

# The Valley County Museum at Historic Roseberry



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***We will collect, preserve, and share the rich history of Valley County to link generations and build community pride.***

The MacDougal General Store foundation is finished! We will clean it up, create a few new exhibits, stock the shelves, rebuild the porches, and repair the scars on the Nasi Commons in anticipation of a big summer schedule. We finished this big project with the help of our generous donors, members, and volunteers, as well as The Idaho Heritage Trust and the Laura Moore Cunningham Foundation. Contractors who pitched in at a discount were Randy Morell, Associated Pacific Movers and Mike Lamm. We also thank our excellent building and maintenance crew, Craig Augustinsky, Tom Schmidt, and the Valley County Commissioners.

**Our Summer is going to be exciting!** If you visit Roseberry this summer, you will see new exhibits in the main building and in the General Store. You could spend time with a work party restoring the Mahala house (see article following). As always, we will host 4th graders from McCall, Cascade, Donnelly, and even Meadows Valley as they study Idaho History and enjoy a day in the old schoolhouse. We are bringing back the magical Roseberry Christmas Market in December, a two day evening festival in the European tradition, featuring local artisan food and drink, crafts and toys.



**As soon as the soil dries out,** we will connect our new well, update the sprinkler system, and reseed any areas disturbed by the store foundation work. We will welcome the little Ax family cabin to the site, where we will display woodworking tools (and let the groomsmen dress for weddings). Research continues into modern toilet facility options, and we are working to fund humidity and temperature controls in the areas where we store textiles and documents in the Nelle Tobias Research Center.



**This year our raffle quilt** is a real beauty. The hand pieced tumbling block top was donated by an anonymous McCall quilter, and the quilting was done by Dianne O'Keefe. We are excited to offer tickets at the usual price of \$1 each or 6 for \$5. You can stop in and purchase your tickets or you can send a check to have some reserved for you. As always, the raffle will take place at the Ice Cream Social on Labor Day Weekend.

**The LVPS administers** several on-going funding efforts in addition to exploring grants. We raffle a lovely handmade quilt each summer, we present the Arts and Crafts Fair in July, and host the Ice Cream Social on Labor Day weekend. We encourage new membership sales to families and businesses. We continue to receive memorial brick orders for the walkway in front of the church and museum, as well as wedding memorial bricks for the Bride's Walk. The museum gift shop sells books and mementos, and the MacDougal General Store now offers antique reproduction toys and games, as well as old-time candies. Lovely rustic weddings take place almost every summer weekend, and the barn is also available for other celebrations and wakes. There is even a reduced price for events held mid-week.

**Education and Outreach continues** at the museum April 20 and 21 with a free workshop in planning and constructing exhibits to better reflect mission and appeal to visitors. Anyone from the community is invited to attend free of charge: but if you plan to attend, you must RSVP to Lucy Chronic at 208-634-9421. The workshop will be in two parts: an evening (6 –8 pm) discussion where we will explore effective exhibits here and in general. The group will define what makes exhibits effective. The next day beginning at 9:30 we will envision and actually build a few exhibits. Lunch will be provided, and we hope to finish by 3:30.

**New LVPS Board members** Dean and Kathy Jones live in Donnelly. Both are retired Boise School District Educators who met while teaching at Council High School. Kathy taught business in Council and reading in Boise, while Dean was a science teacher and later a curriculum specialist. They enjoy skiing, golf, traveling, and reading. Dean and Kathy have been tireless volunteers at the Free Concert Series, and are excited to be elected to the Board of Directors. Their energy and backgrounds will continue to benefit both LVPS and the communities in Long Valley.

**Other Board Members** are Barbara Nokes Kwader, Phyllis Bulgin, Dave MacQuade, Bill Willey, Judy Wallace, and Rick Krause. Lucy Chronic serves as our Executive Director, and Barrett Lamm as Treasurer. Tom Schmidt is our magical grounds keeper, with help from Craig Augustinski. Jill Yensen is our Private Events Coordinator, and Beverly Ingraham is our Accessions Specialist.

Margaret (Margo) Ellen Ruhkala Kantola, long time volunteer at Historic Roseberry, passed away at her son's home in Sacramento, California, on January 3, 2018. Margo was born on June 2, 1924, to Matt and Eva Ruhkala, Finnish immigrants. She was 93 at the time of her death. She married John Kantola in 1942. In 1975, they retired to John's home, Donnelly, Idaho. There they restored a pioneer farmhouse. She was a member of the Finnish Ladies Aid as well as a life member of the Long Valley Preservation Society. In this picture Margo is standing in front of the little cabin that John's ancestor helped build. She was a gracious host in the museum building. She spent many hours cleaning and maintaining the Jarvie house, which holds the Finnish Ladies Aid exhibits and Finn ancestry information. We will miss her cheerful ways and gentle influence.



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**Save These Event Dates .....**

**and Free Concert Dates.....**

- May 19.....Volunteer Open House
- June 9 & 10 .....Cowboy Trade Days
- FREE WEDNESDAY NIGHT CONCERT SERIES
- July 7 & 8 .....Arts & Crafts Fair
- July 19, 20, 21 .....Summer Music Festival
- Aug 19 .....Long Valley Pioneer Picnic
- Sept 1.....Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social
- Dec 7 & 8 .....Roseberry Christmas Market

- July 4<sup>th</sup> ..... Open Range
- July 11<sup>th</sup>..... Bottom Line Band
- July 18<sup>th</sup>.....Soul Patch
- July 25<sup>th</sup> ..... Mountain Fever
- August 1<sup>st</sup> .....Sons of Thunder Mountain
- August 8<sup>th</sup> ..... Dry Buck
- August 15<sup>th</sup> ..... Hokum Hi-Flyers
- August 22<sup>nd</sup>.....Deja Blue
- August 29<sup>th</sup> ..... Blaze n' Kelly