

Museum of North Idaho Annual Report 2018

Through the generous support of our members, volunteers and community, the Museum of North Idaho continues to collect, preserve and interpret the history of the Coeur d'Alene Region.

Founded in 1968, the Museum is governed by a membership-elected, nine-member Board of Directors. We thank these people for serving on the board from April 2018 to April 2019: Pres. Julie Gibbs, V. P. John McTear, Treas. Tom Richards, Sec. Connie McGee, Kristen Rebmann, Mike Dixon, Chip Sitton, Bob Lovitt and Frank Darlington.

Director Dorothy Dahlgren has been on staff since May 1982. Robert Singletary joined us as Public Relations and Marketing Director in May 2012, and CPA Lisa Hunt was hired October 2014 as bookkeeper.

Sharing History

Our top priority in 2018 was to build community awareness about the value of local history and the Museum's role in preserving that history. Our 50th anniversary was an opportunity to fulfill our mission and at the same time build support for expanded programs and a new facility. We showcased the Museum's accomplishments and increased public awareness with our feature exhibit "Keeping History Alive." We told the history of the Museum and showcased our programs and collections helping visitors understand the need for a new facility. In June a free evening open house celebrated our anniversary. We offered several free admission days throughout the season including the 2nd Friday of the month from 5pm to 8pm for Art Walk, Smithsonian Museum Free Day and provided free admission to active duty military families. We also had several exhibits in the Coeur d'Alene Public Library lobby. People enjoyed our historic

photo table-tents in restaurants and the historic photo bookmarks with membership info on the back.

1,189 students visited the Museum; that's over 400 more than in 2017. The 4th graders' admission and bus transportation was funded with donations from Doug and Deidre Chadderdon and Ken and Vickie Roberge. Robert and Dave Eubanks presented North Idaho's history to 1,200 Coeur d'Alene middle and high school students.

Attendance continues to grow with 6,000 visitors in 2018 which is up about 750 from 2017. Where people are from remains about the same with 40% from Kootenai County, Washington 11%, North Idaho 6%, California 7%, Spokane 3%, Mid-West 5% and remainder other areas.

Seventy-five people attended the 2018 annual dinner at the Hayden Lake County Club. The Friend of History award was presented to Don Pischner. Don presented "Keeping History Alive, Museum of North Idaho at 50." In addition Don made two presentations at the Library: "Keeping History Alive" and "The Lost Battalion of WWI." An estimated 70 people attended each program.

Doug Miller and Steve Shepperd organized two hydroplane events. Mike Lehosit at the Hayden Discount Cinema hosted the showing of the films "Madison" and a documentary film "The Roaring Giants." The showings raised \$2,600 for the building fund. Later in the summer the 1958 Miss Bardahl unlimited hydroplane visited the Museum to celebrate the 60th anniversary of Coeur d'Alene's first Diamond Cup, the building of the Miss Bardahl hull, and the Museum's 50th.

Robert Singletary presented historical programs at the Coeur d'Alene library to over 500 people. As part of his public relation activities he attends many meetings. He pre-

sented historical programs to an additional 1,500 people. He offered daily historic walking tours. He organized our North Idaho State Fair booth providing an opportunity for the public to learn more about the Museum. Board members manned the booth promoting the museum and selling our books. Robert wrote numerous historical articles in magazines and newspapers. Several articles were written about Robert, Dorothy and the Museum's 50th anniversary. The Nickel's Worth featured a weekly photo.

People use the Museum's archive and photo collection to research projects, create reports, decorate homes and businesses, and use on several online sites.

We are proud to have received the Idaho State Historical Society's *Esto Perpetua* award. The award honors our work to preserve regional history. This is the highest award given in the state for those working to safeguard Idaho's history.

Publications

Since 1990, the Museum of North Idaho Press has published regional history books providing revenue. Robert Singletary continued work on his book *Coeur d'Alene Beautiful and Progressive*.

Collections

Thirty-one people donated more than 450 artifacts, photos and archival materials to the Museum. University students Katherine Hill and Adelle Kincel, along with Angie Conrow, volunteered during the summer to photograph and inventory historic hats, shoes and dolls. Angie also worked with the archives. Joy Porter worked two days a week inputting information into the collection's database, Pastperfect.

Buildings

Since 1979, the City has provided

our Museum facility next to the City Park rent-free. With the City's long term plan calling for the removal of the building at the park and our need for more room we continue to look for a new site. In May we moved the last artifacts from the NW Blvd. storage building to our storage building on 1st St. The City tore down the structure, relieving us of any cost to remove the building. We continue to maintain the Fort Sherman Chapel.

Volunteers

In 2018, 54 volunteers donated over 2,100 hours to keep the Museum open and help preserve our region's history. Community service workers contributed an additional 200 hours. Several Innercept (they help teens and young adults with mental health issues) clients volunteered at the Museum to gain experience and confidence in the work place. Art Spirit Gallery hosted our volunteer appreciation event in November. We thank Randy Bates and Terri Hunter for tax preparation and Group Argia SA for hosting our website.

*Volunteering over 100 hours

Katharine Baird	Jack McPike
Helen Branson	Bob MacDonald
Carol Brown	Doug Miller
Heather Callahan	*Debbie Mitchell
Scott Cranston	Marshall Mitchell
Angie Conrow	Harrison Mitsanas
Mike Cooney	*Larry O'Leary
Karen DeSeve	Robyn Palmer
Jaqi Dulebohn	Steve Palmer
*Tori Dunning	Don Pischner
Dave Eubanks	*Joy Porter
Buck Fitzpatrick	Claire Reinwald
Joy Fitzpatrick	Jane Robertson
Frame of Mind	Barb Rodstad
*Larry Frei	Joann Schaller
Rocky Gibbs	Mark Schaller
*Lois Grutta	Lynn Schwindel
Margit Halford	Steve Shepperd
Katherine Hill	Linda Shinn
Cathie Hochuli	*Robert Singletary
Geoff Howard	Gene Soper
Hannah Hymovitch	Cheryl Sorenson
Simone Kincaid	Pam Stotts
Terry Kincaid	*David Taylor
Adelle Kincel	John Wood
Blake Langué	*Ian Wright
Tyler Lowe	Ken Wright

Finances

To increase operational funding and the building fund we sent about 600 year-end-giving letters. We printed the materials in house so our cost was very low. We followed up with emails to thank members and ask for additional year-end donations. We had 46 respond with donations and 50 people renewed their membership. In 2018 we had 63 new members join the Museum, about the same as last year. We thank Kootenai County for their annual support.

Operating Income 2018

Admission	16,137.00
County	15,000.00
Donations	10,116.56
Gift Shop	14,811.40
Transfer ICF/interest	9,018.32
Membership	26,191.00
Photo Sales	4,561.40
Programs/Banquet	7,725.00
Total Operating Inc	103,560.68

Operating Expenses 2018

Bank Fees/Amazon	(901.49)
Gift Shop	(8,378.25)
Health Insurance	(4,748.42)
D & O Insurance	(739.00)
Insurance Bldgs	(1,755.00)
Marketing	(2,570.76)
Payroll Director	(46,000.00)
Payroll Bookkeeper	(2,587.50)
Contract Program/PR	(8,400.00)
Payroll taxes	(3,980.59)
Photo Sales Exp	(1,972.42)
Postage	(1,529.74)
Printing	(2,333.78)
Prof Dev-Travel	(648.00)
Repairs & Maint	(1,510.00)
Programs/Banquet	(2,739.30)
Property tax storage	(5.74)
Security	(432.00)
Supplies (artifact care)	(200.78)
Supplies (office)	(1,654.96)
Telephone	(842.39)
Utilities	(4,022.42)
Total Operating Exp	(97,952.54)
Operating Inc/exp	5,608.14

Special Funds

Building Fund

2018 Beginning Bal	203,968.58
2018 Donations	34,088.00
Fund Bal 12/31/18	238,056.58

Endowment Donations 1,320.00

Field Trips

2018 Beginning Bal	1,152.49
Fund Bal 12/31/18	604.98
2018 Donations	600.00
Field Trip bus/adm expenses	(1,147.51)

Book Fund

2018 Beginning Bal	213,551.13
Net book Inc/Exp	28,481.01
Fund Bal 12/31/18	242,032.14
Book Income Sales	29,658.41
Postage income	1,030.22
Total year income	30,688.63
Marketing	-
<i>Cd'A Beautiful & Prog</i>	(144.00)
<i>Ordeal by Fire</i>	
Postage/shipping	(1,104.47)
Pay Pal/Amazon fees	(959.15)
Total year expenses	(2,207.62)

Chapel Fund

2018 Beginning Bal	34,205.98
Net inc/exp	4,858.80
Fund Bal 12/31/18	39,064.78

Chapel Income

Rent	5,082.00
Wedding/Events	4,150.00
Ornaments	273.72
Donations	311.00
Total year income	9,816.72

Chapel expenses

Utilities	(3,323.22)
Repairs/maint	(364.96)
Chapel Insurance	(1,264.00)
Property tax	(5.74)
Total year expenses	(4,957.92)

Collections Fund

2018 Beginning Bal	24,526.08
Income	537.75
Fund Bal 12/31/18	25,063.83

Net Assets

Morgan Stanley 12/2018	564,653.
WT Bank Checking 12/2018	68,094.
ICF Endowment 12/2018	225,656.
Total Net Assets	858,403.



2018 exhibit "Keeping History Alive"