



**SAWTOOTH
INTERPRETIVE & HISTORICAL
ASSOCIATION**

Preserving the Past. Protecting the Future.

P.O. Box 75 - Stanley, Idaho 83278



You can make a difference in the Sawtooths!

The Sawtooth Interpretive & Historical Association (SIHA), a proud partner of the Sawtooth National Forest, faced the year's challenges and safely provided a variety of programs for our community and visitors during the 2020 summer season!

The 2020 Fall Membership Campaign helps us prepare for the 2021 summer season. Now is the time to renew your membership or become a first-time member! Please make a donation to help support our mission to preserve the past and protect the future of Idaho's Sawtooth and Salmon River Country through education and outreach. And, share this with a friend! Memberships and donations at any level are tax deductible as a charitable donation, and for Idaho residents it may also be deducted as an Idaho State Educational Tax Credit.

PLEASE SUPPORT US AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL YOU ARE ABLE!
Together we can continue to provide educational programs and area information, and preserve local history.

Sawtooth Interpretive & Historical Association

A N N U A L N E W S L E T T E R 2 0 2 0

PRESIDENT'S LETTER NOVEMBER 2020

"I learn something every time I go into the mountains." Michael Kennedy

Education, Preservation, and Interpretation are core values of the Sawtooth Interpretive & Historical Association. Our mission is *'to protect and advance the natural and cultural history of Idaho's Sawtooth-Salmon River Country through preservation and education'*.

2020 has certainly been a year to move past. As we began planning for a robust season of operations, COVID-19 changed our course of action. Like for many, it was a challenging year. Thanks to the leadership of our Executive Director, Lin Gray, and our Lead Naturalist, Hannah Fake, along with our dedicated board members, we were able to strategically plan for operations this summer. Our leadership team took health and safety seriously and we emerged successfully with a modified approach to our typical programming. While income was down significantly in SIHA bookstores, we were able to welcome visitors to the Stanley Museum, Redfish Visitor Center & Gallery, spend more time engaging with the increased traffic at trailheads, and keep a sense of some normalcy with our Forum and Lecture Series.

Our summer naturalist and museum team were exceptional this year and all are to be commended for their efforts and contributions to make our season something special under trying times. The personal touches made by our team enhanced the Sawtooth experience for many coming to the mountains this summer.



Kokanee spawning in Fishhook Creek.
PC: Jill Parker

Getting through the season has benchmarked a strategy that will help SIHA further refine operations for 2021 as the pandemic's future, tourism and the economy remain uncertain. We tightened our financial reporting system, applied for COVID-19 relief funding and reduced expenses to partially offset sales revenue losses, nearly flattening our income and expense ratio. It has been a pleasure to continue our working partnership with the Sawtooth National Recreation Area (SNRA) and our community partners/

advocates to keep the SNRA and surrounding area a valued treasure for years to come.

We need your support now more than ever as you make your year-end giving plans. Please consider options including an annual, sustaining membership, a one-time contribution, a brick purchase in our Pathway to Sawtooth Valley History, and planned giving opportunities. The board and staff of SIHA appreciates every one of you, our community, helping us maintain our mission today and in the future. Thank you for your support, we cannot do this work without YOU.

We look forward to seeing you next season, and as always, take the time to explore the Sawtooth and Salmon River Country, and share it with your family and friends. Continue to follow us on Facebook and Instagram, and visit our webcam and blogs during the winter months. It is a beautiful and serene time of year to reflect and prepare for a wonderful 2021 learning experience in the mountains.

Stewart Wilder,
President

PATRICK ABEL



NEWS FROM OUR FOUR PROGRAM AREAS:

1. Stanley Museum

As many of you know, the Stanley Museum is the historic Valley Creek Ranger Station. It was used by the US Forest Service from the late 1920s through the early 1970s as an office and home for the Stanley Ranger and his family. For over a decade SIHA has been maintaining the three log buildings that currently make up the complex, stabilizing foundations, and creating new interpretive content.



Next summer we will be opening a new exhibit in the **Tool Shed** (attached to the Ice House) dedicated to the late Marilyn Marquis, who had a fond place in her heart for preservation of historic buildings in the area. Thanks to the Sawtooth Society for the grant to complete the interpretive signage for the Tool Shed and Evelyn Phillips of Quigley Map Studio for her dedication to this project.

Building maintenance and conservation is ongoing with structures nearly 90 years old, but there are other projects in the works at the Museum. If you've been a SIHA member for a while you've probably heard of our **Clerk's Cabin** project – replicating a former cabin for summer intern housing. While 2020 caused some major delays we are forging ahead with planning and fundraising and we still need your help! Please consider purchasing a commemorative brick* where all proceeds go toward the construction of the new Clerk's Cabin. *See insert for more details.

2. Redfish Visitor Center & Gallery

Sitting among the pines on the northeast side of Redfish Lake, the Redfish Visitor Center & Gallery has a clear view of Grand Mogul (elev. 9,733 feet). You can see this view or check current conditions anytime by visiting our webcam, updated every ten minutes, or stop by in the summer!



Our naturalist team staffs the visitor center answering your questions, providing educational programs, and selling maps, gifts, and educational items that help fund our work. This year we shifted our educational focus to **trailhead portals** and served over 10,200 visitors! At these portals naturalists provide trail information, answer questions, and teach users Leave-No-Trace principles and wilderness regulations that are specific to the area. Did you know that there are 5 areas where campfires are always prohibited in the Sawtooth Wilderness, either due to their high-elevation and slow regrowth, or their high use?

3. Forum and Lecture Series

In Stanley we continue to feel aftershocks from the March 31, 2020 earthquake near Cape Horn. Attendees of our outdoor, physically-distanced, Friday evening lectures learned about this on July 24 when Lee Liberty, research scientist at Boise State, joined us to present, *Earthquakes in Central Idaho: Why, Where, and How Often*.



Thanks to all the speakers who made up our weekly 2020 Forum and Lecture Series, *Alpine Epics*, and to our sponsors, Redfish Lake Lodge and the Roland MacNichol Family. Several of the programs including Lee Liberty's, *Earthquakes in Central Idaho*, are on our Sawtooth Association YouTube channel to enjoy at your leisure.

4. Promoting and Preserving Local History

History Day was reimagined this year to increase access to local history. Wilderness Rangers created a display about working in the wilderness with some of the horses from their pack string, gear, and a cross-cut saw set-up. They chatted with visitors about how working in the wilderness preserves historic methods of trail maintenance and travel.



Bob Beckwith provided a wall tent, which was peppered with artifacts used by wildland firefighters and lookouts. We hope to continue and grow this program next year, bringing history alive on History Day, and serving ice cream in the future.

SIHA also continues to gather and transcribe **Oral Histories** and scan historic photos. Don't miss our winter social media posts, where we often highlight historic Sawtooth scenes.

Board Member Highlight EDWIN WALDAPFEL



Ed has enthusiastically supported the work of SIHA as a Board Member since 2010 and Board Secretary since 2013. Beginning in 1992, he served as the USFS's Liaison with SIHA in his position as the Sawtooth National Forest Public Information Officer until his retirement in 2007.

Working with an interpretive organization like SIHA was a childhood goal of Ed's when, on family vacations from Santa Maria, California, he attended campfire programs at Kings Canyon and Sequoia National Parks. He decided that those folks giving the talks had the best jobs ever!

Ed earned his Forestry degree at Humboldt State College in Arcata and worked seasonally on the Lassen and Los Padres National Forests. His first full-time assignment was on the Klamath National Forest in 1967, the same year he married his wife Pat. Ed, Pat, and their three kids, moved to Twin Falls, Idaho, and the Sawtooth National Forest in 1980.

Ed loves the Sawtooth country and is dedicated to preserving and protecting it. "The mission of the Sawtooth NRA to protect the scenic and natural values of both the public and private lands is unique and important." He is proud of SIHA's work at the Redfish Center and Stanley Museum, and especially the historic preservation work at the Museum and the oral history program.

Ed stays busy keeping up with six grandkids and one (soon to be three) great grandkids, fishing, woodworking, and occasional reunions with his barbershop quartet. He works part time for Musser Brothers Auctions and is the newsletter editor for the Intermountain Regions "Old Timers" a group of Forest Service retirees.

- BOARD OF DIRECTORS**
 Stewart Wilder – President
 Terry Clark – Vice President
 Liesl Scherthanner – Treasurer
 Ed Waldapfel – Secretary
 Gary Gadwa – Immediate Past President
 Ed Cannady
 Erica Cole
 Bernice Hartz
 Ken Hartz
 Paul Hill
 Jenny MacNichol
 Roland Miller
 Becky Oblatz
 Caitlin Straubinger

DIRECTOR EMERITUS
Art Selin

STAFF
 Lin Gray, Executive Director
 Laurii Gadwa, Outlet Manager
 Hannah Fake, Lead Naturalist
 Megan Nelson, Museum Docent

2020 SUMMER CREW
 Naturalists:
 Laura Fitzgerald, Bryce Johnston,
 Kelsey Maxwell, Annie Schawe;
 Historic Specialist:
 Ana Sherer-Estevéz

2020 PARTNERS
 Sawtooth National Recreation Area
 Val A. Browning Foundation
 Redfish Lake Lodge
 the Roland MacNichol Family
 Sawtooth Society

www.DiscoverSawtooth.org
 PO Box 75 - Stanley, Idaho 83278
 208.774.3517

Watch for our Spring E-Letter with
our 2021 Calendar Of Events!

