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Press Release

Basque Museum & Cultural Center chosen for Outstanding Museum Service Award

The Sister Alfreda Elsensohn Museum Award for Outstanding Service Annual Award given jointly by the Idaho Heritage Trust, Idaho Humanities Council, and Idaho State Historical Society recognizes outstanding service by an Idaho museum

Boise, ID November 5, 2012

Board and staff members from the awarding organizations - the Idaho Heritage Trust, the Idaho Humanities Council and the Idaho State Historical Society will be present at an awards ceremony along with the Board and staff of the recipient organization, the Basque Museum & Cultural Center on—

Wednesday, November 14, 2012-11-05

7:30 p.m.

Basque Museum & Cultural Center

The Award, initiated in 2008, is named for Sister Alfreda Elsensohn, who founded the Historical Museum at St. Gertrude in Cottonwood. Sister Alfreda, one of Idaho's outstanding historians, sought to collect, preserve, and interpret artifacts from Idaho County and the surrounding area to better educate the public. "A museum is a bridge which links the present with the past," she often said. It is her vision of

Idaho museums as exciting, interactive, and educational institutions that the Award seeks to recognize by honoring one outstanding Idaho museum each year.

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Museum Award Criteria

- Will have a record of outstanding professional programming
- Will be leaders in the field of Idaho museums.
- Will have a record of sharing their resources and information with other institutions, through such entities as the Idaho Association of Museums, thereby assisting in the professional development of all the state's museums.
- Will be able to use the funding to move to a higher level of professionalism.
- Will have experience in administering and implementing grant-funded projects and programs.

The Basque Museum & Cultural Center was established in 1985 and is located on the historic Basque Block in Boise, Idaho. Its mission is to preserve, promote and perpetuate Basque history and culture.

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