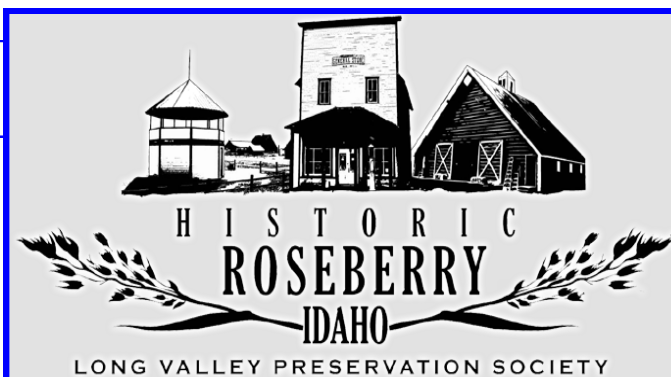


Mahala Homestead Buildings Find New Home in Roseberry



Our three newest buildings, part of the original Mahala Homestead, were donated to the museum by Boyd and Lorraine Barker, seen in the picture to the right with LVPS President Frank Eld, and moved this summer to Roseberry, where they join the Mahala Blacksmith Shop, which was donated generously several years ago. The Mahala brothers were famous in Long Valley for their beautiful Finnish-style log work, and later for their Finnish-style dimensional framed lumber buildings.



The 2-bedroom cabin, below left, was built by the Mahala's in 1902 when they homesteaded, using the unique Finnish log construction style, which means the hewing and fitting of the logs was very precise and used a special Finnish tool. Because of this precision, there was no need for chinking between the logs. Not only did they square up and tightly fit the logs, they also shaped the corners with a dovetail notch and an extra tooth. The logs on this cabin remain tight to this day, and the cabin has significant historic value.

The Mahala/Barker hay barn, below right, the only remaining example of a Finnish-built hayshed in Long Valley, is constructed of round logs with openings between the logs to ventilate the drying hay. Most such log barns didn't survive because the round logs rotted over time. We are fortunate to preserve this example of an original barn. The Mahalas had the lumber house or 'the big house' built in the 1920s. It is also built with typical Finnish construction including eyebrow dormers, a square footprint, and triangular eve brackets. This pattern of building first a log house, then when possible a house of dimensional lumber is very typical of Finnish homesteaders in Long Valley. The buildings have been stabilized in their new home in Roseberry and will be completely restored as time and funds permit.



If it has been a while since you visited the Valley County Museum, you might plan a trip soon. There is a new Domestic Arts display in the museum proper, and the three new buildings as above. Also of note: the grass behind the barn is filling out nicely, and there is now a small Memorial Grove to provide shade. While you are there check out the beginnings of the Bride's Walk, leading from the parking area to the barn, and a new fence to provide structure to crowds.

2013 Public Events

May 25

Volunteer Open House

June 14-16

Cowboy Trade Show

July-Aug

Wednesday
Free Concert Series

July 6-7

Arts & Crafts Fair

July 18-22

Summer Music Festival

August 31

Ice Cream Social



The Jewel in the Crown of our Summer Event Schedule is the wildly successful Roseberry Arts & Crafts Fair, held on the Saturday closest to Independence Day. Wilmina and Ivan Phelps head up this great event, with the help of our volunteers, hosting vendors from all around the country with juried entries and food choices. It's a good fund raiser for LVPS, consistently producing even through the economic downturn, and a wonderfully fun day in the sun for visitors to the museum site. Mark your calendar today, and plan your weekend around this great event.



Hands-On Idaho History projects include a spring work

party and a fall Day in the Old Schoolhouse. Hard working 4th graders clean the site in Spring and in Fall enjoy games and old fashioned schoolin'. This year the part of the teacher was played by last minute recruit/volunteer Beverly Cochrane.



Cowboy Trade Show
A taste of the old west
with vendors tables
and old-timer tales.
Something for every-
one.

Valley County Museum Hires Private Events Coordinator

Jill Yensen has been hired as Private Events Coordinator for Roseberry, where she will work closely with Katie Morgan, our Volunteer Coordinator. Jill, who married her husband Chris at the Roseberry Band Shell, looks forward to facilitating site rentals to families who are looking for a rustic and timeless spot to celebrate their special day, whether it be a wedding, a retirement party, or a reunion. Jill hails from Los Angeles where she worked in film & television, media software, and art education fields. She brings years of sales & marketing experience as well as an education in art history and design to her new position. Since moving to Valley County in 2005, the Yensens founded Long Valley Solar Shades of Donnelly. Jill wants to make your special day a success, so plan a family event with at Roseberry. Call Jill for details at 208-315-2554 or reach her at jillyensen@gmail.com.



President's Corner

When winter comes to Roseberry, it is a beautiful spot. After the December cemetery candle lighting and Pikku Joulu celebration, each of the buildings nestles into their beds of snow. It's quiet but not devoid of life. Every week folks drive by and sometimes stop to see our site. Some bravely trek out to the various buildings for a closer look. Because of the relative calm we get a few visitors who fly or walk in. Birds of all kinds, foxes, and who knows what, leave their tracks behind.

Activities never really stop, though, for the Board meetings are held each month and occasionally special meetings are needed to conduct the business of our museum. Preparations are being made for next summer's events. Committees like the Arts and Crafts Festival folks, under the expert leadership of Wilmina and Ivan Phelps, are busily settling details for this summer's events.

Be sure to put all the LVPS events on your summer calendars. I wish one and all a very happy and prosperous new year.

Frank Eld, President



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- Patron: \$1,000
- Benefactor: \$2,000

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I would be willing to staff the museum on occasion.

I would be willing to volunteer for a workday (or part of a day) or staff an event.

The Brick Donation/ Be Part of History program is being reworked, and details will be included on our Facebook page, on the website, and in the next newsletter. Be thinking about commemorating your special day with a brick in the Bride's Walk at the Barn, or purchasing a memorial brick in the Western Walkways.

TO:

