Introducing the "Eateries and Watering Holes of Latah County" 2024 wall calendar, featuring original watercolors by renowned local artist Bobbi Kelly.

All proceeds from the sale of this calendar go toward the McConnell Mansion Window Project and the continuing preservation of the McConnell Mansion Historic House Museum.

Buy it now on our website or find it at Book People of Moscow, Café Artista, Moscow Food Co-op, Moscow Chamber of Commerce, and the McConnell Mansion gift shop.

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Hello LCHS members!

The daylight hours may have shortened, but we have still been quite busy here at LCHS. We were lucky enough to collaborate with Sandra Kelly on an exhibit titled “Moscow’s First Daughter: The Life of Mary McConnell Borah.” This exhibit is very special because it describes the life of one of the individuals who lived in McConnell Mansion and what her life was like after she moved away from Moscow. Perhaps one of the most exciting events we were able to host this year was the unboxing of five boxes donated by Alf Robinson, Frank Robinson’s son. We were joined by several individuals who knew and collaborated with Alf in previous years, as well as Idaho Public Television. So far, we have found materials related to Alf’s life in and outside of Moscow, as well as some of Frank’s diaries from the last few years of his life. With the help of volunteers, we have almost completed processing the collection, which means the collection will soon be available for the public to view! We ended the year on a high note with our annual Victorian Christmas event. We were fortunate to have twenty-six bakers and eighteen volunteers to help with the event! It was amazing to see the house decorated and filled with visitors listening to Christmas carolers.

Looking ahead to 2024, we already have some great events planned that you can look forward to. You can start the year off by visiting the Mary McConnell Borah exhibit before it closes at the end of January. Also, we will be participating in the January ArtWalk with an art show featuring watercolor pieces by Bobbi Kelly. Some of the artwork that will be on display will be the original pieces within our 2024 calendar, Eateries and Watering Holes of Latah County. You’ll want to purchase one of these calendars before they are all gone! Lastly, we’ll be the featured organization at the Happy Hog Meatery Meat n’ Greet in February. Stay tuned for future events and programming that we have scheduled for the upcoming year!

2023 has ended and after some reflection, LCHS was able to accomplish so much this year. We are truly grateful for all the time everyone has contributed to LCHS, whether through volunteering, utilizing our research library, or attending our events. You all help make LCHS successful, and we are thankful to be able to serve and educate such an amazing community.

I hope that you have a great holiday season, and we’ll see you in 2024!

- Kaitlynn
Upcoming Events

**MOSCOW'S FIRST DAUGHTER:**
The Life of Mary McConnell Borah

Exhibit runs October through January

McCONNELL MANSION - 110 S ADAMS - MOSCOW

**Meat-N-Greet**

@Happy Hog Meatery
630 N Almon, Suite 135, Moscow

**February 27th**
5:30 - 7:30 pm

Enjoy grilled sausages from Happy Hog Meatery and tasty beverages from Moscow Brewing Company, all while supporting the work of the Latah County Historical Society! We hope to see you there!

Eat sausage, do good.

**Artwalk**

at the McConnell Mansion

**Thursday, January 18th**
5pm to 7:30pm

Displaying Bobbie Kelly’s original watercolors for the “Eateries and Watering Holes of Latah County” calendar.

Free & open to the public
Hello and Happy Holidays from all of us at the Latah County Historical Society. This holiday season has been difficult given the state of the world: the wars between Israel and Palestine, Russia and Ukraine, the UNLV shooting, the deluge of political fighting, and record inflation. It can be hard to find the silver-lining among all the suffering. But in times like these, I remind myself that history shows us that the human race can survive many things. The tenacity of humans to donate to charities, create art, and appreciate one another after tragedy is something that history shows us time and time again. History demonstrates our shared past and connects us through our differences, illustrating that tragedy is something we all share and can be overcome. Sharing history and learning from it helps us develop empathy and compassion – two qualities that I find vastly significant in our lives and necessary in times of tragedy. Of course, merely surviving isn’t thriving, and my privileged life is miles away from those in war zones, but I’m grateful to live in this community. This community values history and demonstrates compassion every day. As just one of the many nonprofit organizations in the region, I see that compassion on display constantly from our generous and supportive community. I’m extremely thankful for that support as we steward the McConnell Mansion and history of Latah County. I recognize how lucky we are that people care about history and our work. These reminders, and the millennia of history demonstrating human capacity for survival and compassion is what gets me through the news cycle. Thank you for your continued support as we do our best to preserve the past.

- Hayley

Not yet a member of the historical society? Join us!

If you believe in the power of local history to create strong, vibrant, welcoming communities, then we invite you to become a sustaining member of our organization. The generosity of members supports all aspects of our operations, from free public programs and maintaining the McConnell Mansion to keeping the lights on in our research archive.

Join at whatever level you are able; every member enjoys the same benefits - reduced entry fees at events, routine newsletters, a copy of our annual magazine Latah Legacy, and the satisfaction of knowing that you are preserving Latah County heritage.

Visit latahcountyhistoricalsociety.org/join to learn more!
As I write this I am looking back on our Victorian Christmas open house with gratitude. It was well attended and a few people even dressed for the occasion. One lady wore a long, hooded cape complete with a fur muff, vintage and fitting, and fun to see.

Many people came to enjoy the decorations, music, cookies and wassail. I had a chance to visit and share stories about the history of the McConnells and the house. William McConnell purchased the entire block 140 years ago, and the family moved into their home three years later on Christmas eve. The house had been decorated and dinner prepared to welcome the family. All these years later the Latah County Historical Society greets our visitors to the lovely home and continues the holiday tradition of inviting friends to gather and partake in a bit of holiday cheer.

Thank you to all our members, sponsors, and friends for your support of LCHS this past year. We look forward to seeing more of you in 2024.

- Joanne Westberg

Unfortunately, the next issue of the *Latah Legacy* has been delayed, but we hope to have it in your mailboxes by the end of February. Your patience is appreciated!
We build good citizens, strong communities, and satisfying lives.

Curator Kaitlynn Anderson at the LCHS photo booth at Palouse Pride on Aug 26th.

MC Dulce Kersting-Lark and guest speaker Glenda Hawley at the Robinson Unboxing Event at the Kenworthy on Oct 23rd.

The Inland Harmony Chorus performs at the Victorian Christmas on Dec 9th.