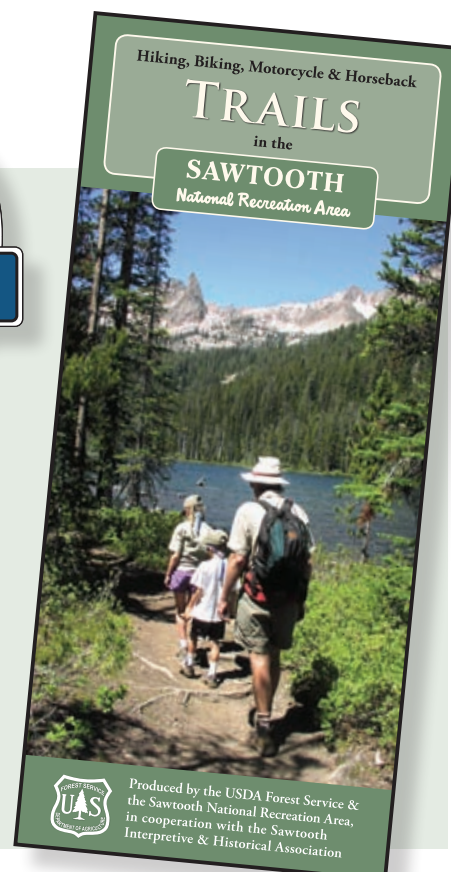


A Successful 2012!



**New Items
available
from SA –
Trail Map and
Hiking
Medallion.**



Sawtooth Interpretive & Historical Association

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A Banner Year!

2012 was a year of continued improvements in both the quality and quantity of the programs we are developing at the Sawtooth Association! Thank you to the many folks that support us as we strive to be the premiere Interpretive Association in Idaho, providing dynamic natural and cultural history education programs in the Salmon River-Sawtooth Country.

Our Board of Directors is committed to preserving and protecting this spectacular landscape. Our board is an active one – You will find board members painting buildings, hanging insulation, oiling the museum roof, cleaning up the grounds, and staffing the booths at the many gatherings that the SA participates in and sponsors.

The hardest working people at the SA are the folks that staff the Redfish Center, the Stanley Museum, and lead the interpretive programs that help our visitors learn about and grow to love the Sawtooth country. In 2012 these talented people were Naturalists, **Brenda Appleby, Emily Olsen, Kyle McCormick, and Leslie Van Niel**; Historic Specialist **Jena Sherrick**, and Museum Docent **Ken Hartz**. Special Kudos to Redfish Center Coordinator **Lin Gray** and Program Coordinator **Jess Haas**: These two provide the enthusiasm, and creative spark that characterize all of our programs; they also implemented an outstanding training and mentoring program that benefitted the Naturalist's professional development. Please join me in congratulating **Jess** as she moves on to a full time position with the Yellowstone Association this fall! Her energy, inspiration, and smile will be missed by us and our visitors.

Finally, to all the partners who supported our programs this year: **Redfish Lake Lodge, Idaho Rocky Mountain Ranch, the Sawtooth Society, the Val A. Browning Foundation, United Way of South Central Idaho, Sawtooth National Recreation Area, Idaho Rivers United, Salmon River Electric, and the Idaho Humanities Council.** We owe our success to you!
– **Terry Clark, Executive Director**

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings Members & Friends,

WOW! What a summer for SIHA.... the sky's the limit! **We have even coined a new name for the Association ... now the Sawtooth Association "SA".**

First and foremost was year five of our Sawtooth Forum and Lecture Series, continuing our traditional under the tent presentations at the Museum and indoors at the Redfish Center. We continue to find captivating speakers from many different fields of interest.

Our second year with Executive Director, **Terry Clark**, has been very rewarding in so many ways. His experience and selfless energy and enthusiasm working with our summer volunteer staff helps make everything run smoothly.

Thanks to our very generous donors, the Redfish Center was able to hire additional staff and acquire spotting scopes, skulls, pelts and other educational materials.

The Stanley Museum, open daily Memorial Day to Labor Day, continues to be a great place to visit, spark or rekindle appreciation for the human history of

this magnificent country. There are lots of stories to share and we are always enthralled by the folks that come in to share their family histories in the Sawtooth Country. A high point this year was the Charley Langer Family Reunion. Charley was the Valley Creek Ranger from 1937 until his death in a plane crash in 1943, while searching for survivors of an Army Air Corps bomber crash. **Mary Langer-Smith**, Charley's daughter, shared remembrances of her years at the Valley Creek Ranger Station.

I encourage you to stop in and visit with **Ken Hartz** the Stanley Museum Docent, next summer. Come in and browse our ever-changing natural and cultural history and children's books, and maps. The long awaited Stanley Museum Ice House Restoration and

Cold Cellar displays should see completion by years end!

– **Gary Gadwa, President and volunteer**



The Stanley Museum



Gary Gadwa and Terry Clark



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NEWS FROM OUR FOUR PROGRAM AREAS:

1. Stanley Museum & Ice House

The Stanley Museum hosted more than **3,200 visitors** this year who were greeted by our excellent museum docent, **Ken Hartz**. Especially popular with kids was the scavenger hunt that helped them to learn about many of the artifacts at the museum, and the Junior Ranger program developed by Historic Specialist **Jena Sherrick**. Jena taught the kids pioneer skills such as washing clothes and making butter and soap! The SA once again hosted the annual Salmon Festival in partnership with **Idaho Rivers United** at the Museum. Under the able leadership of SA Vice-President **Joe Gallagher** and grants from the **Sawtooth Society**, **Salmon River Electric**, and the **Idaho Humanities Council** our **Ice House** restoration project will finally be completed by year end with unveiling of new interpretive displays inside the ice house. A must see for 2013!



Ice House

2. Redfish Center & Interpretive Programs

The Sawtooth Association successfully operated the **Redfish Visitor Center**, aka the Redfish Center, for the second year in a row in 2012. The center opened on June 14 and operated seven days/week through September 16; about three weeks longer than in 2011. The Center staff added new displays and managed the gallery which featured art from six Idaho artists. Thanks to **Basya Clevenger**, a local Stanley artist who created a delightful mural with the help of local school kids in the media room; it is beautiful! We were able to add a fourth Naturalist to our staff, and served **9,234 visitors** at the center despite the area-wide drop off in visitation in August due to smoke and road closures from the Halstead and Trinity Ridge fires. In addition, SIHA hosted **4,766 learners** at interpretive programs including Junior Ranger programs (Our Naturalists administered the ranger oath to seven Sawtooth Wilderness Explorers, and 175 Junior Rangers this summer), Redfish Lake boat tours, discovery stations, Sawtooth Synopsis' on the front porch, campfire programs and nature walks. That is more than twice the number in 2011!



Mural painting crew in Action!

3. 2012 Forum & Lecture Series

The fifth annual **Sawtooth Forum and Lecture Series** featured a wide range of topics affecting the Sawtooth - Salmon River Country. Over **850 people** attended nine programs each at the Museum, and the Redfish Center. Programs ranged from live birds of prey, bears, wolverines, and white bark pine, to Shoshone legends, nineteenth century scientific excursions in the Sawtooth mountains, Salmon, mining history, and even a presentation on the Halstead fire and fire ecology from the National fire team assigned to the fire. A special feature this year was the addition of **members only hikes and walks** with the presenters on the Saturday after the lectures. The lectures are presented every Friday night, one at 5 PM at the Stanley Museum and one at 8 PM at the Redfish Center.



Live Raptors at the Museum

4. Promoting & Preserving Local History



Historic bear-trap near Redfish Lake

The SA continues to promote cultural and natural history education along with preservation of local historic structures. Our growing **oral history** collection and our collection of **photographic history** are among our finest assets. We have applied for several grants aimed at archiving, preserving and making these treasures more available for use and enjoyment of scholars and our members and visitors.

OUR CURRENT PROJECTS INCLUDE:

- a. Oral history project** – We continue to record, archive, and share interviews with local pioneers, miners, cattlemen, outfitters and guides, climbers and mountaineers. More than 100 interviews have been recorded in various formats. Pat Metzler with IDPTV is currently reformatting all the recordings into digital format.
- b. Stanley Walking Tours** – The SA has produced free, quality brochures for self-guided tours of downtown Stanley, and conducts guided tours for large groups on request.
- c. Redfish Lake Lodge Historic Tours** – We are developing tours of this Idaho icon, originally built by the legendary Robert Limbert.
- d. Doc Day Cabin stabilization** – The Doc Day Cabin in the Stanley Basin is a National Register of Historic Places property owned by SA. We are stabilizing the structure so we can conduct future guided tours of this historic structure associated with early mining history.

WATCH FOR OUR SPRING
e-LETTER WITH OUR
2013 CALENDAR OF EVENTS!

HELP US GROW!

become a member of
the Sawtooth Association



We need to grow our membership - to reach everyone who cares about the cultural and natural history of the Sawtooth and Salmon River country. We are confident with the overwhelming response and keen interest in our expanded program offerings over the past two years that as current members you will want to join us for another year and will invite your friends to join us. Those new to Sawtooth Association programs, come learn about, discover and celebrate the place, the people, and the history of the Sawtooth and Salmon River country with us!

The success of the efforts described in this newsletter truly depends on the financial support provided by YOU, our members and friends. If you have enjoyed our programs and want to see us continue to expand them, **please join us as new or renewing members of the SAWTOOTH Interpretive & Historical ASSOCIATION**. You can support our programs for as little as \$25 a year, that's equal to just five cups of coffee at Peaks and Perks. Your membership in the SA allows us to continue operating the Forum and Lecture Series, the Stanley Museum, and the Redfish Center. A tax deductible membership allows you to receive discounts at all eight of our bookstores, our annual newsletter, and to participate in 'members-only' programs throughout the year.

We appreciate your support of the SA's work to "protect and advance the natural and cultural history of Idaho's Sawtooth - Salmon River Country." We have included an addressed membership envelope for your convenience. Please support us at the highest level you can, to make a lasting commitment to protect and advance the natural and cultural history of Idaho's Sawtooth - Salmon River country through preservation and education. Thank you!
Janet Kellam,
Membership Committee Chair

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