



2011 Annual Report

July 1, 2010 - June 30, 2011





From the Executive Director

It is always a pleasure to present our ISHS annual report to our members, donors, customers, staff, volunteers, elected officials, and friends. It takes this “family” and their collective support and passion to make the Idaho State Historical Society a success. John Durel has recently written about the hallmarks of a sustainable organization. He submits that such an organization must have a reputation of being the best in its field, a culture that excels at turning threats and challenges into opportunities, a diversified funding base, and the love of its constituents. The ISHS directly serves over 110,000 Idahoans from across our state each year. There could not be a larger heart for our constituents than that of the Idaho State Historical Society Board of Trustees.

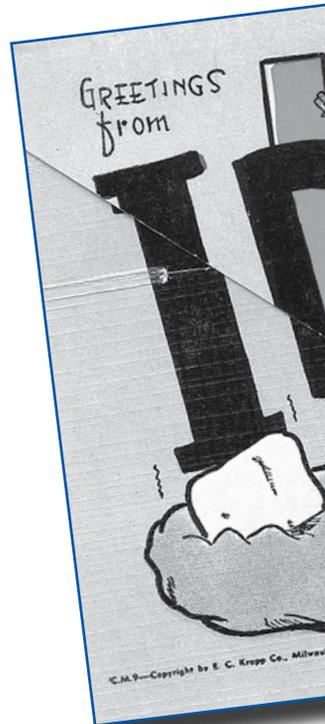
Appointed by the Governor, the Board of Trustees represents the judicial districts of the state and connects our great organization with Idahoans. They govern the ISHS through establishing policy which is fulfilled by the staff and they make challenging fiscal, legal, and personnel decisions. Their highest commitment has been to engage the citizens and communities throughout Idaho; this is demonstrated by being advocates for our organization and serving as the “connector” between the ISHS and you.

This year, our trustees presented 16 awards through our Century Farms, Heritage Cities, and Esto Perpetua programs where 800 people from 14 communities were recognized for their contribution to Idaho History. They have been engaged advocates, appearing at the Agency’s budget hearing; hosting the annual legislative reception and informal dialog sessions with legislators; and representing the ISHS throughout the state at Governor Otter’s popular Capitol for a Day program. They supported our Wine, Eats, and Artifacts “friendraiser,” Adopt an Artifact Gala and championed our first major fundraiser in southeastern Idaho which attracted over 220 participants and raised over \$10,000.

As our great organization anticipates our state’s territorial sesquicentennial, I remember our founding in 1881 by the Idaho Association of Pioneers, a group of people whose love for history created the organization and legacy we continue today. ISHS is committed to enhancing historical literacy and contributing value to our state and its citizens. We are humbled and honored by our Trustees and their vow to bring this commitment to your community.



*Janet L. Gallimore
Executive Director*



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Letter from the Chair

On March 4, 1863 President Abraham Lincoln signed a bill creating Idaho Territory.

On March 4, 2013 Idaho will celebrate the sesquicentennial of our beginnings as a formal community. Sesquicentennial is at best an awkward word: "Sesqui" means one and one half. Centennial, of course, is a century celebration. So our sesquicentennial is the recognition of our 150th anniversary of becoming a territory. At the Idaho State Historical Society we are calling this Idaho 150.

Anyway you say it -sesquicentennial or Idaho 150 - this keystone anniversary is an invitation to revisit our past and examine the values and visions that make us uniquely Idaho. It is a time to honor those people who through great effort brought us to where we are today. It is a time to examine the values that sustain us as a community and culture.

Historical commemorations are both celebratory and an opportunity for reflection and hopefully, growth. Let's feel empowered to ask critical questions about what Idaho is today, culturally, institutionally and as a physical landscape. We invite you to join the Historical Society in a critical dialogue about our statewide community. Let's examine how we have used our resources, how we have treated each other, how we have applied our human inventiveness to the challenges we have faced over the years.

Over the next year you will be hearing from us about program opportunities that you can use in your communities to tell your story or hear other Idaho stories. All combined, these experiences tell us who we are, what ties us together with a specific sense of place and shared history. These events are the context that guides our vision of what we are to become. In the meantime be thinking about what it means to be Idaho. And please share with us your ideas on what you are planning and how we celebrate Idaho 150 together.



*Tom Blanchard, Chair
Idaho State Historical
Society Board of Trustees*



New Additions to an Old Village

"I think back when I was in high school, studying Idaho history, I'd have given anything in the world to have had an interpretive center like this."

Gary Guy, Rock Creek Station and Stricker Ranch caretaker, on the new interpretive center opened in May 2011.

Isaac Coston arrived in Boise in 1863 and built a log cabin. He later constructed more imposing homes, but the original cabin remained. Coston, an innovative agriculturalist, served as a member of the territorial legislature and a delegate to the state constitutional convention. In the 1930s, the Sons and Daughters of Idaho Pioneers moved the Coston cabin and another small log house to Julia Davis Park. Over time, the two cabins became neglected, until the Idaho Historical Auxiliary, now known as the Friends of the Historical Museum, accepted responsibility for their preservation, moving them near the State Historical Museum in 1970. Other houses were added, and the collection became known as Pioneer Village. In FY 2011, the Idaho State Historical Museum made dramatic improvements to Pioneer Village, especially with completion of the Lewis and Clark Discovery Trail featuring outdoor exhibits and landscaping with native plants. Each Pioneer Village structure received its own interpretive sign, and staff supervised the addition of new sidewalks, an irrigation system, and an entry arch. Special thanks to our partners, sponsors and donors including: the Idaho Governor's Lewis and Clark Trail Committee, the National Park Service, Friends of the Historical Museum and Old Idaho Penitentiary, Fundsy, The Halliday Foundation, Supervalu, Laura Moore Cunningham Foundation, and the Idaho Humanities Council.



Pioneer Village in full bloom

National History Day Students Shine

The first national evaluation of National History Day (NHD), conducted this year, found that NHD students are better prepared for school, more sought after by employers, and have a more mature perspective on current events than their peers. The result did not come as a surprise in Idaho, where NHD is alive, well, and much appreciated by teachers and students. For 27 years, ISHS has coordinated the program in Idaho; annually more than 1,000 Idaho students participate. This year, 43 of them attended the NHD contest at the University of Maryland, where Hannah Weekes from Rocky Mountain Middle School in Idaho Falls won as the Outstanding Idaho Junior for her website, "Dynamic Diplomacy: Silver Wars of the

Coeur d'Alene's," and Monteen Alyse Ebert and Cameron Nakashima from the Idaho Arts Charter School in Nampa won for Outstanding Idaho Seniors for their performance, "Separate But Equal Has No Place." Katherine McDonagh from Lowell Scott Middle School in Meridian won the American Labor History Award for her junior individual performance, "Broader than Butte: Irish Immigrants and the Butte Miners Strike." Katherine had previously won the \$500 State Historical Society Trustees' and Director's Award, part of more than \$35,000 in awards and scholarships given at the state competition at the College of Idaho in Caldwell in April.



Senator Risch and National History Day Idaho participants

New Interpretive Center Opens at Rock Creek Station and Stricker Ranch

Idaho Representative Steve Hartgen helped welcome visitors to the new interpretive center at the Society's Rock Creek Station and Stricker Ranch on May 8. One of three historic sites the Society maintains outside of Boise—this one in partnership with the Friends of Stricker—Rock Creek Station was once the hub of activity at the intersection of the Oregon Trail and Kelton Road. The Rock Creek Store was constructed in 1865, the first trading post between Fort Hall and Boise. For the past decade, ISHS, in partnership with Friends of Stricker, has restored the site's historic buildings, and constructed the exquisite new interpretive center opened this year. The center tells the story of the area's first residents, fur traders and explorers, the Oregon Trail, stage and freight lines, and the Stricker family, and is an example of how ISHS engages communities by building on shared experiences. Funds from the Idaho Transportation Department, State of Idaho Permanent Building Fund, Friends of Stricker, and ISHS helped to restore and interpret the site. The Rock Creek Station and Stricker Ranch Homesite is located five miles south and one mile west of Hansen or five miles south and two miles east of Kimberly.



*Top: Interpretive Center Ribbon Cutting
Bottom: New exhibits*



Dia de los Muertos

Celebrated in Mexico and other Central American countries, Dia de los Muertos—Day of the Dead—is a festival of family memory: once a year a deceased person's soul returns to be with family. In partnership with the Mexican Consulate and the Idaho Commission on the Arts, the Idaho Historical Museum commemorated Day of the Dead with exhibits and events in November.

The spirits that come to visit on the Day of the Dead are received with elaborate alters covered with food, photographs, flowers, and heirlooms. The Museum's special exhibit featured traditional and contemporary alters created by artists and

school children. The lobby hosted a large public altar where visitors added their own photos and memories of family members. Another highlight of the commemoration featured a ceremony at the grave of Mexican pioneer Jesus Uriquides, subject of an earlier ISHS book published in 2006.



Additional Highlights:

- State Archives staff added more than 900 records to databases and online indexes relating to Idaho Territory as part of a National Historical Publications and Records Commission grant to identify, arrange, and describe the Society's rich collection of materials from the territorial period. The grant was perfectly timed to prepare for the territorial sesquicentennial beginning in 2013.
- The annual "Museum Comes to Life" in September once again attracted thousands of people. New activities included Civil War re-enactors teaching period dances and the staff of Celebration Park exhibiting 12,000-year-old lifestyles, along with such popular returning favorites as crowhooking. Don't know about crowhooking? Then be sure to participate in a future "Museum Comes to Life;" it is free, and it is held the last Saturday each September.
- Frightened Felons returned to the Old Idaho Penitentiary in October. Rapidly becoming one of the Treasure Valley's most popular Halloween activities, Frightened Felons featured a scavenger hunt; tales of escapes, executions, and ghosts; and the opportunity to wander through 140 years of frightening time behind the Pen's sandstone walls.
- ISHS continued its scheduling of temporary exhibits at the State Capitol. Exhibits during the year featured photography exhibits by Paul Hosefros and Kevin Swan, as well as works from the Pocatello Art Center. Have an idea for an exhibit? Contact State Capitol Curator Michelle Lynch at capitolcurator@ishs.idaho.gov.
- In commemoration of 50 years of the Peace Corps, the Idaho Returned Peace Corps Volunteers and the Museum presented a special exhibit, "Idaho Celebrates 50 Years of Peace Corps Service" in the spring of 2011. A large crowd of returned Peace Corps volunteers joined in the opening festivities on March 3, which featured a special presentation by Lt. Governor Brad Little and heartfelt words by Representative Tom Trail, Peace Corps alumnae.
- Begun in 1989 and now one of the Society's largest outreach efforts, Idaho Archaeology and Historic Preservation Month in 2011 focused on Idaho as the center of new research on people living during the Paleo-Indian period in North America. "PaleoIdaho!" featured 58 events in 33 communities. Archaeology and Historic Preservation Month reaches thousands of Idahoans annually, reflecting the ever-growing interest in all aspects of Idaho history.



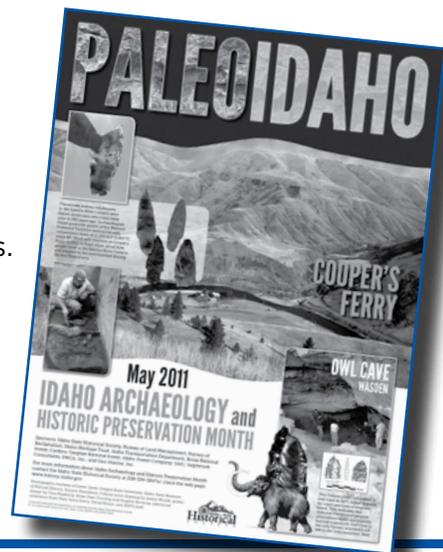
*Calf roping at
Museum Comes to Life*



*Kevin Swan exhibit at
Idaho State Capitol*



*Ethiopian coffee ceremony during
Peace Corps exhibit*



Stewardship

A Treasured Idaho Artifact Returns Home

In December, a modest wooden desk with the initials “RA” carved in the top arrived by special courier from Denver to the Idaho State Historical Museum, a gift from Elizabeth Mars. Elizabeth is the great-granddaughter of Richard Adelman, a prominent businessman who settled in Boise in 1872, and whose house is part of the Society’s Pioneer Village. The desk was passed down through the family, eventually given by Mary Lu Gregg, Elizabeth’s grandmother, to Elizabeth. While having a desk associated with the Adelman family is reason enough for enthusiasm, this desk comes with the high probability that it originally belonged to Idaho’s first territorial governor, William Wallace. Family tradition maintains that Richard Adelman, an ardent Republican like Wallace, acquired the desk, recognizing its historical significance. Very likely, the desk goes back to the earliest days of Idaho territorial history, a prized artifact as the Society prepares to commemorate the territorial sesquicentennial in 2013. Funding for the shipment of the desk to the Idaho State Historical Museum came from the Foundation for Idaho History from funds raised at the first annual “Adopt an Artifact” event. The Museum cares for more than 250,000 artifacts relating to the history of Idaho; the Adelman-Wallace desk has taken a treasured position in that ever-growing collection.

“Grandmother was absolutely thrilled the desk was back home.”

Elizabeth Mars of Denver, who donated the desk belonging to Idaho’s first territorial governor, William Wallace, to ISHS, on the reaction of her grandmother Mary Lu Gregg to the gift.



Adelman-Wallace desk

Preservation Field School at the Old Idaho Penitentiary

The Old Idaho Penitentiary hosted the 16th annual Pacific Northwest Preservation Field School in the summer of 2010. The Field School is funded by Oregon, Washington, and Idaho state parks departments and historic preservation offices, and the National Park Service. Locations for the field schools rotate annually to a new site in one of the participating states. Attendees receive specialized training in preservation techniques and contribute highly skilled labor to accomplish vital preservation projects. The primary focus at the Old Idaho Penitentiary was masonry, but the site also provided a variety of teaching opportunities in wood, metal, window restoration, and structural stabilization. The Old Pen proved a perfect place for students from throughout the Northwest to learn preservation skills, while they also helped to stabilize one of the region’s premier historic sites. Special funding for this field school also came from a Save America’s Treasures grant and the National Trust for Historic Preservation.



2010 Preservation Field School



Digitization Helps State Archives Preserve Idaho Records

A collaborative project between the Society and the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) is creating high-quality scans of all ITD photographs dating back to the early 20th century, the most complete collection of Idaho's transportation history. The project also entails scanning minute books dating to 1913 and making the ledgers keyword accessible for researchers. More than 10,500 images have been scanned to date in a project aimed at creating a usable database for ITD, but also one that assists researchers and the citizens of Idaho. Most of the original photos and the minute books are part of the Society's permanent archival collections.



Construction of Lawyer's Canyon Bridge in Northern Idaho

1950s Diner Among Idaho's Significant Historic Sites

As America grew dependent upon automobiles, it did not take long for roadside eateries to meet the growing demand of a nation in a hurry. By the 1930s, carhops became a common sight at drive-ins. By the 1950s, drive-in services became one of the fastest growing parts of the economy. In addition to restaurants, people could drive in to theaters, banks, and even churches. As Mountain Home boomed in the 1950s, the city's first drive-in restaurant arrived, with a name that went to the heart of the establishment: The KwikCurb Diner. Under different owners and various names it operated until 1999. In 2007 Bryce and Gioia

Tracy purchased the then-vacant property and operate it as a drive-in featuring a menu little changed from the 1950s. This year, the KwikCurb became Idaho's first mid-century drive-in listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Three other sites—the Society's 1911 former Bureau of Reclamation building in Boise, Tolo Lake in Idaho County, and Aviator's Cave at the Idaho National Laboratory—we're also added to the Register. The National Register of Historic Places program is administered in Idaho by the Society's State Historic Preservation Office.



The KwikCurb Diner

New Century Farms and Ranches

A joint project between ISHS and the Department of Agriculture, Idaho's Century Farms and Ranches program recognizes agricultural property owned and operated in Idaho by the same family, at least 40 acres of which must have remained in agricultural use for 100 years or more. For the first time, in 2011 two awards went to the same family simultaneously. Charles Hermann, born in Germany, moved west with his parents to Oregon in 1883, and arrived near Genesee in 1907 where he began farming. Two years later, Charlie's younger brother, Jacob, followed him to Idaho, eventually buying his own farm in 1910. Master of Ceremonies and Society

Trustee Earl Bennett welcomed more than 150 participants to the double-award ceremony at the Hermann farms east of Genesee, including Idaho Senator Dan Schmidt, Representative Tom Trail, and Nez Perce County Commissioner Doug Zenner. Eight additional farms and ranches became Century Farms during the year, bringing the total number of awardees to more than 350. Steve Barrett administers the program for the Society; you can contact him at steve.barrett@ishs.idaho.gov.



Hermann Family Century Farm Award Ceremony

Additional Highlights:

- Society staff members worked with Lewis-Clark State College to find a proper home for artifacts collected by early Idaho historian and long-time Lewiston Normal School history teacher Henry Talkington. Talkington began collecting artifacts relating to Idaho in 1902. Although there has not been a museum on campus since the 1960s, the Talkington artifacts represent what remains of the second-oldest museum in the state. Through a cooperative agreement, LCSC donated the artifacts to the Nez Perce County Historical Society. ISHS provided funding through our Community Enhancement Grant program to assist in the proper preservation of the artifacts and to develop a permanent exhibit on Talkington in Talkington Hall on the LCSC campus.
- At the annual Association of Idaho Cities (AIC) conference in Boise, Archivist Steve Barrett presented McCall and Payette with 2011 Idaho Heritage City Awards. The Idaho Heritage City Program recognizes cities in Idaho that encourage preservation and interpretation of their cultural heritage. Idaho now has 34 Heritage Cities. For more about the program, contact Steve at steve.barrett@ishs.idaho.gov.



- The Idaho State Historical Records Advisory Board (SHRAB) introduced Replevin legislation to the Senate Judiciary and Rules Committee in 2011. Senate Bill 1026aa passed both the Idaho Senate and House and was signed by Governor Otter in April 2011. The Replevin Bill serves as a tool to reclaim records that may have been improperly or illegally removed from authorized records custodians. The potential disappearance of public records deprives citizens the opportunity for access to important fiscal, administrative, legal, vital and historical information. Idaho is now one of 13 States having passed this proactive records legislation.





Customer Service and Partnerships

Society Leads Way in Charitable Giving

At the request of Governor Butch Otter, ISHS led the State Employee Charitable Giving Campaign for 2010, which raised nearly \$300,000 for non-profit organizations in Idaho and across the country. Since 1999, State of Idaho employees have contributed nearly \$4 million in the annual workplace giving campaign. In 2010, for the first time, ISHS organized the campaign. In addition to raising much-needed funds for non-profit organizations, the campaign provided an opportunity for the Society to host representatives of every state agency at the Idaho State Archives, giving our colleagues a better concept of our services. Following closely on the heels of successfully leading the state charitable giving campaign, employees of ISHS engaged in a friendly competition to see which work unit could gather the most food for the Idaho Foodbank. The Society "Make Hunger History" drive collected 1,338 pounds of food that provided about 1020 meals for Idaho's hungry.

"Dozens of charitable organizations in Idaho will be better able to enhance the lives of the people they serve because of the sizeable contributions of our own state employees."

Idaho Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter on the 2011 State Employee Charitable Giving Campaign, organized by the Idaho State Historical Society



Governor Otter, Treasure Valley United Way President and CEO Derick O'Neil, ISHS Executive Director Janet Gallimore, and Lt. Governor Brad Little with results of the campaign.

ISHS and Steele-Reese Foundation Award \$50,000 in Community Enhancement Grants

The Steele-Reese Foundation joined with ISHS to provide funds for the Community Enhancement Grant Program. To be effective in preserving Idaho's rich history requires strong partnerships. We recognize the critical need many of our partners have in funding the projects they undertake to preserve Idaho's history and culture. The ISHS Community Assistance Grant Program is an important way the Society assists groups and organizations in preserving and interpreting community history. Boise's Basque Museum and Cultural Center used \$2,000 to purchase archival storage materials for the Juanita Hormaechea collection, perhaps the richest collection of Basque memorabilia in Idaho. The City of Post Falls used \$1,980 to develop new interpretive signage at Treaty Rock, a National Register of Historic Places site. These were just two of 26 projects funded throughout the state through the partnership with Steele-Reese. For more information about the Society's Community Grant Program, contact Associate Director and State Historian Keith Petersen at keith.petersen@ishs.idaho.gov.



The Lewiston Preservation Commission used ISHS grant funding to support the development of three interpretive signs at significant historical sites.

Trustees Hear From Their Constituents

In July 2010, in conjunction with their meetings in Moscow, ISHS Trustees toured historic sites in Latah County, part of their ongoing community engagement and outreach efforts. They visited the White Spring Ranch Museum, viewed the exquisite preservation of Cordelia Lutheran Church, toured Idaho's only brewery museum, had lunch with representatives of the Troy Historical Society, took a tour of the former company town of Potlatch with the Potlatch Historical Society, met with staff and trustees of the Latah County Historical Society, and viewed the historical photograph exhibits of Genesee compiled by Trustee Earl Bennett. May 2011 found the trustees meeting in Pocatello, including tours of the Fort Hall Replica and the Idaho Museum of Natural History. They also visited the Bear River Massacre Site, the Society's recent interpretive enhancements at Franklin, the historic Mormon community of Chesterfield, and the South Bannock County Historical Center at Lava Hot Springs. These community engagement and outreach efforts connect the trustees with partners throughout the state.



Cordelia Lutheran Church



Pocatello Community Engagement Meeting at the Fort Hall Replica



ISHS Provides Opportunities to View Rare Artifacts

The Foundation for Idaho History, the Society's non-profit fundraising partner, helped to host three special events allowing Idahoans an opportunity to view some of the state's most significant artifacts. State Historical Records Advisory Board Chair Carter Wilson donated a 1959 bottle of Chateau Latour from the Harriman family's personal estate from the time they owned the Railroad Ranch in eastern Idaho—now Harriman State Park. This provided the opportunity for an "Evening with the Harrimans and the Railroad Ranch" at the Wine, Eats, and Artifacts fundraising event in Boise in August. Samples of the exquisite wine were sold during the evening as part of fundraising activities, while guests viewed artifacts and archives depicting the Harriman story in Idaho. November featured the first ever "Adopt an Artifact" gala event, which raised over \$25,000 to assist with exhibits, education programs, and collection care and management. Idaho State Historical Museum staff enlightened visitors about Polly Bemis's shoes, Chief Looking Glass's pipe, and a variety of other treasured artifacts.

Governor Otter welcomed more than 250 ISHS supporters to Jim Rogers Ranch near Pocatello in May for "Artifacts at the Ranch." ISHS staff shared Idaho's original territorial creation documents and the original painting of the state seal. The event raised more than \$10,000 for the National History Day program in Idaho. If you would like to adopt an artifact, or learn more about upcoming events featuring special Idaho artifacts, contact Development Administrator Cara Walker at cara.walker@ishs.idaho.gov.



*Carter and Gail Wilson
with 1959 Chateau Latour*



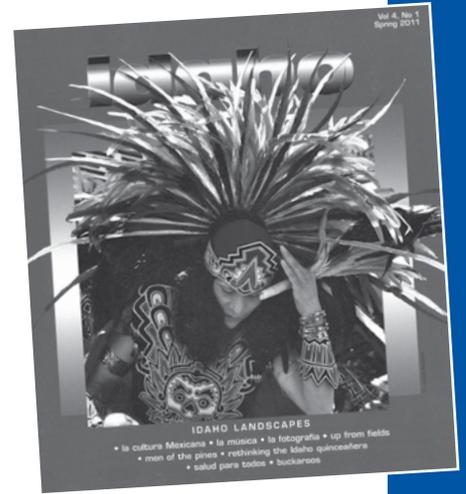
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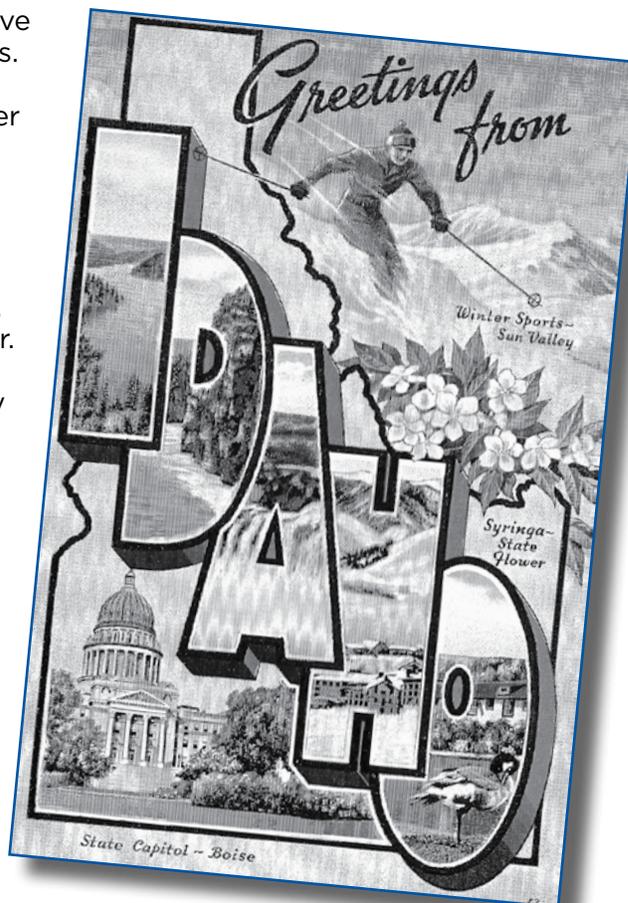
*Governor Otter, ISHS Trustees and Staff
at Artifacts at the Ranch*

Additional Highlights:

- The Friends of the Historical Museum and Old Idaho Penitentiary sponsored the third annual “What’s It Worth” event to raise money for museum exhibits and programs. Twelve volunteer assessors provided more than 200 people with professional evaluations of their antique possessions. The Museum used some of the funds raised this year on the “Our Lives, Our Stories: America’s Greatest Generation” exhibit.
- The Society’s journal *Idaho Landscapes*, published in collaboration with Idaho State University and Boise State University, featured a 104-page issue dedicated to Mexican culture and the impact of Mexicans on Idaho history. A complimentary subscription to *Idaho Landscapes* is offered as a benefit of membership in ISHS at the Sponsor level and above. Any Individual or Family membership may also be upgraded to include a subscription for only \$10 more per year. It’s a bargain! *Idaho Yesterdays*, also a collaboration with Idaho State and Boise State, remains available on-line as the scholarly publication of record for Idaho at www.idahoyesterdays.com.
- ISHS, in collaboration with the Idaho Humanities Council and Idaho Heritage Trust, presented a two-day workshop for the Gooding, Jerome, and Lincoln county historical societies as they prepared to move their museums into new buildings. The workshop, also attended by staff and volunteers from other museums in the area, focused on exhibits and collection care, and was part of the Society’s ongoing outreach that provided services during the year to literally every corner of the state, from Bonners Ferry to Montpelier. Workshops serve as an example of how ISHS engages community by building on shared experiences.



Workshops





Professionalism and Recognition

Idaho Wins National Awards

The Society's permanent exhibit "Governing Idaho" in the Garden Level of the State Capitol, along with the companion edition of Idaho Landscapes devoted to the history of the capitol, won an Award of Merit from the American Association for State and Local History (AASLH), the highest national awards given in the field. AASLH gave out 59 of the prestigious awards in 2011, three in Idaho. In addition to ISHS, Mountain Home Air Force Base won for its publication, Mountain Home Air Force Base Modern:

The Capehart-Wherry Housing Project, which tells the story of a significant post-World War II housing development on the base; and the Basque Museum and Cultural Center for its exhibit "Hidden in Plain Sight: The Basques." Before being installed at the Museum in Boise, the exhibit was featured at Ellis Island in New York, where more than 300,000 people viewed it. Society staff members Shelby Day and Suzi Pengilly are AASLH Awards and Membership co-chairs for Idaho. Keith Petersen serves as the regional representative for Idaho, Oregon, Washington, and Alaska.



*"Governing Idaho" Exhibit
Photo by Phillip McClain*

"The Leadership in History Award is the American Association for State and Local History's highest distinction and the winners represent the best in the field."

Terry Davis, AASLH President & CEO, on the 59 awards given nationally in 2011, including three in Idaho.

Trustees Honor Six with Esto Perpetua Awards

Each year the ISHS Trustees honor outstanding accomplishments in preserving and promoting Idaho's heritage through the Esto Perpetua Awards. In 2010, five individuals and one institution won the award. "Each recipient demonstrated a truly exceptional level of achievement in their efforts to preserve a part of Idaho's history," said Tom Blanchard, Chair of the Trustees. "They represent a geographical balance, which clearly illustrates the widespread care that Idahoans share when it comes to our state's historical preservation." Honored were Blane Bake, Rexburg; Claudia Druss, Boise; Nancy Renk, Sandpoint; Carole Simon-Smolinski, Lewiston; Lucille Taylor, Grangeville; and the Jeanne Lane Moritz Regional History Department at the Ketchum Community Library. Interested in nominating someone for the award? Check our website for details.



2010 Esto Perpetua Winners

Sister Alfreda Award Returns Home

On December 16, representatives of ISHS, the Idaho Heritage Trust, and the Idaho Humanities Council presented the Historical Museum at St. Gertrude with the annual Sister Alfreda Award for Outstanding Museum Service, the state's highest museum award. The Award, which comes with \$10,000 for the recognized museum, is named for Sister Alfreda Elsensohn, who founded the Historical Museum at St. Gertrude. Fittingly, the Museum won the award on the 80th anniversary of its founding. It is Sister Alfreda's vision of Idaho museums as exciting, interactive, and educational institutions that the Award seeks to recognize by honoring one outstanding Idaho museum each year. The Museum at St. Gertrude is one of Idaho's oldest museums, featuring more than 60,000 artifacts relating to Idaho County and the surrounding area. This was the third year for the Sister Alfreda Award.

Additional Highlights:

- State Archivist Rod House was elected to a three-year term on the board of the Council of State Archivists.
- The American Association of Museums honored Representative Mike Simpson, along with five other members of Congress, during national Museum Advocacy Day in Washington, D.C. The AAM recognized Simpson's outstanding contributions to the Governor's Lewis and Clark Trail Committee's Museum Initiative, which provided funding to small museums along the Trail in Idaho during the LC bicentennial, as well as his ongoing support for historic preservation efforts in Idaho.
- Photo Archivist Erica Cook was appointed to the Ada County Preservation Council.
- Executive Director Janet Gallimore serves on the American Association for State and Local History Development Committee, where she reviews and recommends Northwest professionals for service on AASLH council and a variety of Committees.
- The Old Idaho Penitentiary won the Idaho Statesman's Readers' Choice Award as the best historical site in the Treasure Valley.
- Archivist Michal Walden was appointed to the council of the Conference of Inter-Mountain Archivists.
- The Idaho Humanities Council selected State Historian Keith Petersen to serve as state scholar for the Smithsonian Institution's traveling exhibit, "The Way We Worked" that will visit 6 Idaho communities.
- Executive Director Gallimore was appointed to the 2012 American Association of Museums National Program Committee to assess the presentations that will be selected for the American Association of Museums annual meeting in Minneapolis in spring of 2012.

*"Governing Idaho" Exhibit
Photo by Phillip McClain*



The Old Idaho Penitentiary



FY 2011 Financial Information

The Idaho State Historical Society derives approximately half its operating budget from the State of Idaho General Fund. We raise funds to support the rest of our services and programs with a mix of fees, public and private grants, membership, corporations and philanthropic gifts.

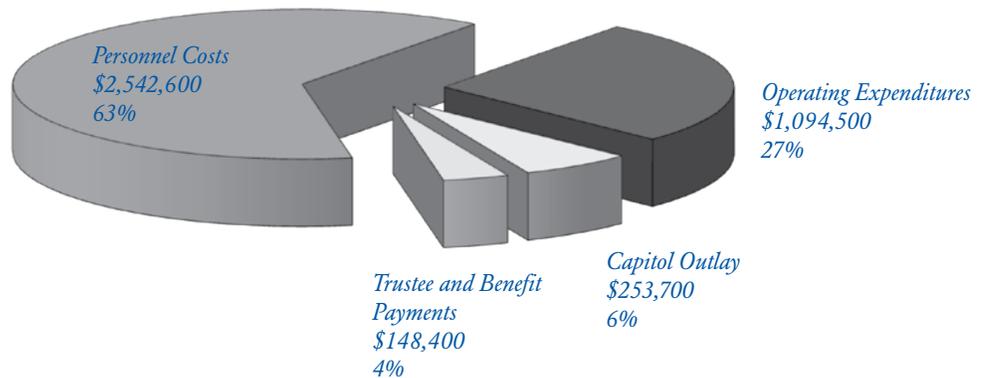
The Foundation for Idaho History, our 501 (c)(3) partner organization, works on behalf of the organization to enhance and increase private-sector funding through foundation grants, donations and special events.

Our members and donors play a critical role in helping us continue our important programs and services, including education, preservation, and technical assistance. For details on supporting ISHS and our work, please call our Membership and Development Office at (208) 514-2310.

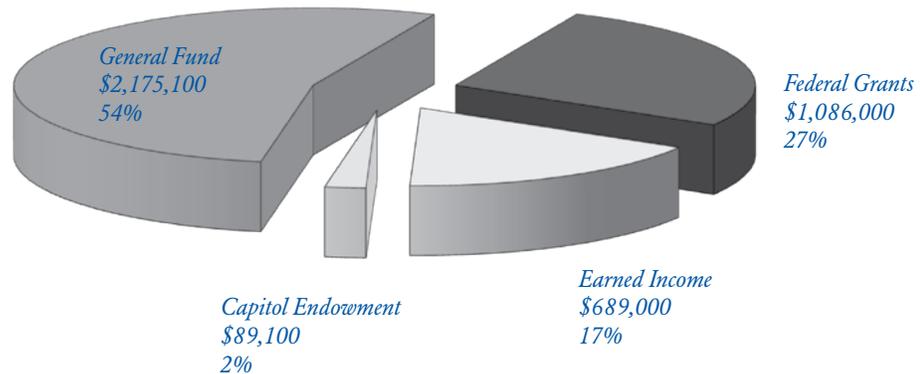


Idaho State Historical Society FY 2011 Budget

FY 2011 Expenditures by Category



FY 2011 Expenditures by Sources of Revenue



Idaho State Historical Society

The Idaho State Historical Society is an extraordinary system of cultural and historic resources comprised of the Idaho State Historical Museum, State Archives, State Historic Preservation Office, and Historic Sites Program. We seek to inspire, enrich and engage all Idahoans by leading the state in preserving, sharing, and using history and cultural resources relevant to today to inform and influence the future.

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