

April 2016 , Annual Report

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history creating community

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2015-2016 Annual Report

The last year at the museum has been an exciting one, and the board of directors, volunteer staff, Curator, Administrator and Executive Director have all worked very diligently to ensure our museum is the best institution it can be, as well as expanding our reach in the community.

In support of the museum's mission of **History Creating Community**, we hosted a number of events designed to foster relationships between the museum and its community. In the last year we hosted over 550 local students on school tours, held our third annual **Safe Trick-or-Treat** event for over 500 individuals and continued our highly successful **Free First Saturday** program. We also worked with La Rosa to celebrate our new exhibits with a 1920s themed "**Friend-Raiser**."

The museum's collection of over 200,000 objects, photos, and archival materials continues to grow through the generosity of our community and we've been able to show off some of the most unique and interesting items in our collection over the last year. We are now in the third and final era of our "**Tales from the Wardrobe**" series, looking at fashion in Bonner County in the 1940s and 1950s. We also installed two mini-exhibits in the late fall; "**The Strange and Curious**" which showcases some of the more random and bizarre objects in our collection, as well as "**The Art of Selma Calhoun Barker**" who was an incredible local Western artist.

We also continued our "**History in the Making**" exhibit series, presenting a collection of local photographer Ben Olson's Then/Now images, as well as the found material art of artist Luke Thoreson. In the fall, the museum will install and remodel most of our gallery space. We will have new exhibits on the history of the Forest Service, and healthcare in Bonner County, as well as more History in the Making. We will also update and relocate our materials on Native Americans, David Thompson and the earliest history of Bonner County.

Most recently the museum has introduced its "**Late Nights at the Museum**" event series. With the first quarter under our belt, we've had over 130 guests join us at these unique gatherings. So far we've hosted "A Night with Nell

Shipman,” a 1930s Ice Cream Social and a 40s-inspired Ladies Night, at which guests built their own fantastic fascinators! There’s a lot more fun coming up this summer, and we’re very excited by the events we’ll be hosting.

Our **2nd Annual History Mystery** was also a rousing success. Our amazing team of actors and volunteers transformed the Community Hall back to its USO glory days and put on an amazing “radio show” drama for our guests. In other upcoming events we’ll be hosting our **Afternoon Tea** on August 20, so make sure to reserve your place today.

Finally, the caboose has begun its long journey towards becoming a functional part of the museum’s space. Windows have been replaced and work on flooring has started, hopefully by the end of the summer it will be ready to present to the public!

We are very proud of all the wonderful things we’ve done over the last year at the museum, and we’re excited to continue to offer new and innovative programming and exhibits to engage and delight our community.



Kathy Osborne, President
Bonner County History Museum Board

Cast at our 2nd Annual History Mystery

Place your Vote: the following items will be up for consideration at the 2016 Annual Meeting. If you are not able to attend the meeting, please feel free to submit your vote via email at bchs@frontier.com and indicate if you vote yes or no on the topic listed below.

Renewal of Board Members:

- Zelma Brisboy
- Brabara Botsch
- Irv Jenkins

The Annual Meeting will be held:

Thursday, May 26th, 2016, 9:00 a.m., BCHS Meeting Room

Coffee and pastries will be served. Please note that no programming will be offered in conjunction with the annual meeting. The annual and financial reports will be presented and items for consideration will be voted on (see above).

Call for new Board Members:

Are you interested in how the museum runs? Have ideas for exhibits or programs you’d like to share? Want to give back? Consider applying to become a member of the BCHS Board of Directors. Contact the museum for more details.

Thank You to our 2015 Sustaining Members:

Benefactors (\$500 or more)

Bob and Carol Camp
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Gary Pietsch, C & G Enterprises
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Ladies' Late Night at the Museum
Guests showing off their hats!



Summer Schedule

Free First Saturday

May 7

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Sponsored by Summit Insurance

1950s Movie Night

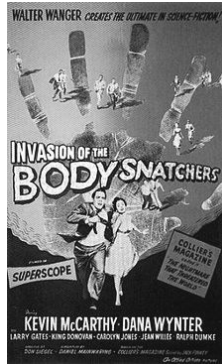
Friday May 13

5:00 - 8:00 p.m

\$10/public, \$5/ members

Movie starts at 6:30

We'll show "Invasion of the Body Snatchers" and enjoy 1950s cocktails & snacks, plus a popcorn bar!



Free First Saturday

June 3rd

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Sponsored by Dr. & Mrs. Ken Conger and Ruth & Dan Wimberly

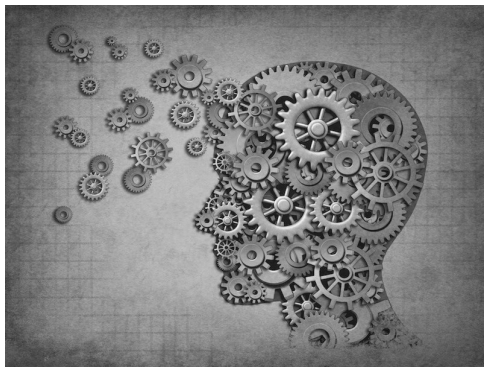
Trivia Night

Friday, June 24

5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

\$10/public, \$5/ members

You'll have one hour to study before competing in teams of 4-6 for the title of "Best Local Historians" Drinks and nibbles will be provided, along with a great prize!



Free First Saturday

July 2nd

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Sponsored by Hay's Chevron, Clark Fork

Cinema in the Park

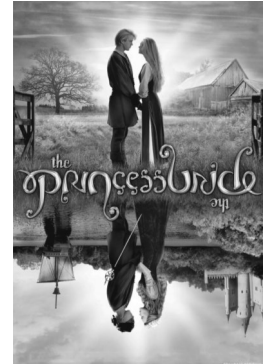
Friday, July 22

Movie starts at 8:30 p.m.

VIP Tickets are \$10/public, \$5/members and include complimentary food and beverage

\$2 general admission

Enjoy a showing of "The Princess Bride" under the stars! Concessions will be available



Free First Saturday

August 6

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Sponsored by the Co-Op Country Store

Please note that this is a special, earlier, time.

Annual Tea Party

Saturday, August 20

2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

\$30/ adults, \$15/ children under 12

Enjoy a three course afternoon tea, with champagne, under a canopy of trees.



Paint and Sip

Friday August 26

5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

\$30 for members

We're partnering with Infini Gallery to bring you a unique and creative event. No experience needed! Food and drinks will be provided.

Please RSVP at (208) 263-2344

Have questions?

Check our website for the most current event information. Or call 208.263.2344