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**ON THE COVER** Between 2005 and 2010, photographer Tom Ferris traveled thousands of miles to document historic barns. His work is featured in the article that begins on page 38, as well as in the new Montana Historical Society Press book *Hand Raised: The Barns of Montana*. On the front cover of this issue is the stone and wood-frame Rugg Barn built circa 1915 in the Kirby area of Big Horn County. Like many homesteaders, the Rugg family, when they came to southeastern Montana in the early 1900s, first built a log barn. Some fifteen years later, when the ranch was more established, they constructed this sturdy barn, marking it proudly with the family's brand, which was first recorded in Wyoming Territory in 1888 and registered in Montana in 1920. The back cover shows the second-story hayloft of Teton County's Fitzgerald Round Barn, built northwest of Collins for Edward Fitzgerald by Arthur "Big" Elliot in 1913 for sixteen hundred dollars. According to owner Norma Fitzgerald-Denny, her grandfather chose the design not in order to "keep Satan from hiding in the corners as some people thought" but to have a solid structure that would withstand the constant prairie wind with room for maneuvering equipment and to provide easily accessible shelter for his draft horses and Dutch-belt cattle. The floor plan is "basilican," with a center alleyway and side areas for stalls. The barn is sixty feet in diameter, and the roof reaches forty-four feet high. The barns appear courtesy Tim and Georgia Rugg Lanham and Norma Fitzgerald-Denny.

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