

Post Falls Historical Society Newsletter

Summer 2023

Mold delays traditional spring opening



The Post Falls Museum has delayed its traditional late May opening due to the presence of mold in the basement.

The society board of directors is currently working with city staff and area environmental contractors to analyze the mold and put a plan together to remove it and keep it from returning. At press time, several area firms have visited and offered estimates.

We're disappointed not to have our traditional opening, but we want to make sure we focus on the health and safety of our volunteers and guests.

Although some amount of moisture is common, especially in older buildings, a volunteer discovered significant amounts of mold in the basement this spring. She felt concerned and alerted others. The city advised keeping the building closed to the public until conditions change.

It is currently not known what items may be affected: the basement is mostly used for storage, so there's a range of everything from Christmas decorations to commemorative steins from past Oktoberfests.

The building is owned by the City of Post Falls but its use is licensed to the Post

Falls Historical Society which has agreed to maintain the interior.

Even if the museum is temporarily closed, the society plans to continue its ongoing mission of historic preservation and community outreach. This includes a 100-year birthday celebration for the Chapin Building July 6 in the courtyard outside City Hall and our ice cream social July 8. If the Chapin Building is fully open at that point, the museum staff will offer tours.

For more information or updates on our opening, please email pfhistorical@roadrunner.com or visit Post Falls Historical Society on Facebook.



COME CELEBRATE!
TASTE & TOAST

THE 100 YEARS OF THE CHAPIN BUILDING
(POST FALLS MUSEUM)

4-6 PM THURSDAY JULY 6, 2023

POST FALLS COMMONS
101 E 4TH AVENUE
ADJACENT TO POST FALLS MUSEUM

- COMPLIMENTARY BIRTHDAY CAKE
- WINE TOAST BY ROSEMARY MANOR WINE, 6TH GENERATION IN POST FALLS
- NO-HOST WINE SAMPLES AVAILABLE
- TAKE YOUR PHOTO WITH THE HISTORIC FIGURINES
- BRING YOUR STORIES ABOUT THE CHAPIN BUILDING TO SHARE



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Kim Brown receives Esto Perpetua award



Left photo: From left, Don Pischner, left, District 1 Trustee for the Idaho State Historical Society, celebrates with Kim Brown, First Lady Theresa Little, and Janet Gallamore, Executive Director of the ISHS. Right, Kim Brown thanked those who nominated her and discussed the value of teamwork. (Lew Brown photo.)

The Idaho State Historical Society presented Kim Brown with its Esto Perpetua award in early June for her historical preservation efforts spanning nearly 40 years.

Kim has been an active member and held leadership positions in the Post Falls Historical Society as well as other community organizations such as the Kootenai County Historic Preservation Commissions, Daughters of the American Revolution, and Toastmasters International.

She was one of two recipients from our region to receive the impressive honor for 2023. Richard Caron from Wallace was the other.

Her award was presented in Boise by Don Pischner, a Post Falls resident and the ISHS District 1 Trustee. In her acceptance, she thanked all those who put the application together and

wrote letters of recommendation.

Kim has held every officer position in the Post Falls Historical Society and has been instrumental in its growth and success. This included everything from working to raise money to repair a damaged statue of John Mullan to working with Ponderosa Elementary students to create a series of historic figures and a history walk.

She worked closely with the Coeur d'Alene Tribe to ensure their heritage is reflected in the community. She also was involved in efforts to find a permanent location for the museum.

Last year, she was society board president but stepped down to focus on the application to add the Chapin building to the National Historic Register. This effort has included putting together a 100-year community birthday party in July.

Volunteer help needed!

If you're a student who needs volunteer service hours, the Post Falls Historical Society can help!

We always have plenty on our to-do list, as well as community events throughout the year where we welcome extra hands.

Don't worry if you're only in middle school or high school or don't know anything about museums! Some tasks, like scooping and serving ice cream, are easy and fun!

We also welcome help documenting and presenting our collections so we are able to better connect with more community members, such as increasing our social media channels or recording someone's memories.

Helping out this summer can also give you a head start on next year's hours for National Honor Society, Scouts, Key Club or other service-focused organizations.

We also always welcome adult volunteers, whether you've been around for a long time or have recently moved to the area and want to learn more about history and heritage.

To learn more, please contact the society.

Post Falls Historical Society Board of Directors

Officers:

President: Judy Cowan
Vice President: Sara Pence
Secretary: Joe Butler
Treasurer: Cindy Mead

Board Members:

Ed Adamchak
Catherine McClintick
Carol Yost
Ted Fredekind (Emeritus)

(2 positions currently open)

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.

We always welcome museum visitors! (when we're open!)



In January, society volunteers Carol Yost and Cindy Mead welcomed new Post Falls residents and their friends with a special tour of the museum. From left: Gregory Lucas, Cindy Lucas, Maria Slotte-Zakrzewski, and Darius Zakrzewski. Maria is from Finland and Darius is from Australia. We love meeting visitors from all around the world! *(Carol Yost photo)*



On February 3, Chrystal Docker brought two members from the Tiger Den of Cub Scout Pack 250 to see the museum. From left, museum volunteers Carol Yost and Cindy Mead welcomed Huckleberry and Bentley. *(Chrystal Docker photo)*

Although public tours of the museum are currently on hold while we focus on maintenance, please contact us if you'd like to arrange a visit or tour in the future for your family, friends, students, church or club, or even if you're just passing through town!

Our 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.**

You are cordially invited to join us in this important work.

Thanks for recent membership renewals!

***A HUGE thank you to our
2023 renewing members:***

Ed & Julie Adamchak	Ostermeyer, Managed Resources
Ron & Sally Barnett	Louise Paulson
Courtney Beebe**	Jeanie Cooper Peery
Pat Bentley	Sara Pence
Donna Rae Bradley	Post Falls Kiwanis**
Lew & Kim Brown	Dorothy Rodkey
Joe Butler	Pam Rodkey
Fay Carpenter	Royal Neighbors, Post Falls Chapter
Joe & Cindy Doellefeld	Shelley Ruff
Wayne, Sherri & Billie Dust	Dorothy Satchwell
Skip & Vickie Eagle	Suzanne Schmidt
Margret Evenson	Chuck Smith
Fairway Floor	Gene Soper
Ed & Nancy Frazey	Kristen Storey- Smrekar
Ted Fredekind	Super 1 Foods
Bob & Eileen Ickes	Frank Volz
Kristy Reed Johnson	Rhonda Wilks
Gregory & Cindy Lucas **	Robert & Sheila Wood
Joslyn Mack	Carol Yost
Cindy Mead	(** Welcome to our new members!)
Warren & Dana Merritt	
Gary & Jo Miller	
Richard Nordstrom	
Fred & Mary	

Would you like to join? It's fun and it's easy!

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

Mark your calendar for upcoming dates!

Thursday July 6.

Taste and Toast! Come and say "Happy Birthday" to the Chapin building. The birthday party will take place in the courtyard outside of Post Falls City Hall from 4-6 p.m. Tasty birthday cake will be provided for all, and Rosemary Manor Winery will provide samples of its wine for age 21-plus. Guests can also share their memories of the Chapin building. *Thank you to the Avista Foundation, the Kootenai County Historic Preservation Commission, Christina Petit and Jamie Lynn Morgan at the Post Falls Chamber, the City of Post Falls, Devin Weeks at the CDA Press and Rosemary Manor for helping make this happen!*

Saturday July 8.

Ice cream social. Following the Post Falls Festival parade, come say hi to volunteers who will be scooping up free ice cream outside the museum for a few hours. This sweet tradition is always a great way to cool off, especially for those going to the car show or other downtown events.

Come join the board!

The Post Falls Historical Society currently has two positions open on our volunteer board of directors. The board's duties include creating programs and activities to help our community preserve its past and make sure there is information available about our area for future generations.

Along with maintaining the Post Falls Museum, members can be involved in other outreach projects such as working with area schools and government, arranging donations, and coordi-

nating with other community groups and organizations to ensure "history" is well-represented.

Members also can be considered for officer positions.

No particular skills or background is required to be a board member – each member can bring their own expertise to the table. Members are asked to attend monthly meetings.

Please let us know if you would like more info!

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

2023 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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