



Idaho Heritage Trust Announces Director's Retirement

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MCCALL, ID - The Board of Trustees of the Idaho Heritage Trust today announced the December 1 retirement of their Director, Gaetha Pace. Ms. Pace has served as Executive Director since 1993 and prior to that as a fund raising consultant for the Trust.

“Gaetha has made extensive contributions towards the preservation of Idaho’s historic fabric and has worked since the early days of the program to make sure funding is made available in every county in Idaho. During her tenure the Trust has received awards from The Idaho State Historical Society, Preservation Idaho, The National Trust for Historic Preservation and recently from the American Association of State and Local History,” said Suzanne Budge, Chair of the Board of Trustees. “She has worked tirelessly for the preservation of the remnants of Idaho’s history and we wish her well in her new endeavors.”

Founded in 1989 by the Lasting Legacy Committee of the Idaho Centennial Commission, the Trust has funded more than 300 projects totaling over \$2.5 million in grants and technical assistance throughout Idaho. Over 60% of all funds awarded are made in communities with fewer than 5000 residents, reflecting the Trust’s commitment to working in every corner of the state.

Funds generated by the red, white and blue license plate support historic preservation throughout Idaho. Fifty cents from each standard Idaho plate goes into an endowment fund. The interest from the fund, in partnership with the local community, supports the preservation of historic buildings, sites and artifact collections.

The Trust has enjoyed partnerships with the AVISTA Corporation, Idaho Power, the Murdock Trust, the Paul Allen Foundation, The Idaho State Historical Society, The National Park Service, the National Forest Service, the Steele Reese Foundation, the Governors Lewis and Clark Trail Committee as well as others. But the most enduring and popular program is the unique mix of grants and immediate architectural, engineering, archaeological, conservation, grant writing and organizational technical information provided throughout the state.

Prior to her employment by the Trust, Ms. Pace served as Director of the Idaho Arts Commission, as special assistant to Governor John Evans, Director of Ada County Employment and Training and Director of Idaho Volunteers in Corrections.

Frederick Walters, Trust consulting architect, will serve as acting director. Trust offices are in Weiser, Idaho.

Trustees are: Suzanne Budge, Boise, Chair; Marilyn Sabella, Sandpoint; Dennis O’Brien, Wallace; John Taylor, Lewiston, Donna Woolston, Moscow; Marla Krigbaum, New Meadows; Alan Minskoff, Boise; Beverly Harad, Boise; John Hiler, Mountain Home; John Chapman, Hailey; Steve Kohntopp, Buhl; Richard Hauff, Salmon; Thomas Howell, Warm River; Judy Mortimer, Idaho Falls, Jerry Myers, Pocatello and Tony Varilone, Soda Springs.