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New Shaw Historical Library Journal: 25th - Silver Anniversary Issue:

Buckaroos and Barons: Cattle Ranching in the Land of the Lakes will release on October 28, 2011. This beautiful Anniversary Issue (Volume 25) includes articles on historical and modern features of the region's industry along with beautiful photographic essays focusing on the buckaroo traditions.

About the 25th - Silver Anniversary Issue of the Shaw Journal *Buckaroos and Barons: Cattle Ranching in the Land of the Lakes*

Many people are unaware how unique the buckaroo traditions are in the Land of the Lakes.¹ These traditions and customs are often considered to be the truest legacy of the old Vaquero² lifestyle, handed down for generations from the original Mexican participants of cattle drives between the United States and Mexico in the 18th and 19th Centuries. The evolution of the buckaroos, cowboys, and their modern appearances are part of the intriguing story in this new 25th Anniversary Journal collection by the Shaw Historical Library. This issue offers a wide array of historical research, intimate personal stories, fascinating personalities, and captivating landscapes. Join hardscrabble farmers, ranchers, buckaroos and barons in this in-depth look at a glorious time in the cattle ranching industry.

The Journal begins in the 1860s, when the California cattle barons first spread into Oregon and the High Desert region. Some of the stories describe the life and times of the pioneer ranchers and settlers who tamed the land and founded the early regional communities. We explore famous historical ranches, associations that were formed to protect and serve them and the wonderful buckaroo traditions that became the hallmark of cattle management in Oregon and the West. We manage to cover 150 years of history emerging into the present day. Throughout the journal, we examine the steadfastness of the ranching family, saluting the men and women who continue the traditions of managing land and livestock.

Some of the highlights of this volume include image surveys by two well-known local photographers, Mary Williams Hyde and Madeline Graham Blake. Hyde's photographs capture some of the urgency, beauty and power of the High Desert's unique buckaroo lifestyle. Hyde has spent many years photographing the men and women who preserve the unique style and customs of the Buckaroo tradition. Blake's glorious images expose the

¹ The Land of the Lakes is the area known as northeastern California, south central and southeastern Oregon, southwestern Idaho and northern Nevada.

² Vaquero is a transliteration of the words 'cow' and 'man.' *Vaca* means 'cow.' This translates in Spanish to *cowmen*; in English, it was changed to *cowboy*. The Vaqueros were the cattleman running the drives for Spanish Caballeros (Spanish Gentlemen) between the American southwest and Mexico City. Much of the contemporary cowboy tradition was derived from this legacy.

richness of modern ranching life. Sometimes whimsical, often poetic, Blake's work offers an intimate view of running a small family ranch.

Another journal highlight is the detailed story of a modern cattle drive. The reader will experience wily cattle, willful horses and delight in lyrical descriptions of the extraordinary landscape. We've also included an impressive collection of rare photographs of notable cattle barons in an overview of the first cattle ranching operations in the region.

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About the Shaw Historical Library

Laurence L. and Dorothy Shaw established the Shaw Historical Library in 1983 at the Oregon Institute of Technology with his personal collection of books and papers as the core of a subsequently much larger collection. Laurence Shaw was a leader in the logging industry in southern Oregon in the 20th century as President and Chairman of the Board of Modoc Lumber Company for many years.

Laurence Shaw gathered his personal collection over a period of forty years. He said that the collection "...Grew from reading. Each interesting book led to another until there was total immersion in Western Americana."

The Shaws' intention was to establish a library to provide students, researchers, and the interested public with a place to learn about the people and history of the area known as the Land of the Lakes. The Land of the Lakes is generally considered to encompass south-central and southeastern Oregon, northeastern California, and northwestern Nevada.

The library contains materials relating to American western migration and the history of the Land of the Lakes. There are also significant collections on railroads, logging, and Native American history. The library's manuscript collections focus on the logging, lumber industry, agriculture and local history in the Klamath Basin.

Since its inception, the collections of the Shaw Historical Library have grown, primarily thorough donations, to include more than 3,000 books, thousands of historical photographs and maps, works of art, manuscript collections, historical family ephemera and oral interviews of persons who have lived in the region.

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