



*“Preserving the Past, Enriching the Future”*

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### IDAHO STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNOUNCES RECIPIENTS OF PRESTIGIOUS ‘ESTO PERPETUA’ AWARDS

**BOISE, ID** – The “Esto Perpetua” award will be presented to nine individuals and two organizations for outstanding accomplishments in preserving and promoting Idaho’s heritage at the Idaho State Historical Society’s (ISHS) annual awards celebration on Tuesday, June 2, 2015 at 5:30 p.m., at the Old Idaho Penitentiary, 2445 Old Penitentiary Rd., Boise, Idaho.

“Each recipient has demonstrated a truly exceptional level of achievement in their efforts to preserve a part of Idaho’s heritage,” said Janet Gallimore, ISHS Executive Director. “They represent a geographical balance, which clearly illustrates the widespread care that Idahoans share when it comes to our state’s historical preservation.”

Named for the state motto which translates to “let it be perpetual,” the Esto Perpetua Awards began in 1999 to honor individuals or groups for professional accomplishments, public service, volunteerism and philanthropy related to preservation of Idaho’s heritage.

The 2015 awardees are:

**Joseph “Joe” Bell, of Nampa** has championed local historical preservation for over two decades. As one nominator wrote, “Joe epitomizes the state’s motto by perpetually preserving our history through public education, protection of historical assets, and exemplary service to the Canyon County’s way of life”. Joe will often be heard saying, “You have to look and understand our history to evolve as a society.”

**Michael Crosby and Dr. Terry Magoon of Salmon** Crosby and Magoon both taught at the Salmon High School where they were instrumental in establishing and overseeing publication of *Patchwork; Pieces of Local History*, a combined History and English project for Advanced Placement students from 1986-92. Students interviewed hundreds of Lemhi County residents about the county’s diverse history. Both Crosby and Magoon have been active in preserving Lemhi County’s history in a wide variety of other ways, from leading tours, providing lectures, assisting in developing Salmon’s History Park, scholarly research and writing, and working with school groups and tourists, particularly those seeking to learn more about Lewis and Clark in Lemhi County.

**Monty Danner of Hayden** has spent 25 years bringing the Clark House located on Hayden Lake back to life. Danner has demonstrated that a person with a firm sense of history, vision and patience can turn the most derelict of historic structures into a place of community pride. Danner literally saved the Clark House from flames and in the process educated the community about the significance of the Clark family and their summer home on the lake by creating a facility that has become a vibrant part of the community.

**Dan Everhart of Boise** has dedicated his professional life and personal time to the preservation of Idaho's architectural history and created innovative programs to share that history with the public. Everhart has led the charge to preserve buildings in Boise, Rexburg and Sandpoint. He was instrumental in the creation of several Preservation Idaho programs including, ArchWalks, Heritage Homes Tours, Modern Masters, and WalkAbout Boise.

**Sharon Harris of Kendrick** founded the Juliaetta-Kendrick Heritage Foundation and served as president for 7 years ensuring the history of the Juliaetta-Kendrick region was preserved and accessible. Harris researched, wrote and published "*Letters from the Front*" *A History of World War Veterans from Kendrick & Juliaetta and the Surrounding Area*. Harris has served on the Latah County Historic Preservation Commission since 2011 and is currently the Vice Chair.

**Richard H. Holm, Jr. of Boise** has established himself as an authority in areas of regional and Idaho history regarding matters as diverse as antique motorboats, U.S. Forest Service fire lookouts, and backcountry aviation. Holm is the author of, *Bound for the Backcountry – A History of Idaho's Remote Airstrips* [this should be in italics]. The book covers nearly 100 Idaho remote backcountry airstrips. Holm worked as an assistant technician for the U.S. Forest Service in its Heritage Program and has volunteered on several stabilization, reassembly and preservation fire lookout projects.

**Joann C. Jones of Moscow** joined the Latah County Historical Society team as curator in the late 1980's. Jones served in many capacities; curator and registrar, librarian, researcher, receptionist, and exhibit designer. She has been sharing her passion for local history with the Moscow community for more than three decades. Now retired, Jones continues to research and write on local history, including a popular weekly column in the Moscow newspaper.

**Lyle Wirtanen of Lewiston** During Wirtanen's 10 year tenure as Executive Director of the Historical Museum at St. Gertrude he undertook many notable projects including the coordination of three Nez Perce Symposia, the production of a significant history journal, *Echoes of the Past*, and planning for annual widely attended conferences and field trips in remembrance of Chinese miners murdered in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Following his "retirement" from the Museum at St. Gertrude, Wirtanen became Executive Director of the Nez Perce County Historical Society, and assisted in developing new programming at that Lewiston organization. From 2000-2011 Wirtanen served as a Board Member of the Idaho Association of Museums and served as president from 2004-2008.

**Lewiston Tribune, Lewiston** The *Lewiston Tribune* is one of the oldest newspapers in Idaho, having published for nearly 125 years. During that time, the *Tribune* has consistently preserved and chronicled

the history of the City of Lewiston and the surrounding region, in special supplements, books, columns, and news stories. It has been a consistent leader in historic preservation for decades, most recently with its support of the Idaho Territorial Sesquicentennial and the project to reconstruct a replica of Idaho's first capitol in downtown Lewiston.

**Upper Snake River Valley Historical Society, Rexburg** The Upper Snake River Valley Historical Society was formed in 1965 and celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. The Society has published 37 volumes of the Snake River Echoes [italicize] which features articles on the history of the Upper Snake River Valley and contains the most comprehensive collection of the region's history. The Society has published a dozen books on local history and to keep history alive in the community it has honored over 15 pioneer families with a program in their honor and a plaque presented to the family.

Tickets to the awards ceremony and reception are \$20 and reservations must be made by Monday, May 25, 2015. For information and tickets call (208) 334-2682 or toll free (877) OLD-GEMS or order online at [https://www.accessidaho.org/ai/payport/online/pp\\_ishs/index.html](https://www.accessidaho.org/ai/payport/online/pp_ishs/index.html)