

Valley County Museum Purchases Roseberry General Store

An estimated \$39,000 needed to replace rotting foundation and save building!

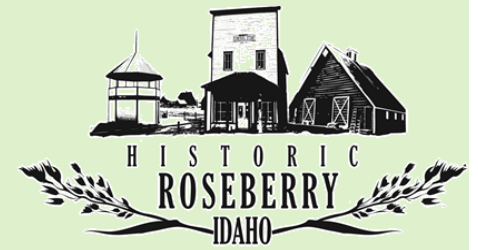
This spring, with assistance from Valley County and the Nasi Fund, the LVPS was able to purchase the MacDougal General Store of Roseberry, the only Roseberry building which has been in the original site since the early years of the century. After inspections and assessments, fair market value was paid to Frank Eld, long-time owner, and a founder of Roseberry for the store plus two lots to the south. During the inspection it was determined that the building is listing due to a badly decaying foundation. In order to have the store open for business as usual by next year, the LVPS needs to spend at least \$39,000 on this basic maintenance. Local contractors have been hired to lift and move the building, build the new foundation, and move the store back in place. The building will continue to function as a general store, but plans also call for a display highlighting the life of a child in Long Valley during Roseberry's heyday; a Heroes Wall featuring the Nasi and the Eld families, Nelle Tobias, and other important donors and volunteers; and exhibits of many artifacts which have been in storage until space was available for display. Many games and toys from the early 1900's will be available to explore, check out, and purchase. The large grassy square to the south of the store will be cleared and dedicated as the Nasi Commons, a space for families and children to enjoy. Dedication will take place during the Ice Cream Social on Labor Day weekend. Donations to this cause are crucial, and will be gratefully accepted: we really need the help of supporters to complete these tasks.



Left: Donnelly quilt artist Donna Chapman holds the quilt she created for the Ice Cream Social Quilt Raffle 2015. Tickets are available by mail through this newsletter, at the museum, and at most local events. \$1 each or 6 for \$5. The drawing will be held at the Labor Day event this fall.



Left: Volunteers repair the sliding doors on the East wall of the barn in time for the summer wedding and concert schedule. Pictured are Dave and Ann McQuade, Lucy Chronic, Tom Schmidt, and intern Matt Bingman. The reclaimed dance floor inside was refinished this spring also.



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Historic Roseberry has lost four long-time board members and volunteers since our last newsletter. Gerri and Bob Pottenger, Dawn Moudy, and Dave Fritschle have all passed away.

The Pottengers lived for many years in Donnelly on the 100+ year old Pottenger homestead where they grew and sold organic carrots. The couple were the owners of Action Publishing, and Gerri was one of the early editor/writers for the Valley County History Project (VCHP). Bob did the pre-press for "Valley County History, Vol I." Gerri shepherded the book through publication and arranged for endorsements by Cecil Andrus, Shelton Woods and Dirk Kempthorne, with the assistance of the Editorial Board. In 2003, Gerri was the proud recipient of the Star News' Community Service Award for her work on the History Project. Though in poor health, Gerri was active in the VCHP until her death, attending many writing workshops even though she was already a much published free-lance writer. Family member Cynthia Pottenger was the author of "My Roseberry", the copyright to which was given to the LVPS by Bob and Gerri prior to their deaths.

Dawn Moudy, long time member of the LVPS, passed away this winter after a long illness. Dawn, a Master Gardener, will be remembered for her incredible garden, where she hosted many a fund-raiser tea for Historic Roseberry. Dawn was instrumental in developing the Ice Cream Social into a major fund raising event for the museum, building on work done by Frank Eld and other early volunteers. Dawn had a way with donors, and built a strong rapport with local merchants. Seen everywhere during the event, she made sure that people had supplies they needed, and always stayed on site through the final clean-up. Gerry Wisdom, past president of the board said of Dawn: "The fact is that she did more work developing the Ice Cream Social than anyone will ever know. Her sense of humor and devotion to Historic Roseberry will be impossible to duplicate".

Dave Fritschle, handyman, board member, and volunteer passed away this Spring. Dave was a true unsung hero, frequently bringing his equipment to the site to blow snow or fix things without being tasked. His stewardship and quirky sense of humor will be greatly missed by everyone who worked with him, and his selfless service will be irreplaceable.

Volunteer Couple Retires, Leaves Long Valley

Gerry and Dick Wisdom have left the valley. Gerry was a long-term (13+ years) President of the Long Valley Preservation Society, a founding editor of the Valley County History Project, and a founding member of the McCall Arts and Humanities Council. For many years she ran the white elephant sale at the annual ice cream social. Gerry is retired, having worked for the Navy (DoD) for 31 years. She was a Head of Staff and at the end of her career worked with Navy Test Parachutists and NASA at the Naval Weapons Center, China Lake. She is a technical writer, editor, historian and poet, and in 2003 she received the Star News' Community Service Award for her work at the Valley County Museum complex in Roseberry. She, along with her husband, Dick, is one of the sponsors of the Nelle Tobias Research Center. Dick Wisdom has served the board faithfully also. His carpentry skills were vital to developing the Nelle Tobias Research Center, the jewel in the crown of the Valley County Museum. Dick was a constant member of the building committee and worked on almost every building on the complex, from the Arling House to the Barn. The Wisdoms represent an irreplaceable asset to Historic Roseberry, but will be available to advise by phone.

Board Welcomes New Treasurer, Financial Officer

Barrett Lamm has been elected to the Treasurer position on the LVPS board. He graduated from McCall-Donnelly HS in 2002. While there he was active in football, basketball, track, baseball, and student government. Barrett served an LDS Mission in Indonesia then earned a BA in accounting from BYU and Boise State, graduating in 2009. He returned to McCall in 2012 to work for Lamm and Co, CPA. When nominated to the board, Barrett said, "I am excited to be a part of the Long Valley Preservation Society and hope to see great things happen in Roseberry".

Dear friends and supporters of Historic Roseberry,

Thank you for being loyal to the Long Valley Preservation Society. Your donations and efforts have made a big difference in the quality of cultural life in Long Valley and in the preservation of our heritage.

The LVPS is facing several challenges, and would like to ask for an additional donation from our strongest supporters: you, our membership. Many of you are Life Members, and we ask if you can find a little something extra for Roseberry even though you are not assessed dues.

Roseberry is more lively than ever before. Volunteers are energetically researching turn-of-the-century toys for the Nasi Commons exhibit. They are guiding tours through our site and teaching history in the community. Fourth grade Idaho history students from three Long Valley schools gathered at the site this spring for hands-on history directed by volunteers. A dynamic Program Manager organizes our popular summer events, and our wedding and event schedule provides income and requires a Private Events Coordinator. With matching funds from Idaho State University we have hired an intern to update our research center and digitize our large photo collection. We are open longer hours during the summer. People in Valley County are being well served by your donations.

However, most of Roseberry's historic buildings need repair: foundations are crumbling, and roofs are leaking. Every building needs a paint job. **Most pressing of all is the need to restore and strengthen our new acquisition, the MacDougal General Store.**

We have set a goal to raise \$39,000 to make the building safe for the next 100 years. Please renew your membership with an upgrade, and if possible, send us a little extra to help preserve the General Store.

Thank you from your partners in preservation,

Barbara Nokes Kwader, VP



A Snapshot of Roseberry



Roseberry in the early 20th century is the subject of a one week exhibit at the Museum complex, open from July 25th to August 2nd. Supported by the Idaho Humanities Council and the National Trust for Historic Preservation, and curated by Lucy Chronic and Matt Bingham, the exhibit will feature rare photographs of Roseberry and the area, chosen from the Nelle Tobias Research Center collection. There will be a short lecture and opening reception from 6 pm to 8pm in the 1904 Episcopal Church. We would like to extend a huge thank you to the Cascade High School for printing the large format photographs and partnering with LVPS. Above is a picture of the Roseberry butcher shop from 1908. Notable in the photograph is the stump butcher block. Don't miss this nostalgic and charming display.



Valley County Museum Hosts ISU Intern

Matthew Bingman, Cascade High School graduate and history student at Idaho State University, is spending his summer internship at Roseberry digitizing the huge photograph collection owned by the Valley County Museum. While on site, Matt is also hosting in the museum building and assisting board members with events and activities. Matt says, "I am privileged to be able to pursue my passion in history and work close to home at the same time".

Help Roseberry raise \$\$\$ that doesn't come out of your pocket! Make your online purchases through Amazonsmile and LVPS receives a donation. Click on this link on our website www.historicroseberry.com.



Renew your membership. Your membership dues are our most reliable income stream, and allow us to find, restore, and exhibit priceless historical items as well as provide meaningful events at the museum complex. In short, we couldn't successfully address our mission without you, the members of the Long Valley Preservation Society. Your membership expiration date is on your address label. You can renew membership by mailing payment to Box 444 Donnelly, Idaho, 83615, or call phone 208 315-4370

Membership levels	
Individual	\$15.00
Family	\$25.00
Senior (62+)	\$10.00
Life Member	\$250.00
Patron	\$1,000
Benefactor	\$2,000

Could we please have your email address??

museum phone number
208 315-4370

Please consider an extra gift this year to help us rescue the general store

Reserve a prominent place for your loved one in history by buying a personalized brick to be placed in the Memorial Walkway at the Valley County Museum. Purchase a brick in your name or for a family member, friend or business. Bricks are also a great way to memorialize someone who has passed away that you loved and admired. The cost of a 4 x 8 brick starts at just \$45 for up to 3 lines of text. An 8 x 8 brick with six lines of text is just \$90. Replica bricks are also available upon request for display in your home or office.



Your wedding day is one you want to always remember. It is your history. Your legacy. The Long Valley Preservation Society has been preserving history at Roseberry for over 40 years. Now, we want to help you preserve yours. The Bride's Walk was designed as a place to cement your special day permanently for all to remember. Your names and wedding date will grace the entrance to the barn. Bride's bricks make a lovely gift.



Download the Memorial Walkway or the Bride's Walk order form at www.historicroseberry.com. Please mail your order form to P.O. Box 444, Donnelly, ID 83615. If you prefer you can call or email in your request. (208)315-4370 or RoseberryVolunteers@gmail.com

Free Wednesday Night Concert Series 2015

July 1st The Bottom Line Band 3 piece Classic Rock-n-Roll from the 50's, 60's, 70's-just the way you remember. The dance floor is open!

July 8th Blaze and Kelly with Special Guest Rochelle Smith on mandolin and backup vocals. This is going to be a great show!

July 15th Uke-A-Ladies A fun night of ukuleles, classic tunes and ladies singing like birds -lots of laughs!

July 22nd to be announced A wonderful addition to our schedule, we just don't know who it will be yet!!

July 29th Idaho Mountain Music 1st Annual Songwriter's Open Mic Showcase **ARTIST SIGN UP REQUIRED** contact 315-4370 or roseberryvolunteers@gmail.com. 2-3 songs or 12 minutes allowed.

Aug 5th Hillfolk Noir 100% original Junkerdash Hillfolk music with stand-up bass, saw, & assorted pickers. Kick 'em up!

Aug 12th Soul Patch Country based Americana: standards with a fresh sound & beautiful vocals! Dancing recommended!

Aug 19th Dry Buck An evening of harmonic bluegrass perfection.

Aug 26th Catfish D'Grey w/Brian MacDonald Delightfully accomplished acoustic duo w/ tunes from the 20's through today. Standards & originals. Brian can play ANYTHING!

All concerts 6:30 in the barn

Concerts hosted by the Long Valley Preservation Society. For more information and sign up, contact **Kelly Gorritz, Program Manager, at 208-315-4370, or roseberryvolunteers@gmail.com**

