

Latah County Historical Society

Spring Newsletter

APRIL 2024



We are very excited to announce that the McConnell Mansion Window Project is finally under way!

In March, contractors were on site removing the six Phase One windows out of the Mansion's western bay. Crews will return soon to restore the refurbished windows, install storm windows, and repair animal and weather damage to the eaves and soffits of that bay. See Director Hayley's article on page 6 for more updates.

Please consider donating to the McConnell Mansion Window Project. To learn more and to make a contribution to this important preservation work, visit latahcountyhistoricalsociety.org/window-project

Recent Donations

December 16, 2023 through April 9, 2024

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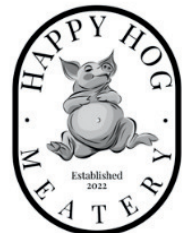
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in honor of Elna Barton's
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Curator's Comments

Hi, fellow history lovers, and welcome to 2024. We seem to find ourselves with yet another busy, but exciting, year ahead of us. Between new exhibits, public programming, our signature events, and projects, we at LCHS stay quite busy. One project that is in the works is a revamping of our traveling trunk program, now renamed Hands on History. Through the help of an intern and grant, we are creating a pilot education trunk program that will provide students throughout the county a chance to learn about various topics with the use of objects. In addition to our other goals, building relationships with teachers and offering resources both inside and outside of the classroom is another goal. We cannot wait to have this program officially up and running to reach students throughout the county.

If you've driven by the Mansion lately, you might have noticed that a set of bay windows has been removed. We have successfully reached our First Phase of the McConnell Mansion Window Project, with the first set of bay windows currently

being restored. This was only made possible with the help of our amazing community and several grants. The window restoration may have just begun, but we recognize there is still a way to go. We hope that you all will continue to support us through this multi-year project and watch a part of Latah County's history being preserved.

Thank you to our members, volunteers, interns, sponsors, and visitors from near and far. LCHS is truly appreciative of being able to preserve the history of Latah County. We look forward to the amazing events and projects yet to come in 2024.



- Kaitlynn

CONGRATULATIONS

Joanne Westberg
2023 VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR



THANK YOU FOR YOUR DEDICATION TO LCHS!



Thursday, April 25th

Doors open at 6:00

Program begins at 6:30

Lecompte Auditorium, 1912 Center

412 East 3rd St, Moscow

MOSCOW'S RED-LIGHT DISTRICT

with historian Priscilla Wegars

\$10 Admission // \$8 for LCHS Members

Drinks available for purchase



Join us for a

WINDOW CELEBRATION!

Come for cake and conversation as we celebrate Phase 1 of the McConnell Mansion Window Project!

McConnell Mansion
April 25th 5:30-8:00pm

Stop by before or after Suds with a Scholar, happening across the street at the 1912 Center. Cake will be served after Suds with a Scholar ends at 7:30pm.

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MOSCOW FAMILY HISTORY FAIR

SATURDAY, APRIL 27 | FROM 2 PM TO 5:30 PM

2-4:30PM: GENEALOGY CLASSES, DISPLAYS & INTERACTIVE LEARNING

4:30-5:30PM: DEVOTIONAL KEYNOTE SPEAKER PRESIDENT ELMER OF THE SPOKANE TEMPLE

5:30PM: REFRESHMENT

Location: 1657 S BLAINE ST, MOSCOW

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

EVENT IS FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

SPECIAL PARTICIPATION OF:



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April 29-May 2

Donate at IdahoGives.org



Director's Remarks

I am so pleased to let you all know that we are well underway with the McConnell Mansion Window Project. Members should have recently received a letter from me detailing the specifics of the Window Project. In addition to member donations, I am pursuing various grants, foundation applications, and community fundraisers. Since September 2022, our members and community organizations have donated over \$40,000, plus contributions to Idaho Gives, the Alternative Giving Market of the Palouse, and Bobbi Kelly calendar sales. That is amazing!! I've said it before, and I'll say it again – I am so thankful that we have a community that values history and the preservation of the McConnell Mansion.

Please join us for Suds with a Scholar featuring Dr. Priscilla Wegars as she discusses Moscow's red-light district. The talk will start at 6:30pm at the 1912 Center's Lecompte Auditorium. I hope you will also join us before or after the Suds program to celebrate Phase One of the Window Project, with a visit across the street. Stop by the

McConnell Mansion starting at 5:30 or drop in after the program until 8pm for cake to celebrate the project with us.

We've got an exciting lineup of programs coming up over the next few months, including a new exhibit, Idaho Gives, the Ice Cream Social, and tabling at the Moscow Family History Fair. I hope we will see you at some of these events and please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions. A huge THANK YOU goes out to those who have already contributed to the Window Project and for your continued support. We could not do this important work without you.



- 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!

Message from the President

As I write this, I am getting ready to serve as the docent at the McConnell Mansion this afternoon. I volunteer as a docent, or guide, at the mansion and offer tours to visitors once a week. There are explanatory panels on the walls of the different rooms for those who prefer to wander on their own, but the docents are at the ready if guests have questions.

On one afternoon in March we had twenty visitors, among them a family from southern Idaho with five children. It is particularly fun to show the home to younger guests, pointing out such things as the gadgets in the kitchen, the old telephone, the Victorian hair art, and the difference in the sounds of the doorbells. I look forward to this time of year when we will be doing more school tours. There was also a couple who had come to Moscow to do

research at the Latah County Historical Society annex and then stopped by the mansion, and there were university students fulfilling an assignment to visit a vintage home. The busy afternoon reminded me of how important LCHS is to the community and how much we offer to the public.

The mansion is open Tuesday through Friday from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., and some Saturdays. Stop by and check on our window restoration project. We hope to see you soon.

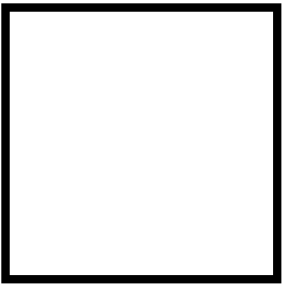


- Joanne Westberg





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Artist Bobbi Kelly
 at ArtWalk in the
 McConnell
 Mansion
 on Jan 18th.

Checking out
 cuneiform tablets
 during a field trip to
 the WSU Museum of
 Anthropology
 on Feb 9th.



Curator Kaitlynn, board
 member Steve Talbott,
 and Director Hayley
 remove curtains and
 shutters in preparation
 for Phase One of the
 McConnell Mansion
 Window Project.



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