



Idaho Heritage Highlights

March 2012 Newsletter

Dear Kristi,

Welcome to the new Idaho Heritage Trust Newsletter! I am the Executive Director of the Idaho Heritage Trust. An architect by trade, I am a passionate believer in historic preservation.

As I travel around the state meeting with the dedicated men and women who spend their time preserving the rich history of Idaho, I hear many stories and see many extraordinary historic sites and buildings.

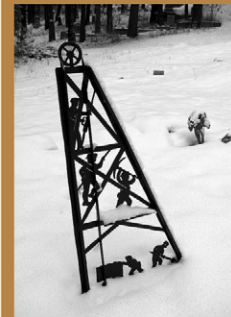
Our Newsletter and Facebook page will increase the online availability of photographs, stories, and other information about Trust-funded projects around the state.

We intend to honor the organizations that put their hearts and hands into the preservation and restoration efforts of the historic buildings, sites, and artifacts of Idaho. And we encourage you to join us to learn of the latest project updates, find cherished landmarks to visit on holiday, or share a memorable story or photograph.

I hope you find enjoyment as well as knowledge in the stories we share!

Respectfully yours,

Katherine Kirk
Executive Director



9 Mile Cemetery,
Wallace Idaho

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PI&N Railroad Depot Restoration a Success!



SAVE THE DATE! **Move beyond traditional boundaries at the 2012 National Preservation Conference in Spokane, Washington, October 30 - November 3.**

Western Historians won't want to miss the National Trust for Historic Preservation's 2012 National Conference hosted in Spokane, Washington, October 30 - November 3, 2012. This conference attracts



around 2000 nationally recognized experts and practitioners for a weeklong series of educational workshops and networking.
[Conference Information](#)

The Adams County Historical Society is preparing the 1910 P&IN Railroad Depot in time for New Meadows' Centennial Celebration this coming summer 2012. After 20 years of hard work - using technical assistance and several grants from the Trust, as well as their own hard work and fundraising - the (last remaining) P&IN Railroad Depot has again become a beautiful landmark in New Meadows. This success led originally-skeptical community members to become strong supporters and advocates of the Adams County Historical Society. As the depot preservationists' prepare for the celebration (which will feature a working auditorium with events and displays, as well as other attractions), they explore the additional idea of an art center for locals as well as tourists planning a destination holiday. Adams County Historical Society Board Member, Marla Krigbaum states that "such a concept will take advantage of the incredible beautiful scenery of Idaho and will create a vibrant industry including such events as visiting lectures, in-residence artists / classes for all ages, plein air painting, and more". It is not only the small group of depot preservationists who have vision but the entire community!

Come celebrate New Meadows 100th year and visit the P&IN Railroad Depot!

(Pictured above are the newly restored wood windows of the depot; grants provided by the IHT.)

Lincoln Creek Day School of the Shoshone-Bannock Reservation receives exterior Facelift!



The 1936 Lincoln Creek Day School was one of three day schools built at the Fort Hall Reservation by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and was open for approximately 6 years. Although the former day school was built under the more progressive Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, it belongs to an educational legacy that was notorious for suppressing native culture and language. By restoring and repurposing the building as a Community Center, the school can be fully redeemed and fulfill its original promise to improve the lives of the Shoshone

and Bannock people.

As a tribute to the success of collaborative efforts of many as well as the grant writing assistance provided by the Trust, the exterior restoration of the Day School is nearly complete. The Trust's professional Grant Consultant, Florence Blanchard, assisted the Fort Hall Lincoln Creek District with grant applications resulting in awards of \$45,000 from the National Trust for Historic Preservation, Lowes fund and \$60,000 from the National Park Service Tribal Preservation Fund. With her help and support from the Tribal Historian and the State Historical Preservation Office, the school was also listed on the National Register of Historic Places. In addition, the Trust contributed \$19,000 in brick-and-mortar grants over the past 5 years.

The Idaho Heritage Trust staff and Board extend our congratulations to Elese Teton, an Environmental Engineer and Vice President of the Lincoln Creek District from Fort Hall, for her vision and leadership in restoring the Day School as a community center for the District's youth, a task that seemed formidable just a few years ago!

(in-progress photograph shown above)

The Idaho Heritage Trust and the Idaho State Historical Society update the Idaho State Legislature!



Once again the Idaho Heritage Trust partnered with the Idaho State Historical Society to host lunch to the Idaho State Legislature. The luncheon was held at the historic Adelman Building in Boise on March 7th, 2012. It was a huge success as 70 people attended to learn about program updates and achievements from both organizations.

A special highlight to many of the attendees, was the opportunity to listen to local classical violinist and fiddler, Kayleigh Jack play a historic violin. The beautifully bright and crisp sounding violin was handcrafted by Frank Daniels from a Water Oak tree planted by President Harrison in 1891 on the Statehouse Capitol grounds. The tree was removed during the Capitol Project and the resulting timber saved for a Capitol Historic Tree Program. Representative Max Black, who oversaw the historic tree program was present at the luncheon. The violin was a gift to the State of Idaho and is part of a rotating Capitol Exhibit.

The Board of Trustees would like to thank the members of the Idaho State Legislature and residents of Idaho for your continued support to the Idaho Heritage Trust.

Mission

Preserving the historic fabric of Idaho for our State's Bicentennial in 2090

through a program of grants and technical assistance.

White Springs Ranch, Genesee, Idaho

