The Sawtooth Interpretive and Historical Association’s (SIHA) programs can be described in many ways. Visitors have said they are exciting, educational, diverse, and family friendly. We take pride in our educational and historical programs every day. SIHA’s team is dedicated to working with you to make your stay with us the best it can possibly be. All our programs are made possible by people like you, our members and donors.

The 2017 Fall Membership Campaign helps us prepare for the 2018 summer season. We ask that you renew your membership with us, become a new member, or donate to help us continue our vision of “preserving the past, protecting the future.” Any membership or donation to the Sawtooth Interpretive & Historical Association is tax deductible not only as a regular charitable donation, but for Idaho residents it is also deductible as an Idaho State Educational Tax Credit.

Stay up-to-date with the Sawtooth Association’s programs, events, and more by joining our e-news contact list! Please send your contact information to Sarah Cawley, Executive Director, at scawley@discoversawtooth.org.

Please support our new project at the Stanley Museum!

The Sawtooth Association has a big project ahead of us that we need your help with. As anyone who has visited the museum lately may have noticed, our office and apartment building, built in 1929, needs repair. We need to put a new foundation under the building, add subfloor bracing, repair the roof, repair and reseal the exterior logs, and replace the log chinking. Also, a non-historic addition, added in the 1980’s must be removed or rebuilt for the restoration work to proceed.

What we propose is to remove the addition, and its kitchen and bathroom, and replace it with a new building designed to look like, on the exact location, a building that was on the site from the 1940’s to the 1960’s. This building was the clerk’s apartment and housed the Stanley Ranger District Clerk when the site was part of the Valley Creek Ranger Station. The replicated building will be used to house up to four of our summer interns. The building will be located behind the ice house/toolshed building.

The exterior of the new building will have the same historic and rustic feel of the other buildings at the museum, but the interior will be comfortable, modern, and sanitary for Association staff.

The estimated cost of all this is $70,000, a lot of money for a small non-profit. Please help by purchasing paving stones for $100 each. Your stone will be inscribed as you wish. The stones will be used on site in pathways between the buildings. Send in the attached order form, or go to www.discoversawtooth.org to purchase your paver today! Donations will also be happily accepted. Thank you for your continued support of the Sawtooth Association!

The 2017 Solar Eclipse set the stage for Sawtooth Association (SIHA) Summer

The SIHA Board steps up and selects three of its 2017 Sawtooth Forum and Lecture Series programs to feature the Solar Eclipse and Dark Skies in the Sawtooth Salmon River Country. We started with Brian Jackson BSU scientist, delving into the science of the Eclipse and night sky astronomy with telescope viewing of the Sawtooth Dark Sky. Dr. Steven Pauley and our standing in the Cosmos followed by our largest crowd ever, 185 attendees, with Paul Cox from SLOOH and his worldly experiences with Solar Eclipse events from Africa to Australia and beyond. A very captivating presentation. Then to top off our commitment to the once in a lifetime event for the Sawtooth Country, SIHA offered camping at the Stanley Museum for Eclipse Viewers. We offered the very low cost camping for a large crowd who praised our venue.

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NEWS FROM OUR FOUR PROGRAM AREAS:

1. **Stanley Museum and Toolshed**

Visitors were greeted by our new Museum Docent, Kenny Werth, and our Historic Specialist, Caroline Wickes. The Stanley Museum welcomed 3,879 visitors this year.

Kenny and Caroline updated displays and created new displays throughout the summer to give our visitors some new insights into local history. We now have an updated climbing display, with some new artifacts donated by local retired climber and guide Kirk Bachman. Other new artifacts include a Maytag gas powered Wasling Machine originally from the Jason Vaught residence in Lower Stanley and some unusual toys found in the old Wamqum Trading Post donated by Jon Christiansen. We were also able to interpret the farm implement displays thanks to Kenny and Gary Gadwa.

The Sawtooth Society and Central Idaho RAC also funded the new historical Museum sign that stand at our entrance, hopefully you saw it as you drove by.

We are continuing our work on the toolshed/woodshed display project. This building is attached to our Ice House. Visitors will be able to look back in time at the tools and equipment that the Forest Service used. When it operated the museum site at the Valley Creek Ranger Station from 1906 through 1972, donations for this project came from retired Valley Creek Ranger Station employee, Bill James, the Forest Service History Museum in Country Homes, Washington, Gary Gadwa, and from the Sawtooth NRA.

2. **Redfish Center and Interpretive Programs**

The Redfish Center and Gallery opened its doors on June 9, 2017, and saw a staggering 12,974 visitors. That’s a new record for our new Lead Naturalist, Nytaisha Allbritton, led the team of Naturalists through the 2017 season and helped in educating over 8,000 visitors through our daily programs. Programs included our guided walks, discovery stations, patio talks, evening programs and much more! This year we also worked with 184 kids and adults in becoming Junior Rangers and Wilderness Explorers!

Additionally our Gallery and our new permanent display in the observatory room attracted visitors. The Redfish Gallery organized by board member Tori Madsen included photographs, paintings, wooden bowls, bronze art and jewelry. Our new permanent display, designed by Evelyn Phillips and funding provided by the Sawtooth Society, tells the story of Redfish Lake, featuring the sockeye salmon, the geology of the Sawtooths, and so much more.

The Redfish Center also welcomed Rob Hart, wilderness photographer, Margaret Fuller, local author and avid hiker, Ed Cannady, wilderness photographer, and John Hughes, Custer County Waterways Deputy, who enthralled evening program visitors. We would also like to thank George Nedalea from Sawtooth Contracting LLC for completing structural improvements this past fall and spring, funding provided in part by Idaho Heritage Trust, Sawtooth Society, the U.S. Forest Service, and Central Idaho RAC.

3. **2017 Forum & Lecture Series**

This year our Forum and Lecture Series (FLS) focused on the Fish, Finns, and Features that make the Sawtooth-Salmon River country so amazing. We held eight programs at the Stanley Museum, where 655 people came to hear our speakers. Some of our lectures covered topics such as Bats of Idaho with Rob Hart, Doering and Rita Nexon, the eclipse with Paul Cox, and Fishes of Idaho with Dave Plante. We were also able to sponsor a History Days tour to some folks in town thanks to our outlet manager, Caroline Wickes (HS). We would like to thank the Redfish Lake Lodge for supporting this program and supplying our speakers with meals.

Do you have any ideas for next season? We would love to hear them! Send your thoughts to info@discoverSawtooth.org.

4. **Promoting & Preserving Local History**

Our growing collection of photographs, oral histories, and artifacts is quite astounding! Thank you donors. We were especially pleased to interview Joseph Bocuzo a Civilian Conservation Corps member at Redfish Camp in the late 1930’s. He shared stories and memories of his time here as a 17 year old from New York City while his kids and grandkids sat nearby absorbing the family history. We continue to add to our Oral History collections and our donors like the Sawtooth Mountain Mamas help bring us closer to transcribing our collections. We were also able to sponsor a History Days tour to some folks in town thanks to Kenny Werth and Gary Gadwa for leading the talks. This is a new program the SA is holding where we spend time walking the Historic Walking Tour, and then we take a drive through the Stanley Basin on our Auto Tour. Look out for an email next year for more information and dates for this program!

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