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Saving Historic Idaho for Tomorrow

2008 Annual Report

The last couple of years have been marked by a flurry of federal and state contracts for the Idaho Heritage Trust. The grants awarded by the Governor's Lewis and Clark Trail Committee are winding down leaving improved displays in the museums along the Trail: Lemhi County Historical Museum, the Clearwater Historical Museum in Orofino, Weippe Discovery Center, The Bradbury Logging Museum I Pierce, the Appaloosa Horse Museum in Moscow, the Winchester Museum among others.

A contract with the U.S. Forest Service to prepare a plan for the restoration of the Landmark Historic Ranger Station is complete as is a similar contract to help plan the Bayhorse State Park near Challis.

The Trust recently received word that a Challenge Cost Share grant has been awarded to a group of partners that include the Trust. This partnership will conserve and find a safe home for documents, newspapers, artifacts, diaries and letters from the Minidoka Internment Camp in Jerome County near Hunt. The project will also work to preserve existing Jerome County Archives now housed in the museum basement in Jerome.

A partnership between the City of Weiser, the Weiser Architectural Preservation Committee and the Idaho Heritage Trust is working toward the restoration of the Oregon Shortline Depot in Weiser. The Trust secured an Idaho Department of Transportation grant for over \$446,000 to restore the interior of the Depot for use by the Trust and the Committee. Our fundraising efforts have been successful in raising the required 10% match. The R.K. Mellon Family Foundation made the latest contribution of \$10,000.

But it is our ongoing small grant program that continues to draw the most interest. This partnership with the Steele-Reese Foundation, and others has produced close to 300 successful local/Trust partnerships over the past seventeen years. The good news and the bad news in these tenuous economic times is that our services are more in demand than ever. We seem to be most successful when we visit our grantees on site to help them make decisions regarding restoration and funding for their project. It has been our experience that rural Idaho is best served by long-term dependable personal relationships rooted in expert advice. This past year our Executive Director has visited projects and/or given presentations in Bonner, Latah, Payette, Washington, Ada, Canyon, Elmore, Owyhee, Valley, Blaine, Fremont, Lemhi, Caribou, Bannock, Custer, Gem, Bear Lake and Blaine Counties. Our architectural consultant has visited with community members in Sandpoint, Dover, Bayhorse, Kootenai County, Wallace, Moscow, Hailey, Oreana, Idaho City, Boise, McCall, Rexburg, St. Anthony, Ashton, Pocatello, rural Custer County, Silver City, Fort Hall and Paris.

The Board of Trustees of the Idaho Heritage Trust: *Suzanne Budge, Chair; Marilyn Sabella, Sandpoint; Dennis O'Brien, Wallace; Donna Woolston, Moscow; John Taylor, Lewiston; Marla Krigbaum, New Meadows; Beverly Harad, Boise; Alan Minskoff, Boise; John Hiler, Mountain Home; John Chapman, Hailey; Steve Kohntopp, Filer; Richard Hauff, Salmon; Tom Howell, Ashton; Judy Mortimer, Idaho Falls; Jerry Myers, Pocatello and Tony Varilone, Soda Springs.*

Grants awarded in 2008:

Nine Mile Cemetery Association, Wallace - \$1000
Headstone repair and cemetery preservation

Dover Community Church, Dover - \$5000
Site drainage, crawl space upgrade and cedar bark siding

The Panida Theater, Sandpoint - \$5000
Original interior finishes study

Priest Lake Museum, Priest Lake - \$500
Conservation Materials

The Bonner County Historical Museum - \$5000 (Awarded 9/08)
A partnership project with the Idaho State Historical Society, the Idaho Humanities Council to digitize Bonner County collections

United Methodist Church, Moscow - \$500
Stained glass conservation

Nez Perce Historical Society, Lewiston - \$2000
Heritage House roof replacement

White Springs Ranch Museum, Genesee - \$1000
Archival and conservation supplies

Kenwothy Theater, Moscow - \$5750
Neon restoration and roof repair

Latah County Historical Society, Moscow - \$1500
McConnell Mansion structural repair

Weiser Architectural Preservation Committee, Weiser - \$5000
Restoration of the Weiser Depot, Enhancement Grant match

St. James Historical Episcopal Church, Mountain Home - \$1500
Roof Replacement

Adams County Historical Society, New Meadows - \$1000
Work on windows

Our Lady Queen of Heaven Chapel, Oreana - \$3000
Re-pointing, repair of stone

IOOF Hall, Idaho City - \$5000
Emergency repair of outdoor stair and porch

Central Idaho Historical Museum, McCall - \$2000
Repair foundation on the carpenter's shop on the Timber Protective site

Central Idaho Historical Museum, McCall - \$5000 (Awarded 8/08)
Emergency grant to roof SITPA buildings

The Portia Club, Payette - \$2000
Window, floor and plaster repairs

Jerome County Historical Society, Jerome - \$5000
Roof repairs for the Jerome Depot

American Legion Post #46, Jerome - \$1743
Floor refinishing on the Legion Hall

Ketchum Sun Valley Historical Society, Ketchum - \$1000
Re-chinking and chimney repair for the Bonning Cabin

Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Hailey - \$5000
Restoration of 1880 era stained glass windows

Twin Falls County Historical Society, Filer - \$593
Conservation materials for historic clothing collection

City of Ketchum - \$5000 (Awarded 9/08)
Emergency grant towards the restoration of the Ore Wagons

Salmon Challis National Forest, Challis - \$3000
Lightning protection for the Basin Butte Lookout (now in rental program)

City of Rexburg - \$5000
Window restoration for the Rexburg Tabernacle

Fremont County, St. Anthony - \$5000
Patch & repair concrete columns and roof for the Fremont Courthouse

Land of the Yankee Fork State Park, Challis - \$5000
Stage one of the restoration of the Bayhorse kilns

City of Ashton - \$3500
Refinish the floors for the Ashton Community Center

Caribou Targhee National Forest, Dubois Ranger Station - \$1500
Restore Albert Taylor Cabin for use in rental program

Holy Spirit Catholic Community, Pocatello - \$5000
Masonry work on historic St. James Church to repair damaged west wall

Shoshone Bannock Tribe, Fort Hall - \$1000
Work on roof of the Lincoln Creek School/Community Hall

The Paris Museum, Paris - \$600 (Awarded 9/08)
Improve electrical problems at the Museum

Oneida Stake Academy, Preston - \$5000
Replace exterior stairway

Basque Museum and Cultural Center, Boise - \$4000
Masonry repair and roof re-coping on Bar Gernika.

Caldwell Historic Preservation Commission, Caldwell - \$3500
Restore pillar and improve drainage for the old interurban stop at College of Idaho, locally known as the "Hat"



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