



PRIEST LAKE MUSEUM ASSOCIATION

P.O. Box 44 Coolin, ID 83821-0044

NEWSLETTER • SPRING 2003

WE APPRECIATE . . . the Priest Lake Ranger Station and its personnel who continue to support Priest Lake Museum and Visitor Center by providing pamphlets full of educational information and recreational opportunities in the Priest Lake region, manpower assistance with maintenance of buildings and ground, and of course a willingness to make the whole facility operate smoothly. It is truly a cooperative challenge.

VIDEO UPDATE . . .

The Priest Lake Historical Video produced by Scott Hill through a commission provided by Priest Lake Museum as a contribution to the community, received outstanding positive response during its introduction last season at the Museum. Presentations will continue this summer, with the hope of expanding our facility (see "Great News" story) to better accomodate such activities in the future.

THIS SEASON: OPEN MEMORIAL WEEKEND
MAY 24th, 25th & 26th, 2003
CLOSED MAY 27th through MAY 30th
OPEN FOR SEASON ON SATURDAY, MAY 31st
CLOSED MONDAYS – EXCEPT LABOR DAY

Museum Funding?? Our financial support comes from memberships, donations and memorials. There is no paid staff. The Museum is maintained and operated by volunteers in cooperation with the U.S. Forest Service.

Please advise us if you prefer NOT to receive future PLMA mailings.



YES, I'D LIKE TO VOLUNTEER!

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone(s): _____

Please circle: Garden Housekeeping Hosting
Garage Rehab. Board Membership
Clerical Other

Return to: R. Manser 4526 S. Sunny Creek Circle
Spokane, WA 99224-8463

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Enclosed is my gift of \$ _____
(any amount)

In support, please use my tax-deductible contribution for:

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

(Please include name & address for acknowledgment)

For Membership:

- ___ Gold Club \$500 +
- ___ Silver Club \$400 - \$499
- ___ Baritoe \$300 - \$399
- ___ Kalsipell \$200 - \$299
- ___ Eight Mile \$100 - \$199
- ___ Four Mile \$ 50 - \$ 99
- ___ Twin Islands \$ 25 - \$ 49
- ___ Papoose Island \$ 1 - \$ 24

Please complete, clip and mail with your check.



GREETINGS FRIENDS!

(In place of my usual president's message, we wish to SPOTLIGHT departing Board Member, JIM McDOWELL.)

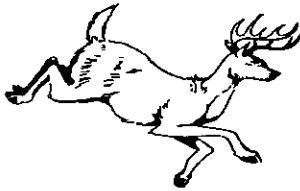
"Last fall, Jim and his wife, Mary, made the decision to relocate to Spokane. Their departure has a profound impact on Priest Lake Museum and the Priest Lake community at large. This involved, energetic couple gave tirelessly of themselves in a multitude of ways. Concerning the Museum, Jim and Mary had volunteered as hosts from the beginning in 1990. During the past several years, Jim became responsible for all of our 'free' printed materials; keeping our racks full and our supply replenished. Then, in 1999, he joined the Board of Directors and the following year accepted the position of Vice President, carrying out those required duties, while happily undertaking numerous other tasks. His ability to analyze and resolve problems with 'doable' solutions were invaluable assets.

Almost single handedly, Jim designed and implemented the existing sprinkler system in our Nature Garden. With his strategic planning and drive, he and Roger Bonneau became 'lumber-jacks-for-a-day' when they tackled the Sundance Mountain stand of burned-out timber (permit in hand!) to select and salvage just the right cedar logs needed for the fencing around the perimeter of the Nature Garden. These are just a few of the long list of assists Jim provided. They will be fond visual reminders of his dedication and loyalty. Without this gracious gentleman's ingenuity and endless energy, our garden would not have grown so well! Jim McDowell epitomizes the old saying, 'you'll be irreplaceable' as closely as anyone we can think of!

THANK YOU, Jim and Mary, for your long service and your sincere friendship. We wish you the very best always!"

Regina

Regina B. Manser, President (on behalf of B. of D.)



HOW DOES OUR GARDEN GROW? . . .

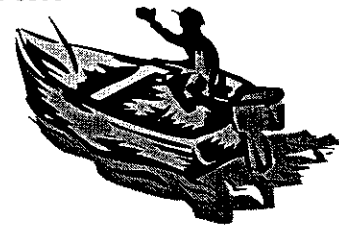
Like most gardens, our Nature Garden grows abundant, super strong weeds each season! And as with most gardeners, it is a struggle to stay ahead of them. Now that some of our plantings are getting well established; we hope to make a concerted, early and on-going effort to thwart these pesky rascals, thereby helping the wanted plants to thrive and push out the unwanted invaders. Here's where VOLUNTEER RESOURCES would be a blessing! If you enjoy "communing" with Mother Earth; we can accommodate you! It's amazing how much progress is made when a group "hits the dirt"! A formidable task becomes a fun get-together. Please use the form on the reverse to join us!

EXCITING NEWS FROM DEBBIE . . .

Each year the Forest Service Region I Preservation Team is utilized to conduct preservation and rehabilitation work on historical buildings located on various forests across the Region. This year, The Priest Lake Museum garage has been selected by the Idaho Panhandle National Forests as a priority project for the Team. In order to qualify for preservation work, a structure must meet the eligibility requirements for inclusion on the historic register. Since the Museum garage meets these requirements and planning has already begun to convert the garage to a video/movie showroom, along with the possibility of providing additional display space; the timing could not be better to have this work accomplished. The scope of the work for the project will be to replace the roof sheathing, gables and fascia board and replace cedar shingles as necessary. The overhead garage door will be removed and replaced with an access door that complies with the Americans With Disabilities Act. The work is scheduled over a period of three weeks; from May 20 to June 3, 2003.

As always, volunteer help would be greatly appreciated to assist with this project. This provides an excellent opportunity for folks to learn about preservation and rehabilitation work on historic buildings, while contributing to the improvement of our museum. If you are available during any of the above dates, for even a short time, please call me at 208-443-6822 or Regina Manser at 443-2096 (Spokane # - 509-835-5688)

Debbie Butler, Forest Service Liaison to Board of Directors



VOLUNTEERS - OUR LIFEBLOOD . . .

A highlight of the summer season now being planned is an appreciation event honoring our volunteers and their spouses. This loyal corps certainly deserves "special attention" every few years - - they have given the Museum "special attention" year in and year out, donating immeasurably in a myriad of ways - - some of which are not very visible, making it easy to take them for granted. But the Museum would be at a loss without their dedication. Volunteers of many talents are the lifeblood of the Museum!

Board Members Kate Batey, Historian; Doug Bruce, Vice-President; Dorothy Bryceson, Jim Cooper, Marcella Cooper, Secretary; Ada Crum, Lois Hill, Acquisitions; Elenor Link, Publicity; Regina Manser, President; Don Pratt, Treasurer; Pat Verge and Lorry Wagner anticipate another rewarding season. Why don't you join us as a volunteer?

The Priest Lake region is rich in history and there are many areas of interest we hope to include and develop as time, energy and money becomes available.
