

## **Part 1 – Agency Profile**

The Idaho State Historical Society is an extraordinary system of cultural and historic resources comprised of the Idaho State Historical Museum, Idaho State Archives, State Historic Preservation Office, and Historic Sites Program.

The Idaho State Historical Society helps people of all ages explore and appreciate Idaho's rich past, learn more about themselves, and illuminate our state's future.

### *Mission Statement:*

Idaho State Historical Society (ISHS) preserves and promotes Idaho's cultural heritage.

### *Vision:*

Our vision is to inspire, enrich and engage all Idahoans by leading the state in preserving, sharing, and using history and cultural resources relevant to today to inform and influence the future.

### *Values:*

#### Customer Service

- ISHS serves the historical needs of the entire state of Idaho
- ISHS directly supports State, Tribal, City, and County governments
- ISHS directly supports immediate information needs of the public
- ISHS directly supports teachers, students, families, tourists, and researchers
- ISHS responds to the needs of its customers through purposeful program development and assessment

#### Stewardship

- ISHS collects, preserves, and provides access to archeological and historical artifacts and archival materials
- ISHS represents a statewide and national perspective and process that increases stewardship of historic buildings and sites
- ISHS sustains multiple sites and purposes in its work

#### Education

- ISHS teaches essential historical literacy and promotes learning and a historical/research process through public programs
- ISHS models an artifact/archival approach to ideas about people, places, and events
- ISHS uses a participant focus in program development

#### Professionalism

- ISHS is committed to making history a living resource for the people of Idaho through traditional programming and those that serve social needs
- ISHS is committed to implementing the highest professional practices possible in alignment with national state and local standards

### *Impact:*

The Idaho State Historical Society offers services that are essential to the state on all levels, providing information and understanding to everyone from schoolchildren to members of the upper echelon of state government.

The Idaho State Historical Society is a trusted guide through the state's history and how it has shaped every aspect of our lives — our land, our communities, our government and our people — while also illuminating how history sheds light on the future.

The Idaho State Historical Society is an active member of the state that engages community by building on shared experiences and inspires further action and understanding.

The Idaho State Historical Society uses its resources to provide a window to the past for people of all ages, leading to a shared vision for the future.

*Core Functions/Idaho Code*

**Idaho Code, Title 67, Chapter 26**, states that the Idaho State Historical Society is within the Department of Self-governing Agencies (67-2601).

**Idaho Code 67-41** states that the agency's trustees shall:

- Identify, preserve, and protect sites, monuments, and points of interest in Idaho of historic merit (67-4114)
- Protect archaeological and vertebrate paleontological sites and resources on public land (67-4119)
- Govern the agency and administer the powers and duties required to preserve and protect any historical record of the history and culture of Idaho" (67-4123). Senate Bill 1011 (2009), passed by the Senate and House and signed into law by the governor April 14, 2009, defines "historical record" as "any record, artifact, object, historical or archaeological site or structure, document, evidence or public or private writing pursuant to the provisions of title 9, Idaho Code, relevant to the history of the state of Idaho."
- Facilitate the use of Idaho records for official reference and historical research (67-4126 [6])
- Accept archival material from governments ((67-4126 [7])
- Serve as the Geographic Names Board of the state (67-4126 [14])

**Idaho Code 67-46** gives authority to the agency to carry out the preservation and protection of the state's historic, archaeological, architectural, and cultural heritage resources.

**Idaho Code 67-57** provides for the transfer of certain public records to the collection of the agency.

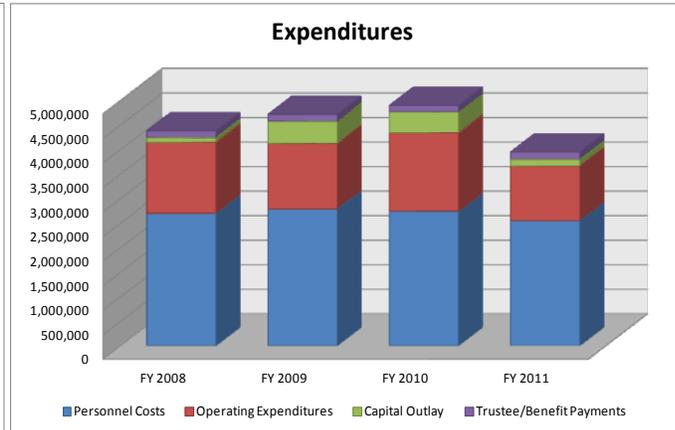
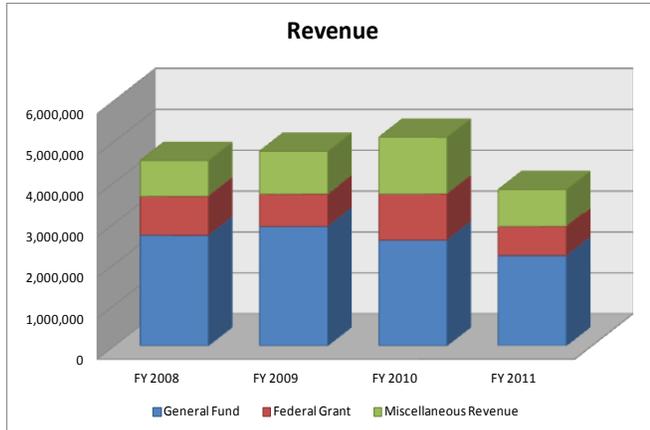
**Idaho Code 33-39** provides for the creation of an Idaho Archaeological Survey and designates the State Archaeologist as director.

**Idaho Code 27-501** assigns responsibilities to the agency for consultation, determination of appropriate actions, and providing for re-interment of human remains that have been disturbed.

**National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended**, assigns responsibility to the state historic preservation officer for administration of the national historic preservation program at the State level.

**Revenue and Expenditures:**

Revenue	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011
General Fund	2,696,900	2,913,700	2,578,400	2,201,200
Federal Grant	953,300	787,300	1,125,800	712,000
Miscellaneous Revenue	876,300	1,051,700	1,391,700	902,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,526,500</b>	<b>4,752,700</b>	<b>5,095,900</b>	<b>3,815,200</b>
Expenditure	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011
Personnel Costs	2,697,900	2,783,400	2,737,400	2,546,300
Operating Expenditures	1,443,800	1,334,600	1,600,300	1,113,300
Capital Outlay	97,900	452,200	429,800	133,400
Trustee/Benefit Payments	135,700	143,500	126,700	153,200
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,375,300</b>	<b>4,713,700</b>	<b>4,894,200</b>	<b>3,946,200</b>



### Profile of Cases Managed and/or Key Services Provided

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	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011
Number of patrons served by Idaho State Archives	15,354	14,964	14,886	15,848
Number of Paid Visitors to the Historical Museum Per Annum	32,735	25,066	21,762	20,619
Number of Students (K-12) Served by Educational Programs at the Historical Museum	15,000	12,082	11,776	8,167*
Number of Students Participating in Idaho History Day Contest	1,100	1,100	1,000	1,250
Sponsored programming- State Museum (First Thursdays, Museum Comes to Life, Brown Bag Lectures, etc, -counted)		11,462	13,336	10,863
SHPO federal project reviews	1,151	1,240	1,325	1,548
Number of paid visitors to the Old Pen Site	23,539	28,022	33,423	39,398
Sponsored programming- Old Pen (National museum day-counted)			2,867	1,020
Sponsored programming- Archeology month (est.)	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
Visitation at Franklin, Pierce, and Stricker Sites (est.)			4,000	4,000

### Performance Highlights

#### Education

"I think back when I was in high school, studying Idaho history, I'd have given anything in the world to have had an interpretive center like this." **Gary Guy, Rock Creek Station and Stricker Ranch caretaker, on the new interpretive center opened in May 2011.**

#### New Additions to an Old Village

Isaac Coston arrived in Boise in 1863 and built a log cabin. He later moved to other places around town, constructing more imposing homes, but the original cabin remained, until it became one of the oldest standing structures in the state. Coston, an innovative agriculturalist, served as a member of the territorial legislature and a delegate to the state constitutional convention. In the 1930s, the Sons and Daughters of Idaho Pioneers moved the Coston cabin and another small log house to Julia Davis Park. Over time, the two cabins became neglected, until the Idaho Historical Auxiliary, now known as the Friends of the Historical Museum, accepted responsibility for their preservation, moving them to the State Historical Museum in 1970. Other houses were added, and the collection became known as Pioneer Village. In FY 2011, the Idaho State Historical Museum made dramatic improvements to Pioneer Village, especially with completion of the Lewis and Clark Discovery Trail featuring outdoor exhibits and handsome landscaping with native plants. Each Pioneer Village structure received its own interpretive sign, and staff supervised the addition of new sidewalks, an irrigation system, and an entry arch. This

ten year project was largely funded through donations. Special thanks to our partners, sponsors and donors including: the Idaho Governor's Lewis and Clark Trail Committee, the National Park Service, Friends of the Historical Museum and Old Idaho Penitentiary, Fundsy, The Halliday Foundation, Supervalu, Laura Moore Cunningham Foundation, and the Idaho Humanities Council. Stop by to learn more about Idaho history and how it has shaped many aspects of our daily lives at this unique outdoor interpretive site.

### **National History Day Students Shine**

The first national evaluation of National History Day (NHD), conducted this year, found that NHD students are better prepared for school, more sought after by employees, perform better on standardized tests, and have a more mature perspective on current events than their peers. The result did not come as a surprise in Idaho, where NHD is alive, well, and much appreciated by teachers and students. The study confirmed—with empirical, independently gathered data—the positive impact of NHD participation on students' academic performance. Moreover, findings suggested that NHD students are better prepared for college, careers, and civic participation. For 27 years, ISHS has coordinated the program in Idaho; annually more than 1,000 Idaho students participate. This year, 43 of them attended the NHD contest at the University of Maryland, where Hannah Weekes from Rocky Mountain Middle School in Idaho Falls won as the Outstanding Idaho Junior for her website, "Dynamic Diplomacy: Silver Wars of the Coeur d'Alene's," and Monteen Alyse Ebert and Cameron Nakashima from the Idaho Arts Charter School in Nampa won for Outstanding Idaho Seniors for their performance, "Separate But Equal Has No Place." Katherine McDonagh from Lowell Scott Middle School in Meridian won the American Labor History Award for her junior individual performance, "Broader than Butte: Irish Immigrants and the Butte Miners Strike." Katherine had previously won the \$500 State Historical Society Trustees' and Director's Award, part of more than \$35,000 in awards and scholarships given at the state competition at the College of Idaho in Caldwell in April.

### **New Interpretive Center Opens at Rock Creek Station and Stricker Ranch**

Idaho Representative Steve Hartgen helped welcome visitors to the new interpretive center at the Society's Rock Creek Station and Stricker Ranch on May 8. One of three historic sites the Society maintains outside of Boise—this one in partnership with the Friends of Stricker—Rock Creek Station was once the hub of activity at the intersection of the Oregon Trail and Kelton Road. Located at a common camping spot for Indians, the Rock Creek Store was constructed in 1865, the first trading post between Fort Hall and Boise. Rock Creek also served as a home station on Ben Holladay's overland stage route. For the past decade, ISHS, in partnership with Friends of Stricker, has restored the site's historic buildings, and constructed the exquisite new interpretive center opened this year. The center tells the story of the area's geology and first residents, fur traders and explorers, the Oregon Trail, stage and freight lines, and the Stricker family. The center also represents how ISHS engages communities by building on shared experiences and inspiring action and understanding. Funds from the Idaho Transportation Department, State of Idaho Permanent Building Fund, Friends of Stricker, and ISHS helped to restore and interpret the site. The Rock Creek Station and Stricker Ranch Homesite is located five miles south and one mile west of Hansen or five miles south and two miles east of Kimberly.

### **Dia de los Muertos**

Celebrated in Mexico and other Central American countries, Dia de los Muertos—Day of the Dead—is a festival of family memory: once a year a deceased person's soul returns to be with family. In partnership with the Mexican Consulate and the Idaho Commission on the Arts, the Idaho Historical Museum commemorated Day of the Dead with exhibits and events in November. The spirits that come to visit on the Day of the Dead are received with elaborate alters covered with food, photographs, flowers, and heirlooms. The altars also contain traditional folk art, decorated candles, and skulls made of sugar and paper mache. The Museum's special exhibit featured traditional and contemporary altars created by artists and school children. The lobby hosted a large public altar where visitors added their own photos and memories of family members. Another highlight of the commemoration featured a ceremony at the grave of Mexican pioneer Jesus Uriquides, subject of an earlier ISHS book published in 2006.

**Additional Highlights:**

- State Archives staff added more than 900 records to databases and online indexes relating to Idaho Territory as part of a National Historical Publications and Records Commission grant to identify, arrange, and describe the Society's rich collection of materials from the territorial period. The grant was perfectly timed to prepare for the territorial sesquicentennial beginning in 2013, and will make records much more accessible to researchers.
- The annual "Museum Comes to Life" in September once again attracted thousands of people. New activities included Civil War re-enactors teaching period dances and the staff of Celebration Park exhibiting 12,000-year-old lifestyles, along with such popular returning favorites as how to make rag rugs, tin can footstools—and crowhooking. Don't know about crowhooking? Then be sure to participate in a future "Museum Comes to Life;" it is free, and it is held the last Saturday each September.
- Frightened Felons returned to the Old Idaho Penitentiary in October. Rapidly becoming one of Boise's the Treasure Valley's most popular Halloween activities, Frightened Felons featured storytelling; a scavenger hunt for kids and adults; tales of escapes, executions, and ghosts; and the opportunity to wander through 140 years of frightening time behind the Pen's sandstone walls.
- ISHS continued its scheduling of temporary exhibits at the State Capitol. Exhibits during the year featured photography exhibits by Paul Hosefros and Kevin Swan, as well as works from the Pocatello Art Center. Have an idea for an exhibit? Contact State Capitol Curator Michelle Lynch at [capitolcurator@ishs.idaho.gov](mailto:capitolcurator@ishs.idaho.gov).
- In commemoration of 50 years of the Peace Corps, the Idaho Returned Peace Corps Volunteers and the Museum presented a special exhibit, "Idaho Celebrates 50 Years of Peace Corps Service" in the spring of 2011. A large crowd of returned Peace Corps volunteers from around the state joined in the opening festivities on March 3, which featured a special presentation by Lt. Governor Brad Little and heartfelt words by Representative Tom Trail, Peace Corps alumnae.
- Begun in 1989 and now one of the Society's largest outreach efforts, Idaho Archaeology and Historic Preservation Month in 2011 focused on Idaho as the center of new research on people living during the Paleo-Indian period in North America. "PaleoIdaho!" featured 58 events in 33 communities- more than ever before. Events ranged from talks on the peopling of the Northwest to Idaho's Clovis culture and Indian rock art. Archaeology and Historic Preservation Month reaches thousands of Idahoans annually, reflecting the ever-growing interest in all aspects of Idaho history.

**Stewardship**

"Grandmother was absolutely thrilled the desk was back home." *Elizabeth Mars of Denver, who donated the desk belonging to Idaho's first territorial governor, William Wallace to ISHS, on the reaction of her grandmother Mary Lu Gregg to the gift.*

**A Treasured Idaho Artifact Returns Home**

In December, a modest wooden desk with the initials "RA" carved in the top arrived by special courier from Denver to the Idaho State Historical Museum, a gift from Elizabeth Mars. Elizabeth is the great-granddaughter of Richard Adelman, a prominent businessman who settled in Boise in 1872, and whose house is part of the Society's Pioneer Village. The desk was passed down through the family over the years, eventually given by Mary Lu Gregg, Elizabeth's grandmother, to Elizabeth. While having a desk associated with the Adelman family is reason enough for enthusiasm, this desk comes with the high probability that it originally belonged to Idaho's first territorial governor, William Wallace. Family tradition maintains that Richard Adelman, an ardent Republican like Wallace, and one also tied closely to Idaho's early history, purchased the desk, recognizing its historical significance. Very likely, the desk goes back to the earliest days of Idaho territorial history, a prized artifact as the Society prepares to commemorate the territorial sesquicentennial in 2013. Funding for the shipment of the desk to the Idaho State Historical Museum came from the Foundation for Idaho History from funds raised at the first annual "Adopt an Artifact" event. The Museum cares for more than 250,000 artifacts relating to the history of Idaho; the Adelman-Wallace desk has taken a treasured position in that ever-growing collection.

**Preservation Field School at the Old Idaho Penitentiary**

The Old Idaho Penitentiary hosted the 16<sup>th</sup> annual Pacific Northwest Preservation Field School in the summer of 2010. The Field School is funded by Oregon, Washington, and Idaho state parks departments and historic preservation offices, and the National Park Service. Locations for the field schools rotate annually to a new site in one of the participating states. Attendees receive hands-on, specialized training in preservation techniques and contribute highly skilled labor to accomplish vital preservation projects in the host states. The primary focus at the Old Idaho Penitentiary was masonry, but the site also provided a variety of teaching opportunities in wood, metal, window restoration, and structural stabilization. Weekly sessions emphasized a particular preservation topic or skill, and also included instruction on interpretation, sustainable practices, and preservation technology. The Old Pen proved a perfect place for students from throughout the Northwest, to learn preservation skills, while they also helped to stabilize one of the region's premier historic sites. The Old Pen, operated by ISHS, was a prison for more than a century and stands today as one of Idaho's most visited historic sites. Special funding for this field school also came from a Save America's Treasures grant and the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

**Digitization Helps State Archives Preserve Idaho Records**

A collaborative project between the Society and the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) is creating high-quality scans of all ITD photographs dating back to the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, the most complete collection of Idaho's transportation history. The project also entails scanning minute books dating to 1913 and making the ledgers keyword accessible for researchers. More than 10,500 images have been scanned to date in a project aimed at creating a usable database for ITD, but also one that assists researchers and the citizens of Idaho. Archivists estimate it will take three years to complete the project. Most of the original photos and the minute books are part of the Society's permanent archival collections.

**1950s Diner among Idaho's Significant Historic Sites**

As America grew dependent upon automobiles, it did not take long for roadside eateries to meet the growing demand of a nation in a hurry. By the 1930s, carhops became a common sight at drive-ins. By the 1950s, drive-in services became one of the fastest growing parts of the economy. In addition to restaurants, people could drive in to theaters, banks, and even churches. As Mountain Home boomed in the 1950s when the Air Base attained permanent status, the city's first drive-in restaurant arrived, with a name that went to the heart of the establishment: The KwikCurb Diner. Under different owners and various names it operated until 1999. After serving for a while as a car dealership, and then standing vacant, in 2007 Bryce and Gioia Tracy purchased the property and operate it as a drive-in featuring carhops and a menu little changed from the 1950s. This year, the KwikCurb became Idaho's first mid-century drive-in listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Three other sites—the Society's 1911 former Bureau of Reclamation building in Boise, Tolo Lake in Idaho County, and Aviator's Cave at the Idaho National Laboratory, were also added to the Register. The National Register of Historic Places program is administered in Idaho by the Society's State Historic Preservation Office.

**New Century Farms and Ranches**

A joint project between ISHS and the Department of Agriculture, Idaho's Century Farms and Ranches program recognizes agricultural property owned and operated in Idaho by the same family, at least 40 acres of which must have remained in agricultural use for 100 years or more. For the first time, in 2011 two awards went to the same family simultaneously. Charles Hermann was born in Germany, moved west with his parents to Oregon in 1883, and arrived near Genesee in 1907 where he began farming. Two years later, Charlie's younger brother, Jacob, followed him to Idaho, eventually buying his own farm in 1910. Master of Ceremonies and Society Trustee Earl Bennett welcomed more than 150 participants to the double-award ceremony at the Hermann farms east of Genesee, including Idaho Senator Dan Schmidt, Representative Tom Trail, and Nez Perce County Commissioner Doug Zenner. Eight additional farms and ranches became Century Farms during the year, bringing the total number of awardees to more than 350. Steve Barrett administers the program for the Society; you can contact him at [steve.barrett@ishs.idaho.gov](mailto:steve.barrett@ishs.idaho.gov).

**Additional Highlights:**

- At the annual Association of Idaho Cities (AIC) conference in Boise, Archivist Steve Barrett presented McCall and Payette with 2011 Idaho Heritage City Awards. The Idaho Heritage City Program recognizes cities in Idaho that encourage preservation and interpretation of their cultural heritage. To become a Heritage City, a municipality must fulfill preservation guidelines in at least 7 of 14 designated criteria, as

determined by AIC and ISHS. Idaho now has 34 Heritage Cities. For more about the program, contact Steve at [steve.barrett@ishs.idaho.gov](mailto:steve.barrett@ishs.idaho.gov).

- Society staff members worked with Lewis-Clark State College to find a proper home for artifacts collected by early Idaho historian and long-time Lewiston Normal School history teacher Henry Talkington. Talkington began collecting artifacts relating to Idaho history in 1902. Although there has not been a museum on campus since the 1960s, the Talkington artifacts represent what remains of the second-oldest museum in the state. Through a cooperative agreement, LCSC donated the artifacts to the Nez Perce County Historical Society. ISHS also provided funding through our Community Enhancement Grant program to assist in the proper preservation of the artifacts and to develop a permanent exhibit on Talkington in Talkington Hall on the LCSC campus.
- The Idaho State Historical Records Advisory Board (SHRAB) introduced Replevin legislation to the Senate Judiciary and Rules Committee in 2011. Senate Bill 1026aa passed both the Idaho Senate and House and was signed by Governor Otter in April 2011. The Replevin Bill serves as a tool to reclaim records that may have been improperly or illegally removed from authorized records custodians. According to the Council of State Archivists, the national association which advances best practices for the archival profession, archival theft is a growing issue in this country. The potential disappearance of public records deprives citizens the opportunity for access to important, fiscal, administrative, legal, vital and historical information. Idaho is now, one of 13 States having passed this proactive records legislation.

## Customer Service and Partnerships

"Dozens of charitable organizations in Idaho will be better able to enhance the lives of the people they serve because of the sizeable contributions of our own state employees." ***Idaho Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter on the 2011 State Employee Charitable Giving Campaign, organized by the Idaho State Historical Society***

### Society Leads Way in Charitable Giving

At the request of Governor Butch Otter, ISHS led the State Employee Charitable Giving Campaign for 2010, which raised nearly \$300,000 for non-profit organizations in Idaho and across the country. For more than a decade, state employees have participated in workplace giving campaigns, supporting charities through payroll deductions and creative fundraising. Their contributions have saved lives and strengthened communities. Since 1999, State of Idaho employees have contributed nearly \$4 million in the annual workplace giving campaign. In 2010, for the first time, ISHS organized the campaign. In addition to raising much-needed funds for non-profit organizations, the campaign provided an opportunity for the Society to host representatives of every state agency at the Idaho State Archives, giving our colleagues a better concept of our services. "Our public servants in state government are the perfect example of the generous spirit that makes Idaho so great," stated Governor Otter. As if to prove that point, following closely on the heels of successfully leading the state charitable giving campaign, employees of ISHS engaged in a friendly competition to see which work unit could gather the most food for the Idaho Foodbank. The Society "Make Hunger History" drive collected 1,338 pounds of food that provided about 1020 meals for Idaho's hungry.

### ISHS and Steele-Reese Foundation Award \$50,000 in Community Enhancement Grants

The Steele-Reese Foundation joined with ISHS to provide funds for the Community Enhancement Grant Program. Steele-Reese money was combined with ISHS funds, and the Society's trustees decided upon grant awardees from numerous proposals received. To be effective in preserving Idaho's rich history requires strong partnerships. We recognize the critical need many of our partners have in funding the projects they undertake to preserve Idaho's history and culture. The ISHS Community Assistance Grant Program is an important way the Society assists groups and organizations in preserving and interpreting community history. Boise's Basque Museum and Cultural Center used \$2,000 to purchase archival storage materials for the Juanita Hormaechea collection, perhaps the richest collection of Basque memorabilia in Idaho. "Juanita Hormaechea left a treasure-trove of information of early Basque organizations and families," noted the Museum's Executive Director Patty Miller. The City of Post Falls used \$1,980 to develop new interpretive signage at Treaty Rock, a National Register of Historic Places site. "As one of our primary historical sites, and the most culturally sensitive, the need to improve the experience for the visitor was huge," noted Post Falls Parks and Recreation Director David Fair.

“The visitor now sees professional signage which enhances the understanding of the significance of Treaty Rock.” These were two of 26 projects funded throughout the state through the partnership with Steele-Reese. For more information about the Society’s Community Grant Program, contact Associate Director and State Historian Keith Petersen at [keith.petersen@ishs.idaho.gov](mailto:keith.petersen@ishs.idaho.gov).

### Trustees Hear from their Constituents

In July 2010, in conjunction with their meetings in Moscow, ISHS Trustees toured historic sites in Latah County, part of their ongoing community engagement outreach efforts. They visited the White Spring Ranch Museum, viewed the exquisite preservation of Cordelia Lutheran Church, toured Idaho’s only brewery museum, had lunch with representatives of the Troy Historical Society, and took a tour of the former company town of Potlatch with the Potlatch Historical Society. During their time in Moscow they also met with staff and trustees of the Latah County Historical Society, took a walking tour of the University of Idaho, and admired the outstanding historical photograph exhibits of Genesee compiled by Trustee Earl Bennett. May 2011 found the trustees meeting in Pocatello, including tours of the Fort Hall Replica and the Idaho Museum of Natural History. They also visited the Bear River Massacre Site, the Society’s recent interpretive enhancements at Franklin, the historic Mormon community of Chesterfield, and the South Bannock County Historical Center at Lava Hot Springs. These community engagement outreach efforts connect the trustees with partners throughout the state and help to determine how ISHS can best assist in local preservation efforts.

### ISHS Provides Opportunities to View Rare Artifacts

The Foundation for Idaho History, the Society’s non-profit fundraising partner, helped to host three special events allowing Idahoans an opportunity to view some of the state’s most significant artifacts. State Historical Records Advisory Board Chair Carter Wilson donated a 1959 bottle of Chateau Latour from the Harriman family’s personal estate from the time they owned the Railroad Ranch in eastern Idaho. This provided the opportunity for an “Evening with the Harrimans and the Railroad Ranch” at the Wine, Eats, and Artifacts fundraising event in Boise in August. The Railroad Ranch served as a working cattle ranch and family retreat until the Harriman family donated the 11,000-acre estate to Idaho—now known as Harriman State Park. Samples of their exquisite wine were sold during the evening as part of fundraising activities, while guests viewed artifacts and archives depicting the Harriman story in Idaho. November featured the first ever “Adopt an Artifact” gala event, which raised over \$25,000 to assist with exhibits, education programs and collection care and management.

Idaho State Historical Museum staff enlightened visitors about Polly Bemis’s shoes, Chief Looking Glass’s pipe, and a variety of other treasured artifacts. Governor Otter welcomed more than 250 ISHS supporters to the Jim Rogers Ranch near Pocatello in May for “Artifacts at the Ranch.” ISHS staff shared Idaho’s original territorial creation documents and the original painting of the state seal. The event raised more than \$10,000 for the National History Day program in Idaho. If you would like to adopt an artifact, or learn more about upcoming events featuring special Idaho artifacts, contact Development Administrator Cara Walker at [cara.walker@ishs.idaho.gov](mailto:cara.walker@ishs.idaho.gov).

### Additional Highlights:

- The Friends of the Historical Museum and Old Idaho Penitentiary sponsored the third annual “What’s It Worth” event to raise money for museum exhibits and programs. Twelve volunteer assessors provided more than 200 people with professional evaluations of their antique possessions. The Museum used some of the funds raised this year on the “Our Lives, Our Stories: America’s Greatest Generation” exhibit and programs that ran through the summer of 2011.
- The Society’s journal *Idaho Landscapes*, published in collaboration with Idaho State University and Boise State University, featured a 104-page issue dedicated to Mexican culture and the impact of Mexicans on Idaho history. A complimentary subscription to *Idaho Landscapes* is offered as a benefit of membership in ISHS at the Sponsor level and above. Any Individual or Family membership may also be upgraded to include a subscription for only \$10 more per year. It’s a bargain! *Idaho Yesterdays*, also collaboration with Idaho State and Boise State, remains available on-line as the scholarly publication of record for Idaho at [www.idahoyesterdays.com](http://www.idahoyesterdays.com).
- ISHS, in collaboration with the Idaho Humanities Council and Idaho Heritage Trust, presented a two-day workshop for the Gooding, Jerome, and Lincoln county historical societies as they prepared to move their museums into new buildings. The workshop, also attended by staff and volunteers from other museums

in the area, focused on exhibits and collection care, and was part of the Society's ongoing outreach that provided services during the year to literally every corner of the state, from Bonners Ferry to Montpelier. Workshops serve as an example of how ISHS engages community by building on shared experiences.

## Professionalism and Recognition

"The Leadership in History Award is the American Association for State and Local History's highest distinction and the winners represent the best in the field." **Terry Davis, AASLH President & CEO, on the 59 awards given nationally in 2011, including three in Idaho.**

### Idaho Wins National Awards

The Society's permanent exhibit "Governing Idaho" in the Garden Level of the State Capitol, along with the companion edition of *Idaho Landscapes* devoted to the history of the capitol, won an Award of Merit from the American Association for State and Local History (AASLH). The highest national awards given in the field, the AASLH bestows Leadership in History Awards to establish and encourage standards of excellence in the collection, preservation, and interpretation of state and local history in order to make the past more meaningful to all Americans. By publicly recognizing superior and innovative achievements, the Leadership in History Awards serves as an inspiration to others in the field. AASLH gave out 59 of the prestigious awards in 2011, three in Idaho. In addition to ISHS, Mountain Home Air Force Base won for its publication, *Mountain Home Air Force Base Modern: The Capehart-Wherry Housing Project*, which helped to preserve the story of a significant post-World War II housing development on the base; and the Basque Museum and Cultural Center for its exhibit "Hidden in Plain Sight: The Basques." Before being installed at the Museum in Boise, the exhibit was featured at Ellis Island in New York, where more than 300,000 people viewed it.

### Trustees Honor Six with Esto Perpetua Awards

Each year the ISHS Trustees honor outstanding accomplishments in preserving and promoting Idaho's heritage through the Esto Perpetua Awards. Named for the state motto, the tradition began in 1999 to honor individuals or groups for professional accomplishments, public service, volunteerism, and philanthropy related to preserving Idaho's heritage. In 2010, five individuals and one institution won the award. "Each recipient demonstrated a truly exceptional level of achievement in their efforts to preserve a part of Idaho's history," said Tom Blanchard, Chair of the Trustees. "They represent a geographical balance, which clearly illustrates the widespread care that Idahoans share when it comes to our state's historical preservation." Honored were Blane Bake, Rexburg; Claudia Druss, Boise; Nancy Renk, Sandpoint; Carole Simon-Smolinski, Lewiston; Lucille Taylor, Grangeville; and the Jeanne Lane Moritz Regional History Department at the Ketchum Community Library. Interested in nominating someone for the award? Check our website for details.

### Sister Alfreda Award Returns Home

On December 16, representatives of ISHS, the Idaho Heritage Trust, and the Idaho Humanities Council presented the Historical Museum at St. Gertrude with the annual Sister Alfreda Award for Outstanding Museum Service, the state's highest museum award. The Award, which comes with \$10,000 to be used by the winning museum to continue its educational and preservation efforts, is named for Sister Alfreda Elsensohn, who founded the Historical Museum at St. Gertrude. Fittingly, the Museum won the award on the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its founding. Sister Alfreda was one of Idaho's outstanding historians. "A museum is a bridge which links the present with the past," she said. It is her vision of Idaho museums as exciting, interactive, and educational institutions that the Award seeks to recognize by honoring one outstanding Idaho museum each year. The Museum at St. Gertrude is located on the grounds of the century-old monastery outside of Cottonwood and is one of Idaho's oldest museums, featuring more than 60,000 artifacts relating to Idaho County and the surrounding area. This was the third year for the Sister Alfreda Award.

### Additional Highlights:

- State Archivist Rod House was elected to a three-year term on the board of the Council of State Archivists.
- The American Association of Museums honored Representative Mike Simpson, along with five other members of Congress, during national Museum Advocacy Day in Washington, D.C. The AAM recognized Simpson's outstanding contributions to the Governor's Lewis and Clark Trail Committee's Museum Initiative, which provided funding and technical assistance to small museums along the Trail in Idaho

during the Lewis and Clark bicentennial, as well as his ongoing support for historic preservation efforts in Idaho.

- Photo Archivist Erica Cook was appointed to the Ada County Preservation Council.
- The Old Idaho Penitentiary won the *Idaho Statesman's* Readers' Choice Award as the best historical site in the Treasure Valley.
- Archivist Michal Walden was appointed to the council of the Conference of Inter-Mountain Archivists.
- The Idaho Humanities Council selected State Historian Keith Petersen to serve as state scholar for the Smithsonian Institution's traveling exhibit, "The Way We Worked" that will visit 6 Idaho communities.
- Executive Director Janet Gallimore serves on the American Association for State and Local History Leadership Development Committee, where she reviews and recommends northwest professionals for service on AASLH council and a variety of Committees.
- Executive Director Gallimore was also appointed to the 2012 American Association of Museums National Program Committee to assess the presentations that will be selected for the American Association of Museums annual meeting in Minneapolis Minnesota in spring of 2012.

### Part II – Performance Measures

Performance Measure	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	Benchmark
Number of Daily Page Views on the Web Site (average time spent 23 minutes per user session)	2,316	**	4,282	1,757	Maintain/exceed previous fiscal year
Number of Paid Visitors to Historical Museum and Old Penitentiary	56,274	53,088	55,185	60,017	Maintain/exceed previous fiscal year
Number of Federal Projects Reviewed for Compliance With Section 106 and Done Within 30 day Deadline ***	1,151	1,240	1,325	1,548	100% compliance with federal law
Cubic Feet of Material Added to the Public Archives	4,397	1,514	2,750	6,997	Maintain/exceed previous fiscal year
Idaho Historical and Archaeological Sites added to the Archeological Survey of Idaho	908	908	1,153	1,548 (690) archeological sites (858) Historic or architectural sites	Maintain/exceed previous fiscal year

## Performance Measure Notes:

\* Reflects reduction in school tours as a result of budget cuts.

\*\*The State Webmaster ceased running a web count application between 2008-2009.

\*\*\* Federal Section 106 compliance reviews determine potential impact to culture properties. The Idaho State Historical Preservation Office assists federal agencies (and serves as a "monitor" on behalf of the citizens of Idaho) to insure that federal projects comply with federal law. All section 106 reviews must be completed within 30 days. This workload has increased because of ARRA and energy corridor related reviews.

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