

Snake River Heritage Center

The mission of the Snake River Heritage Center is to bring together and preserve the heritage of the region, to promote the enjoyment of cultural, educational, and historical

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In preparation for finishing another room on the third floor of the museum, we have gotten quotes for the electrical work. This includes pulling new wires to the lights and switches, and installing electrical outlets in the two southwest rooms. This work is nearly finished. Redoing the walls will have to wait for either grants or more money coming into the museum coffers. We are also getting estimates on the work needed in the auditorium. We'd like to re-vamp and modernize the lighting. With the stage expansion, it is often difficult for the musicians to see their music. The present stage lights are wholly inadequate and questionable for safety. We'd like to install new light-blocking drapes on the windows in order to better control the light conditions in the auditorium. The present Venetian blinds are not adequate for this purpose. We also need to buy new seats. The current seats have rivets that are wearing out, causing the seats to collapse, which is creating a safety hazard. We feel these upgrades are warranted and hopefully we can find the funds to cover the cost of the upgrades

Lynn Isaacson, Vice President

Annual Report from Our President

Wes Higgins

It has been another great year for the Snake River Heritage Center and Museum. We are continuing to see changes and improvements. The focus is now on the third floor as rooms are being readied for displays. This process includes new electrical wiring, wall repair and replacement, paint, etc. After years of being boarded up and dark, the third floor hall window has been replaced with a new egress window. What a joy to see the light!

Another area we are working on is the continuing update of the auditorium. The auditorium is getting lots of use and needs new lighting, window coverings, and a better sound system. Of course, the limiting factor to how soon things are accomplished seems always to be money. Grants are being applied for, but that is a slow and iffy process. Considering the museum's limited budget, much is being accomplished, and the thanks for that goes to our great staff of volunteers and board members.

Speaking of the auditorium, the Weiser Youth Symphony's spring concert was fantastic. If you have never attended one of the concerts you are missing out. Their next concert, the always popular Pops Concert, is scheduled for Friday, June 7th. Make plans to attend.

Always out in the forefront of needs for the museum is an elevator. It is disheartening when we see those who would love to tour our museum, use the ballroom, or attend an activity in the auditorium turned away because of the steps and stairways. Please keep Snake River Heritage Center in mind when making yearly donations. There is also another way you can help that will cost you nothing extra— Please consider using Amazon Smile and mark SRHC as the charitable organization of your choice. It will add nothing to your cost, but will benefit the museum greatly! Please pass this on to your friends and neighbors.

This past year we reluctantly accepted the resignation of one of our long-time board members, Pat Womack. We will miss her service and dedication. On a happier note, we have two new board members. Denise Rasmussen, whose primary focus will be scheduling the use of the auditorium, ballroom, and alumni tea room. Denise can be reached at: 208-550-0028. Our other new board member is Kaitlyn Higgins, who will be keeping track of the museum store inventory, among other projects. I wish to welcome them both. If you are interested in helping at the museum, please contact any one of the board members.

I want to encourage you to visit. We have one of the best museums in the area. We do not charge admission (though we gladly accept donations), we give personal tours, and we're always friendly. Bring your families and friends. The museum is open Fridays and Saturdays during the summer months, all week long during Fiddle Week, and we'll give special tours almost any time.

For tours call one of the following: Wes Higgins, 208-549-2537, or Lynn Isaacson, 208-549-0174, or Dottie Emert, 2080-549-1673

THIS PAST YEAR WE HAVE BEEN FOCUSED ON KEEPING OUR FILES UP TO DATE, ACCESSIONING INCOMING ARTICLES, REARRANGING EXISTING EXHIBITS, AND CREATING NEW ONES.

SANDRA HANSEN HAS HELPED US GO THROUGH, CLEAN UP, AND ACCESSION THE ARTICLES IN THE TWO STORE ROOMS ON THE THIRD FLOOR. MANY ITEMS HAVE BEEN STORED AND CATEGORIZED PROPERLY IN THE BASEMENT STORE ROOMS, AND OTHERS HAVE BEEN READIED FOR STORAGE IN THE DESIGNATED STORE ROOM ON THE THIRD FLOOR. SANDRA HAS ALSO HELPED IN ACCESSIONING THE MANY ITEMS THAT HAVE COME IN NEW.

WE HAVE RECEIVED THE HARRIS/SCHELOSKE FAMILY ARTIFACTS AND PICTURES, AND ARE IN THE PROCESS OF GETTING THESE HISTORICAL ITEMS READY FOR DISPLAY IN THE "EARLY SETTLERS" ROOM ON THE THIRD FLOOR. THE ROOM HAS BEEN WIRED FOR ELECTRICITY BY THE FAMILIES, AND THEY ARE IN THE PROCESS OF PAINTING AND RENOVATING IT FOR THE UPCOMING EXHIBIT. JERI KLEPPIN IS BUSY WITH THE MANY HUNDREDS OF PHOTOS THE FAMILY HAS SUPPLIED.

KAREN MILLIGAN AND VERLA SMITH HAVE CREATED A NEW DISPLAY ON THE SECOND FLOOR. OUR BEAUTIFUL "FLAPPER ERA" DRESSES AND ARTIFACTS ARE NOW READY FOR THE COMING SEASON. THESE LADIES HAVE ALSO SPENT MUCH TIME BRINGING THE "SCHOOL ROOM" UP TO SNUFF, AND ARE COMPLETING A DISPLAY ON THE THIRD FLOOR LANDING USING ARTIFACTS FROM THE 50'S. THESE TWO ARE ALSO ENGAGED IN DEEP CLEANING OUR ROOMS IN ADVANCE OF OUR SPRING OPENING, MAY 31ST.

WE HAVE BEEN PRIVILEGED TO HAVE GIVEN A GREAT NUMBER OF PRIVATE TOURS THROUGHOUT THE WINTER. MANY TIMES PEOPLE READ OUR LITTLE SIGN ON THE FRONT DOOR, GIVE US A CALL, AND WE COME AND SHOW THEM THROUGH THE MUSEUM.

WE ARE SO GRATEFUL TO BE GETTING ELECTRICITY ON THE THIRD FLOOR. WE'RE ALSO GRATEFUL FOR GAIL WHITE AND HER TRUSTY SANDER WORKING ON THE HALLWAY FLOOR UP THERE. SHE'S APPLIED THE FINAL COAT OF FINISH AND IT REALLY BRINGS OUT THE BEAUTY OF THAT OLD FLOOR. SO MANY STORIES TO TELL. GRATEFUL FOR THE WINDOW IN THAT HALLWAY. IT TAKES AWAY THAT "SPOOKY" FEELING.

WE'VE PLANTED FLOWERS IN THE POTS ON THE FRONT STEPS. WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE "PIZAZZ" THOSE BLOOMS CREATE.
DOTTIE EMERT, BOARD MEMBER

The year of 2017/2018 has been very busy. From October 2017 to September 2018 we brought in \$28,126.05, with expenditures of \$29,579.68. It has been a very good year. We are working hard on some grants to do even more improvements in the coming year.

Chris Hagans, Treasurer

I can hardly believe all the changes and improvements here at the Snake River Heritage Center this year! Things are really coming together and looking great. The amount of hard work and elbow grease that goes into keeping the museum up and running is astounding! And what I find amazing is the number of local folks who have never even visited the museum. Please spread the word about this amazing historical gem. Bring your friends and family. Come take a look at all the cool stuff here. Take advantage of the knowledge of our staff who will give you a really amazing glimpse of history right here in our midst. Hope to see you here soon!
Gailen White, Secretary

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The Museum Board is fortified by all memberships and feels a responsibility to each member. The commitment offered is greatly appreciated! Lifetime memberships are a lasting legacy for you and the Snake River Heritage Center.

We treasure your enthusiasm and support for "our" museum!

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