



Preserving Idaho's Heritage for Tomorrow

Idaho Heritage Trust

Idaho Heritage Highlights

December 2012

Since 1989, the Idaho Heritage Trust has worked diligently to fulfill its mission "to save historic Idaho for tomorrow." 2012 has been no exception. The Idaho Heritage Trust Board of Trustees is pleased to announce awards of \$113,680 in matching grants to historic preservation projects in both rural and urban communities throughout our great state. In addition, the Trustees approved \$50,000 in architectural, conservation, and archaeological technical assistance. I have highlighted a few of these awarded projects in the articles below.



On behalf of the board and staff, I want to acknowledge all of the regional community representatives who volunteer their time and travel to review the grant applications. It is your local knowledge and recommendations that help the Board of Trustees make their final decisions. We are grateful for your years of dedicated service to preserving Idaho's historic buildings and artifacts.

The Board of Trustees and I also wish to thank Historical Architect Fred Walters for the work he has done for the Trust during the past 16 years. We are deeply grateful to Fred for the knowledge, skills, and professional integrity that he has brought to our program.

In closing, the Trustees and staff wish you and your families a Joyful Holiday Season and Peace throughout the New Year!

Respectfully yours,

Katherine Kirk
Executive Director

Tribute to Fredrick L. Walters, Historical Architect By Thomas Howell, Board of Trustee

Over the past sixteen years, the IHT has been exceptionally fortunate to have historical architect, Fred Walters, as the anchor of our Technical Assistance program.

The IHT was established by the Idaho legislature to provide expertise and funding to save Idaho's treasures and historic buildings. In addition to the matching grant awards, the Trust



Fred Walters with Wendy Pratt (left) & Debbie Reid-Oleson (right), Presto Preservation Association

Happy Holidays!

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Grant Awards November 2012

Thank you to all of the grant applicants for your efforts to preserve Idaho's historic buildings & artifacts.

Panida Theater, Sandpoint
Indian Springs School, St. Maries
Corliss Steam Engine, Coeur d'Alene
Old Kootenai Jail, Rathdrum
South Hill Stairs, Wallace
1912 Center, Moscow
Payette County Museum, Payette
SITPA Fire Warden's House, McCall
PI&N Depot, New Meadows
Odd Fellows Lodge, Silver City
Glenns Ferry Museum, Glenns

provides free technical assistance to help with restorations. Fred's expert opinion on how to proceed with a project is usually about 50% of the battle to preserve a historic building.

Throughout the Pacific Northwest, Fred Walters name is well known and highly regarded in historic preservation circles. His clients include the National Park Service, The United States Forest Service, and state agencies in Nevada, Oregon, Washington and Idaho. His formal education includes the University of New Mexico, Institute of Advanced Architectural Studies, and the University of York, York England.

Although his job may sound romantic, it often entails crawling in, over, and under old dilapidated buildings and structures. In order to enhance, stabilize, and restore a structure to its original integrity, a professional assessment is usually required. This might include checking the condition of logs in a pioneer cabin or analyzing the mortar from crumbling bricks as well as the composition of the bricks themselves. It could also involve evaluating floor joists and floor boards, sticking your head into attics full of cob-webs to access ceilings and rafters, and evaluating how time and snow loads have taken their toll on a 100 year old roof.

I asked Fred if after rambling around old buildings for so many years, he had any ghost stories to tell. "No," he said, "But while crawling on my belly under an old log cabin, I once came face to face with a den of rattlesnakes. That was scary enough."

Fred's historical assessments are in high demand and he spends several weeks every year traveling throughout Idaho looking at historic projects. He also attends our board meetings and retreats. Over the years, this extended business relationship has evolved into a long-term friendship with our Trust staff and with the many regional trustees that serve on our board.

On behalf of the staff and board, I wish to thank Fred for his many contributions and years of friendship. His knowledge, skills, and generosity have been greatly appreciated.

Tom Howell, Ashton
Board of Trustee

Historic South Hill Stairs

Wallace



Barnard Stockbridge Historic Photo:

The historic mining town of Wallace is listed on the National Register of Historic Places because entire blocks of downtown have remained virtually intact for over 100 years. Although other buildings and historic landmarks burned in the fire of 1910, more than ten historic stairways climbing the forested hills above town have survived.

The stairs were constructed with timbers and lumber from the local mining company sawmills. For over 100 years, the stairs have provided pedestrian access to and from the many homes that were built into the hillside. Although the town has maintained and still uses several sets of stairs, others need restoration.

The South Hill Stairs are a part of the historic character of Wallace and

Ferry
Emmanuel Episcopal Church,
Hailey
Twin Falls County Museum, Filer
The Community Library, Ketchum
Lincoln Creek Day School, Fort
Hall
Chief Theater Neon Sign, Pocatello
First Presbyterian Church, Malad
Fremont County Courthouse, St.
Anthony
Stanley Museum, Stanley
Oregon Short Line & UP Depot,
Victor
Evergreen Gables Sign, Idaho Falls
The Bishops' House, Boise
Capitol Boulevard Bridge, Boise

Regional Community Representatives

We appreciate you!



Pictured here are Ellen Larsen, Kimberly Rice Brown, Gini Woodward, Dennis O'Brien, & Marilyn Sabella for North Idaho Region

Gini Woodward, Bonners Ferry
Nancy Renk, Sandpoint
Zach Hagadone, Sandpoint
Kathleen Durfee, Cataldo
Ellen Larsen, Rathdrum
Kimberly Rice Brown, Post Falls
Dorothy Dahlgren, Coeur d'Alene
Pam Peterson, Moscow
Karen Owsley, Moscow
Mary Reed, Pullman
Wendy McClure, Moscow
Garry Bush, Lewiston
Shelley Kuther, Craigmont
Barbara Wilson, Payette
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Jan Boles, Caldwell
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Ricardo Ochoa, Boise
Sheri Freemuth, Boise
Tricia Canaday, Boise
John Crowe, Boise
Mary Hall Bailey, Bruneau
Russ Tremayne, Twin Falls
Kelly Averbek, Jerome
Opal Davis, Fairfield

they are deteriorating. If the stairs were not repaired, a significant aspect of the history of Wallace would be lost with them.

Thanks to the non-profit Greater Wallace Community Development Corporation, the stairs are being restored and interpretive panels depicting their history will be installed.

This year the Trust awarded a \$5,000 matching grant to assist with the restoration of the South Hill Stairs.

1912 Center Moscow



In 1912 the town of Moscow began construction on a new 30,000 square-foot high school designed by Spokane architect Clarence Hubble. Over the years, this stately building has served many of the community's children. The building was a high school until the 1930's, a junior high until the 1950's, an elementary school for several years, an annex to the new high school and also used as district offices. In the mid 1990's the building was renamed the 1912 Center and became Moscow's community center. This year it is a century old.

The 1912 Center is listed on the National Register for Historic Places. The Heart of the Arts, Inc., a non-profit organization, operates, maintains, and is restoring the 1912 Center for the community. While senior citizens continue to enjoy their group lunches and activities, restoration continues. The exterior and the nearly 20,000 square feet that comprise the upper two floors remain to be completed.

The Trust recently awarded the Heart of the Arts a \$4,500 matching grant towards the restoration of the 1912 Center's west entrance balustrade.

Additional Information: [1912 Center](#)

Fremont County Courthouse St. Anthony



The Fremont County Courthouse is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and was constructed in 1909. It is a neo-classical revival brick building crowned with a dome.

Fremont County Magistrate Judge Keith Walker and the Fremont County Commissioners have taken exceptional care of this building for many years. They deserve our appreciation for conducting ongoing restoration and maintenance projects to ensure that the building remains as beautiful as it

Joan Davies, Hailey
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Upcoming Events

Legislative Luncheon
March 5, 2013
Boise



was when it was constructed.

Last year after repairs to the roof were completed, modern construction methods and new materials made restoration of the original interior roof gutters feasible and allowed for exposure of the original classical style parapet with centered balustrade and stone cap detailing.

This year, the plan is to repair the two-story Ionic columns that flank the entrance to the courthouse. In continuing support of the restoration of this historic courthouse, the Trust awarded a \$2,395 matching grant.

Additional Information: [Fremont County Courthouse](#)
[Fremont County, Idaho](#)

Chief Theater Neon Sign

Historic Old Town Pocatello



The Chief Theater opened in Pocatello in 1938 and was a memorable attraction for over 55 years. The community's concerted efforts to restore the theatre ended in a tragic fire that destroyed the building in 1993. However, the theater's icon marquee was salvaged and stored.

The Historic Old Town Pocatello Foundation is planning to "Relight the Night," an initiative to restore historic signs throughout historic downtown Pocatello. They believe as we do that, "These artistic lights of the night remind the community of beloved events, places, and people. They create magic in the night and bursts of color on the greyest of days."

Plans for the 43-foot high neon Chief are to re-erect the sign at its former location on a new support structure reflecting the original building's art-deco style. The Foundation hopes to raise enough funds to restore the sign and host a "Grand Relighting" next summer that will coincide with the 75th anniversary of the theatre's grand opening.

In support of the restoration of the iconic Chief sign, the Idaho Heritage Trust has awarded an \$8,000 matching grant.



Each year the Idaho Heritage Trust and the Idaho State Historical Society together host a luncheon for the state Legislature.

The luncheon highlights the collaborative efforts of our private non-profit organization and the state's designated preservation agency to preserve Idaho's history and landmarks. The organizations work together to support each other's missions and to provide knowledge and education of the collective preservation efforts taking place around the state of Idaho.

Idaho Heritage Conference,
September 25 - 27, 2013
Boise



Idaho historians, preservationists, and archaeologists can look forward to attending the first ever Idaho Heritage Conference scheduled for September 25 - 27, 2013, in Boise.

The conference will be hosted by the Heritage Partners, a coalition of groups including the Idaho Heritage Trust, Preservation Idaho, the Idaho State Historical Society, the Idaho Association of Museums, and the Idaho Archaeological Society.

This unparalleled gathering is expected to attract as many as 200 recognized Idaho experts and history professionals for a series of educational workshops, field trips, and networking. Look for detailed conference information in a forthcoming newsletter.

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