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**Idaho State Historical Society  
Announces 2021 “Esto Perpetua Awardees”  
*Honoring outstanding accomplishments  
in preserving and promoting Idaho’s Heritage***

Boise, ID—The Idaho State Historical Society (ISHS) is hosting the 2021 Esto Perpetua Awards Ceremony. ISHS is recognizing nine individuals and three organizations with Esto Perpetua awards for outstanding accomplishments in preserving and promoting Idaho’s heritage this year.

“Each recipient has demonstrated a truly exceptional level of achievement in their efforts to preserve a part of Idaho’s heritage,” said ISHS Executive Director Janet L. Gallimore.

The award ceremony will be hosted at the Idaho State Museum, Monday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> and is open to the public. Doors will open at 5 pm and the program will begin at 5:30. Tickets must be purchased in advance at [HISTORY.IDAHO.GOV/ESTO](http://HISTORY.IDAHO.GOV/ESTO) or by calling 208.514.2302.

**The 2021 Esto Perpetua awardees are:**

Taft Tunnel Preservation Society, Wallace  
Mary Schmidt, Grangeville  
Steve Russell, Ames, IA  
Jack and Belva Lawson, Grandview  
Gerald (Jerry) Eichhorst, Boise  
Hanako Wakatsuki-Chong, Twin Falls

Wood River Land Trust, Hailey  
Jack Taylor, American Falls  
Jerry Stoor, Henry  
Luke Waldron, Malad City  
Portneuf Pioneers, Pocatello  
Judge William Stibal Pettite, Fair Oaks, CA

The Idaho State Historical Society and the Idaho Humanities Council will also present the 2020 Sister Alfreda Award to the Idaho Black History Museum. The Sister Alfreda Elsensohn Award for Outstanding Service was initiated in 2008 as a joint award given annually to recognize outstanding service by an Idaho museum, historical society, or interpretive organization/association.

2021 marks the 22<sup>nd</sup> year of the Esto Perpetua awards. The award takes its name from the state’s motto, “let it be perpetual” and for the past twenty-two years, the Idaho State Historical Society has recognized people and organizations who have preserved and promoted Idaho’s history through professional accomplishments, public service or volunteerism, and philanthropy. Since the award was created in 1999, the ISHS has recognized the inspiring local preservation efforts of more than 100 individuals and organizations throughout the state of Idaho.

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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. Learn more about ISHS at [www.history.idaho.gov](http://www.history.idaho.gov)