



Your IWF Idaho News

November 2021

President's Message



Dear IWFI friends:

Thank you so very much for being a member of IWF Idaho. Together, we develop and grow from IWF opportunities to Learn, Mentor, Support, and Connect.

In that spirit, I hope that you had the opportunity to engage with this year's Virtual World

Leadership Conference and Gala, *IWF 2021: Leading in a Disrupted World*. Attendees heard from world class speakers who are leaders in addressing the world's most pressing concerns. If you did not register for the live event and would like to see the conference and gala, you can still register and view the content that is available in the On Demand library.

I was particularly inspired by the Canadian poet, novelist, and environmental activist, Margaret Eleanor Atwood. You might recognize her as the author of *The Handmaid's Tale*. I loved how her knowledge of history provided great context to the topics she tackled about the future of our world, including the transition from a carbon to new economy; the impact of women in domestic buying; structural inequities in our legal system; and the critical need for women to have access to education that will give them the knowledge and tools to identify and solve society's most critical future challenges.

There is much work to do and I am grateful that members of IWF Idaho are shaping the future of our great state, nation, and world. Please connect to your IFWI colleagues by presenting and attending programs, authoring a newsletter article, and supporting each other as we champion women leaders in our state who make an impact each and every day.

IWF Idaho Events

Upcoming Events

Holiday Happy Hour

What: Virtual Holiday Happy Hour

When: Tuesday, December 7th from 5:45 pm - 7:00 pm

Where: via Zoom [here](#) (Meeting ID: 821 3252 6576 and Passcode: 939721)

What are you most grateful for this holiday season?

Using breakout rooms, members will share their input and one person will report back to all participants. Feel free to wear some bling or that special sweater - let's celebrate!

IWF Wellness Retreat

What: IWF Wellness Retreat

When: Wednesday, February 9th and Thursday, February 10th

Where: The Broadmoor in Colorado Springs, CO

The Wellness Retreat is a new program designed to provide respite and renewal for IWF members so you can lead your organizations as well as support your communities and families in the best possible way.

The retreat will formally begin at 6:30 pm MST on Wednesday, February 9 and conclude with dinner on Thursday, February 10. All Thursday meals are included, as well as access to the dynamic speakers focused on topics such as:

- The importance of creativity to your overall health
- Cognitive health
- The preventative power of exercise
- Intimacy and wellness

In addition, you'll be able to:

- Move alongside your fellow sisters during an IWF-centric Tai chi class
- Cozy up by a bonfire and connect with new and old friends

Members should have received a more detailed email on November 18 from IWF International, but additional information can also be found [here](#).

For more information about upcoming global programs, please visit the website [here](#).

Past Events

Trailblazing Women of Idaho Tour

On October 30th, IWF President Janet Gallimore led a second tour of the Trailblazing Women of Idaho exhibit at the Idaho State Museum. LeeAnne Linderman, her husband Chris, and Communications and Management Associate Kaley Belval attended the tour. The exhibit is open through March 13, 2022 for those who would still like to plan a visit. More information can be found [here](#).





IWF Idaho Book Club

The book club continues to focus on Latin American writers with the objective of increasing sensitivity and understanding of our Idaho neighbors. This month, we honor the extraordinary career of Isabel Allende by reading one of her novels or her most recent autobiographical work, *The Soul of a Woman*, featured in this year's Sun Valley Writer's Conference. From that program: "(Allende has been).. a vibrant and original voice...an essential part of the literary landscape since the 1982 publication of her first novel, *The House of the Spirits*. More than 25 acclaimed books have followed, bringing her to this most recent, *The Soul of a Woman*, a wise and witty memoir/manifesto for our time."

Because Book Club members have the liberty to choose any of Allende's books, we invite anyone who has read Allende to join us for a taste of our lively discussion.

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: Tuesday, December 7th at 7:00 pm.

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84068948875?pwd=MnZFRGw1NGcoU3lBbHpzQUhyYTEZIQTo9>

Meeting ID: 840 6894 8875

Passcode: 811267

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

Membership Committee

IWFI New Member Recruitment Paused Until 2022

The Board of Directors agreed to pause the nomination process for 2021 due to Committee leadership changes and member feedback on clarifying the process and requirements.

The Membership Committee will spend the next several months developing clear and transparent guidelines for nominating new members. The new Chair of the Committee, Tricia Swartling, is researching best practices from other IWF chapters. If members have experience with other chapters' nominations processes, please email [Tricia](#).

Program Committee

As we enter this special season of the year, we wish you and yours the very best.

Personally, I want to give a huge shoutout to the program committee members who are always there, looking for and sourcing new ideas to keep us connected. The following ladies have been and continue to be great collaborators: Elizabeth Mathieu, Marcia Liebich, Peggy Goldwyn, Carol Nie, LeeAnne Linderman, Clare Swanger, Susan Passovoy, and Wendy Pabich. I'm thankful to know each of you and I appreciate all that you contribute to our team.

And to our members, we thank you - whether you participated as a presenter or a supporter, your contribution has helped to make IWF Idaho a great organization.

As we close out 2021, let us all move forward with renewed hope for a better 2022.

Happy holidays everyone!

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 Members

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



Kay Hardy with Governor Brad Little and First Lady Teresa Little.



Kay Hardy and Idaho Commission on the Arts Executive Director Michael Faison.

Kay Hardy

IWF Idaho member Kay Hardy received the Lifetime Achievement in the Arts Award at the 2020 Governor's Awards in the Arts, presented on November 9th. The biennial awards, established in 1970 by the Idaho Commission on the Arts, bring recognition to Idaho's

exceptional artists, arts organizations, and arts supporters. Awardees are Idaho residents who have made significant contributions to the cultural life of Idaho and to the arts, through their creative accomplishments or distinguished service. Since 1970, the Lifetime Achievement Awards in the Arts have been presented only nine times - the last of which was in 2014. For more information on her award, check out the “2020 Governor’s Awards in the Arts – Arts Idaho” on the Idaho Commission on the Arts website.

As a small business owner and President of both Idaho Trout Company and Hagerman Trout Farms, Kay has worked with agriculture and water issues, including water right adjudication, mediation and successful dispute resolution. Kay is President of The Hardy Foundation, whose mission includes preservation of significant landscapes and historic buildings. She has been actively involved with historic preservation for over 40 years, currently in Utah and Idaho, locally in the preservation of Boise’s Egyptian Theatre, and previously in New Mexico as Project Manager for the State Office of Cultural Affairs. In collaboration with The Nature Conservancy, Kay and her family worked to preserve the 350 acre Earl M. Hardy Box Canyon Nature Preserve, site of the 11th largest spring in North America, which is now part of the Idaho State Park system. Kay is currently a Conservancy Board member. Kay serves on numerous community Boards in executive and advisory positions, primarily in the visual and performing arts. As a former ceramist, she later collected modern and contemporary ceramics, many gifted to the Boise Art Museum. Kay holds a B.A. in English Literature and a Master of Architecture with honors.



Kay Hardy and Idaho State Historical Society Executive Director and IWFJ President, Janet Gallimore.

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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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