

Latah County Historical Society

# Spring Newsletter

MARCH 2025



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## — CELEBRATE LCHS! —

■ Volunteer of the Year Awards ■

Recap of 2024 - Upcoming in 2025 & Beyond

Presentation by Dr. Rebecca Scofield

No Host Bar by Moscow Alehouse

■ Food for Purchase by The Smoke Ring ■

**TUESDAY, APRIL 8 - 6 PM**

1912 CENTER - MOSCOW



Latah  
County  
Historical  
Society

With support by:



Dr. Rebecca Scofield



# Recent Donations

November 21, 2024 through March 14, 2025

## Alternative Giving Market of the Palouse

Kaitlynn Anderson	Sarah Nelson
Jocelyn Aycrigg	Soren Newman
Claire Beeson	Hayley Noble
Tom Bode	Janice O'Toole
Scott & Diane Cornelius	Molly & Chris Pannkuk
Lee Anne Eareckson	Nancy Ruth Peterson
Daryle Faircloth	John Pool
Jason Croston & Aline Gale	Diane Prorak
Ann Hoste	Louise Regelin
Joan M Jones	Melissa Rockwood
Jaime & Ed Walker	Mary Silvernale Shook
Lisa Morris	Julie Simpson
Cynthia Kaag	Judy Sobeloff
Marilyn & Stephen Kohler	Katherine Strickler
Debbie McLaughlin	BJ Swanson
Walter Hesford & Elinor Michel	Charles Swift

## McConnell Mansion Window Project

Lois Devereaux	Mary Reed & Keith Petersen
Marty Fricke	Jack & Cathy Porter
Joy Irving	D. Nels & Joyce Reese
Tod & Lural Kiblen	Louise Regelin
Lisa Morris	Susan Roberts
David & Nancy Nelson	Priscilla Wegars

*Thank you for your support!*

## General Donations

Devin Becker  
David & Patricia Bennett  
Geoff & Susan Billin  
Gerri Sayler & Kenton Bird  
Don & Karen Burnett  
Guardian Property Services  
Patricia Heekin  
Wayne & Jacie Jensen  
Mary Reed & Keith Petersen  
Eric Pickett  
Leland Rozen  
Suzanna Trail  
Larry Verdal  
Joanne Westberg

## Memorial Donations

Ginny Berg, in honor of  
Elna & Bart Barton  
  
Robert & Victoria Peterson,  
in honor of Nancy Ruth  
Peterson's birthday

## Grants

Idaho Heritage Trust  
Moscow Food Co-op  
Rotary Club of Moscow

# Thank you to our 2025 BUSINESS SPONSORS



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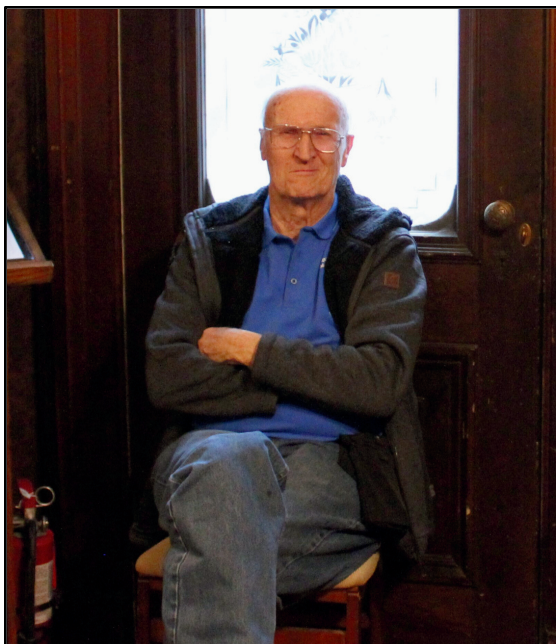
# Director's Remarks

Hello friends and LCHS supporters. It certainly feels like we're living through "historic" times right now and I'm reminded of the role that history plays. When times feel tough, it's comforting to look to the past and remember that divided and "unprecedented" times have happened before. From the time before the Civil War, to the Civil Rights Movement and the Vietnam War, our country has survived turmoil and upheaval. I'm hopeful that history can serve as a unifying tool, particularly in the next few years as we grapple with the semiquincentennial in 2026, that we can work to use history to bring us together and fight against the despair gripping many. History shows us that we are not alone in this fight for whole histories, representation in the archives, and protections for threatened historical sites. Time and time again, people have come together and succeeded in enacting change for the better. Those historical examples continue to inspire and give me hope that in time, future generations will recognize our fight as morally correct and just.

On a different note, I'm pleased to welcome Kelly Zakariasen as the new LCHS board president. I'm confident that she will do a wonderful job in that role. I continue to feel lucky for the LCHS staff: Kaitlynn and Elaina. We have a lot of things to look forward to in 2025 and 2026, and I could not imagine doing them without our great team, including staff, board, and volunteers. I hope you'll join us on April 8th to celebrate LCHS, acknowledge our amazing volunteers and learn from a presentation by Dr. Rebecca Scofield. I'm forever grateful for your support!



- Hayley



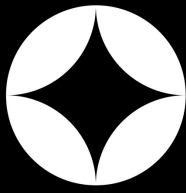
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## Thank you!

Longtime volunteer Earl Bennett retired from the LCHS board of directors in December after 17 years of dedicated service.

**Thanks for everything, Earl!**

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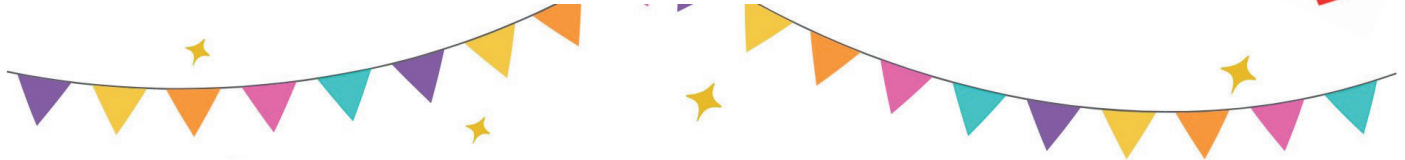
# Idaho Gives

IDAHO NONPROFIT CENTER

Give online @ [idahogives.org](http://idahogives.org)

April 28 - May 1

And be sure to join us  
for these great  
in-person events!



## NPO Block Party Extravaganza!

Celebrate community with regional nonprofits and fun-filled games and activities for the whole family!

Saturday, April 26

Noon - 4:00 PM

Moscow Contemporary at Palouse Place  
1850 Pullman Rd., Moscow, ID

Trivia hour, cake walk, art activities, yard games, and more!



Everything you know about change...  
is about to change.

**Free Screening - May 1, 2025**

*presented by Moscow NPO Group*

Kenworthy Performing Arts Centre  
Moscow, ID

5:30 pm Happy Hour w/ local nonprofits

6:30 pm Screening

Panel discussion post-screening

[UncharitableMovie.com](http://UncharitableMovie.com)

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# UnCharitable



Author Presentation

Moscow Public Library

# Richard H. Holm Jr.

The Latah County Historical Society and the Latah County Library District are hosting author Richard H. Holm Jr. who will be discussing his latest book *In Selway Shadows: Last Flight of 148Z*. The story of the 1979 Forest Service plane crash in the Selway-Bitterroot wilderness. Join us at the Moscow Public Library to learn more about Holm's novel and the story it's based on!



Friday, April 18  
at 2:00 PM



**LWV** LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS®  
OF MOSCOW

## Speaker Series April 23

Panel Discussion on Historic Preservation:  
What it Is, What it Does, and Why it Matters

Featuring: Dulce Kersting-Lark (Univ. of Idaho Library),  
Hayley Noble (Latah County Historical Society), and  
Nels Reese (Emeritus Professor of Architecture)



Time: 12:00PM-1:00PM PST  
Location: Arts Workshop  
1912 Center, Moscow, ID

# Summer Museum Passport

Visit all the local museums  
and historic sites on the  
passport to be entered  
into a prize drawing!

**STAY TUNED FOR  
MORE INFORMATION!**

[latahcountyhistoricalsociety.org](http://latahcountyhistoricalsociety.org)  
[facebook.com/LatahCountyHistory](https://facebook.com/LatahCountyHistory)  
[instagram.com/latahcountyhistoricalsociety/](https://instagram.com/latahcountyhistoricalsociety/)



We are pleased to announce

# *Moscow Past & Present*

Join us for the book launch event

**Wednesday, June 25th**

**1912 Center**

**Lecompte Auditorium**

**Doors open at 6:30pm**

**Program starts at 7pm**

Free & open to the public

Books available for purchase



THE 48TH

# ICE CREAM SOCIAL

**SUNDAY, JULY 27, 2025**

McCONNELL MANSION  
110 SOUTH ADAMS | MOSCOW, ID



Smithsonian

**MUSEUM**  
on Main Street

# VOICES AND VOTES DEMOCRACY IN AMERICA

University of Idaho Library

**August 23 - October 3**

Stay tuned for more  
program & event info

# Message from the President

We have been settling into 2025 for the past few months, but Happy New Year nonetheless! I am Kelly Zakariasen and I'm both delighted and humbled to serve as the new president of the board for the Latah County Historical Society. I've spent the last few years serving on the board and learning from the extensive experience of the wonderful LCHS staff and amazing board members. I have been astounded by their devotion to and knowledge of LCHS, determination to serve, and their spirit of unwavering generosity. It is truly an honor to work with these people!

As we look ahead to the rest of the year—with many in our community facing uncertainties of varying kinds—we are able to value the wisdom that can be gained from looking back and reflecting on the past. The Latah County Historical Society has the unique ability to offer our community a glimpse of where we have been, where we are headed, and most importantly, who we are.

Looking forward to the future has always required optimism and action. LCHS will continue to fulfill our mission in 2025 with several exciting projects and opportunities to enrich our community. We are grateful to our members and supporters for taking each step with us and advancing the important work of preserving our history in order to help “create strong, vibrant, welcoming communities.” Thank you for your continued support!

- Kelly Zakariasen



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*Not yet a member of the historical society? Join us!*

If you believe in the power of local history to create strong, vibrant, welcoming communities, then we invite you to become a sustaining member of our organization. The generosity of members supports all aspects of our operations, from free public programs and maintaining the McConnell Mansion to keeping the lights on in our research archive.

Join at whatever level you are able; every member enjoys the same benefits - reduced entry fees at events, routine newsletters, a copy of our annual magazine *Latah Legacy*, and the satisfaction of knowing that you are preserving Latah County heritage.

Visit [latahcountyhistoricalsociety.org/join](https://latahcountyhistoricalsociety.org/join) to learn more!



# Curator's Comments

2025 is already off to a busy start with several exciting programs occurring over the year. We are excited to host the first in-person LCHS Celebration and Volunteer Appreciation since COVID, participate in the Nonprofit Group Block Party, showcase the Smithsonian exhibit 'Voices and Votes: Democracy in America,' and much more!

A recent collaboration that LCHS staff has participated in is with TabiKat Productions. For their 30th anniversary weekend, LCHS digitized roughly 700 drag photographs from performances during 1990. While drag performers were in town for the anniversary weekend, LCHS was included in an event to identify drag performers within the photographs. Additionally, LCHS collaborated with Palouse Anthropology to conduct oral history interviews for individuals interested in providing a summary of how they got involved with TabiKat Productions and with drag. LCHS is currently in the process of adding these oral history

interviews and transcripts to our website, along with the rest of our oral history collection. Keep a lookout for when these materials become available on the website, as they will become widely accessible to researchers and the public.

LCHS could not serve the county without the community's support, and we need the community's support now more than ever. I am excited to see what 2025 brings and the amazing work we can accomplish together. Thank you all for championing LCHS during these unknown times.



- Kaitlynn

## The Latah County Historical Society is looking for:



*A volunteer to serve on the board for the Latah County Historical Foundation*

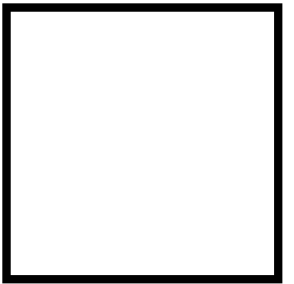
*Volunteers willing to serve on an event committee that works with the board and executive director to plan and manage LCHS events*

If interested, email [lchslibrary@latahcountyid.gov](mailto:lchslibrary@latahcountyid.gov) or call 208-882-1004





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Visitors gather to listen to pianist Cecily Grove during the Victorian Christmas at the McConnell Mansion on December 14th.



LCHS board members participate in a board retreat at the 1912 Center on January 20th.



A crowd listens to Jiemei Lin at the launch of her book *Good Night, Zodiac Animals* at the McConnell Mansion on January 25th.



*We build good citizens, strong communities, and satisfying lives.*