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Visitors enjoy the Crossroads exhibit on August 23.

Lanterns & Luminaries at East City Park on September 29.

Soup's on at the Harvest Dinner on November 10.

We hope you will join us February 1st for a membership appreciation gathering in the Arts Workshop at the 1912 Center.

Keith Petersen will be in attendance to talk about his new book, “Idaho: The Land & Its People” and will also have copies available for purchase.

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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.

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Message from the President

As the year winds down, I am reflecting on a busy twelve months that included a new roof for McConnell Mansion; not one, but two traveling exhibits with accompanying programs, related tours and presentations on a variety of topics; and a bus tour of parts of Latah County with Idaho’s First Lady Teresa Little. Our Mansion re-interpretation team, led by curator Zach Wnek, redesigned several rooms in the house to tell the stories of those who lived there. These and other activities were in addition to our usual happenings like the Victorian Tea, the Ice Cream Social, Suds with a Scholar, and the Victorian Christmas open house. It has been a busy year, indeed.

The year 2020 promises more adventures, with programs and activities focusing on the 100th anniversary of the passage and ratification of the 19th Amendment to the US Constitution, which granted women the right to vote. We’ll also be working to make further progress on the list of substantial maintenance concerns for McConnell Mansion.

A huge thank you to our dedicated board members, hard working volunteers, partner organizations throughout the County, and enthusiastic members and business sponsors. You make it all possible. Your support and participation are deeply appreciated.

Best wishes for the New Year!

- LeNelle McInturff

Curator’s Notes

There has been a lot happening in the office lately. There have been two projects in particular that I think you might find fascinating.

The first project I would like to highlight is the Moscow Chamber of Commerce Collection. This collection highlights the Moscow Chamber of Commerce beginning in the 1950s. This collection of mixed materials details the various activities undertaken by the Chamber of Commerce and how the organization changed over time. Although I am still working on cataloging this collection, some of my favorite pieces (so far) are the projector slides. These color images promote Moscow and North-Central Idaho to encourage tourism in the early 1980s. Highlights also include business correspondence and member and leadership information.

The other project that I have been working on is a grant from the Idaho State Historical Records and Advisory Board (SHRAB). This $3,091.00 matching grant allowed LCHS to digitize our photograph collection from the following communities: Bovill, Collins, Genesee, Harvard, Helmer, Juliaetta, Kendrick, Onaway, Potlatch, Princeton, Troy (Vollmer), Viola (Four Mile), Cornwall, Freeze, Joel, Howell, Nora, and Blaine. In addition to scanning these community photographs, we were able to get our newly acquired Rick Jones collection scanned. Rick Jones was a young photographer and student at Moscow High School. While attending high school, he took a large number of images that highlighted events across the community from the era of 1950-1955. With the assistance of this grant, we were able to get this entire collection (1,491) digitized. The SHRAB grant helped LCHS digitize 3,977 images. LCHS is working on making these images available through our online platforms.

These fascinating projects help LCHS to increase our knowledge of local history.

- Zach
Upcoming Events

Latah County Historical Society
Member Appreciation Gathering
an evening for gratitude & celebration
Saturday, February 1st
5:00 to 7:00pm
1912 Center, Arts Workshop
(412 E. Third Street)

LCHS Members are invited to enjoy
• heavy hors d’oeuvres + no-host bar
• presentation of Volunteer of the Year Award
• sneak peak of 2020 events
• address by former State Historian, Keith Petersen
• opportunity to purchase Keith’s latest book

and most of all
a heartfelt thanks from LCHS for your sustaining support of local history

Save the Date
Suds with a Scholar
April 11, 2020
Latah County Fairgrounds

The Seeking Suffrage Lecture Series marks the century since ratification of the 19th amendment granting women the right to vote. Public presentations hosted by the University of Idaho, Latah County Historical Society and Moscow League of Women Voters will occur throughout 2020.

January 28th, 7 to 8:30 pm @ Kenworthy Performing Arts Centre
Dr. Rebecca Mead presents "Seeking Suffrage: Votes for Women in the West"

March 5th, 7 to 8:30 pm @ Haddock Performance Hall, University of Idaho
Drs. Kathy Aiken and Rebecca Scofield present "Seeking Suffrage: Idaho’s 1896 Women’s Suffrage Campaign"

April 28th, 7 to 8:30 pm @ Kenworthy Performing Arts Centre
"Seeking Suffrage: Women in Politics," a panel discussion with current and former elected officials

For a full list of events, visit www.latahcountyhistoricalsociety.org/events