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Saving Historic Idaho for Tomorrow

2009 Annual Report

The year of 2009 was a decisive year for the Idaho Heritage Trust. Several long term grants came to an end with the completion of the Lewis and Clark Housing and Urban Development grants and the Landmark Ranger Station contract with the National Forest Service.

At the same time the economic problems of the nation were also reflected in the financial realities of the Trust in the form of losses to the endowment fund.

During the March and later in the November meeting, trustees considered how to maintain the presence and momentum gained since the birth of the Idaho Heritage Trust in 1989 while responding to the present day crises. Most of all they wanted to continue the Trust's commitment to grants and technical assistance.

After much deliberation, trustees made the decision to accept the resignation of their long time Executive Director, Gaetha Pace. This move allowed the group to cut expenses until the economy improves.

During the time immediately following Ms. Pace's retirement, the Trust contracted for necessary services with Trust contract preservation architect, Frederick Walters, of Cambridge.

The trustees are committed to rebuilding the endowment fund to reflect the amount of state license plate funds donated over the past 20 years. As of December 31, 2009 the endowment fund totaled \$5.7 million. This is good news and the endowment fund stands to regain losses if present economic trends continue.

It is anticipated that the board staffing, constituency contact and grants management can be outsourced for 2010 and may have to remain that way for the foreseeable future.

On the bright side, a partnership with the National Park Service, Minidoka Internment Camp and Jerome County Historical Society will be completed in the first half of 2010 resulting in the conservation of the materials relating to the Hunt Camp now housed at the Jerome County Historical Society. As part of the project, the historic Depot will be upgraded to house all the records and artifacts now housed in a smaller, less appropriate facility.

The Forest Service has also recently contracted with the Trust to assist in planning for the restoration of the Antelope Guard Station in Butte County. Work will begin on the Weiser Depot project in the spring of 2010 marking the next step in the restoration of an office that will house the Idaho Heritage Trust offices.

The Trustees have remained committed to the small grants program that has served communities well over the year. They awarded over \$69,000 during 2009.

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; 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 2009:

The Panida Theater, Sandpoint

\$2000 to continue the interior painting project

The Shoshone County Mining Museum, Kellogg

\$1500 for window restoration

The City of Mullan

\$250 to help with the clean up at the Mullan Cemetery

Meadowbrook Hall, Kootenai County

\$1500 to help with a roof on the Meadowbrook Hall

The Crane Historical Society, Harrison

\$750 to repaint the Museum

The Boundary County Museum, Bonners Ferry

\$4000 to aid in repairs to the Museum building

The Dover Church, Dover

\$4000 to assist in renovations

White Springs Ranch, Genesee

\$700

American Legion Hall, Kamiah

\$2500

Our Lady Queen of Heaven Church, Oreana

\$2000 for masonry repair

Central Idaho Interpretive Museum, McCall

\$1500 to re-stain the logs on one of their buildings

Glenns Ferry Museum, Glenns Ferry

\$1000 to help with window repair

Adams County Historical Society

\$1500 for work on the New Meadows Depot

St. James Episcopal Church, Payette

\$2500 for masonry repair

Emmanuel Episcopal Church, Hailey

\$5000 for continued work on the stained glass windows

Renaissance Arts Center, Rupert

\$4000 for work on the Wilson Theater

The Oddfellows Hall, Idaho City

\$4000 for work on the building

Snake River Heritage Center, Weiser

\$900 for electrical updating

Architectural Preservation Committee, Weiser

\$2000 for Depot restoration

City of Rexburg

\$4000 for window restoration on the Rexburg Tabernacle Community Center

The Mud Lake Historical Society

\$4000 for work on the new museum building

White Knob Historical Preservation Committee, Mackay

\$4000 for work on the structures on the White Knob Mine Hill

Lincoln Creek Day School, Fort Hall

\$4000 for preservation of the historic school

Idaho Pioneer Association, Franklin

\$1500 for archival materials at the Franklin Relic Hall

The American Legion Hall, Melba

\$3250 to help with a new roof

The Basque Museum, Boise

\$2000 for collection materials to re-house the Juanita Uberuaga Hormaechea Collection of photographs and memorabilia

The Idaho Capitol Commission

\$2000 for materials to support the grand reopening of the Capitol

The Sister Alfreda Award

\$3333 to the South Bannock County Historical Society in Lava Hot Springs



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