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 2019 to April 2020: Pres. Mike Dixon, V.P. Julie Gibbs, Treas. Tom Richards, Secr. Courtney Beebe, Leanne Campbell, Steve Towlles, Gail Hanninen, Kandi Johnson and Dick Sheldon. We thank John McTear for his service from 2016 to 2019.

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. Jocelyn Whitfield-Babcock joined us part-time as Development Director in August 2019.

**Moving History Forward**

In 2019 our greatest achievement was acquiring and moving the White House. The Mark Launder Family donated the house and worked with us on the schedule for the move.

Jon Mueller and Steve Roth of Architects West were instrumental in bringing together the team, including Rob Johnson, John Swallow, board members Julie Gibb, John McTear, Steve Towlles, Mike Dixon and City of Coeur d’Alene staff Hilary Anderson and Tami Stroud. They put in many hours to see the project through.

Collaborative efforts with the City of Coeur d’Alene, ignitecda and the Tubbs Hill Foundation provided a nominal fee land lease. While our savings paid for the lion’s share of the project, individuals and businesses donated cash, services and materials to the effort. We hired Jim Faucher to lead the capital campaign.

We broke ground for the foundation on September 20 and on November 16 the house was moved from 8th and Sherman to 8th and Young, south of the Coeur d’Alene City Hall. The White House will be the centerpiece for a new museum which will include two wings to provide a premier regional museum space to exhibit and house our history.

**Sharing History**

The Museum inspires a dynamic connection to the unique heritage of the Coeur d’Alene region by celebrating, preserving, exhibiting and sharing history with its community and visitors. 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 free admission to active duty military families. We also had several exhibits in the Coeur d’Alene Public Library lobby.

1,030 students visited the Museum. The 4th graders’ admission and bus transportation was funded with donations from Doug and Deidre Chadderdon and Rod Schobert. Robert Singletary and Dave Ebanks presented North Idaho’s history to 500 Coeur d’Alene middle and high school students.

Museum attendance was 5,852 in 2019. Visitors came from Kootenai County at 37%, Washington 10%, North Idaho 5%, Southern Idaho 5%, California 10%, Spokane 4%, and about 4% for each of the areas in the rest of the country.

In 2019 the annual meeting/dinner was moved to the Coeur d’Alene Inn to accommodate the 116 people who attended. An Idaho Humanities grant covered Jack Nesbit’s talk about John and Carrie Leiberg. The Friend of History award was presented to Jon Mueller for his book Private Park, Public Park: A Story of Coeur d’Alene and its First Park.

Robert Singletary presented historical programs to 980 people including four historical programs at the Library reaching 237 people. The Fort Sherman walking tours continue to be popular. 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 including text for the weekly Nickel’s Worth photo. Board member Dick Sheldon and Robert started a series of historical articles in the Coeur d’Alene Press.

Robert received the Esto Perpetua award from the Idaho State Historical Society. This is a wonderful honor. In past years, Director Dorothy Dahlgren and the Museum have
also received this award. This is the highest award given in the State for those working to safeguard Idaho’s history.

People use the Museum’s archives, especially the photo collection, to research projects, create reports, decorate homes and businesses, and for use on several online sites.

Publications
Since 1990, the Museum of North Idaho Press has published over 25 regional history books. Robert Singletary’s book, Coeur d’Alene Beautiful and Progressive: An Illustrated History of Coeur d’Alene, Idaho 1879-1990, was released in October with an overwhelming response. We also, mail over 800 quarterly newsletters.

Collections
Thirty-four people donated more than 175 artifacts, photos and archival materials to the Museum. The Museum’s collections are searchable in-house in the PastPerfect database.

Buildings
Since 1979, the City has provided our Museum facility next to the City Park rent-free. We maintain the Fort Sherman Chapel for meetings and weddings. The Museum owns a building for large artifacts and general storage. Our smoke chaser’s cabin is at North Idaho College next to the Powder Magazine.

Volunteers
In 2019, 62 volunteers donated over 2,000 hours to keep the Museum open and help preserve our region’s history. Community service workers contributed an additional 175 hours. Sadly, Joy Porter passed away June 26. She had volunteered since 2001. She worked over 500 hours in 2018.

Tori Dunning and Simone Kincaid managed the Museum Store. We thank Terri Hunter for tax preparation and Group Argia SA for hosting our website.

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Joan Baune
Courtney Beebe
Sheryl Brandon
Helen Branson
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D & O Insurance   (747.00)
Fundraising Idaho Gives   (75.00)
Insurance-Buildings   (1,567.00)
Marketing   (1,124.19)
Payroll   (62,326.25)
Payroll taxes   (4,380.18)
Photo sales expenses   (1,467.87)
Postage   (2,382.12)
Printing   (2,736.04)
Publishing   (12,448.15)
Prof Dev/travel   (1,683.44)
Repairs & maint   (1,024.76)
Programs/Banquet   (5,822.52)
Property tax-storage bldg   (5.74)
Security   (720.00)
Supplies (artifact care)   (29.66)
Supplies (office)   (1,164.17)
Telephone   (1,081.42)
Utilities   (3,830.84)

Total Operating Exp   (122,747.20)
Operating Inc/Exp   27,511.88

Special Funds
Building Fund
2019 Beginning Bal   238,056.58
2019 Donations   84,944.00
Transfer from reserves   180,954.67
Disbursements   (415,904.03)
Fund Balance 12/31/19   88,051.22

Chapel Fund
2019 Beginning Bal   39,064.78
Net inc/exp   1,716.53
Fund Bal 12/31/19   40,781.31

Chapel Income
Rent   5,072.00
Wedding/Events   3,296.00
Donations   269.00
Total year income   8,637.00

Chapel Expenses
Utilities   (3,313.26)
Repairs/maint   (2,363.47)
Chapel Insurance   (1,238.00)
Property tax   (5.74)
Total year expenses   (6,920.47)

Collections Fund
Fund Balance 12/31/19   25,063.83

Endowment Donations
Donations 2019   2,937.00

Income All Funds   246,777.08
All Expenses   (545,571.70)
Net   (298,794.62)

Net Assets
Morgan Stanley 12/2019   316,037.60
WT Bank Checking 12/2019   65,764.76
ICF Endowment 12/2019   237,347.69
Total Net Assets   619,150.05