

Notes from the Parlor



It's a new year here at The Bishops' House

We have had to limit our events a bit due to the pandemic, but we are off and running with new projects, including a new roof, buffing these beautiful floors we refinished last year, and admiring the fantastic plaster ceiling work completed by Joe Perkins and his crew at JP2. That project, as well as the floors the year before, were funded through a matching grant by Idaho Heritage Trust.

Without donations from the community as well as memberships to Friends of The Bishops' House, we would not qualify for these grants! Membership dues, Idaho Gives, Giving Tuesday, and donations from individuals and local businesses are the way we continue to preserve our beautiful historic home—thank you to everyone who contributes! You are making a tangible difference in sustaining The Bishops' House

March is Membership Drive month

Please take a look at The Bishops' House Boise on Facebook, @thebishopshouseboise on Instagram and thebishopshouse.org to get more details. If you are renewing your membership, check out the auto renewal option! Your \$50 membership donation will automatically be paid next year. So Easy!

If you love the house as much as we do, please reach out to your friends and family members and encourage them to join The Friends of The Bishops' House and support the restoration and preservation of our historic home.

It's almost Spring, and time to join our Rose Garden Renewal Campaign

Spring is almost here, and we are looking forward to planting new and memorable roses in our Bitsy Quinn Rose Garden! Did you share a special moment at The Bishops' House? Is your anniversary coming up? Do you love The Bishops' House as much as we do? We are updating the roses in our Bitsy Quinn Rose Garden, and we welcome you to be part of the history of the house by sponsoring a new rose bush in our rose garden!

We have chosen several roses from the Weeks Rose Catalog that we think would make a great addition to the Rose Garden here at The Bishops' House. If you have a specific rose with special meaning to you and your loved one, let us know. We'll do our best to find it. Specific roses are already selling out, but there are still plenty to choose from. For \$400 your rose will be labeled with a copper placard engraved with up to 30 letters.

Our garden is tended/cared for by the College of Western Idaho Horticulture Program, Far West Landscaping, and other seasoned landscape and gardening experts and volunteers. North End Organic Nursery supplies us with our roses, and we consult with their experts as well.

This garden is loved!

Summer Bard in the Yard event

We will be hosting The Boise Bard Players again this summer with performances of Romeo and Juliet in July. Plan to join us for our 3rd annual Bard in the Yard event and support two local nonprofits at the same time, while enjoying Shakespeare in the beautiful side yard and garden of The Bishops' House and having some tasty concessions as well!

Friends of The Bishops' House Annual Meeting on April 7, 2022

This event is open to all members and the public. Join us at The Bishops' House at 2420 Old Penitentiary Road, Boise, Idaho 83712, at 3pm and hear about everything we have accomplished this year and learn about all the projects yet to come.

Idaho Gives is May 2nd-5th

This event is our largest fundraising event of the year! Donations from the Idaho Gives event will help fund the matching grant through the Idaho Heritage Trust for this year's restoration projects.

We're delighted to announce a partnership with local Boise architecture firm LKV Architects for this event! LKV Architects will generously match dollar-for-dollar all funds we raise for The Friends of The Bishops' House during the official Idaho Gives campaign. This wonderful opportunity will be an amazing boon to our mission of preserving and sustaining this unique historic home.

The Bishops' House is looking better and better each passing year because of the donations we receive during the Idaho Gives fundraising campaign. Thank you to all who have contributed in the past, and please join us this year in supporting The Friends of the Bishops' House in their mission as we restore and care for Boise's treasured Victorian home, The Bishops' House.

*M*other's Day Tea

Our Mother's Day Tea will be held on May 7, 2022, from 1-3pm. If you have not been to one of the Mother's Day Tea events at the Bishops' House before, this is the year to come! The full tea includes sandwiches, savory treats, delicious sweets and, of course, a variety of teas. You'll also experience a visual history of style from the Boise Belles, a Vintage 1940s-1950s group.

Tickets will be available through our website starting April 11, 2022, and are \$45 per person (ages 12+ only please). Seating is very limited, so don't wait—get your tickets as soon as possible!