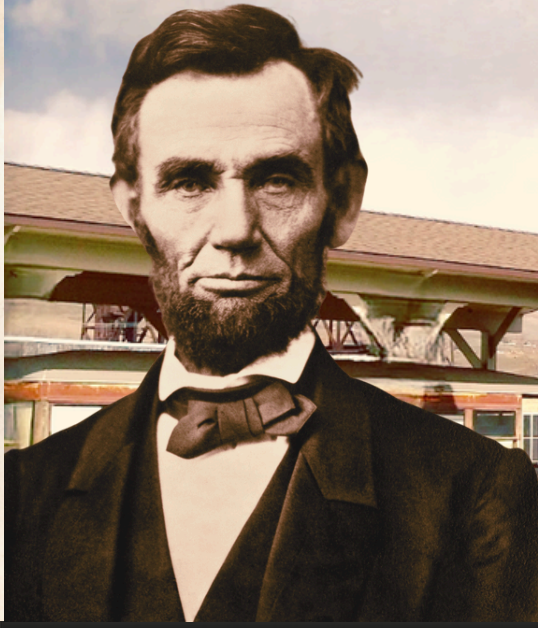


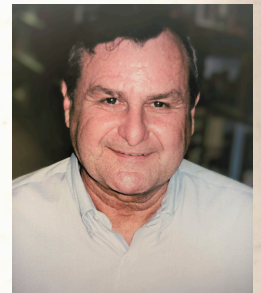
Nez Perce County Historical Society

2025 Newsletter



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Daniel Miller, MD



We are looking forward to a good year in 2025. We have had a steady flow of visitors to our museum campus. Some visitors merely walk around the campus and read the informative signs; others enter the buildings to study the exhibits or enjoy the museum store. Many are local and regional visitors. Also, many drive in from all over the country, and an increasing number of tourists arrive by river boats from Portland.

These tourists consistently compliment us on the beauty of our 5-building unique historical displays. You can see us on our website, <https://www.nezpercecountymuseum.com/> The aerial video from a drone is especially impressive.

We want thank the Idaho Heritage Trust for a grant to help us restore the aviary room in the Heritage House to the way it was in 1930. It is beautiful.

I thank you, our members, for your support, year after year. A membership reminder will be sent to you yearly from our office team and I hope you sign up again. Your donations to our museum were especially good in 2024. Thank you!

Please join us on Friday, March 21st at 5pm for our annual membership meeting at the Idaho Territorial Capitol replica building on our museum campus. This meeting will be followed by a presentation by David Leroy, titled, *LEWISTON & LINCOLN: LINKED IN HISTORY!*

MUSEUM SUPPORT - 2024 RECAP

Kalisa Boyd



Hi everyone! Time has flown by. How are we already in 2025?

It's been another great year at the museum, with over 2,600 visitors this year! Throughout the year, 140 members came by (we love seeing you), and 640 were from the river cruise, American Cruise Lines. Over 90 people stopped by to view the nativity collection displayed by one of our board members in late December through January!

We had twenty-nine new members join our museum this year (see the list of names on the last page). Welcome all!

As always, thank you to our wonderful volunteers and board members who make this place possible! We couldn't do it without them.

I hope everyone has a great 2025!

MUSEUM ASSISTANT'S EXPOSITION

Melody Parks Keith



Greetings fellow members! I am delighted to serve you and our board for another year. I want to extend a warm welcome to Greg Eggers, who has joined our volunteer and docent team this year. A heartfelt thank you goes out to the 2,975 hours donated by our local citizens, volunteers, docents, staff, and board members.

In January 2024, I initiated an annual book drive for the museum store as a continuous fundraising effort. This program has successfully raised over \$1,250 and has made history accessible at an affordable price. If you would like to donate used local or Idaho state history books, or if you're interested in purchasing one at a reasonable price, please visit the museum store.

A memorable event from the past year was the 80th birthday celebration for Bill Kleinert, held at the Heritage House in August. Bill has been a cherished friend of the museum, creating several miniature replica models for our exhibits. His family brought in some of his most treasured models for display throughout the Heritage House, allowing everyone to appreciate his craftsmanship. The afternoon was filled with wonderful stories, delicious food, and delightful company.

If you are interested in hosting a small event or meeting at our Heritage House, please give us a call at (208) 743-2535 for more information.

CURATOR'S HIGHLIGHTS OF 2024

Mary E. White Romero



Our museum volunteer Cheri Bush and I had fun putting together three new exhibits. The first exhibit features early business women in Lewiston from the 1860s to early 1900s. The second exhibit features vintage games, including a selection of board and card games from the last 100 years. The third exhibit enlarged our existing Walt and Lillian Bounds Disney exhibit, the 100th anniversary of their July 13, 1925 Lewiston wedding.

We won two ribbons for our NPCHS Museum fair booth at the Nez Perce County Fair last September. One ribbon was from Nez Perce County Commissioner Doug Havens and the other ribbon was second place for a commercial booth. I want to thank our museum assistant Melody Keith for assisting me in designing the booth and adding some of the museum store items for our booth to raise funds for the museum. Also, thank you to everyone else who helped at our booth and for our supporters who stopped by to purchase books and 2025 calendars. We sold out of our calendars later in December.

We had another successful year with our speakers' bureau. We received a grant in the amount of \$6,225 from the Idaho Governor's Lewis & Clark Trail Committee to continue the popular program to bring speakers into the classrooms of area schools and organizations. Also, we received a grant from Idaho Commission on the Arts in the amount of \$795 to send our speaker James R. Spencer to Henrys Lake State Park in southern Idaho to present Nez Perce Tribe culture and music. Thirty presentations by all our speakers were presented in front of an audience of 2,772 students and 985 adults, plus 151 attended via Zoom.

Last but not least, I want to thank all our museum volunteers who assisted me with archival and digitization projects. These projects could not be done without their help. Below you will find a list of donors who donated photographs, documents and objects to the museum collection. One donation we received that was a highlight to me was the oral history collection of residents who lived in the Hells Canyon from the 1920s through the 1970s, donated by Patrica Keith with the help of an Idaho Humanities Council grant. This is a great addition to our oral history collection. If you have anything you would like to donate to our museum relating to Nez Perce County, please stop by, email me nppcurator@gmail.com, or call at 208-743-2535.

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