



Nez Perce County Historical Society and Museum



2023 ANNUAL NEWSLETTER

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Daniel Miller, MD

The Nez Perce County Historical Society had a good year in 2022, and we are looking forward to improving our museum campus in 2023.

Our tourism business improved, with the post-COVID return of tourist boats traveling the Columbia and Snake Rivers, and we had increased ground travel to our museum campus. Many people from all over the country have never been to our area and enjoy what our historical campus has to offer.

In addition, because of generous donations from our members, this year we will begin our beautification project. We will plant the east lot with shrubs and trees of native and historic species. The Syringa, state flower of Idaho, will be prominently displayed in several areas, as will the Oregon Grape. The Ponderosa Pine, which Lewis and Clark used to build canoes, will dominate the center of the lot. We will add several columnar arborvitae, which mimic the historic Lewiston Lombardi poplars from the 1880's.

We are happy to start beautification and will send you updates so you can watch it mature over the years.

Please join us on Monday, April 24th at 4:30pm for our Annual Membership Meeting at Modie Park Conservancy in Lewiston. This meeting will be followed by a lecture presented by Garry Bush, President of Modie Park. He will be discussing the history and the updates of the park.



Museum Assistant's Exposition

Melody Parks Keith

First of all, I want to thank each and every one of you for your continued support of the Nez Perce County Historical Society and Museum. We are continuing to reach out to more visitors every year.

In 2021, we had 2889 visitors for the year and the number rose to 3314 for 2022. That is a whopping 14.5% increase. The American Empress riverboat tours started on April 2, 2022 and ran through November 15, 2022. We had a total of 997 national and international passengers visit the NPCHS campus during this time. We also added 31 new Society members during 2022.

With the boat tour season starting this year on March 28th and running through November 21st, I have been adding a lot of new and exciting items and books to our museum store. I have some unique and one-of-a-kind gifts along with many books about Idaho and the local area.

I am excited to welcome Kalisa Boyd to the Society as our new Museum Support staff member. She will be helping out in all areas when needed. She is currently attending LCSC and is majoring in history. Kalisa is a joy to work with and is a great asset to our team.

My last bit of info that I want to inform you about how our campus is becoming a local hot spot for photography. I work hard on manicuring the Heritage House garden and planting flowers, etc. I am thrilled with the compliments from everyone and the greatest compliment is when I find our local high school students using it for the background in their prom and graduation photos. So, keep in mind, if you are planning on having family portraits done this summer, we have a lovely outdoor setting.



Curator's Highlights of 2022

Mary E. White Romero

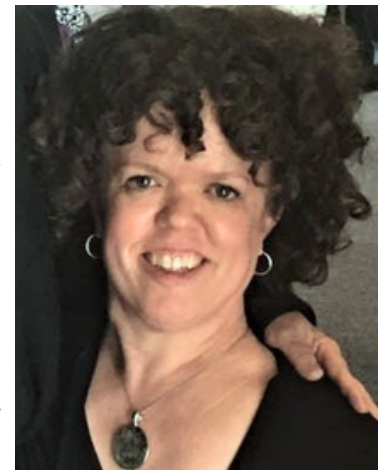
In the beginning of the year, I created an exhibit in our hallway case titled *The Great Depression Years in Nez Perce County, 1921-1941*. The exhibit also included a video, titled *Dreams on Hold: The Depression in Nez Perce County*. The video looked back to those difficult years through the memories, experiences and impressions of a few county residents during the 1930s.

We had a great year with our North Central Idaho Speakers Bureau aided by a grant through the Idaho Governor's Lewis & Clark Trail Committee grant in the amount of \$14,625. We also received grants from the Meter Foundation of Pullman in the amount of \$2,000 and Kyle Hurlbut in the amount of \$900 for lectures of Lewis-Clark Valley and surrounding area history. Thirty-nine presentations were done for area schools, organizations, as well as Salmon and Island Park, Idaho. 2,681 students, 1624 adults and 267 via Zoom attended the lectures.

NPCHS received a 2022 Community Enhancement grant from Idaho State Historical Society last August in the amount of \$2500 for archival supplies needed to protect our artifact, photo and archive collections. Thank you to ISHS and to our vice president, Kristy Stedman, our grant writer.

The museum had several wonderful volunteers, including our board members, whose combined efforts contributed 2,277.5 hours. The volunteers stepped up to be docents for our large tour groups who came into the Valley on cruise ships or worked on various projects to improve our museum collection and campus.

Volunteer and board member Fred Rauch has been busy digitizing three large file cabinets of our history files from agriculture to water supply. When this project is completed, it will be more convenient for researchers and staff to retrieve, email and print. Thanks Fred and all our other volunteers for your time!



NPCHS received the 1860s Thompson/Miranda cabin from the City of Lewiston last fall. Previously the cabin had been at the corner of 12th and F Street, north of Lewiston City Hall. The Thompson/Miranda cabin is now on display on our museum campus next to the Idaho Territorial Capitol replica building.

Below you will find a list of 40 donated collections received from individual donors to our museum. Thank you to all the donors. If you have anything you would like to donate to our museum relating to Nez Perce County and its history, please stop by or call me at 208-743-2535.

2022 DONATIONS TO MUSEUM COLLECTION

Fred Rauch – WWII National Reunion coins; 1971 US Department of Interior BLM land map of Culdesac, Waha, etc.; various miscellaneous history books.

Barbara Clube – Lewiston Furniture Company 1916 receipt.

Steve Button – Liberty Theater and Break Heart Pass movie premier photographs, newspaper articles and tickets.

Latah County – Lewiston Main Street, c.1910 photograph.

Latah County Historical Society – 1920 State Bank of Peck checkbook and Lewiston brochure.

Gerald Heimgartner – White Pine Cafeteria, Lewiston, Idaho coin; 5 cent News Stand & Depot, Lewiston, Idaho coins.

Mark H. Wise – 1913 barber strap; Bollinger Hotel thermometer; Beckmann & Wetterborg Co., Lewiston promotional plate; 1939 Erb Hardware calendar; Golden Grain Dairy milk bottle.

Carol Gamet – 1957 leather hard bound book, Webster Unbridged-Encyclopedia Dictionary.

Sandra Thomason Hoff – 1912 handmade crazy quilt.

Jana Peer – Lewiston area scenes and Potlatch Corporation photographs, c. 1950s.

Estate of Peter Rowell - *Lewiston and the Orchards 1909* booklet; *Highlights in Lewiston History* by H.L. Talkington 1945 booklet.

Phyllis Lacey/Mark Sherry - photo/scrapbook of Lewis-Clark Community Concert Band, 1985-1999.

Betty Eastwood - Book, *Echoes from a Medical Career* by Roy W. Eastwood; photographs of Eastwood, Krouting, Shearer and Vollmer family; Correspondences; Certificates; Masonic fez, apron and scarf

Steven Branting – 1969 maps of Lewiston downtown and businesses;

Richard Grant – Lewiston Morning Tribune newspaper supplement Neighbors in the Quad Cities, newsletter and miscellaneous articles; Culdesac Grange Hall Patron songbook, 1939; Clearwater Power Ruralite magazine articles.

Philip Shinn – Award plaques from various Lewiston area organizations to Marion Shinn.

Washington County Historical Society – Clearwater Timber Co. Mill photograph postcard

Asotin County Museum – Lewiston area scene photograph; framed window remnant from damage by Mary the Elephant

Helen Thompson - 1951 North Idaho College of Education yearbook *The Little Ee-dah-hoe Laboratory School*

Steve G. Lee - Various local and Idaho history books for the museum's Marion Shinn Library.

Daniel Miller, MD - *Wyatt Earp & Coeur d' Alene Gold!* book for the museum's Marion Shinn Library.

Ann J. Rees - Photographs of the Nez Perce Tribe Pow Wow in Lapwai, c.1949-50.

Virginia "Ginger" Wright - Huggins Dairy milk cans; handmade doily by Edith Jacobs; Chancel Guild Episcopal cookbook; Minnie Pearl program; Job Daughters and Virginia Brodin photographs; 1925 Lewiston High School yearbook.

Ron Karlberg - Various local history books; Central Idaho 37th Annual Basketball Tournament program of 1956.

Frances Wilmeth - 1935 Cherry Blossom Festival parade photographs.

Estate of John & Melva Mock - Silver infant feeding spoon; photographs of Lewiston area scenes, celebrations and personalities; US flags; Lewiston business promotionals; various books of local authors; various local event posters; Lewiston State Normal School note card; Will Rogers thermometer; 1953 Lewiston Fire Department booklet; Idaho Territorial Capitol replica building blue prints.

Estate of Ernie & Betty Davis - Nigg's Bargain Store 1926 National cash register and rubber stamp.

Gayle Y. Pratt Way - 1929 Birth certificate of Gayle Y. Pratt Way, St. Joseph Hospital, Lewiston, Idaho.

Jim Lambert - Lewiston area scene of the confluence, c.1908-1922.

Garfield County Museum - Columbia House Hotel photograph, Lewiston, Idaho.

Larry Dean - 1957 Lewiston-Clarkston Telephone Directory.

Janice Dumbauld - Club McCoy of Lewis-Clark Hotel matchbook.

Jeri McGuire - Jack's Place menu; infant clothing worn by Jeri and her siblings, c.1941-44.

Spokane Valley Heritage Museum - 1899 Grand Army Republic souvenir medal; 1899 12th Annual Encampment G.A.R. ribbon.

DAR - Lewiston and Spokane newspaper clippings of miscellaneous Idaho and Nez Perce County history; Lewis-Clark Trail Blazer of Lewiston CCC newspapers of January-September 1937; 1889-93 photographs of Alice Fletcher and Chief Joseph.

Diane Tippett - 1956-70 Scrapbook of Nez Perce County Cowbells (Idaho-NPC Cattle Women).

Judy Hoffman - POW/MIA metal bracelet in honor of Roderick Lewis Mayer, Lewiston, Idaho; Lewiston Morning Tribune newspaper article regarding Mayer.

Ben Munger - Promotional items of McMonigle Chevrolet and letterheads; Lewiston area scene photographs.

Ron & Kelly Warner - 1900 Spalding Train Depot photograph.

Alice June Davis - *The Story of the Ghost Wind Stallions* book by Don LaLonde of 1990.



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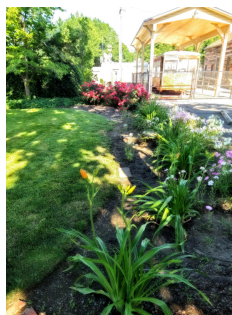
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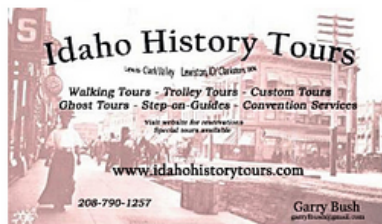
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