

Idaho City Historical Foundation

2021 Annual Reports & Election

The Best Worst Year Ever And We Get To Do It Again

2021 was a year of adapting and taking our opportunities when they came. St. Patrick's Day Dinner was a great example. We thought we'd need to cancel the St. Patrick's Day dinner but Trudy's Kitchen said, "No way. Let's go for it and do it curb side." Owners Melissa and Paul Head and the staff at Trudy's did an incredible job preparing the meal and packaging it up. We were able to put our auction online thanks to Clix Auctions. It was one of our best fundraisers.

The South Idaho Corrections Institute (SICI) crew returned this year and spent three weeks trimming trees, raking debris; cleaning, and placing gravel around our large mining

equipment in the park. They helped reorganize our storage areas; cleaned all our historic buildings; rebuilt the bridges in the Brogan and Naylor Parks and helped to remove 17 dead trees from the Pioneer Cemetery. Local businesses (Gold Mine Grill & Saloon, Idaho City Grocery, Kayak Pizza and Subs, Seasons Mountain Dining & Grocery and Trudy's Kitchen) took turns providing lunch for the SICI crew every day.

We were able to safely hold our Yard Sale of Historic Proportions on Memorial Day weekend. The traditional 4th of July Reading of the Declaration of Independence and festivities in the Brogan Park were

enjoyed by an appreciative crowd.

The Boise Basin Museum began the season open four days a week. By July the museum was open seven days a week because of our amazing staff—Alyce Sames, George Thomas, Dave Martin and Ashley Ludwig. Thanks to Idaho Humanities Council CARES/SHARP grants and membership donations we were able to keep the museum open, parks maintained and bills paid.

One surprise we had this year was the news that the Territorial Prison isn't located on the land the Sons and Daughters of the Idaho Pioneers deeded to us in 1967. This discovery was made by Marks Land Surveying while they were conducting a survey of adjacent parcels for Gary Secor and Nancy Holbert. We were able to work with the City of Idaho City and complete a land exchange process. The Territorial Prison is now on land the Foundation owns, due in no small part to the generosity of Gary Secor, Nancy Holbert and Colleen Marks.

What lies ahead? More adapting and being ready to change at a moment's notice when it comes to programs and events. We will continue to move ahead on building the Mining Trail, digitizing photos, bringing Kenn's Garden back to life and making big strides forward on the Kenn Smith Wildfire Museum. All of this is made possible by your membership dues, donations and time. Thank you. Visit our website at www.idahocityhf.org for more photos and information.

RECOGNITIONS

Watching **Todd Niehoff** and **Roger Jackson** fell the seventeen dead trees in the Pioneer Cemetery was like watching a well-choreographed dance. In tight quarters with a myriad of obstacles, they brought the trees down and out, leaving a minimal trace. Then they volunteered their equipment and time to transport the Ribbon Tree to their property in Idaho City. There it stayed until **Larry and Dwayne Abbott** took it to their mill. **Pete Peterson** played a vital role in securing the Ribbon Tree and cutting off the initial rounds. Meanwhile **DeAnna Root** spent endless hours bringing Kenn's Gardens back to life. We want to recognize their generosity of time and self in making this year such a success.



Before and after pictures of
Kenn Smith Gardens

