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# Your IWF Idaho News

April 2020

# **Member Spotlight**

### IWF Idaho President, Janet L. Gallimore

IWF Idaho is so excited to welcome President Janet L. Gallimore to the position. Learn a bit more about Janet and her professional and personal

#### experiences below --



Janet L. Gallimore is the Executive Director and State Historic Preservation Officer of the Idaho State Historical Society, where she directs a dynamic state agency comprised of the Idaho State Museum, Idaho State Archives and State Records Center, State Historic Preservation Office, and Historic Sites program. Ms. Gallimore has 35 years of experience in the field of cultural resource management. She holds an MS in Business from National Lewis University and BA in Business and Fine Art from Barat College. A graduate of the J. Paul Getty Museum Management Institute, Ms. Gallimore is currently a member of the Steering Committee for the national History Relevance Campaign. She has served as a peer reviewer for American Association of Museums (AAM) and its museum accreditation program from 1995-to the present and on the National Field Committee of the Museums and Community Initiative of the AAM; and in numerous capacities on regional and national boards, from 1991 to the present, including the American Association for State and Local History and National Council for State Historic Preservation Officers. Prior to her work with the State of Idaho,

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Ms. Gammore served as a consultant to the Commence Project that is leading the creation of seven artworks by artist Maya Lin in the Pacific Northwest. From 1981-2003, she served as director of cultural resources for the Lake County Forest Preserves, an entrepreneurial government in the north suburbs of Chicago, where she directed the Lake County Discovery Museum, Bonner Heritage Farm, Adlai Stevenson Historic Home and the Greenbelt Cultural Center. Ms. Gallimore is a member of the Idaho Capitol Commission and Vice-President of the Idaho Chapter of the International Women's Forum. In 2018, Ms. Gallimore was awarded the distinction of CEO of Influence by the Idaho Business
Review and in 2010 and 2019, was recognized as one of the Women of the Year, also by the Idaho Business Review. She was also awarded, in 2019, the Outstanding Achievement in the Humanities Award by the Idaho Humanities Council.

## **Open IWF Positions**

#### WANTED: IWF Treasurer

Carolyn Lister has served as Treasurer for numerous years. She is ready to move on. Members are invited to consider the attached job description and make nominations to Governance Committee Chair, <u>Wendy</u> <u>Jaquet</u>. Nominees should submit a letter of interest and CV by May 1. Members are encouraged to suggest themselves or IWF Idaho members.

Description of IWF Idaho Treasurer: The Treasurer is responsible for maintaining records, accounts receivables and accounts payable, soliciting the payment of dues and fees for events, maintaining records of dues payments, paying all bills and invoices received by the Forum and reporting the financial status to the Board of Directors and the membership-at-large. She answers questions from the membership regarding payments. In addition, the Treasurer in collaboration with the Forum President drafts IWF Idaho's annual budget for presentation and approval by the Board. She manages the annual budget, the books and financial records for review by the Board of Directors and the membership, and is responsible for filing all documents needed for IRS compliance. *The Treasurer spends approximately 50*-65 hours annually accomplishing the above. Quickbooks Online is the program the Treasurer uses.

#### WANTED: Three At-large Board members for election at the Annual Meeting, August 1, 2020

Please submit a letter of interest and CV by May 1 to <u>Wendy Jaquet</u>, Chair, Governance Committee. Members are encouraged to nominate themselves of IWF Idaho members.

#### <u>Bylaws:</u>

Article VII, Section 1.: Members of the board of Directors and Board Terms: There shall be a Board of Directors consisting of the officers, at least two-at-large active members but no more than five-at-large active members, and the committee chairs. To the greatest extent possible, Board members shall reflect the geographically diversity of the membership. Members of the Board of Directors assume office election at the Annual Meeting and hold office until their successors are duly elected or appointed and take office. All directors shall be members in good standing with the corporation. Board members are elected for two-year terms and may serve for three consecutive terms. After an absence of a year, a Board member who has served the maximum number of years prescribed for her position may be nominated and elected to the Board again.

#### WANTED: Communications Committee Members

We are in search of a few more committee members with interest and expertise in virtual programming to assist in efforts to resume IWF programming during this time. Please reach out to Committee Chair <u>Kendall Nelson</u> if you are interested.

# **Civic Participation Opportunities**

#### **Complete the 2020 Census**

All Idaho households should have received a postcard with directions on how to respond online, by mail, or over the phone to the census. Participation is crucial to ensuring fair representation for the state of Idaho and its communities. IWF Idaho Member Wendy Jaquet, co-chair of the State Complete Count Committee, has provided the following information to keep us informed -- <u>a 2020 Census Fact Sheet</u>, <u>About the</u> <u>2020 Census</u>, and anticipated <u>Questions and Answers</u>. Be sure to respond and encourage your fellow community members to do the same!

#### **Request an Absentee Ballot**

Idaho will still be holding the primary election on May 19th, but will do so via absentee ballots only. Register <u>here</u> for your absentee ballot to ensure you are able to safely participate in the upcoming Idaho primary election.

### **Supporting our Communities Through Covid19**

Many of our members have asked how they can be of assistance to our communities during this time of isolation and distancing. Here is a list of community organizations in need of assistance.

#### **Basic Necessities -**

Angenie McCleary, IWF Member and Blaine County Commissioner, reported this week that three Blaine County social service non-profits: <u>The Hunger Coalition</u>, the <u>Senior Connection's Meals on Wheels</u>, and the <u>Crisis Hotline</u>, are experiencing major increases in demand for their services since the March 20<sup>th</sup> mandatory isolation order was imposed in Blaine County. This is in response to the fact that Blaine County has one of the highest per capita rates of COVID-19 confirmed cases in the US. The Crisis Hotline in Blaine County recorded a 145% increase in calls compared to this time last year. The Senior Connection is closed but is offering to-go meals that can be ordered and picked up at the Senior Connection or delivered through its Meals-on-Wheels program. The Hunger Coalition has made similar arrangements for food to be delivered to people's cars and is meeting the increased demand for food. Other organizations currently experiencing increases resource demands are <u>The</u> <u>Advocates</u> which handles food, housing, and domestic violence issues, as well as <u>The Idaho Food Bank</u>.

Keith Perry is also delivering meals to the hospital workers at St. Luke's Wood River. Everyday local restaurants deliver 50 lunches to the hospital for the tent staff, emergency staff, and clinic staff. The cost of the lunch delivery is \$500 per day. The best way to participate is to donate by following the link to the St. Luke's WR Foundation <u>website</u>, and make a contribution to COVID-19 Response Fund. Donations are tax-deductible. St. Luke's coordinates order with the restaurants directly.

#### Small Businesses / Non-Profits -

- Idaho Non-Profit Center Resource List
- <u>Candid</u> Community Funds List
- Philanthropy Northwest
- Planned Parenthood
- Idaho Gives Day 2020

- IWF Idaho Treasurer <u>Carolyn Lister</u> has offered to help small businesses with the loan application process.

- Jitasa is also offering assistance with the SBA Loan.

#### Educational Resources for Children -

- National Dance Institute's Children's Programming

- wideopenschool.org
- <u>TED-Ed@Home</u>

- A list of people from IWF willing to do individual tutoring by

phone/online or help with college applications to high school students

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#### News Outlets -

Independent news sources are critical to a well-functioning democracy, so it is so important to support our news outlets covering local, state, national and international news. Outlets like <u>NPR</u>, <u>Boise State Public</u> <u>Radio</u>, and <u>PBS</u> bring us local, national and international news. In Boise and Blaine County, our local news sources also are making appeals. <u>The Idaho Statesman</u> is seeking new subscribers, and, in Blaine County, our two local free news sources: the <u>Idaho Mt Express</u> and <u>Eye on Sun</u> <u>Valley</u> have new donate buttons to help offset lost advertising revenues.

It is also important to support national and international press. Peggy Goldwyn has taken an on-line subscription to <u>The Guardian</u>. It is an excellent English paper, with broad US coverage as well as international and excellent long articles - they have a strong weekly magazine. <u>The New Yorker</u> offers a variety of news pieces online which are very up to date. They also include short daily humorous pieces and subscriptions are very inexpensive. Don't forget <u>The New York Times</u> online, or other excellent papers, such as <u>The Washington</u> <u>Post</u> where digital subscriptions are very inexpensive. It is important to share some of the pieces they do with friends who may not be hearing some of this news otherwise.

# **Book Recommendations** Staying Connected through Literature

Alongside efforts to keep our IWF Idaho community together via Virtual Events, Vice President Peggy Goldwyn had the wonderful idea of sharing book reviews and recommendations in our monthly newsletters. Please send one-paragraph reviews of books you love or are currently reading to <u>Mackenzie</u> and we can stay connected through literature during this time.

#### Books With Sequels submitted by Peggy Goldwyn

When I read *Sea of Poppies* by Amitav Ghosh, I was swept away by the story of the Opium Wars, about which I knew very little, and even more engrossed in the vivid characters he created. I was dismayed when the novel ended in a cliffhanger and I had to wait for volume two, *River of Smoke*, and then wait again for the third volume of what is known as The Ibis Trilogy, *Flood of Fire*. Good news! All are available now, so if you become a Ghosh fan with Volume

One, you don't have to wait. Other series you can binge on are Phillip Pullman's *His Dark Materials* - and, if he suits your fancy, Volumes One and Two of his next series, *The Book of Dust*, are now available. A few years ago, I read *Blood and Beauty*, by Sarah Dunant, which told the story of Lucretia Borgia, her brother and her father in a way it had never been told before. The publication of its sequel, *In the Name of the Family*, passed me by, but now I have found it and couldn't be more delighted. Anyone for the Neapolitan series by Elena Ferrante? If not, catch up to the beginning of Season Two of the Italian series based on the books, now on HBO. In many ways, more enjoyable to me than the novels, which were fastidious in their recreation of time and place in postwar Italy.

A Review of *A Pilgrimage to Eternity* by Timothy Egan, Submitted by Randi McDermott

Tim Egan's latest book is a personal account of his adventure traveling the 1000-mile journey along the Via Francigena - from Canterbury England to Rome Italy. An historic path for centuries, the account includes personal observations set alongside the religious history of the region and the pilgrimage itself. I'll read anything by Tim Egan because of his style and his voice; however, this book is a departure from his previous works because of its personal nature. I found it most enlightening to read and to have the history presented by way of his physical journey through Europe made it all the more compelling and interesting. I read to escape and to learn, and this book provided both in spades. I found myself transported to the trail with him each night and learned a great deal about the history of Christianity along the way.

# **IWF Idaho Events**

During the past month our lives have changed, we are now living a new normal that will long be remembered. Last month as our newsletter went out, we were pretty excited at the thought of Spring and our member gatherings. We had a number of IWF events planned and confirmed, and then we were told to Shelter in Place. We put a hold on all planned activities and events due to Covid 19. We quickly learned that many of our members felt disconnected, so we looked at what we could do to change that. With the help of our board and the Program Committee, we are going to move forward to connect our members with materials, ideas, and programs that will hopefully provide something of interest to each member. A special thanks to all who helped. Please check out the upcoming events we have so far:

#### **Upcoming Virtual Events**

#### <u>April 17th, IWF Covid 19 Update from Mayor Lauren Mclean</u> and Karen Bilowith of the Idaho Community Foundation

Hosted by: Lauren Mclean and Karen Bilowith

When: April 17th, 3:00pm

**Details:** The COVID-19 pandemic has created new challenges for communities globally, nationally and locally. It requires a new way of responding through cross sector partnerships of federal, state and municipal government, business partners and philanthropy. This IWF educational program will feature City of Boise Mayor Lauren McLean providing an overview of the City of Boise's response efforts and Karen Bilowith will summarize the COVID 19 Response and Recovery Fund for Idaho.

Zoom Link: <u>https://zoom.us/j/339743604?</u>

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Please use the Paperless Post Invitation to RSVP to this event and for further Zoom details.

#### Astronaut Fireside Chat

Hosted by: Barbara Morgan and Ellen Ochoa When: Wednesday April 29, 6:30pm Details: The two astronauts and IWF members will host a "happy hour fireside space exploration chat."

Please watch for a Paperless Post Invitation to RSVP to this event and for Zoom details.

#### At Home Programming and Resources

We have compiled a list of community resources that offer opportunities for connection and event attendance from your home:

The stage production of <u>*Fleabag*</u> is now being offered on Amazon Prime for \$5, and all proceeds go to first responders and to support theatre workers who have been laid off.

The <u>Idaho State Historical Society</u> is offering a range of free research, education, and fun resources.

<u>The Ketchum Community Library</u> is offering access to digital resources for books and movies for FREE with just your library card and PIN number.

<u>The Museum of Modern Art</u> is offering access to 84,000 pieces from their online collection.

The <u>National Museum of African American History</u> is offering a collection of resources.

The <u>National Theatre in London</u> is streaming a play from its archives once a week on YouTube.

<u>Opera Idaho</u> is offering "Bringing Opera Into Your Home" programming.

The <u>Royal National Theatre</u> in London will be offering free online past productions on their website.

<u>"Sweetland</u>" - an opera which was being presented outdoors in downtown LA before the virus is now being streamed online.

<u>TED</u> is offering a number of online resources including conversations surrounding the current situation, and the opportunity to schedule group watching events.

Subscribe to Wood River Orchestra's newsletter by emailing <u>info@wrcorchestra.org</u> for weekly videos of their musicians.

The <u>24 Hour Plays</u> is offering Viral 24 Hour Monologues from famous playwrights and famous actors with short monologues. All new, as the result of Broadway going dark.

Peggy Goldwyn also recommends BBC's Podcast "<u>In Our Time with</u> <u>Melvyn Bragg</u>" for weekly conversations about cultural and historical subjects.

#### Potential On-Site Event - Idaho Shakespeare Festival

The June 12, 2020 Idaho Shakespeare Festival Show "Ain't Misbehaving" has yet to be cancelled. Tickets are \$46 and we have 20 tickets reserved for our group. The audience can buy their own food and wine at the event. We are monitoring this event and will provide updates if anything changes.

Programs happen with your help, looking to the future, we need your participation and skill to make it happen... As our new normal reminds us, "We are all in this together." Here is the current <u>2020 Program</u> <u>Calendar</u>. Look ahead to events you may be interested in attending, and reach out to <u>Evelyn Self</u> with any questions or ideas. This calendar is tentative, so be on the look out for updated information as the events approach.

Send your news on awards, career changes, board appointments and events to <u>Kendall Nelson</u> and <u>Mackenzie Moss</u> for inclusion in upcoming newsletters. Thanks!

#### ABOUT IWF IDAHO

IWF Idaho is the Idaho chapter of the International Women's Forum, an invitation-only, membership organization. In Idaho, we are 64 members strong, globally, there are more than 7,000 diverse and accomplished women from 33 nations on six continents. IWF is dedicated to building better leadership locally and globally.

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