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*Saving Historic Idaho for Tomorrow*

## *2007 Annual Report*

Once again it is a pleasure to report our progress to the Idaho Legislature. As usual over sixty percent of our grant and technical assistance went to rural Idaho towns of 5,000 residents or less.

In November of 2007, we were able to award \$102,810 in new grants in addition to an emergency grant of \$15,000 to the Whitman Hotel Project, a project that will result in more low and moderate income housing in Pocatello. With contracts and partner agreements our technical assistance budget will exceed \$100,000 and our overall budget (with the help of contracts, private donations and grants) will hover at \$275,000. Our endowment fund exceeds \$6 million.

Thanks to a private donor we paid out the final \$50,000 of our commitment to the Silver City School, a project that will bring a wonderful museum to one of Idaho's most isolated and thus well-preserved ghost towns.

We are also assisting the Sho-Ban Tribe to renovate the Lincoln Creek School on the Fort Hall Reservation in eastern Idaho for use as a local community center. The Idaho State Historical Society and the Tribe are in the process of nominating the school to the National Register of Historic Places as the only remaining example of an Indian day school in southwest Idaho.

We have continued our partnership with the Governor's Lewis and Clark Trail Committee and been able to help develop and implement professional displays for Museums in Orofino, Pierce, Salmon, Winchester and Grangeville. We are excited for the opportunity to bring a new level of professional interpretation to small towns along the Lewis & Clark Trail.

With the addition of a technical assistance line item in our budget for archaeology we have been able to provide help to the Wasden site in Eastern Idaho, provided radiocarbon dating for those working on the site at Givens Hot Springs, and employed a forensic entomologist to help date the Bison Kill Site near Challis. We now feel we are working more closely with the archaeological community in Idaho and can fulfill that part of our charge as Idaho moves toward the Bicentennial in 2090.

During the year our grant consultant, Florence Blanchard, helped the City of Nampa write a Transportation grant totaling close to a half a million dollars for the Nampa Depot. She also worked with the Emida School, Lincoln County Courthouse, Dubois Jail, Yankee Fork Dredge, and others.

Our technical assistance program continues to grow at breakneck speed. This year thanks to our primary consultant Fred Walters as well as others, we have provided architectural, engineering, museums, organizational and grant writing assistance to projects in Franklin, Stanley, Mackay, Salmon, Challis, Caldwell, Clayton, Wallace, McCall, Council, Landmark, Bayhorse, Sandpoint, Cataldo, St. Maries, Emida, Nampa, Oreana, Island Park, Chesterfield, Silver City, Winchester, Grangeville, Pierce, Weiser, Antelope Guard Station, Meridian, Birch Creek Kilns, Orofino, Pocatello, rural Latah County, Dover, Rathdrum, Lemhi, Priest River, Campbell's Ferry along the Salmon River and Boise.

We continue to partner with the Idaho State Historical Society, the National Park Service, Preservation Idaho, The National Trust for Historic Preservation, Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation, the Forest Service, and the Bureau of Land Management. I think we all agree that by working together we have made our historic preservation dollars stretch.

Our challenges include the increasing number of requests for technical assistance and the recognition that grants will have to grow in size to get the job done on many projects. The Idaho Heritage Trust has the charge of preserving the historic fabric of Idaho for the Bicentennial. This begs the question of how we are to preserve some of the landmarks that remain in private hands: barns, tee pee burners, prove up shacks, potato cellars, silos and the like. This year the Idaho Heritage Trust Board of Trustees met to discuss plans for the next five years. The plan will continue to evolve and includes succession planning. We welcome your thoughts.

## Grants awarded in 2007:

Sandpoint Head Start Building	Holy Spirit Catholic Church, Pocatello
Pleasantview School in rural Kootenai County	Lincoln Creek School, Fort Hall
Coeur d'Alene Fire Department Photos	Harriman State Park, the Jones House
Shoshone County Mining Museum, Kellogg	Bonneville County Museum, Idaho Falls
Murray Masonic Hall	The Salmon Grange Building in Salmon
Hester House, Lewiston	Yankee Fork Dredge near Custer
J Howard Bradbury Museum in Pierce	White Knob Historical Society
Clearwater Historical Museum, Orofino	The Gilmore Store, near Leadore
White Springs Ranch Museum, Genesee	The Ice House in Stanley
New Meadows Depot	The Doc Day Cabin in the Stanley Basin
Payette County Historical Museum	The Old Jail in Dubois
Glenns Ferry Museum	The Central Christian Church in Boise
Twin Falls County Museum, Filer	The Schick Ostalasa House in the Dry Creek Area near Boise
Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Hailey	The Basque Museum in Boise
Renaissance Arts Center/Wilson Theater, Rupert	The Italian Settlement School, Priest River
Chesterfield Town Site	The Whitman Hotel Project, Pocatello



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