

Post Falls Historical Society Newsletter

Winter 2024/2025

From the President's Desk: Bridging the Past to the Present

Thank you for your support through membership, donations, volunteering, and preservation efforts. We had a productive 2024 working on a building 'fix-it' list. The latest improvements have been the installation of heated gutter cables in our new rain gutter and downspout, and solar shades in the four large windows of the Post Falls Museum.

Your board has met faithfully on the third Wednesday of each month, 6:00 PM, at the Post Falls Museum. Meetings are open to the public.

We need YOU! We LOVE volunteers! Won't you please help? Can you spare three hours a week to volunteer at the Post Falls Museum to keep the doors open mid-May through October? We also need board and committee members.

Do you have a collection of items related to the Post Falls area or history that you would like to temporarily display at the museum? We have cabinet space available for use by the public with prior approval from the PFHS Board. Please contact us at: (208) 262-9642 or postfallshistoricalsociety@gmail.com.

In 2026 the USA will celebrate its 250th birthday. See what the Great State of Idaho has in the works at <https://america250.idaho.gov/> and how we can bring the celebration to Post Falls.

Our annual meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 29, 2025, 5:00 PM, at the Post Falls Library in meeting room #1. Please attend to hear the latest updates and elect new officers. The meeting will be offered online; email us by January 28th to request a Zoom invitation.

I hope to see you at the annual meeting.

Happy New Year,

Catherine McClintick, President

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Thanks to all the staff at Advanced Blinds and Awnings for all their help with the newly installed sun shade blinds. *Photo courtesy of museum volunteer.*



Learn all about our activities at [postfallsmuseum.weebly.com/](https://postfallsmuseum.org) or on our Facebook page!

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Grateful appreciation to these 2024 new and renewing members!

Ed & Julie Adamchak	Ted Fredekind	Gary & Jo Miller	Suzanne Schmidt
Bill & Sharon Alexander	David & Linda Gibson	Charley & Phillis Mixon	Schneidmiller Family Farms
Alice Post Amspoker	GINNO Construction, Rich Wells	John & Nancy Nation	Elwin Schutt
Bonnie Babcock	Jim Guy	Charlotte Newman	Seright's Ace Hardware
Ron & Sally Barnett	Waylon & Laura Harness *	Richard Nordstrom	Robert & Marilyn Shay
Courtney Beebe	Ken & Anita Hunt	Fred & Mary Ostermeyer, Managed Resources	Chuck Smith
Patricia Bentley	April Ice	Christene Pappas	Leo Solis
Bob & Dorene Berard	Bob & Eileen Ickes	Marvin Patzer	Gene Soper
Donna Rae Bradley	Jacklin Land Company	Louise Paulson	Ryan & Katie St Marie *
Sheryl Snyder Brandon	Robert Jacobs II	Rusty & Sara Pence	Super 1 Foods
Jim Brooks, Bulldog	Roxanna Johnson	Lisa Peterson	Kaiti Tesar
Seamless Rain Gutters	Bruce & Liz Jones	Jeannie Peugh	Todd & Dawn Tondee
Lew & Kim Brown	Margaret Joseph *	Post Falls Community Volunteers	Sonja Uihlein
Helen Burge *	Bruce & Amy Kelly	Post Falls Kiwanis	Frank Volz
Fay Carpenter	Elaine Adkins Kimball	Post Falls Lions Club	Brian Watkins *
Judy Cowan	Ken Koentopp	Debra Raymer	Rhonda Wilks
Keelan & Cara Dickson, Rosemary Manor	Gregory & Cindy Lucas	John & Teresa Reynolds	Susie Mead Williams
Margret Evenson, Annie Evenson Mader, Louise Shepherd	Joslyn Mack	Jane Robertson	Carol Yost
Fairway Floor Inc	Catherine McClintick	Pam Rodkey	John & Cindy Zapotocky *
Bob Frazey	Cheryl McHale *	Shelley Ruff	
Ed & Nancy Frazey	Cindy Mead	Kathryn Russell	*Welcome new members!
	Warren & Dana Merritt	Dorothy Satchwell	

Thank you to the following members who have already renewed their 2025 membership!

Ron & Sally Barnett	Fay Carpenter	Suzanne Schmidt	Carol Yost
Lew & Kim Brown	John & Nancy Nation	Robert & Marilyn Shay	

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)

Historical Society recognizes early business leaders



The Waterhouse residence on 4th Avenue was recently sold, and in December it was torn down.

Since 1945, it was the home of Ray and Elmarie Waterhouse, who raised three children there and were active members of the Post Falls community.

Elmarie lived there until age 103.

Prior to Ray and Elmarie purchasing

the home, it was owned by Simeon and Almeda Berry, Ohio natives who moved to this area to farm. They also ran a boarding house in the home, which was located between Samuel and Ann Young's home and Oscar Reynolds' garage.

Today, the Young home is the Republic Kitchen + Taphouse.

The garage offered car repairs and blacksmithing services. The building was part of French Cleaners, which also was torn down in December to make room for a multi-story mixed use building, including apartments.



Elmarie Waterhouse and her son Mike in 2022.

Simeon and Almeda are buried at Evergreen Cemetery.

This year, the Post Falls Historical Society plans to offer a series of cemetery tours where we share the stories of past members of the community.



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.

Upcoming cemetery tours will share stories

If you would like to share any memories or stories of the Waterhouse family or the Berry family, please contact, Society Cemetery Tour chairperson, Kim Brown c/o postfallshistoricalsociety@gmail.com.

In honoring and recognizing Post Falls' citizen contributions to the history of the United States and its 250th birth of American Independence, the Society joins citizens throughout the United States in recognizing

past and present citizen contributions to United States history. This includes pioneer history, business, family, and veteran history.

Preservation projects include photo preservation, oral and video histories and article displays at the Post Falls Museum. Contact the Post Falls Historical Society office at (208) 262-9642 for more information about sharing and preserving your family history.

The Post Falls Historical Society invites all society members and any interested members of the public to learn of ways to be involved with the **American250-ID** program. A meeting will be held Saturday, March 15th, 2 to 4 p.m. at the Post Falls Library. Michelle Fansler, a Post Falls resident and employee of the Library Network will be sharing her genealogical ties to George Washington and the Washington family. Michelle is very familiar with several aspects of the America250 program. Please come enjoy the program and help us plan to celebrate our nation's 250th birthday!

Left: On November 6th and 7th this past fall, 33 students and 14 adults from Genesis Prep Academy toured the museum over the two days. Pictured is Kim Brown, Society Board member and volunteer as she began the tour with a talk of how history begins with all of us.



Our Historical Society Mission:

WE **collect** photographs, stories, memories, oral video histories, veterans' information, and artifacts.

WE **preserve** our information in files, in our Past Perfect museum software (a work in progress), in historic signage, and in our newsletter publications.

WE **share** our history at the Post Falls Museum with students, visitors, and newcomers.

WE **share** history with online researchers, in historic presentations, and in writing.

Our VOLUNTEERS work to achieve all of the above.

Please join us in supporting this important work.

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

2025 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

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