2020 ANNUAL REPORT

Latah County Historical Society

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A YEAR UNLIKE ANY OTHER

This past year challenged all of us in ways that will not soon fade from our memories. Your local historical society was no different. The staff, Board of Directors, and volunteers of the Latah County Historical Society kept the organization moving forward, despite the uncertainty that permeated every facet of our work. Loyal members ensured that the society emerged from these troubled waters in a strong position to continue the essential work of building good citizens, strong communities, and satisfying lives.

If you have any questions or concerns, please connect with LCHS using any of the following methods.

Email: lchslibrary@latah.id.us
Phone: 208.882.1004

Mail: 327 E. Second Street
Moscow, ID 83843

Thank you for your continued membership!

Left: Local residents working to preserve the history of their church used the LCHS large-format scanner to create digital copies of scrapbooks; Right: 2020 summer intern Jenni Trail created an exhibit about voting for the Latah County Courthouse lobby.
After carefully planning our 2020 budget, suddenly we were faced with the COVID pandemic and a complete change of plans. We continued to pay our employees and maintain our buildings, but programs and events dramatically changed. Due to our Foundation payout, strong member and business sponsor support, and grants from the State of Idaho and the Idaho Humanities Council, we finished the year in a strong financial position.

**INCOME**

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<td>Historical Foundation</td>
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<td>Grants/Sponsorships</td>
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<td>Memberships</td>
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<td>Donations/Annual Giving</td>
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<td>Harvest Dinner</td>
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<td>City of Moscow</td>
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<td>Programs/Gift Store/Other</td>
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**TOTAL INCOME - $113,220**

**EXPENSES**

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**TOTAL EXPENSES - $94,360**
The Latah County Historical Foundation ended the year with a balance of $1,158,026.39. This was an increase of approximately $25,000 from 2019. The return on the portfolio was 5.26%. New money donations to the Foundation totaled $2,969.34. The Foundation continues to support the Society. In 2020, LCHF provided the Society with $40,000 for operations. The distribution policy states that the Foundation’s annual payout cannot exceed the lesser of

a) 5% of the balance of the portfolio or

b) 4.6% of the five year average balance of the portfolio.

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LCHF portfolio value as of Dec. 31, 2020

$40,000$

Planned distribution to LCHS for 2021

$558,000$

Total disbursement to LCHS from LCHF since 1998

Donating to the Foundation is a meaningful way to leave a permanent mark on Latah County history!
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ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Despite the limitations on our ability to operate, LCHS worked throughout 2020 to bring historical content to members and patrons. We relied on technology to connect safely with folks across the country, as well as old-fashioned social distancing to offer a handful of programs and exhibits. There was a noticeable increase in research requests pertaining to family history as many people seemed to have used the lockdown as an opportunity to do genealogy work. Higher traffic to our Facebook page and blog also reflected growing interest in local history.

Clockwise, from top left: Volunteers assemble 400 "Harvest Dinner at Home" meal kits, half of which were donated to Latah County foodbanks; a poster exhibit about the 19th Amendment was installed at the Juliaetta-Kendrick Heritage Foundation's museum, as well as at the Potlatch Depot; "Lula's Library" Book Club met at the McConnell Mansion during nice weather, and later over Zoom; the LCHS gift shop introduced a new product line - face masks; the NEH on the Road exhibit For All the World to See opened in November at the University of Idaho Library.
SEEKING ADDITIONAL BOARD MEMBERS

There are currently six open seats on the Board of Directors. The Society operates at its best when a diversity of voices come together to advise on policy and contribute their time to collaborative efforts.

If you would like to learn more about serving on the Board of Directors, please contact Dulce at dkersting@latah.id.us.
STAFF

Dulce Kersting-Lark - Executive Director  
Elaina Pierson - Office Coordinator

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Centennial Annex - Offices and Research Center  
327 E. Second Street, Moscow  
Tues - Fri, 8am to 4pm

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