



## Idaho Heritage Highlights

October 2013

We have been very busy at the Idaho Heritage Trust. In September the Board of Trustees Fall Tour took us to Lewiston and Moscow. We visited several preservation projects, viewed significant cultural artifacts and archaeological sites, learned from experts, and enjoyed a river trip up the Snake River into Hells Canyon. Some highlights follow below.



Also in September was the first statewide Idaho's Heritage Conference at the Idaho Statehouse in Boise. The Trust was a partner in the planning and organization of the Conference. More than 200 people attended from as far as Dubois to Sandpoint. Expert speakers in their fields of preservation, museums, and archaeology presented a wide range of topics. History and Archaeological Field Trips, an Idaho State Historical Museum Reception, and traditional Basque Dinner with the Oinkari Dancers were highlights. We were pleased to receive the results of a Participant Survey - 91% of the responders rated the conference as Very Good to Excellent. And 98% of the responders would like to see the Idaho's Heritage Conference as a re-occurring event. The Trust plans to support those requests.

We appreciate all of you who like us on [Facebook](#) and follow our posts as we visit historic sites around the state. We now have a Video Blog Site where we plan to share the community stories of our historic buildings and sites. Check out the [Idaho Heritage Trust - Blog](#).

Enjoy the Fall and may your jack o'lanterns burn brightly this Halloween!

Respectfully yours,

Katherine Kirk  
*Executive Director*

### St. Joseph's Mission Mission Creek



The St. Joseph's Mission is located 4 miles south of Highway 95 on Mission Creek near Culdesac, Idaho. The oldest portion of the church which includes the Altar was originally constructed by Father Cataldo in 1874. In 1904 a front addition was added which included a small mezzanine and bell tower. The church was part of a much larger mission complex that included a day school operated by the Nuns and Sisters of the Catholic Church. The day school was lost in a fire several years ago.

St. Joseph's Mission is currently under private ownership and negotiations are underway with the owner and the National Park Service to establish a Memorandum of Understanding for the long term preservation of this historic building.

The Idaho Heritage Trust will be conducting a building assessment on behalf of the National Park Service and the owner to determine the stabilization and preservation needs.

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The Idaho Heritage Trust was pleased to be a partner in organizing and hosting the Idaho's Heritage Conference. Featuring field sessions, educational classes and cultural events, the Idaho Heritage Conference focused on education and networking to ensure history survives for future generations.

Some of the favorite highlights included an Archaeology Field Trip to Hop Lee's Placer Claim in Idaho City



First Lady Lori Otter selling her children's history books at the Book Fair



Dr Brent Glass, Director Emeritus of the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History and his discussion with the Audience regarding the importance of public memory in America.

## City Hall (Historic Federal Building and Post Office)

Moscow



Moscow Mayor Nancy Chaney, Nels Reese, Chair, Moscow Historic Preservation Commission and Associate Professor Emeritus of Architecture, University of Idaho along with city staff members provided a grand tour of the history and architecture of Moscow's City Hall.

The building was originally constructed as a Federal Building and Post Office in 1911 under the supervision of Architect James Knox Taylor. During his tenure as supervising Architect for the Federal Government 800 federal buildings were constructed. It was a period of great growth following the Civil War. Also during this time in history, architecture was dominated by the *Beaux Arts* movement. Simply stated it was the integration of sculpture, art, and architecture and a regenerated spirit with traditional styles. Elements of this style and illustrated in the Moscow City Hall include a raised first floor, grand entrances and staircases, arched windows, classical details, symmetry, and art.

Following the occupancy by the City Council and Administration, restoration of the building was completed in 1994. The building is one of the most beautiful public spaces in Moscow and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

## Hells Canyon

Snake River



Visit the historic sites in Hells Canyon with the Board of Trustees including Redbird Beach, Buffalo Eddy, Cougar Bar, Chief Joseph River Crossing, and the Chinese Massacre Site.

Thanks to guest speakers Ken Reid, State Archaeologist, Alan Pinkham, Nez Perce Tribal Elder and Author, and Priscilla Wegars, Research Associate and Volunteer Curator of the Asian American Comparative Collection at the University of Idaho, the river trip was a special event for the Trustees.

Original Music by Charlie Sutton: <http://www.charliesuttonmusic.com>



And an evening at the Basque Center eating Paella and watching the Oinkari Dancers.



A slideshow of the events can be found here: [Idaho's Heritage Conference](#)

### Schedule for Grant Review

Grant Submission Deadline -

September 30, 2013

Technical Review with SHPO -

October 4, 2013

Regional Grant Review Meetings -

October 14 - 30, 2013

Board of Trustee Grant Review -

November 14, 2013

Notification of Grant Awards -

December 1, 2013



Pictured above is the Region 4 Regional Committee which includes Camas, Blaine, Gooding, Lincoln, Jerome, Minidoka, Twin Falls, and Cassia Counties. (left to right) Steve Kohntopp, Anne Zauner, Russ Tremayne, Joan Davies, and Julia Oxarango-Ingram. Also included is Opal Davis (not shown).

The 2013 Grant Applications have been received and are in the process of review. The first step in the review process is a technical review with our Historical Architect and Conservator, Fred Walters and Tricia Canaday, Architectural Historian, State Historic Preservation Office. As technical experts they review the grant applications to ensure the proposed preservation work meets the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties. The next step is a Regional Committee Review. There are 7 Regional Committees located across the state.

Finally, the Board of Trustees review all comments and award grants that fit within the Mission of the Trust to "preserve the historic fabric of Idaho".

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