



“Preserving the Past, Enriching the Future”

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Visualize History

Introductory Oral History Workshop Offered

If you've been intending to capture an “oral snapshot” of your neighborhood history or record family tales, this workshop is for you. “Visualizing Your Oral History Project,” an all-day introductory workshop, will be offered by the Idaho Oral History Center and the Boise City Department of Arts & History on Saturday November 7, at the Public Archives & Research Library on Old Penitentiary Road.

A copy of the brand-new 5th edition of *A Field Notebook for Oral History*, a publication of the IOHC, comes as part of the package. A basic how-to manual, written in simple outline form, the *Field Notebook* has guided several generations of oral historians in Idaho and around the United States. The 5th edition features a completely revised section on digital recording.

Instructors will be Kathy Hodges of the Idaho State Historical Society, and Terri Schorzman, director of the Boise City Department of Arts & History, with assistance from Ellen Haffner of the Idaho State Historical Society. “I’m so pleased to be partnering with Boise City and with Terri,” said Hodges. “She’s an accomplished oral historian and has begun some exciting programs with the city. It will be fun to teach together. And I think that we’ll get some students who are planning interesting community projects.”

Topics to be covered include project organization, interviewing techniques, recording equipment, video history, and archiving.

Space is limited, so early registration is encouraged. The workshop will be offered on Saturday, November 7, at 2205 Old Penitentiary Road in Boise, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.. To pre-register or for additional information, contact oral historian Kathy Hodges at kathy.hodges@ishs.idaho.gov or (208) 334-3863. The fee is \$60. The *Field Notebook*, snacks, and beverages are included. Lunch is on your own.

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About the Idaho State Historical Society:

The ISHS is a state government agency with a goal of protecting the cultural heritage of Idaho by preserving historic and prehistoric resources and providing access to documents, artifacts, sites, and information of historic significance for the benefit and appreciation of the public. Dedicated to serving its statewide community, the agency carries out its mission through education programs, technical assistance, development of publications and exhibits, and by encouraging local, state and regional entities to preserve history. Learn more about ISHS at www.history.idaho.gov.