

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION



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Regular Meeting
~Minutes~

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Thursday
October 16, 2025

4:30 PM

Haddock Building
504 S. Washington Street

Reese called the meeting to order at 4:35 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Nels Reese, Chair; April Hernandez, Renee Magee, Jack Porter, Shelley Walker-Harmon, Kayla Youngren
MEMBERS ABSENT: Laurabeth Kowalick, Vincent O'Connor
OTHERS: Drew Davis
STAFF: Lucy Falcy

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes from September 25, 2025 (ACTION ITEM)

Porter moved for approval of the minutes as written, seconded by Walker-Harmon. Vote by Acclamation: Ayes: Magee, Porter, Reese, Walker-Harmon, Youngren (5). Nays: None. Abstentions: Hernandez (1). Motion carried.

2. Public Comment

Members of the public may speak to the Commission regarding matters NOT on the agenda or currently pending before the Commission. Please state your name and city of residence for the record and limit your remarks to three (3) minutes.

Evan Holmes, Moscow, spoke about the upcoming local election and running for City Council. He wants to include people in the Historic Preservation Commission efforts and connect homes and neighborhoods to historically significant people in Moscow.

Hernandez arrived at 4:45 PM

3. 2025 Orchid Awards (ACTION ITEM)

The Commission will vote on the Orchid Awards for 2025.

Reese provided a brief review of past Orchid Awards and types nominated (see attached). The Commissioners continued to discuss the Orchid Award nominees and review supporting documentation for each site. Several of the nominations were ruled out for various reasons, and the rest were put up for a vote.

Porter moved to nominate the governing board of the Kenworthy Performing Arts Center, Inc. for refurbishing the Kenworthy Marquee for an Orchid Award, seconded by Walker-Harmon. Vote by Acclamation: Ayes: Unanimous (6). Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

Porter moved to nominate George Skandalos and Carly Lilly for renovating the Garden Lounge for an Orchid Award, seconded by Walker-Harmon. Vote by Acclamation: Ayes: Unanimous (6). Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried.

A Short History of Moscow Orchids



The Moscow Historic Preservation Commission has been recognizing successes in preservation by awarding certificates of appreciation to agencies and individuals. Awards have been given since 1991. This Short History reflects the last fifteen years of Orchids from 2010 and ending in 2024. On average the commission has awarded four or five Orchids each year. The commission uses guidelines suggested by the Department of Interior on preservation:

- Excellence in Historic Preservation**
- Contribution to Historic Preservation**
- Preservation-Sensitive New Construction**
- Friend of Preservation**
- Distinguished Preservationist**
- Cultural Heritage Preservationist**
- Heritage Stewardship**

2010: 7 Awards



UI A&A South, Historic cupola for ventilation; UI Memorial Gym, Football Gargoyles; KPAC, Repair of Marquee; Jim Kremer, cottage rehab; Sharon Dunn, small residence; Mark & Joann Taylor, garage; Matt Becker, small residence on A Street and Line.

2011: 4 Awards



UI, for restoration of Life Science Bldg.; Unitarian Church, partial restoration; Order of St. Ursula, for historic wall repair; Moscow Chamber of Commerce, for restoration of Main St. facade.

2012: 5 Awards



Heart of the Arts, Inc., Stewardship of the 1912 Center; Moscow Cemetery District, Historic Chapel; Larry and Laural Brannen, for historically sensitive additions.; Andriette Pieron; Historically sensitive adaptive reuse of residence.

2013: 4 Awards



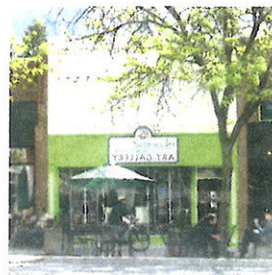
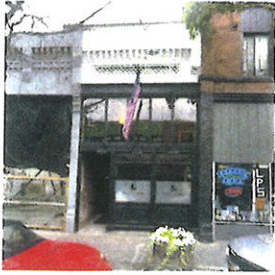
Carly Lilly & George Skandalos, for adaptive reuse of old Shell gas station; City of Moscow, for special historic signage on College Ave between Jackson and Railroad Streets; Elizabeth Pulsen, for enhancing a 1970s home at 936 West C Street; Barbara Coyner, for outstanding writing and editing of articles supporting historic preservation.

2014: 5 Awards



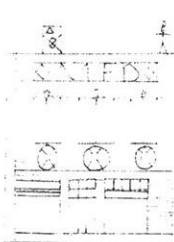
Graff and Dunn, for remodel of Turnstone Flats, 129 West 3rd Street; EMSI, for enhancing building at 409 So. Jackson; Wilson Construction, for cedar shingle roof at 615 East C Street; Jordan Lowe, for drawing of historic downtown Moscow; Maria Maggi, for preservation of home at 312 East Asbury St.

2015: 7 Awards



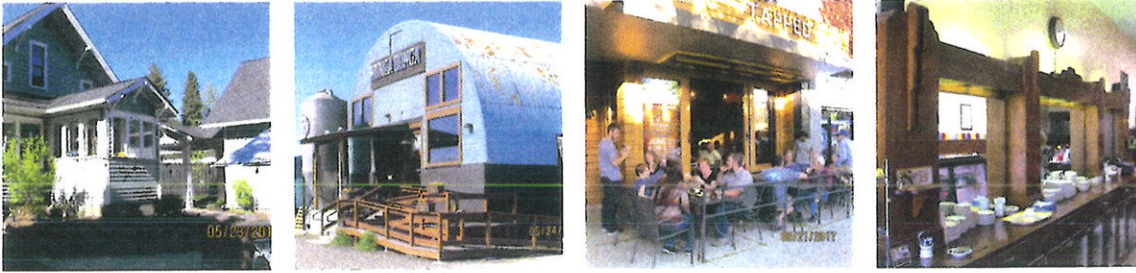
Tim Kinkeade, for restoring the building facade with regard to 1893 origin; **Tim Gresback**, for major restoration of old house at 210 E. Seventh; **Austin Storm**, for constructing new commercial building @ 106 No. Main in a historically sensitive manner; **Mike McCoy**, for restoring commercial bldg. @ 203 So. Main in a historically sensitive way; **David Schmidt**, for imaginative and artistic renovation of residence at 403 So. Lincoln; **City of Moscow Public Works Dept.**, for creating eight informative entryway signs in the Downtown Moscow Historic District; **The University of Idaho**, for creating three "north campus gateway" structures which celebrate the Collegiate Gothic style on the central campus.

2016: 6 Awards



Bookpeople of Moscow, for sensitive repairs to a 1926 Main Street icon; **Cultural Heritage Preservation: Second Grade Teachers at Palouse Prairie School**, for innovative work with second graders in drawing sketches of historic downtown Moscow; **Matt Becker**, for major repurposing of the former Martin's Auto Service building; **Merritt and Alli Decker**, for repairing the home they acquired at 315 E. Second St.; **Mary Ann Reese**, for reconstructing the front porch of her residence at 308 So. Van Buren; **Anna and Timothy van den Broek**, for significantly reconstructing their residence at 620 E. Third St.

2017: 4 Awards



Jessica Lucas, for upgrades on her residence at 615 East Seventh St.; *Graham Lilly* for repurposing one of the obsolete agricultural buildings into a stylish restaurant, *Hunga Dunga*; *William Thomson and Joel Cohen* for repurposing one of the downtown rental spaces into a popular gastropub known as *Taps*; *Patty and Matthew Brehm*, for creating the *Kitchen Counter* eatery at 214 So. Main.

2018: 5 Awards



St. Mary's Catholic Church, for repairing and restoring its stained-glass windows, at 618 East 1st. Street; *The University of Idaho*, for upgrades to the central staircase; *Colter's Creek Winery, Inc.*, for combining high-style design with elements of the original 1890 storefront at 215 So. Main; *Timothy and Anna Edwards*, for notable improvements to their residence at 505 East A Street; *Louis Fountain* for outstanding craftsmanship and creativity in reconstructing a front porch on the *Mason Cornwall* residence at 308 So. Hayes Street.

2019: 6 Awards

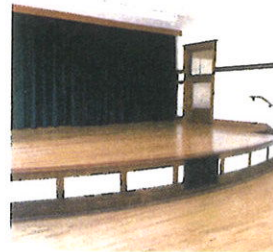
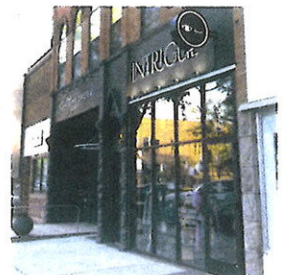


Moscow Volunteer Fire Dept., for replacing the brick facade of the southerly half of the downtown fire station at 603 So. Main Street; *Kevin and Lory Clary*, for tasteful and historically sensitive modifications to *Old Peking*, at 505 So. Main; *Nathan Wilson and Aaron Rench*, for their upgrades on the *Nuart Theater* at 516 So. Main Street; *Cynthia King*, for historically informed upgrades to her home at 103 So. Polk Street; *Davis and Manisha Wilson*, for substantial improvements to their Neoclassical residence at 403 No. Polk Street; *Brett and Nikki Woodland*, for ongoing upgrades to the former *Royal Motor Inn*, now *Monarch Motel*.

2020:

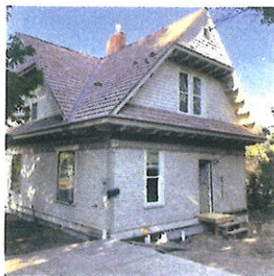
Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, no awards were issued in 2020.

2021: 7 Awards



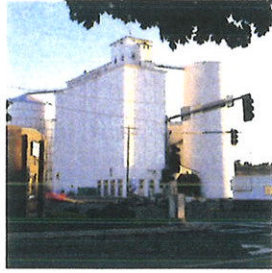
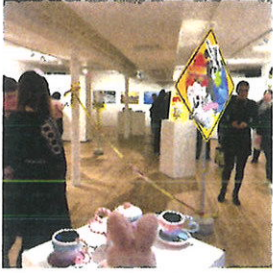
*Wendy McClure, Distinguished Preservationist, during 34 years in the Moscow community; Joel and Grace Penney, for building a historically compatible replacement house at 420 E. Second Street; Janice Boughton and Mac Cantrell, for converting a former garage into a compatible "Accessory Dwelling"; Csaba and Lisa Leidenfrost for preserving the historical character of their residence at 624 West C Street; Michael Pearson and Melissa Sanborn for continuing renovations at 213-215 So. Main Street; City of Moscow, for making critical repairs to preserve the 1963 former Savings and Loan Building at 201 No. Main Street; Three companies, **Quality Contractors LLC, Classic Wood Floors & Carpentry LLC and Master's Touch Woodworking LLC** for outstanding craftsmanship in renovations to the 1912 Center at 412 East Third Street.*

2022: 5 Awards



Danielle Weaver, Boise architect, for attention to historical values in projects involving the University of Idaho Administration Building; John Burns and Aubrey Johnson for replacing the foundation of their historic residence at 1005 East Sixth Street; Brian and Morgan Points for historical sensitivity in renovations to their residence at 1002 No Almon Street; American Legion Dudley Loomis Post 6 for repair and upgrades to the American Legion Cabin at 317 Howard Street; Unitarian Universalist Church of the Palouse for renovating and enlarging the church building at 420 East Second Street.

2023: 4 Awards



Associate Professor Scott Lawrence and his students for restoring the floor, fireplace tiles and other features of the gallery space at Ridenbaugh Hall, the university's oldest building; Andrew Crapuchettes for adaptive use of a portion of the iconic grain elevators at 625 So Jackson Street; Maya and Danielle Clark for creating and operating the coffee shop called 'Silos and Social' at 625 So Jackson Street; Luke Ryan for designing Karen Antkowiak's new residence at 309 So Hayes Street in a manner that respects the character of the neighborhood.

2024: 3 Awards



Evan & Leslie Wilson, for restoring and painting the Mark Miller House at ; The McConnell Mansion, for window restoration; Cynthia King, for distinction in historic preservation.

The following list indicates building types that have received awards in the past fifteen years.

Residences	24
Buildings not in Historic Districts	21
Downtown Historic District	19
Fort Russell Historic District	16
Businesses	12
University of Idaho	7
Individuals	5
Craftsmen	4
City of Moscow	3
Churches	3

2025 Orchid Possibilities

Projects that have been completed by October 2025



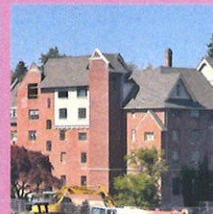
Kenworthy: Sep 4



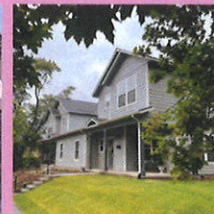
Hotel Moscow: Jun 25



814 Harrison St: Sep 17

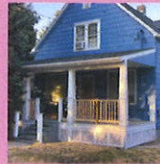


Hays Hall: Sep 17



3rd Street Duplex: Jul 2

Projects that appear to be unfinished as of October 2025



1

Kenworthy Theater: Marquee

KPAC, Colin Mannix, Director
508 South Main St.



Kenworthy Theater in 2025



Kenworthy Theater in 2010

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Hotel Moscow:

The Garden Lounge, Fourth and Main Streets
George Spandalos and Carly Lillie



Moscow Hotel and Garden Lounge in June 2025

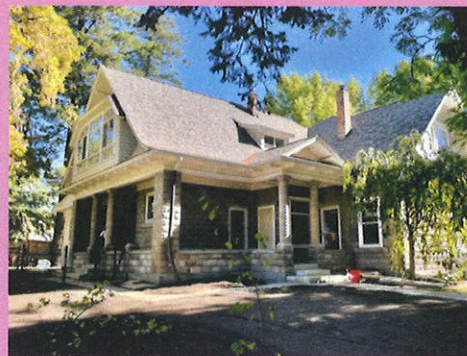
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Wylie Lauder Residence, 1907

1320 East Deakin Extension



Doug Wasenkari, Restoration contractor, July 14



Lauder Residence on Sep 23, 2025

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Mary and Steven Shook, Residence

814 South Harrison St.



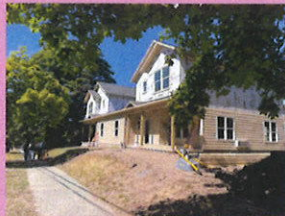
The renovated Shook Residence, Sep 17, 2025



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Third Street Duplex

528 East Third Street

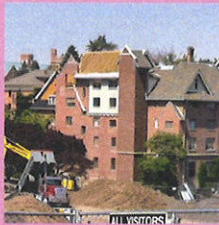
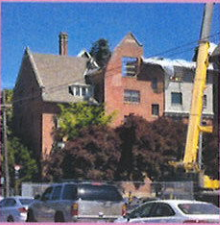


Completed duplex in July 2025

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Hays Hall Roof:

University of Idaho, Facilities
1212 Blake Ave.



Completed roof on Sep 17, 2025

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Orchid Award nomination
Residence at 814 South Harrison
Mary and Steven Shook, owners
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The subject house was constructed in either 1889 or 1890, most likely as a tenant farm house built by or for Henry McGregor. The house would eventually come under the ownership of George Matthew Tomer on May 19, 1919. Tomer, along with his father George Washington Tomer, would move into this house. Both father and son passed away in this house. Tomer Butte is named after George Washington Tomer and George Washington Tomer's mother-in-law, Mary Jane (Clark) Montgomery, was the first burial in the Moscow Cemetery.

George Matthew Tomer was a founder of the Latah County Pioneer Association, the predecessor of the Latah County Historical Society. His daughter, Nellie Idaho (Tomer) Handlin supposedly served many years as a board member of the historical society.

The exterior and interior of the home was completely renovated by Rex Lunsford between January 2024 and April 2025. The primary goal of the renovation was to return the house to its likely appearance between 1910 and 1920 - or how a typical house in the area would have appeared within this time frame. The house had been renovated in the past, using materials commonly available at the times of those renovations, resulting in many period inconsistencies throughout the house. For instance, there were five different floor trim/molding profiles used throughout the house and the windows were very early generation vinyl clad windows. The electrical system included different switches and outlets spanning a period of 90 years. Permanent light fixtures were generally from the 1980s or later.

The interior renovation included installation cast iron light fixtures and vents, push button switches, brass electrical plates, brass door hardware with glass knobs, vertical grain Douglas-fir flooring, vertical grain Douglas-fir trim/molding work, period tile work, solid vertical grain Douglas-fir wood doors, new vertical grain Douglas-fir windows, pedestal sink, soaking tub, etc.

The exterior renovation included installation of new cedar siding, including a water table board, soffits common at the turn of the century, and trim work of the same original dimensions.

I can provide you a very detailed history of the home and its previous owners, as well as numerous photographs showing before and after renovation work. My wife and I would also be happy to provide a tour of the home.

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