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Your IWF Idaho News

September 2021

Greetings IWF of Idaho members!

I am ever so grateful for your partnership in advancing our extraordinary organization. The IWF of Idaho creates valuable services for its members, including programs that connect us, communications that inform us, and opportunities to inspire deep thinking about our culture and communities. We are also part of a much larger network of women across the globe. IWF is 7,500 women strong in 74 forums and there are significant engagement opportunities through our Global office.

First, I would like to invite all of you to The Trailing of the Sheep Festival, celebrating its 25th anniversary this October. We are hosting renown author, essayist and friend, Gretel Ehrlich this year. She will be the keynote speaker Friday, October 8th at The Trailing's Sheep Tales Gathering. The gathering is at 7:00pm at the Argyros Theater. That evening, Gretel will share the stories of her travels and her deeply personal concern for friends and people throughout the world who are losing their traditional connections to the land through climate chaos. These revealing and intimate experiences fill her new book "*Unsolaced: Along the Way to All That Is*" which I highly recommend to all of you. Throughout its pages she travels from the Arctic to Zimbabwe and more. Intently, she listens to stories in threatened communities and walks disappearing landscapes thriving only several years earlier. She spends time with friends and experts charting ice flows in Greenland and seeking innovative ideas on grazing practices with Africa's Allan Savory. She is determined to understand what's at stake for the future. Gretel's first awareness of the beauty and complexities of our changing world began during her early days cowboying in Wyoming. She wrote about these issues in her first book published in 1985, "*The Solace of Open Spaces*". Since then, she has gone on to write over 13 books about the environment and our place in it. Her new book "*Unsolaced: Along the way to All that Is*" has been called a bookend to her first publication. I hope you will have time to read it and join us on October 8. That evening she will read from this book and also be in conversation on these issues with Jenny Davidson, Executive Director of the Community Library.

Thank you,
Diane Peavey

Upcoming Events

"What Are Those Sheep Doing On Our New Bike Path?"

(Why to Start a Festival)

What: Presentation and talk

Hosted by: IWF Idaho Member, Diane Peavey

When: Thursday, September 23rd at 6pm

Zoom Link: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85189352357?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85189352357?pwd=ZWJ3d2V3Vjh6KolqUoFpdnhYVnBIQT09)

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Meeting ID: 851 8935 2357

Passcode: 193445

Diane Peavey discusses her experiences founding Sun Valley's the Trailing of the Sheep Festival.

The Trailing of the Sheep

What: The Trailing of the Sheep Festival

When: October 6th - 10th

Where: Sun Valley, ID

Each year, several ranchers in the Sun Valley region send their herds north to graze in the mountains during the summer. For 25 years, The Trailing of the Sheep Festival has celebrated the return of the herds to their winter home. Founded by rancher John Peavey and his wife Diane, author and IWF-Idaho member, the Festival culminates with the sheep parading their way south via Main Street in Ketchum. Beforehand, Basque, Scottish and Peruvian shepherding heritages have been celebrated through cultural events, sheepdog trials have been held, and cooking classes and lamb tastings have been offered. The Trailing of the Sheep Festival has been named by numerous travel magazines as one of the top regional events in the US. For a full schedule of events, visit: <https://trailingofthesheep.org>.

Trailblazing Women of Idaho

What: Trailblazing Women of Idaho Exhibit Tour

When: Saturday, October 30th from 1pm to 3pm

Where: Idaho State Museum, 610 Julia Davis Dr, Boise, ID 83702

At the request of IWF members who missed the spring tour, Janet Gallimore will lead a tour of the exhibit, "Trailblazing Women of Idaho". This will be her second

tour for IWF. Feel free to join her if you wish to see it again. Members are welcome to meet up after the tour and do lunch on their own.

IWF Idaho Book Club

The Diversity Book Club has shifted focus to the Latin community with "Of Women and Salt" by Gabriela Garcia. Via time travel we become familiar with many generations of a Cuban family, from modern-day Miami to pre-Revolutionary cigar factories. We chose his relatively brief novel, a quick read, to encourage you to join this discussion. Though it's new this year, the book has achieved recognition among reviewers. Please join us. [Here](#) is further information on the previous books the club has read. Please reach out to [Jennifer Wilson](#) with any questions, suggestions or desires to join! Thanks Jennifer for administering!

Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 22, at 7pm.

Zoom Link: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83208254297?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83208254297?pwd=OVNlakRIelEoRVpUUklKamRqVUVWZz09)

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Meeting ID: 832 0825 4297

Passcode: 613824

IWF Idaho Committees Need Your Help!

Communications Committee

Our organization is in need of members for our Communications Committee. Are you good at writing and/or are you computer savvy? We promise that no large commitment is necessary, but we cannot continue to have a one-person committee. Involvement would include curating content for our monthly newsletters and helping to facilitate virtual programming. You might be asked to write a member profile, help with editing material if Committee Chair Kendall Nelson is not available, or to summarize an event you attended. We are in special need of members who know how, or would be willing, to occasionally manage some of our Zoom events if the person speaking is inexperienced. If you are available, please

reach out to [Kendall](#).

Thanks in advance,
Kendall Nelson
Communications Committee Chair

Governance Committee

You should have received an email regarding the 2021 ballot and bylaw revisions. Please reach out to [Jane Conard](#) with any questions.

Look out for an email after the Annual Meeting as well regarding our Conflict of Interest Policy! The Board of Directors of IWF Idaho approved a Conflict of Interest Policy at the Board Meeting on May 20, 2021. This policy is in accordance with IWF Idaho's legal requirements as a non-profit corporation under Idaho law and is in keeping with the governance practices of non-profit corporations. The email will ask you to review the policy, sign an attached form and return it to Secretary of the Board, [Randi McDermott](#) by August 31, 2021. Thank you in advance!

Program Committee

Dine-A-Rounds

As we begin to think of "normal," it is time to think "Dine-A-Round!" Who wants to host a Dine-A-Round event? Our dine-a-rounds are member hosted gatherings in homes or location of their choice, consisting of a small number of members (up to 10). The host selects the topic for discussion, or they can host a social event. If you would like to host an event, please complete the [events form](#) and submit to the program committee for review.

Program Committee Member

We need Boise area members to join the program committee to help us plan and organize interesting program and events. This includes soliciting new program ideas, collecting information to communicate to members, drafting invitations,

summarizing programs for the newsletter and helping with events planning as needed.

Technical skills: If you have technical skill with Zoom and meeting set up, we need help to deliver programs and expand our reach so that members can participate regardless of locale. We also need to record our programs when topics allow so that members can experience them when they have conflict and cannot join us live.

Thank you,
Evelyn Self
Program Committee Chair

Member Spotlight

Diane Peavey



Diane Josephy Peavey left life in Washington, D.C. to marry into a third (now fifth) generation Idaho sheep and cattle ranch. In Washington, she worked for Time Magazine, in Congress and at several federal agencies. In Idaho she began to write stories of the land, its history, people and the changing landscapes of the American West. Many of these aired weekly for 18 years on Idaho Public Radio and are collected in her book *Bitterbrush Country: Living on the Edge of the Land*. Her writings have also appeared in numerous western magazines, journals and anthologies and her librettos on Lewis and Clark and the Nez Perce Indians have been performed throughout the region. She has been a speaker at Stegner Lecturer for the Peninsula Open Space Trust and a guest poet at the National Cowboy Poetry Gathering among other events. She and her husband, John, co-founded the Idaho Trailing of the Sheep Festival 23 years ago. This was named by National Geographic one of the seven best fall Festivals in the United States in 2019. She directed it through its early years and now serves on its Advisory Committee. She is also on the Idaho Humanities Council's Speakers' Bureau, the Boards of the Idaho Center of the Book and the national American Lamb Board.

Collecting Diversity, Equity, Accessibility, and Inclusion Resources

The IWF Idaho Board is in the process of developing and collecting resources to discuss and share regarding diversity, equity, accessibility, and inclusion in our community and chapter. This may include engaging with experiences as well as resources. If you have any ideas to share, please reach out to one of the board members. We would love to hear from you!

Send your news on awards, career changes, board appointments and events to [Kendall Nelson](#) for inclusion in upcoming newsletters. Don't forget to use our IWF Idaho Website at <https://iwfidaho.org> for details on [upcoming events](#), [newsletter archives](#), and [contact information](#) for each of our members. If you have any questions or trouble accessing the site, contact [Kendall](#) for assistance. Thanks!

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IWF Idaho is the Idaho chapter of the International Women's Forum, an invitation-only, membership organization. In Idaho, we are 66 members strong, and 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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