

# POST FALLS HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

## SUMMER 2025



*Photo by Kim Brown*

Michelle Fansler, one of our new Society members, recently shared some of her Washington Family history and stories at the Post Falls Library as part of the Society's promotion America250-ID in Post Falls. Michelle shared genealogical information on her family roots in England, immigration to the colonies, and the formative years of our country's Independence with our first president, George Washington.

Michelle is very active in the Daughters of the American Revolution and is the outgoing regent. She also brings history to life as part of the DAR's Community Classroom Committee.

She lives with her husband, Vic, in Post Falls and has two

grown children. She is a business manager for the Community Library Network and is an avid reader and student of history.

Michelle also plans to participate in the America250-ID Oral History program to preserve additional portions of her family's story. If you or your family member wants to participate in the program, please contact the Post Falls Historical Society at 208-292-9642 or by email at [postfallshistoricalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:postfallshistoricalsociety@gmail.com).

*Photo by Vic Fansler*



## **From the President's Desk:**

The museum is open for the 2025 season. Be sure to bring any summer visitors you may have to visit and learn more about our area's history. This year we can be open four days a week thanks to several new volunteers!

Our annual ice cream social is slated for Saturday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, which coincides with Post Falls Festival. Please stop by for a cold scoop beginning at 10 AM ... until we run out!

We want to thank the City of Post Falls for hooking up our newish rain gutter downspout to a newly installed dry well in the grassy area just east of the museum building! This should improve the dispersion of rainwater, keeping it away from the 102-year-old building's foundation. See photos on page 3.

If you have a passion for history and would like to give back to the community, please consider becoming a Post Falls Historical Society Member and/or renewing your annual dues, volunteering a few hours a week to welcome visitors to the museum, or serving on our board. We are a pleasant bunch to hang out with and would welcome the opportunity to share in the fun we have keeping our history alive and meeting and greeting visitors.

Have a great summer!

Catherine McClintick, President

Post Falls Historical Society

<https://postfallsmuseum.org>

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2025 Hours of Operation

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday – 11 AM to 3 PM

Saturday – 10 AM to 4 PM

And by appointment

**Special museum tours** were given this spring to three different schools: In April Classical Christian Academy 6<sup>th</sup> graders of 13 students and 6 adults toured the museum. On May 14<sup>th</sup> St Dominic's Girls School 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class of 18 students and 3 adults visited. And on May 22<sup>nd</sup> 55 students and about 35 adults from Seltice Elementary 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classes visited the museum and other sites in the area. If you know of a school group that would like to visit our museum, please contact us to schedule a tour. Times are contingent on museum volunteer availability. Many thanks to Kim Brown for her opening tour remarks.

Seltice Elementary tour.  
Photo by Cindy Mead



### **Post Falls Historical Society Board of Directors**

#### **Officers:**

*President:* Catherine McClintick

*Vice President:* Brian Watkins

*Secretary:* Kim Brown

*Treasurer:* Carol Yost

#### **Board Members:**

Joe Butler

Judy Cowan

Cindy Mead

Louise Paulson

Jane Robertson

Gavin Villarreal

Ted Fredekind (Emeritus)

## Grateful appreciation to these 2025 new and renewing members!

Ed & Julie Adamchak	Elaine Kimball	Seltice Mobile Park	David & Paige Russell *
Avista	Terry & Catherine McClintick	Peery Family Chief Seltice Mobile Park	Suzanne Schmidt
Ron & Sally Barnett	Cindy Mead	Frank & Jeannie Peugh	Robert & Marilyn Shay
Donna Rae Bradley	Warren & Dana Merritt	Post Falls Community	Susan Snodderley *
Lew & Kim Brown	John & Nancy Nation	Ambassadors	Ryan & Katie St Marie
Fay Carpenter	Richard Nordstrom	Debra Raymer	Gavin Villarreal *
Michelle Fansler *	Fred & Mary Ostermeyer,	Jane Robertson	Brian Watkins
Ted Fredekind	Managed Resources	Pam Rodkey	Carol Yost
Waylon & Laura Harness	Chris Pappas	Royal Neighbors Post Falls	
Scot Haug *	Marvin Patzer	Shelley Ruff	
Roxanna Johnson	Jeanie Cooper Peery, Chief		

**\*Welcome new members!**

### IDAHO HERITATGE TRUST FUNDS POST FALLS HISTORICAL SOCIETY-MUSEUM GUTTER PROJECT

What about your red, white and blue license plates? Did you know that the Idaho Heritage Trust is a child of the Idaho Centennial (1890-1990)? Fifty cents from each license plate goes into the Idaho Heritage Trust, which funds preservation of historic structures throughout Idaho.

In Post Falls, the Idaho Heritage Trust has worked with Society members to preserve Post Falls historic structures including:

- Mullan Statue restoration
- The Old Church (the Jacklin Arts and Culture Center)
- Corbin Ditch Headgate (the Spokane Valley Irrigation Canal)
- North Gutter of the Chapin Building (owned by the City of Post Falls), preserved by the Society as our town's Museum

Special Thanks to Catherine McClintick, Cindy Mead, Carol Yost, and our membership for support of the gutter restoration project.

River City Electric and Bulldog Seamless Gutters installed a new gutter system and electric bead to prevent ice jams under the supervision of John Beacham, City Public Works Director.

### **SPECIAL THANKS TO THE IDAHO HERITAGE TRUST!**

*By Kimberly Rice Brown, Past President  
Society Volunteer Grant Writer*



New gutter and downspout on north side of museum. From left: Cindy Mead, Catherine McClintick and John Beacham.

*Photo by Kim Brown*

Catherine McClintick pointing to the new dry well installed by the City of Post Falls to drain roof water away from the Museum.

*Photo by Cindy Mead*



### **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.*



Local history programs of possible interest.

## PATRICK HENRY



Patrick Henry

In the early days of this country there was much debate as to whether or not we should leave England and set forth on our own. A bold man stood up to answer that question. Known as the "Son of Thunder", Patrick Henry certainly had a voice that carried in volume but what he said still echoes throughout the annals of history. Come hear the very speech that made him so famous.

Presented by Logan Creighton. Logan has been teaching history for almost 25 years and is renowned for his ability to make history come alive. Wearing authentic garb and donning the mannerisms of his subject, Logan will enthrall you with stories of great men of the past. This is as close to time travel as you can get.

**When:** Thursday, July 17th

**Where:** His Place Church, Post Falls

**Time:** 6:00 pm

## The Bullet Proof Washington



George Washington

renowned as the "Father of his country", but he did not just suddenly appear during the American Revolution. His was a well known name long before that time. What was he known for? What lessons learned early on shaped him into the leader this country needed? How was his life preserved even in the face of certain death? Come join us for a unique first person presentation on the early life and military career of Washington.

This presentation will be given by Logan Creighton who is renowned for his ability to make history come alive. Wearing authentic garb, Logan will enthrall you with stories of Washington's early life told as if he was Washington. This is as close to time travel as you can get.

**When:** Thursday June 19th

**Where:** His Place Church, Post Falls

**Time:** 6:00 pm

## FATHER CATALDO



Father Cataldo

How does an unassuming sickly Italian Jesuit put the northwest on the map? Spokane, Coeur d'Alene, Selkirk, Gonzaga, why are all these names so tied to that of Cataldo? Who is this man called "Last of the Black Robes"? The legacy of Father Cataldo is a long and deep one that affects everyone in the northwest yet few know who he is. Come hear his story and be inspired by his devotion to the cause that every passing day he was willing to lay down his life for.

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**When:** Thursday August 21st

**Where:** His Place Church, Post Falls

**Time:** 6:00 pm

Don't forget to join us for our Post Falls Festival Ice Cream Social on July 12th.

### *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.

POST FALLS  
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JOIN US

*Enjoy Delicious Ice Cream Together @ the Museum!*

Saturday, July 12th, 10 AM - 4 PM

Bring your friends and family!



# ***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***

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

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