

# Post Falls Historical Society Newsletter

## Summer 2024

### *From the President's Desk: Great things happening*

**A**s summer is winding down, the Post Falls Historical Society volunteers continue to welcome visitors and residents alike at the museum. As a reminder, the board meets monthly at the museum on the third Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. — your attendance and input are always welcome!

Another thing you can do if you value preserving our local history along with wanting to support the museum's continuing efforts is to let our city leaders know by writing a letter or sending an email of support to Mayor Jacobson and the City Council saying so. The larger and more united our voices are, the better!

Speaking of community support and engagement, thanks to a generous donation earlier this year from Rosemary Manor AND your membership dues and donations, I am happy to report some recent accomplishments with regards to preservation efforts. At the August board meeting, we voted to install new ultraviolet filtering roller shades in the four large windows at the museum.

This effort should greatly reduce the damaging effects of sunshine that fades and degrades displays. It will also reduce our electric bills — there's a lot of air conditioning needed to stay somewhat cool in the summer.

Secondly, the board voted to purchase a dehumidifier to place in the basement. After spending many thousands of dollars in 2023 to remove mold, we have taken steps to help eliminate one of the sources — overly humid air.

A new rain gutter was installed on the north side of the museum earlier this year. We still have water seepage into the basement when it rains but, hopefully, the City of Post Falls will help remedy this situation as we work together to preserve the museum building.

Please help Idaho's 7<sup>th</sup> largest town begin the process of ushering in our nation's 250 birthday celebration as we prepare to offer programs and history lessons over the next three years.



*Members of the Post Falls Historical Society board and other supporters gladly accept a \$2,500 donation from Rosemary Manor earlier this summer. Funds came from sales of a special line of wine that included the historic Chapin Building on the label. (John Vacca photo, used with permission.)*

I hope to see many of you at our kickoff event, "Harvest & History – Celebrating Our Agriculture & Historic Roots – Past, Present & Future," on September 12 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Rosemary Manor/Post Falls Winery. Be sure to read all about the exciting event in the flyer on Page 2.

Visit our new website to purchase tickets to support the first of many 250<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations of the USA. All proceeds benefit our mission and efforts to maintain the museum.

For more information about the America250 In Idaho initiative, please visit Idaho's official government website at: <https://america250.idaho.gov/>

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Sincerely,

**Catherine McClintick**, President, Post Falls Historical Society

# Post Falls Historical Society Presents

## Harvest & History

*Celebrating our Agriculture & Historic Roots  
... Past, Present & Future*

LOCAL HISTORIAN STAN WILLS, OWNER OF THE SPOKANE  
FLAG MUSEUM AND A MEMBER OF THE SONS OF THE  
AMERICAN REVOLUTION, WILL BE OUR GUEST SPEAKER AS  
HE TIES POST FALLS' HISTORY WITH GEORGE WASHINGTON'S  
FAMILY.



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SEP  
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THURSDAY

**5:30 - 7:30 PM**

Rosemary Manor/Post Falls Winery

763 S. Manor Heights Drive, Post Falls, ID

**\$25 PER  
PERSON,  
INCLUDES  
LIGHT  
MEAL. WINE  
AVAILABLE  
FOR PURCHASE**

[POSTFALLSMUSEUM.ORG](http://POSTFALLSMUSEUM.ORG)

Advance Ticket purchase

All proceeds to benefit the Post Falls Historical Society &  
upkeep of the historic Chapin Building



**LIMITED SEATING - BUY YOUR TICKETS ONLINE  
@ [POSTFALLSMUSEUM.ORG](http://POSTFALLSMUSEUM.ORG)**







This spring the Post Falls Historical Society was able to participate in a Small Business Lighting upgrade program coordinated by Avista. Mark Heikkila, VP - Sales of Teremark Electrical Group and his assistants Jamal and Austin, retrofitted all of the museum's old lighting with LED lamps. It has been wonderful working with Mark and his crew on this project. We appreciate their help! Visitors and volunteers will also appreciate the brighter lights. *From left: Jamal, Austin, and Mark in the museum's Veteran's room*

## Grateful appreciation for the following new and renewing members for 2024!

Ed & Julie Adamchak  
 Bill & Sharon Alexander  
 Bonnie Babcock  
 Ron & Sally Barnett  
 Courtney Beebe  
 Patricia Bentley  
 Bob & Dorene Berard  
 Donna Rae Bradley  
 Sheryl Snyder Brandon  
 Jim Brooks, Bulldog Seamless  
 Rain Gutters  
 Lew & Kim Brown  
 Helen Burge \*  
 Fay Carpenter  
 Judy Cowan  
 Keelan & Cara Dickson,  
 Rosemary Manor  
 Margret Evenson, Annie  
 Evenson Mader, Louise  
 Shepherd  
 Fairway Floor Inc  
 Bob Frazey  
 Ed & Nancy Frazey

Ted Fredekind  
 David & Linda Gibson  
 Ginno Construction, Rich  
 Wells  
 Jim Guy  
 Waylon & Laura Harness \*  
 Ken & Anita Hunt  
 April Ice  
 Bob & Eileen Ickes  
 Jacklin Land Company  
 Robert Jacobs II  
 Roxanna Johnson  
 Bruce & Liz Jones  
 Margaret Joseph \*  
 Bruce & Amy Kelly  
 Ken Koentopp  
 Gregory & Cindy Lucas  
 Joslyn Mack  
 Catherine McClintick  
 Cheryl McHale \*  
 Cindy Mead  
 Warren & Dana Merritt

Gary & Jo Miller  
 Charley & Phillis Mixon  
 John & Nancy Nation  
 Charlotte Newman  
 Richard Nordstrom  
 Fred & Mary Ostermeyer,  
 Managed Resources  
 Christene Pappas  
 Marvin Patzer  
 Louise Paulson  
 Rusty & Sara Pence  
 Lisa Peterson  
 Jeannie Peugh  
 Post Falls Community  
 Volunteers  
 Post Falls Kiwanis  
 Post Falls Lions Club  
 Debra Raymer  
 John & Teresa Reynolds  
 Jane Robertson  
 Pam Rodkey  
 Shelley Ruff  
 Kathryn Russell

Dorothy Satchwell  
 Suzanne Schmidt  
 Schneidmiller Family Farms  
 Elwin Schutt  
 Seright's Ace Hardware  
 Robert & Marilyn Shay  
 Chuck Smith  
 Gene Soper  
 Ryan & Katie St Marie \*  
 Super 1 Foods  
 Kaiti Tesar  
 Todd & Dawn Tondee  
 Sonja Uihlein  
 Frank Volz  
 Brian Watkins \*  
 Rhonda Wilks  
 Susie Mead Williams  
 Carol Yost  
 John & Cindy Zapotocky \*

**\*Welcome new members!**

## Post Falls Historical Society Board of Directors

### **Officers:**

*President:* Catherine McClintick

*Vice President:* Sara Pence

*Secretary:* Joe Butler

*Treasurer:* Carol Yost

*Immediate Past President:* Judy Cowan

### **Board Members:**

Kim Brown

Cindy Mead

Louise Paulson

Jane Robertson

Brian Watkins

Ted Fredekind (Emeritus)

# Celebrating preservation efforts



In June the museum received a wonderful donation of memorabilia and photos from the Cottage Hotel and the Young family, which owned and operated the establishment.

Lisa Ballou is the great-granddaughter of Annie Young Courchaine, one of the daughters of Sam and Ann Young. Included in the donation was a travel diary written by the then 19-year-old Annie Young as she traveled to England with her parents in 1907. Also included in the donation were two platters, a set of salt and pepper shakers, and a desk bell from the hotel.

*Left: Rich and Lisa Ballou display a photo of the Young's Cottage Hotel. Right, the donated items.*



A new display cabinet was recently gifted to the museum by Carol Halverson Blomgren and her husband Dave Blomgren.

It will store a variety of items, starting with historic fire department apparel, equipment, and reference materials.

Board member Judy Cowan arranged to have the cabinet moved from Spokane to the museum by Spokane Movers.

The cabinet, with glass protection still attached, arrived at the museum Aug. 9. The glass top and shelving were reinstalled the next day.

*Above:*

Back row, from left, Zachary Zschoche, William Hirata, Garritt Coll, Shane Bingham of Spokane Movers (and a 2008 Post Falls High School graduate!), volunteers Louise Paulson, Kim Brown and Ted Fredekind.

Front row: Volunteers Catherine McClintick and Judy Cowan.

*Right:*

William Hirata, Garritt Coll (on lift), Shane Bingham (2008 Post Falls High School graduate) and Historical Society Board Past President Judy Cowan.





# Get to know the society board: Brian Watkins



Additions to this year's society board of directors have included two familiar faces, longtime volunteers Jane Robertston and Louise Paulson.

We also welcomed a new member: Brian Watkins. Along with wanting to learn our community's history, he also has offered great suggestions for better outreach, including an improved website.

Over the summer, Brian took the lead in building a site that not only looks great, but allows visitors to securely make donations,

renew memberships, or buy event tickets. Visitors can also request tours, learn about the museum, and more.

## **How long have you lived in the Post Falls area?**

My wife and I moved from Southern California a little over a year ago. However, I'm no stranger. I graduated high school in northern Spokane and earned my bachelor's degree from Eastern Washington University in 2008.

## **Why were you interested in being part of**

## **the museum board?**

I am currently a graduate student in the museum studies program at Johns Hopkins University. My goal is to further my understanding of nonprofit management and museum administration. Serving on the museum board enables me to apply my knowledge into real-world practice.

## **What unique background/skills do you have that can enhance the organization?**

I have been working and volunteering with museums since 2010, with my main interest being in Natural History museums. I have experience working as a gallery interpreter, fossil preparator, and in collections management. While at the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County, I participated in numerous field expeditions to Arizona and New Mexico to excavate and collect dinosaur fossils for the museum's collection.

## **What do you like to do for fun?**

When I'm not caring for my reptiles, I enjoy exploring the Badlands of Montana to hunt for fossils.



When Idaho Veneer donated a large circular saw blade to the museum, a large wooden frame was used to transport it. The museum kept the frame to use for displays. With the arrival of the new display case shown on page 4, the wooden frame was moved to the east wall of the museum. Mike Kohoutek (1973 Post Falls High School graduate) built a wonderful stand for the circular wooden frame. Now the wooden piece no longer has to lean against the wall and can be moved as needed. Thank you, Mike!

Society members created and donated Silent Auction items at the Post Falls Community Picnic



## **Would you like to join the Historical Society?**

Support from our members allows us to keep the Post Falls Museum open and educate the community.

Members also receive free admission to several other museums statewide, plus a great newsletter.

Join or renew today!

**The Post Falls Historical Society is a 501(c)3 volunteer non-profit organization sharing and preserving local history since 1988.**

**The board meets at 6 p.m. the third Wednesday of each month. Everyone is welcome and attendance is also available by Zoom meeting.**

# *Join the Post Falls Historical Society Today!*

Membership in our society allows us to keep our museum open and available to the community.

*Invite your family, friends and neighbors to join as well!*

**Together we can preserve our past for the future.**

Make membership/renewal checks payable to **Post Falls Historical Society**

Mail to:

Post Falls Historical Society  
PO Box 57  
Post Falls ID 83877

## **2024 Membership:**

☐ **Renewal** - *Thank you!*

☐ **New Member** - *Welcome!*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Level: (Check one)

\_\_\_\_\_ Individual \$20

\_\_\_\_\_ Family \$30

\_\_\_\_\_ Business/Contributor \$100

I'm interested in helping!

\_\_\_\_\_ Board Member

\_\_\_\_\_ Education

\_\_\_\_\_ Events and Activities

\_\_\_\_\_ Museum Host

\_\_\_\_\_ Other:

***Visit the Post Falls Historical Society Museum at 101 E 4th Ave, Post Falls***

***Contact Information: Museum: (208) 262-9642***

***Email address: [postfallshistoricalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:postfallshistoricalsociety@gmail.com)***

***NEW Website: [postfallsmuseum.org](http://postfallsmuseum.org)***