

Latah County Historical Society

Winter Newsletter

DECEMBER 2024



McConnell Mansion
Christmas Ornament

\$20
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McConnell Mansion Historic House Museum
Moscow, Idaho

All sales benefit the McConnell Mansion Window Project

We are very excited to introduce the **McConnell Mansion keepsake ornament!** Put your love for local history on display with this one-of-a-kind collectible featuring the 1886 home etched in 2-D lacquered brass. **All proceeds benefit the McConnell Mansion Window Project.**

Get yours today from our online store at latahcountyhistoricalsociety.org/shop! Or find them in the McConnell Mansion gift shop and the LCHS office in the Centennial Annex.

Recent Donations

August 21, 2024 through November 21, 2024

Contributors to McConnell Mansion Window Project

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Norman & Kathy Pendegraft

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Thank you for your support!



Thank you for your help at the

Pie Party!

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**And thanks to the LCHS Board of Directors
and all of our wonderful volunteers**

Director's Remarks

As we close out 2024, I want to give a huge shout-out to our outgoing LCHS Board of Directors Officers: President Joanne Westberg, Vice President Ron Goble, Treasurer LeNelle McInturff, and Secretary Lee Sappington. I especially appreciate the extra time and effort that Joanne Westberg put in this year. Any time we needed a docent at the museum, an errand run, or help at an event, Joanne was there. The entire board of directors deserves a round of applause. We could not function without their guidance and willingness to assist with programs and events. My appreciation also goes out to Kaitlynn and Elaina for making LCHS a great place to work. Thank you all!

And thank you to everyone who came and supported us at one of our many events this fall. Whether you attended a cemetery tour, a parlor talk, or the Pie Party! we appreciate your support. We also had a great year with a variety of visitors to the McConnell Mansion Museum. We love expanding the museum audience and welcoming those who have never visited before.

Additional thank yous go to the Idaho Association of Museums for awarding the BRIFT project the 2024 "Program of Excellence" for our partnership with the University of Idaho Black History Research Lab, and to the Moscow Historic Preservation Commission for our Orchid Award for Phase One of the McConnell Mansion Window Restoration. We are hoping to start Phase Two of the restoration any day now. I hope we'll see you at the Victorian Christmas or maybe the Alternative Giving Market of the Palouse. I can't wait to see what's in store for 2025. Thank you for your continued support and dedication. We really couldn't do it without our wonderful community.



- Hayley

2024 Orchid Awards



McConnell Mansion
Window Project: Phase One

We were incredibly honored to receive an Orchid Award from the Moscow Preservation Commission for Phase One of the McConnell Mansion Window Restoration Project!

We thank each and everyone of you who donated to the project, we couldn't do it without your support and contributions.

This award belongs to you as well.

We are excited to proceed with Phase Two soon!

COLLECTION

UPDATE

The 1996 Alfred Robinson donation that was unsealed last year is now available for viewing!

Alfred Robinson was the son of Psychiana founder Frank Robinson.

You can make an appointment to view the materials by contacting us at lchslibrary@latahcountyid.gov or 208-882-1004.

Hands-On History Traveling Education Program



Kits are created topically and include activities, artifacts, and photographs




Bring history to your classroom with this **FREE** hands-on program designed with learning standards in mind!




Traveling kits are designed for 4th graders, but more kits are being created for additional grade levels!



For more information or to reserve a traveling kit

 (208)882-1004

 lchslibrary@latahcountyid.gov

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Victorian Christmas

AT THE McCONNELL MANSION

Saturday, December 14 ~ 1 to 4pm

Free and Family Friendly

Alternative Giving Market of the Palouse

ONLINE GIVING

NOV. 29TH -
DEC. 13TH

agmpalouse.org

IN PERSON EVENT

WED, DEC. 11TH
5-8 PM

1912 Center
Moscow, ID

Program of Excellence

THE FOLLOWING AWARD IS PRESENTED TO

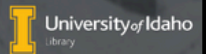
U of I Black History Research Lab & the Latah County Historical Society

This certificate is presented to the University of Idaho Black History Research Lab and the Latah County Historical Society by the Idaho Association of Museums for the Black Research Institute for Flourishing and Thriving program during 2024.

Alisha Tietjen
IAM President



Thank you, Idaho Association of Museums!



Latah Legacy Collection

A publication of the Latah County Historical Society

The online repository for our annual journal, the *Latah Legacy*, has a new home! Thanks to the University of Idaho Library's Digital Initiatives, every edition of the magazine is more readily searchable and accessible. Instructions for accessing the collection are included in the latest issue.

Our thanks to the UI Library for their continued partnership! Interested in receiving new issues of the *Legacy* as they come out? Become a member of LCHS today at latahcountyhistoricalsociety.org/join

Message from the President

The Latah County Historical Society had a Pie Party Dessert Auction November 17, and it was fun! We had a big variety of prize-worthy desserts. I was fortunate to win a beautiful huckleberry pie that came with instructions for freezing and reheating. I'm going to be very popular at Thanksgiving dinner this year. I also won a Bourbon Apple Bundt Cake that included the history of the trees that provided the four apples in the cake. Moist and absolutely delicious! Thank you to everyone who participated by bringing a dessert, buying a dessert or just attending. We appreciate your support of LCHS.

We have been busy this fall with the Pie Party, Victorian Hobby Exhibit, Photography of Rick Jones Exhibit and Reception, Parlor Talks, and more. I'm sure I'm forgetting something, but we have been hard at it. I want to acknowledge our LCHS staff who provide the leadership and programs so important to the historical society. Their ability, hard work, and guidance have made it a pleasure to work with them.



- Joanne Westberg

A festive holiday-themed promotional banner for the LCHS online store. The background is white with a subtle wood-grain texture. The top and bottom edges are decorated with green pine branches, red and white striped ornaments, and red starburst ornaments. The text is centered and reads: "ALL BOOKS IN THE LCHS ONLINE STORE" in a dark red, all-caps font. Below this is "20% off" in a large, bold, dark red font. Underneath is "THE ENTIRE MONTH OF DECEMBER" in the same dark red, all-caps font. At the bottom, it says "BUY NOW AT" in a smaller dark red font, followed by the website address "latahcountyhistoricalsociety.org/shop" in a dark red font. Small gold starburst ornaments are scattered around the text.

Curator's Comments

The transition to colder and rainy weather has not slowed down the staff at LCHS! We participated in Artwalk with the installation of photographs from the Rick Jones collection, held Parlor Talks for our most recent exhibit on Victorian hobbies, partnered with the University of Idaho Library for an author event, received an Orchid Award, held cemetery tours, and much more! Also, we have several events already planned for 2025, so make sure to stay connected to receive updates!

Aside from the above-mentioned events, one major project I have completed since the last newsletter is the processing of the Alf Robinson donation that was unsealed in October 2023. Alf Robinson, the son of Psychiana founder Frank Robinson, donated five sealed boxes in 1996 that were not to be opened until October 2023. Important items within the donation include personal diaries of Frank Robinson from the last years of his life, Robinson family photos, and Alf Robinson's correspondence with several family members. To view these items and the rest of the

collection, an appointment can be made by contacting our office. If you do not have a chance to view the materials, we are anticipating an exhibit utilizing the materials in 2025.

LCHS could not serve the county without the community's support. Whether the support is volunteering, attending events, donating to the Window Project, or interacting with our social media, we truly appreciate it. We need the community's support now more than ever. LCHS looks forward to everything we can accomplish with the help of the community. Happy Holidays!



- Kaitlynn

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

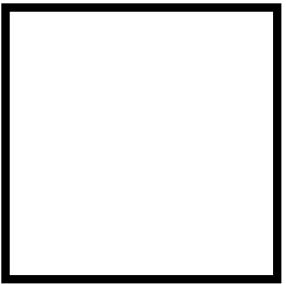
If you believe in the power of local history to create strong, vibrant, welcoming communities, then we invite you to become a sustaining member of our organization. The generosity of members supports all aspects of our operations, from free public programs and maintaining the McConnell Mansion to keeping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



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Rick Jones talks about a photo he took in the 1950s during a visit to the "Portrait of Mid-Century Moscow: The Teenaged Photography of Rick Jones" exhibit at the Moscow Chamber of Commerce in October.



Board member and volunteer Sandra Kelly leads a historical tour of the Moscow Cemetery on November 10.



Board president and Mansion docent Joanne Westberg gets into character while filming a promotional video for the Alternative Giving Market on Nov 21.

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

