



“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 seven individuals, one family, and two organizations for outstanding accomplishments in preserving and promoting Idaho’s heritage this year. The Idaho State Historical Society’s (ISHS) annual awards celebration will be Tuesday, June 21, 2016 at 5:30 p.m., at the Old Idaho Penitentiary, located at 2445 Old Penitentiary Rd. in Boise.

“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 historic 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 the preservation of Idaho’s heritage.

The 2016 awardees are:

Dorothy Dahlgren of Coeur d’Alene has managed the Museum of North Idaho for 35 years. Dorothy has managed the publication of the Museum of North Idaho’s newsletter, cataloged over 30,000 historic photographs, overseen membership and fundraising, and works closely with the museums volunteers.

Edith Farmer Leachman of Craigmont, who has been a member and officer of the Ilo-Vollmer Historical Society for almost 20 years. She has served as secretary, treasurer and has volunteered for all their events. Edith has updated more than 12,000 records and assists the public in genealogical research.

Talbott Family of Moscow, members of the Talbott family have been working to document the Latah County Historical Society’s collections, care for artifacts, restore its buildings and raise funds for the organization for as long as the historical society has existed.

Frederick L. Walters of Cambridge is a historical architect who has earned a national and regional reputation for his outstanding work in historical preservation. Walters is one of a few recognized

architects of record in the northwest with the experience and expertise to work on National Historic Landmarks. His portfolio includes work on several buildings at Mt. Rainer National Park, the Oregon State Heritage site in John Day and the Coeur d'Alene Mission of the Sacred Heart at Cataldo.

Kay Hardy and Gregory Kaslo of Boise will be receiving a joint award for their noted work which includes the renovation of the Egyptian Theatre, the support of the "The Gathering Place" at the Botanical Garden, preservation of historic homes in the Vista neighborhood of Boise and are members of the Historical Preservation Council, Preservation Idaho and the Idaho State Historical Society. Kay Hardy, her parents, Earl and LaVane, Greg Kaslo and the Hardy Foundation have been visionaries and supporters for numerous historic projects of great cultural significance that have been conserved and preserved in the last four decades.

Maxine Racehorse-Edmo of Fort Hall, a Shoshone-Bannock tribal elder will be honored for her service and dedication in promoting academics, bilingualism, and cultural enrichment. Maxine has held several positions within her tribal community as well as state and federal positions.

Malad Valley Welsh Festival, Malad City will receive the Esto Perpetua award for uniting residents and others with an interest in learning about their heritage and the history of the Malad Valley. The first festival was in July 2005 and continues to today to honor the rich Welsh heritage in Malad City.

Bannock County Historical Society and Museum (BCHS) will receive this award for its longtime and successful accomplishment of preserving Bannock County's history. In 1922, community members established the BCHS to bring together people interested the history of Bannock County and Eastern Idaho; for the preservation of historical objects, documents, photographs and the dissemination of historical information. From 1922 to today, the members of the society and the museum have taken their mission to heart and continually enrich the community with history themed activities, lectures, programs, and artifacts.

Jim Hardee of Tetonia, since 1997 Jim Hardee, as Director of the Fur Trade Research Center and editor/member of the editorial board of *The Rocky Mountain Fur Trade Journal*, has been actively publishing and promoting public interest in the first four decades of Idaho's history. His first published article in 1989 on the trapper Hugh Glass has recently been reenacted in the Hollywood film *The Revenant*.

Hardee speaks at the annual meeting of the Montana Historical Society and continues to direct the Fur Trade Research Center. Hardee's outreach activities include; developing historic websites, collaborating with the re-enactment community, and public presentations to a range of audiences including rotary, senior citizens groups, and local rendezvous enthusiasts.

Tickets to the awards ceremony and reception are \$20 and reservations must be made by June 15, 2016. For information and tickets call (208) 334-2682 or toll free (877) OLD-GEMS. Online ordering is available at https://www.accessidaho.org/ai/payport/online/pp_ishs/index.html