



# Preserving Idaho's Heritage for Tomorrow

Idaho Heritage Trust

## 2011 Annual Report

*The Idaho Centennial Foundation and the Idaho Legislature to preserve the historic fabric of Idaho for the Bicentennial in 2090 through a program of grants and technical assistance created the Idaho Heritage Trust.*

### Grant Awards Program

For more than 23 years, the Idaho Heritage Trust has labored tirelessly to "save historic Idaho for tomorrow", and 2011 proved another phenomenal year in working toward that mission. The Idaho Heritage Trust Board of Trustees is pleased to announce **the gift of \$106,072** in direct grants to historic preservation projects in communities throughout all regions in Idaho.

IHT allocated these grants to support critical preservation assistance throughout the state this year. 2011 highlight projects include replacing the roof on the St Maries Indian Springs School House (originally built in 1920, now a local Community Club), repointing and restoring the stone walls of the late 1800's Oreana general store (now home to Our Lady Queen of Heaven Chapel), and restoring the wood floors of the highly-visited John Sack Cabin in Big Springs.

Since the Trust works on a fund-matching basis (IHT gives a grant, and the receiving organization agrees to equal that amount), non-profit and small communities prefer smaller grants so that they can match the amount more easily. This partnership accomplishes the renovation of Idaho's historic buildings steadily year by year.

The Adams County Historical Society is a perfect example of this on-going partnership with the Trust. After 20 years of hard work - using technical assistance and several grants from the Trust, as well as their own hard work and fundraising - the P&IN Railroad Depot has again become a beautiful landmark in New Meadows. This success led originally-skeptical community members to become strong supporters and advocates of the Adams County Historical Society. As the Society prepares for the Depot's centennial celebration this summer (which will feature a working auditorium for events and displays, as well as many other attractions), they explore the additional idea of turning part of the depot into a venue for art and culture classes. They are excited to see the prospects for community events and additional revenue the restored Depot can bring to this small town.

Idaho Heritage Trust also partnered with the Idaho State Historical Society and the Idaho Humanities Council to present \$10,000 to one of Idaho's outstanding museums. This year, the Sister Alfreda Award was presented to the Lemhi County Historical Museum in Salmon.

### Professional Technical Assistance Program

The Trustees also approved \$50,000 of architectural, engineering, conservation, archaeological and grant writing technical advice in 2011 to address Idaho's growing need for technical assistance in rural historic preservation. As a small entrepreneurial organization, the Idaho Heritage Trust is trying to meet all of the critical needs in our state. The technical assistance program is a highly-requested service of the Trust, meeting a broad variety of inquiries ranging from tribes and small rural groups to city, state and federal agencies.

2011 also saw the Trust funding a variety of technical assistance programs, such as the assessment for the restoration of the Soda Springs Odd Fellows building, structural stabilization designs to support the remains of the Canyon Creek Stage Stop along the Oregon Trail, and radiocarbon dating of the Bison Jump Site in Challis.

As a tribute to the success of the grant writing assistance provided by the Trust, phase I of the exterior restoration was completed on the Lincoln Creek Day School, Shoshone-Bannock Reservation. The Trust contracted with professional Grant Writer Florence Blanchard to research and write the grants for the Fort Hall Lincoln Creek District garnering \$45,000 from the National Trust for Historic Preservation; Lowes fund, \$60,000 from the National Park Service Tribal Preservation Fund, and a listing on the National Register of Historic Places. The Trust contributed \$19,000 in brick-and-mortar grants over the past five years. This spring, the Trust will provide technical assistance and initial planning for two more Fort Hall buildings: the original hospital and an office structure.

### Additional Highlights – Staffing Changes

In February 2011, Gaetha Pace – Executive Director and with the Trust since 1991 – retired. After a 5-month exhaustive search and review of 65 applicants, in May 2011 the Board of Trustees hired Katherine Kirk as full-time Executive Director. A long-time Idaho resident, licensed architect, organizational leader and community volunteer, Katherine brings not only her professional skills, but also a passion for the history and architectural heritage of Idaho that matches that of the Trust's dedicated board.

Since accepting the leadership of the Trust, Katherine has traveled 6700 miles of the state visiting and assisting over 75 projects, has coordinated and participated in 6 regional volunteer committee grant review meetings, developed new processes and policies, relocated the Trust office to Boise, digitized 23 years of Trust records and has made a plan to increase the online availability of photographs, stories and other information about Trust-funded projects through our new Facebook page.

### Acknowledgements

Many people have helped to build the Trust since its early days. While the Trust continues to provide oversight from a strongly-involved Board of Trustees representing all regions of the state, IHT thanks John Chapman for his 13 years of service on the Board.

The Trustees would also like to thank the team of 54 regional volunteers who provide the eyes and ears of the Trust locally in each county. We are also blessed to have professional expert consultants, Fred Walters, Historic Architect and Florence Blanchard, Grant Writer to assist in supporting the Trust's mission.

In particular, the Trustees would like to thank the members of the Idaho State Legislature and residents of Idaho for your continued support.

### The Board of Trustees of the Idaho Heritage Trust

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## Awards by Region

### Region I

The Panida Theater, Sandpoint	\$5000
Indian Springs Community Club, St. Maries	\$4350
Wallace Masonic Temple, Wallace	\$2110
Shoshone County Mining & Smelting Museum, Kellogg	\$2645

### Region II

Talkington Collection, Lewiston	\$1000
Hurlbut Mansion, Lewiston	\$15000
Beuk Aie Temple, Lewiston	\$2500

### Region III

Silver City Schoolhouse	\$2500
Our Lady Queen of Heaven Chapel, Oreana	\$3000
Canyon Creek Stage Stop, Mountain Home	\$2000
Pon Yam, Idaho City	\$5000
Portia Club, Payette	\$5000

### Region IV

Hailey Masonic Lodge	\$2500
Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Hailey	\$10000
Henry Schick Barn, Buhl	\$4983

### Region V

The Lincoln Creek Day School, Fort Hall	\$5000
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### Region VI

Lemhi County Historical Society	\$3344
Whiskey Springs Stage Stop, Mackay	\$2000
Historical Romance Theater, Rexburg	\$5000
Fremont County Courthouse, St. Anthony	\$6500
The John Sack Cabin, Big Springs, Island Park	\$1750

### Region VII

Centennial House, Boise	\$5000
The Basque Museum, Boise	\$2000
Log Cabin Literary Center, Boise	\$2500
Schick-Ostolasa Farmhouse, Boise	\$2500
St. David's Episcopal Church, Caldwell	\$2900

### Total Amount Funded:

**\$106,072**

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