Idaho Heritage Trust

Idaho Heritage Trust Hires New Executive Director!



After four months of searching, the organization responsible for "**preserving the historic fabric of Idaho**" has hired a talented new Executive Director. Idaho Heritage Trust needed someone whose passion for the history and architectural heritage of Idaho matched their own. In Katherine Kirk – long-time Idaho resident, licensed architect, leader, community humanitarian – they found just that.

Katherine has the perfect combination of energy and experience to serve her state. Her varied background includes 20 years of experience in architecture - 10 of which were in senior leadership positions - a number of years as a professional ski instructor focusing on children and Adaptive instruction (which

prepared her to work with children with special needs), whitewater kayaking, and farming with the community organic garden. **"I am just as comfortable in the backcountry of Idaho as I am in an executive meeting,"** says Katherine. And now she plans to put this diverse experience to work for our wonderfully diverse state. "I thrive in creating innovative, imaginative, intuitive solutions in order to bring consensus among parties with different interests ... I have always been an **informed risk taker**; willing to try new things and learn."

These experiences make Katherine the perfect ambassador for Idaho's history and heritage. They have prepared her to bring a passion for preservation to the young and old, those in the city and the country, the political and business leaders of our state, as well as the public who support the Trust through choosing Idaho's red, white and blue license plates.

To Katherine, the chance to travel throughout Idaho seeking historical preservation and education opportunities is the perfect way to achieve even greater balance in her own life. For her, this job brings the "meaningful focus and moral fulfillment that come with preserving and honoring the people and rich history of our beautiful state."

To find out more about Katherine and what the Trust does for your community's heritage, visit <u>www.idahoheritage.org</u>.