



SAVE THE DATE! It's time to celebrate!

On August 20, 2022 the Sawtooth National Recreation Area will be celebrating its 50th anniversary! But that's not all. The Sawtooth Interpretive & Historical Association is turning 50, too, in December! Shortly after the creation of the Sawtooth NRA, the Association was formed to support the preservation and protection of this special place. Next summer there will be opportunities to connect with and reflect upon what makes the Sawtooth NRA unique, why it was preserved in the way it was, and how we can continue to champion the values identified in its establishment (natural, scenic, historic, pastoral, & fish and wildlife values).



Support SIHA today! Your donation to the Sawtooth Association supports the protection and advancement of the natural and cultural history of the Sawtooth/Salmon River country.



PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Have you heard the news? 2022 marks the 50th anniversary of the Sawtooth National Recreation Area! This will be a year to celebrate the history of its establishment and the 50th anniversary of the incorporation of the Sawtooth Interpretive & Historical Association (SIHA)! Yes, indeed, a celebration.

We are excited to highlight the successes of the past year of operation. We continue to make volunteer and visitor safety a priority as we creep out of the pandemic. We are pleased to report to all our members, community sponsors, and potential supporters, 2021 has been a great year for SIHA, on so many levels: financial stability, program development, an active board of directors, strategic planning, memberships, the list goes on. We are doing the work to set up SIHA for further success.

Moreover, we celebrate a summer class of naturalists and leadership who were engaged and impactful and are the backbone of our success. We thank each of them, wish them good luck for their future endeavors, and hope to have them return next year.

Millions of years of geological evolution have shaped the Sawtooth and Salmon River country. Human history is also central in shaping this land over eons. While the natural flora and fauna are always



*'Eventually,
all things merge
into one,
and a river runs
through it..'*

Norman Maclean

changing, some of our beloved plant and animal communities are deeply threatened.

Through all this, over time, a great river has cut through and *'...under the rocks are the words, and some of the words are theirs.'* So, let's listen and share their words with others. Let's champion the Sawtooth National Recreation Area's values: *natural, scenic, historic, pastoral, and fish and wildlife and the recreation values associated therewith.* SIHA is committed to education and doing our part to protect and advance the area. Let's work to preserve this special place for the next generation through collaboration and community engagement.

For SIHA to continue to meet its mission: **to protect and advance the natural and cultural history of Idaho's Sawtooth/Salmon River Country through preservation and education,** we rely on your support in many ways. Please consider how you can help at a level you

feel commensurate to engage. Give a year-end gift, volunteer, and spread the word about who we are and what we do.

We thank you for your support!

Here's to the next 50 years, Cheers!

Stewart Wilder,
President

Lin Gray,
Executive Director



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OUR 2021 IMPACT We've had another year packed with educational programs, events, and activities.

8 Naturalist interns who operate the Stanley Museum and Redfish Visitor Center & Gallery so SIHA can provide free educational programs and learning opportunities throughout the valley.

4050+ People learned about the history of the area when they visited the Stanley Museum.

9650+

Naturalist contacts in the field! Did you see one of our naturalists at a trailhead this summer? Or maybe you attended one of our daily educational programs.

24 Evening Programs presented by SIHA Naturalists at the Redfish Amphitheater.
11 Scientists, Historians, and Storytellers presented at the Sawtooth Forum and Lecture Series.

12,175+

Members of the public visited the Redfish Visitor Center & Gallery to ask a question about area trails, camping, and recreation opportunities; attend an educational program; purchase a trail map or guidebook in our bookstore; use wifi; or view the gallery full of works inspired by the Sawtooth and White Cloud Mountains.

366 Free educational programs for all ages offered at the Redfish Visitor Center.

500+

People attended the Sawtooth Salmon Festival (pictured here) on August 28th! Special guests included Congressman Mike Simpson, the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes' Sockeye Recovery Program, and a dozen other nonprofits working to educate the public about salmon recovery.

15 Regional artists in a wide variety of media from ceramics, to photography to watercolor sold their work in the Redfish Gallery.



2 Collaborative clean-up efforts with 6 partnering organizations! Sawtooth NRA, National Forest Foundation, Sawtooth Society, Idaho Conservation League, Environmental Resource Center, and Pulaski Users Group.

35 Community members joined the Spring Roadside Clean-up on June 9th.

160 Volunteers participated in the Sawtooth NRA Fall Clean-up Sept. 12-25.

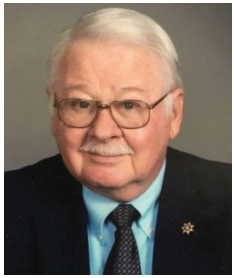
64 Trailhead Portals* at Iron Creek, Tin Cup, Redfish Inlet, Stanley Lake, and Redfish Trailheads.

*You are probably wondering what a Trailhead Portal is, right? Our interns are trained by Sawtooth National Recreation Area Wilderness Program staff about Wilderness regulations and Leave-No-Trace Principles. We send them to busy trailheads several mornings a week throughout the summer to set up information booths and talk to everyone using the trail.

510 Attendees to the Sawtooth Forum and Lecture Series.

3 Special events planned and implemented by SIHA's summer interns.

Board Member Highlight: Ken Hartz



Ken Hartz joined the SIHA board in 2017 after serving as the Stanley Museum Docent from 2011 to 2016. He first arrived in the Valley in 1976 and worked seasonally for the Sawtooth NRA until 2008.

Ken holds a Master's degree in Education and spent his career teaching High School English and History in Pennsylvania, and coaching track and field and field hockey.

Ken loves the Sawtooth country and is known for his many volunteer efforts. He is an EMT and ambulance driver for the Stanley Clinic, a Sawtooth Valley Search and Rescue team member, a reservist with Idaho Fish & Game, past president of the Stanley Library Board, and past Board member of the Stanley Christian Fellowship. In his spare time, he enjoys reading, hunting and playing pickleball, and is known for his kindness and humor, (especially his bad puns). He was awarded the prestigious Bethine Church Award for outstanding service to the Sawtooth NRA.

Ken and his wife, Bernice, have a home on the Salmon River, and now spend winters in Green Valley, Arizona, where they are involved in many volunteer community service activities.

Ken is extremely dedicated to the Sawtooth NRA: "I hope to continue helping preserve its history and natural beauty through SIHA."

Watch for our Spring e-newsletter with our 2022 Calendar of Events!

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