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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.



PLEASE SUPPORT US at the highest level you can, or beyond if possible.
We appreciate all the support over the years, and look forward to your assistance again in 2020!

Sawtooth Interpretive & Historical Association

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"The mountains are calling and I must go."

~John Muir



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



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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



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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 Sumner (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 **Elli 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!



Board Member Highlight

Paul Hill



Paul Hill is one of the longest serving and most dedicated of SIHA's Board of Directors, having served since 2006. Paul was our Treasurer from 2007 through

2017. Paul, his wife **Ann** and their eldest son, **Andrew** have been instrumental in the growth of the Association which really began to take off around 2005. In 2010, when the Forest Service was having trouble funding the Redfish Lake Visitor Center, it was Ann who offered up the idea that SIHA should consider managing the center for the Forest Service. Paul thought that was a great idea, this was just our 9th season that we wrapped up. Paul and Ann are passionate about the Sawtooth Country. They started hiking and river running here on vacations from Georgia in 1980 and began to fall in love with the area. It exerted such a huge pull on them that in 1996 they purchased some land and began building their home up Valley Creek and have spent summers here ever since. After Paul retired, they began spending winters in Ashland, Oregon until this year when they became permanent full-time Idaho residents. Ever the community-minded citizen, Paul served on the board of the **Oregon Shakespeare Festival** while in Ashland.

Paul and Ann have been extremely active in their support for the Sawtooth NRA and the Sawtooth Valley community. They support the **Stanley School**, and started the school hot lunch program with the help of the **Mountain Village Restaurant** at the request of educator **Lisa Muscavage**. Paul has served on the board of the **Sawtooth Society** for many years, including 7 years as its President. He also chairs the ongoing **Sawtooth Vision 20/20** community vision effort and participates in the **Sawtooth Fire Collaborative**. Paul is also active in national and state conservation organizations, including serving as a board member for the Trust for Public Lands, and is a member of the Idaho Conservation League. In 2017, Ann received the Bethine Church Award for outstanding service to the Sawtooth NRA.

Watch for our Spring E-Letter with our 2020 Calender Of Events!

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