

# 2023 ANNUAL REPORT

 *Latah County Historical Society*



McConnell Mansion watercolor by Bobbi Kelly, painted for our "Eateries and Watering Holes of Latah County" 2024 calendar.

## A YEAR OF OUTREACH

2024 brings with it a sense of accomplishment as we had an outreach event or program during almost every month of the year. We hosted 13 community events, had booths at the Renaissance Faire and Palouse Pride, challenged bakers at the Latah County Fair, completed 91 research inquiries, continued fundraising for the McConnell Mansion Window Project, plus much more.

With everyone's busy schedules, we decided to forego our traditional in-person Annual Membership Meeting once again. The bylaws of the LCHS Board of Directors require yearly business to be conducted in concert with our members.

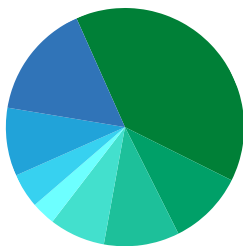
Article IV, Section 4: The Society shall hold a general meeting of the membership annually to hear reports for the year, to approve new Board members, and to conduct such other affairs as may be needful or appropriate...

To complete this work, the society has assembled the following report for the benefit of members. If you have any questions or concerns, please get in touch. Also, let us know if you would prefer a paper copy. Thank you for your membership!

# FINANCIAL REPORT

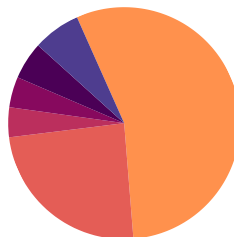
We offered as much free programming as possible and were happy to have regular drop-in hours at the McConnell Mansion thanks to our wonderful volunteer docents. We directed internships for 6 students, gave 20 specialty tours of the Mansion to school groups and community organizations, hosted our regular events like the Ice Cream Social and Victorian Christmas, plus new ones like the Robinson donation unboxing program. Thanks to generous support from our members, business sponsors, and granting agencies, we accomplished all of this and more. Thank you.

**TOTAL INCOME - \$128,103**



Historical Foundation - \$50,000  
Grants/Sponsorships - \$13,124  
Membership - \$13,126  
Donations/Annual Giving - \$9,706  
Fundraising Events - \$4,172  
City of Moscow - \$6,000  
Programs/Gift Store/Other - \$11,850  
McConnell Mansion Windows - \$20,125

**TOTAL EXPENSE - \$113,483**



Employees - \$62,868  
Buildings/Grounds - \$27,602  
Exhibits/Programs - \$4,719  
Communications - \$4,831  
Office/Curatorial Supplies - \$5,933  
Store Stock/Other - \$7,530



# HISTORICAL FOUNDATION

The Latah County Historical Foundation ended the year with a balance of \$1,166,812. The Foundation continues to support the Society.

In 2023, LCHF provided the Society with \$50,000 for operations. The distribution policy states that the Foundation's annual payout cannot exceed the lesser of a) 5% of the balance of the portfolio or b) 4.6% of the five year average balance of the portfolio.



**\$1,166,812**

LCHF portfolio value  
as of Dec. 31, 2023





**\$50,000**

Planned distribution  
to LCHS for 2024



**\$698,000**

Total disbursement to LCHS  
from LCHF since 1998



Donating to the Foundation is a meaningful way to leave a permanent mark on Latah County history!

# HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2023

In 2023 LCHS hosted many of its treasured annual events. The Ice Cream Social, Victorian Christmas, two Suds with a Scholar events, and the Historic Recipe Challenge at the Latah County Fair were all big successes. We provided articles for local publications, continued to have strong attendance at monthly Lula's Library book club meetings, displayed the "Moscow Fashion Through the Decades" intern exhibit, and planned the fun Robinson Unboxing event at the Kenworthy theatre. We received several grants for the McConnell Mansion Window Project and support to make our collection more inclusive by collecting LGBTQ+ artifacts from the community. Your support and membership makes all these things, and more, possible. Together, we ensure that LCHS remains a vibrant and relevant organization.



Top left: Volunteers Jantzen Bates, Kathie LaFortune, Shawn Tiegs, and Sonny Crawford serve at the Ice Cream Social in July. Top right: Tabitha Simmons, Kathy Sprague, Jerry Schutz, Michelle Karel-Ward, and Emma Karel-Ward at Moscow Brewing at our "Out in the Middle of Nowhere" screening. Bottom left: Sandra Kelly discusses Mary McConnell Borah as part of ArtWalk at the Mansion. Bottom right: Ron Meeuf and Joanne Westberg give a school tour at the McConnell Mansion.