Love the Sawtooths? Support us to help preserve the Valley!

The Sawtooth Interpretive and Historical Association (SIHA) is a proud partner of the Sawtooth National Forest. We are here to make your time in the mountains better as well as educate, interpret, and conserve this place we love. Do you have questions about a hike? Or maybe you are interested in learning more about the history of the Valley! The Sawtooth Association is here to assist.

The 2019 Fall Membership Campaign helps us prepare for the 2020 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 info@discoversawtooth.org.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

As the days shorten, aspen foliage has flamed out and fallen and light snows begin to bring a respite to the Sawtooth country from a busy summer season. The adventures captured in memories on social media and soon to come holiday discussions of the year past will continue in the lives of all touched by their experiences of this past summer. The Board and staff wish you a big thank you for your support of the Sawtooth Association’s activities this year – it was a great year indeed to continue our mission to protect and advance the natural and cultural history of Idaho’s Sawtooth – Salmon River Country through preservation and education.

We are so proud to have you, our members and friends, help us forward our mission and enhance the lives of all who visit and share this premiere Idaho gem through the programs we provide.

Just as the seasonal change is upon us, there are changes coming to the Association as we will be welcoming Lin Gray to the position of Executive Director on January 1. Sarah Cawley will be leaving the organization to pursue her life journey opportunities, and Sarah and I are pleased to announce this change together. I want to personally thank Sarah for her tenure and leadership of the Association these past three years, and you can all take comfort in knowing that Sarah and Lin have already started transition work together. We are proud of Sarah’s efforts and we will miss her infectious laugh, smile and commitment to the Association and Stanley community. Lin will be stepping off the board to take on the Executive Director position, and for those who don’t know, Lin was a former Program Coordinator for the Association and has been running the Sacajawea Center in Salmon. We are proud to welcome her back home. Welcome Lin!!

We had an amazing group of talent in our summer staff this past season and it is our hope several may return next year. The Redfish Center, naturalist programs, Museum, Forum and Lecture Series, and other programs sponsored by the Association including overall sales of merchandise were exceptional. The Capital Campaign for funding of the office and Clerk’s Cabin reconstruction project is doing well but we still have a way to go. As you consider your year-end giving plans, please keep the Association in your heart. We do make a difference in the lives of all ages due to our wonderful programs.

Thank you again for your support of the Sawtooth Interpretive and Historical Association and thank you to all our staff, present and former, and to our dedicated board members.

In keeping your trust and support, we appreciate you!

Stewart Wilder
President

Sarah Cawley
Executive Director
NEWS FROM OUR FOUR PROGRAM AREAS:

1. Stanley Museum and Renovations

Did you have an opportunity to come check out the Stanley Museum? If so, we would like to thank you and the other 3,780 folks that joined us for the summer! Our Museum staff, Matt Bingman and Megan Nelson, thoroughly enjoyed meeting you all throughout the summer.

The Sawtooth Society, Idaho Heritage Trust, the Idaho Community Foundation, the Langston Family Foundation, and private donors have all provided assistance in the office restoration project, and the reconstruction of the historic Clerk’s Cabin. The office was built in 1929, and is currently being worked on by Windsor Construction. The Clerk’s Cabin will be reconstructed by Boise State University Construction Management Department. It will then serve as housing for four of our summer interns. This is still in the works for SIHA, and we can always use your help! We are more than half way to our goal, and by becoming a part of Sawtooth History with our Brick Project, you can help us get one step closer to our goal of $87,000.00.

2. Redfish Center and Interpretive Programs

This year, the Redfish Center and Gallery saw an incredible 13,040 folks through our doors! Did you have the opportunity to join one of our free programs at the Center? If so, you and 8,544 other participants joined the Naturalists in some fun programs, all managed by our Lead Naturalist, Caitlin Straubinger. We even had over 200 Junior Rangers this year, carrying out their oath to preserve and protect the Sawtooth NRA and all the plants and animals that live in it.

Additionally, our Gallery held a variety of new artwork this year, including Paul Summer (Photography), new work by Jack Weekes (Painter), and new postcards and prints by Sandra Shaw (Painter). Thank you to our two board members, Bernice Hartz and Kay Davies, who dedicated their time to ensuring the Gallery was run to its full potential.

The Redfish Center also welcomed Margaret Fuller, local author and avid hiker, and Elii Morris, FS Trail Crew and Photographer, to host evening programs for our visitors. These programs inspired awe in all those that attended to go out and explore more of the Sawtooth National Recreation Area on their own.

3. Forum and Lecture Series

The 2019 Forum and Lecture Series focused on the theme “The Adventure Starts Here”. We were able to bring in some captivating presenters to speak with everyone about their times and stories while living in the Sawtooth Valley, the animals that one can see when up high, and tales of wolves and Galileo.

Thank you to all who came out and supported the FLS events this year, we had a total of 760 attendees, and we are excited to see what next year brings!

Thank you to our primary FLS sponsors, Redfish Lake Lodge and the MacNicol Family in loving memory of Roland MacNicol, a proud FLS attendee and SIHA supporter.

4. Promoting and Preserving Local History

Along with our renovations at the Museum, we are continuing to add to our historical archives and Oral History collections. This year, due to a grant received from the Idaho Historical Society, we have had the opportunity to transcribe many Oral histories with the help of Susan Cawley, create countless abstracts written by Kathy Hansen, and plan to do many more in the years to come. We wish to bring these Oral Histories to you, our valued donors, in a few years time. We continue to develop our Oral History collections and donors like you help us complete these projects.

Our Stanley Walking Tours and Stanley Basin Auto Tours are always available upon request. If you want to spend a day with SIHA, ask about our History Days! In the morning, we dive into the rugged history of the town as we walk around and listen to the stories of days gone by. After a lunch break we drive through the Stanley Basin to learn about the old mining days. These events are once a month from June through October, so be sure to schedule your tour next season!

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