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with our 2023 Calender of Events!

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**In all things of nature there is something of the marvelous. ~ Aristotle**

### Greetings Friends,

We are pleased to report another successful summer and thank our interns for their dedicated work and programming. As we reflect on the season, we are excited to continue improving and expanding access to programs.

Thanks to our staff, membership, Directors, the Forest Service, and community partners, SIHA is thriving. Our public interpretive and educational programs support our mission: *To protect and advance the natural and cultural history of Idaho's Sawtooth-Salmon River Country through preservation and education.*

The Sawtooth Interpretive Association was incorporated in 1972 to support the newly-established Sawtooth National Recreation Area (SNRA), created by Public Law 92-400. The Association formed to assist with the preservation and protection of the natural, scenic, historic, pastoral, fish and wildlife, and recreation values of the area. In its first decade, the vision of the Association led to the preservation and protection of the Valley Creek Ranger Station, today's Stanley Museum. Thus began a legacy we celebrate this year for the 50th anniversary of the Sawtooth Interpretive & Historical Association (SIHA). We hope you were able to join this summer's commemorative events for the SNRA 50th anniversary. What a year of important milestones and legacy for our beloved Sawtooth country.

2023 will be a year of enhancements for SIHA as we work with the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes to develop permanent interpretive displays about their ancestral history in the SNRA, so please be on the lookout for updates.

It is our pleasure to welcome new board member, Dave Pinney, and we thank retiring Director and former Docent, Ken Hartz, for his many contributions. We acknowledge Laurii Gadwa for her years of service to SIHA, most recently as Outlet Manager, and Erica Cole for stepping off the board to fill the Business Manager role. Sadly, this year we met the passing of our Director Emeritus, Art Selin. He was a true champion of the work SIHA does and will be missed. The breadth of our board continues to grow in talent and expertise, and collectively we are eager to set up SIHA for another 50 years of service.

Your thoughtful support is greatly appreciated at any donation level to continue our mission.

We know there is *'something of the marvelous'* to come, and we hope you will take part to protect and advance SIHA for the future of the Sawtooth and Salmon River Country.

Sending you best wishes as the new year approaches,  
Stewart Wilder, President  
Lin Gray, Executive Director





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## Team Highlight

### Erica Cole Business Manager

As a young executive, Erica gave up the corporate world of health insurance in upstate, NY, where she did most of her growing up, to experience the West, and found a seasonal job -- supposedly just for the summer -- at Idaho Rocky Mountain Ranch. Unusually, she shipped her car out, flew into the nearest airport, and soon fell in love with spring in the mountains, then summer, then winter...over and over again! Her summer job turned into 19 years of service at the Ranch. In the course of those years, after getting hooked on SIHA's Sawtooth Forum and Lecture Series and seeing our naturalists in action with guests, Erica joined SIHA's Board of Directors in 2015 and served as the Membership and Outreach Committee Chairperson helping with our newsletter, website, and membership/gift management. Looking for a change, and wholly committed to SIHA's mission, Erica stepped into a new position early in 2022 as our Business Manager. Her degrees in business administration and hospitality management are appreciated in this new context.

Erica is motivated, well-organized, and a master at exploring all the Sawtooth Valley offers. That could be the reason she always has a smile on her face. SIHA is delighted to have her on our team! She now oversees SIHA's 11 bookstore outlets on the Sawtooth, Salmon-Challis and Caribou-Targhee National Forests. The bookstores provide maps, guide books, and educational gifts. Purchases are an important revenue source for SIHA's general operations.



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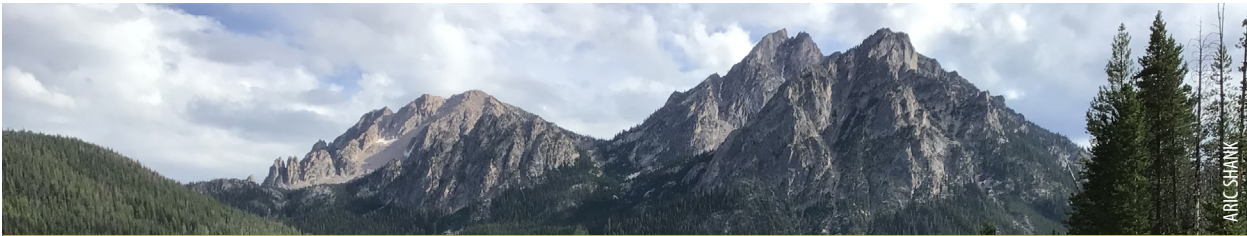
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"Afternoon Snack" Brian Carlson



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"Dusk at Redfish Lake" Jackson Busic



PEOPLE IN NATURE

"Morning Coffee with a View" Tonia McCrary

Did You Know?

SIHA exists because of the establishment of the Sawtooth National Recreation Area (SNRA). The Sawtooth Interpretive Association was formed December 20, 1972, "to gather information, objects, and materials relative to [the Sawtooth National Recreation Area's] history and development; to carry out educational programs concerning the region; to assist or advance historical, scientific, educational, or interpretive programs or publications related to the Sawtooth National Recreation Area and the Sawtooth, Boise, and Challis National Forest..." This text comes from our original bylaws. Our founding directors included Dr. Merle Wells of Boise, Susan Foster of Clayton, Mary Sprague of Hailey, and Ken and Ethel Kinucan of Bellevue.

We are a cooperative association. This is a formal relationship between nonprofits and public land agencies (National Forest, Bureau of Land Management, National Park, etc.). We provide educational and interpretive programs and projects not covered by agency funding and encourage stewardship of our public lands for future generations. The designation identifies SIHA as the chief partner for providing interpretive services to the SNRA and gives us authority to do things the Forest Service and its other partners cannot.

Keep reading to learn about some of SIHA's accomplishments over the last 50 years!





**serving the Sawtooth National Recreation Area**

**1997** - Photo displays for the SNRA's 25th anniversary commemorate pioneering families of the area.

**2011** - SIHA takes over operation of the Redfish Lake Visitor Center at the invitation of the Forest Service and brings on a crew of 5 summer interns. Over 7,000 visitors use the facility, and daily interpretive programs are offered once again. At the Museum, the Ice House exhibit opens after several years restoring the building.

**2019-2022** - Further site restoration is completed at the Stanley Museum. A permanent Toolshed exhibit opens focused on Forest Service history including fire, communications, and lookouts. Visitation at Redfish Visitor Center averages 10,000; and the Museum sees approximately 4,500 visitors each summer.

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