 and left a generous gift to the Trailing of the Sheep Festival from her estate.

### **About The Community Library**

*The mission of The Community Library is to bring information, ideas, and individuals together to enhance the cultural life of the community.*

*In 1955, seventeen visionary Ketchum and Sun Valley women founded The Community Library Association (CLA) as a privately funded, privately governed, non-profit cultural organization. By the intention of our founders, the library is not dependent on any local, state, or federal tax funding. These founders each contributed one dollar to the treasury and opened the Gold Mine Thrift Store in a one-room log cabin to earn funds to build and operate a library. Today, The Community Library includes a circulating collection of more than 80,000 items, a robust slate of free public educational programs, the Center for Regional History, a bookmobile, and the historic Ernest and Mary Hemingway House and Preserve.*

*Find out about local history by visiting the Jeanne Rodger Lane Center for Regional History Museum in Forest Service Park or visit virtually to engage with a wide range of exhibits that rotate several times each year.*

### **About the Trailing of the Sheep Festival**

*The five-day Festival, which is celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary year October 6-10, 2021, includes nonstop activities in multiple venues - history, folk arts, a Sheep Folklife Fair, lamb culinary offerings, a Wool Festival with classes and workshops, music, dance, storytelling, championship Sheepdog Trials and, the always entertaining, Big Sheep Parade with 1,500 sheep hoofing it down Main Street in Ketchum.*

*For information, tickets, schedule of events and special lodging deals, visit [www.trailingofthesheep.org](http://www.trailingofthesheep.org). The 2021 Trailing of the Sheep Festival's Big Sheep Parade is sponsored by the City of Ketchum.*

*The Trailing of the Sheep Festival has garnered some well-deserved accolades over the years, including being recognized as one of the Top Ten Fall Festivals in the World by [msn.com](http://msn.com) travel, Top Ten US Fall Festivals by [smartertravel.com](http://smartertravel.com), Top Animal Festivals in the World and Top Ten Fall Festivals by USA Today, Top 7 Fun Fall Festivals by AARP, One of the Greatest Cultural Events in the West by Northwest Travel, and recipient of the Society of American Travel Writer's Phoenix Award for best in cultural tourism, and the Idaho Governor's Award for Cultural Heritage.*

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