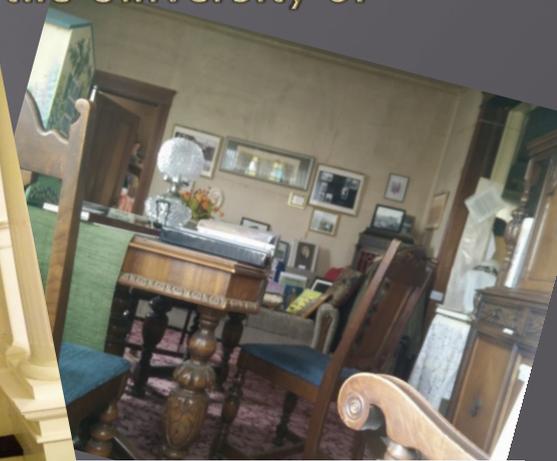




*“Idaho’s heritage involves people, places, buildings, and much more. History and its preservation foster a sense of place and connect us all to the past in order to inspire, educate and provide perspectives for the future. We collaborate to ensure that Idaho’s heritage is protected for future generations.” – Idaho’s Heritage Conference website ([www.idahoheritageconference.org](http://www.idahoheritageconference.org))*

In the Fall of 2015, members of the Ada County Historic Preservation Council attended the Idaho Heritage Conference, a bi-annual conference sponsored by the State Historic Preservation Office, and Idaho's Heritage Partners; The Idaho Historical Society, and the Idaho Heritage Trust. Created as a forum to engage statewide partners in Preservation, History, Museums, and Archaeology in a cross-discipline conference that allows for collaboration, inspiration, and networking. The conference was held in Moscow, Idaho and hosted by the City of Moscow and the University of Idaho.





- This year's Opening Plenary introduced attendees to the History Relevance Project; a multi-state effort to bring history, the knowledge of learning about the past, as well as the act of researching and interpreting the past back into the arena of civic engagement. Teaching ourselves, and our future generations the belief that history is central to our lives, and that it ought to play a greater role in the lives of our communities and nation.

- More than 200 people attended the 2015 Idaho Heritage Conference to participate in education and field sessions ranging from History as a catalyst for economic development found in the Main Street 101 education session; to field session like a walking tour of Potlatch; Idaho's historic company town.



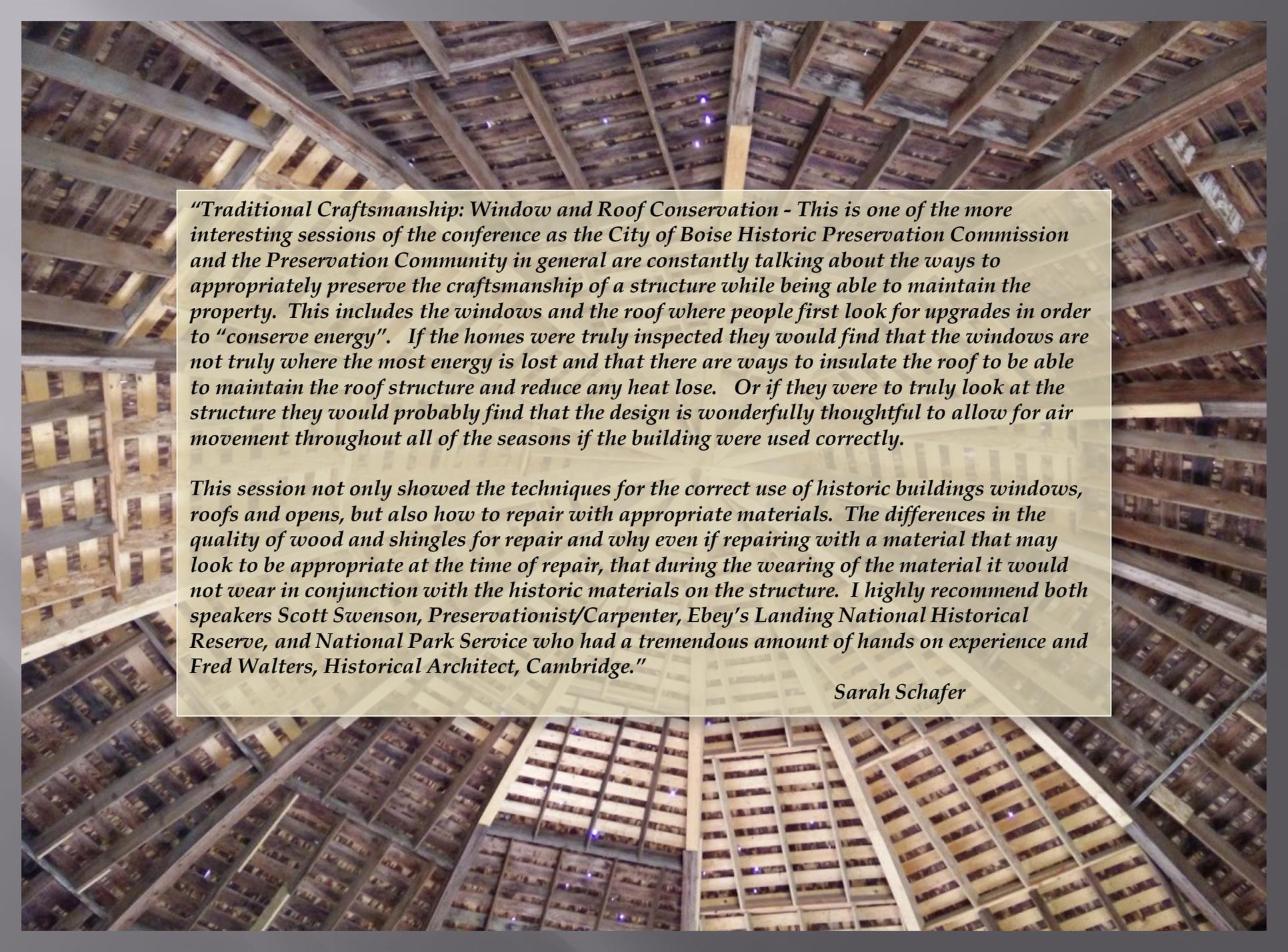
*"The single most useful thing I learned at the Idaho Heritage Conference was the existence of the "Section 106": If a National Registry-eligible site is impinged upon by a project that receives federal government funding, then an appropriate organization or project is eligible for mitigation caused by the impinging. I also: attended the barn tour; heard how the City of Lewiston moved its library to an empty building to revitalize its downtown; learned how to do oral histories; got specifics about the value of smaller, older buildings in economic development and sustainability; got more details on the Main Street project for downtown revitalization (including advice on how to build an organization); toured old buildings in downtown Moscow."*

**Sharon Fisher**



*"For me, attending the Idaho Heritage conference was an opportunity to network and see the great work that volunteers and historical societies across the state are tackling to keep the history of their communities, regions, and state alive. The historical preservation success stories shared at the conference confirmed for me the importance of history for us, our culture, our communities, and to our future."*

**Angela Hansen, Chair**



*"Traditional Craftsmanship: Window and Roof Conservation - This is one of the more interesting sessions of the conference as the City of Boise Historic Preservation Commission and the Preservation Community in general are constantly talking about the ways to appropriately preserve the craftsmanship of a structure while being able to maintain the property. This includes the windows and the roof where people first look for upgrades in order to "conserve energy". If the homes were truly inspected they would find that the windows are not truly where the most energy is lost and that there are ways to insulate the roof to be able to maintain the roof structure and reduce any heat lose. Or if they were to truly look at the structure they would probably find that the design is wonderfully thoughtful to allow for air movement throughout all of the seasons if the building were used correctly.*

*This session not only showed the techniques for the correct use of historic buildings windows, roofs and opens, but also how to repair with appropriate materials. The differences in the quality of wood and shingles for repair and why even if repairing with a material that may look to be appropriate at the time of repair, that during the wearing of the material it would not wear in conjunction with the historic materials on the structure. I highly recommend both speakers Scott Swenson, Preservationist/Carpenter, Ebey's Landing National Historical Reserve, and National Park Service who had a tremendous amount of hands on experience and Fred Walters, Historical Architect, Cambridge."*

*Sarah Schafer*



*"I found the statewide conference to be an energizing confluence of people who "think like me" when it comes to history. Conference attendees all have a shared interest in the past and in the forces that shaped where we are today.*

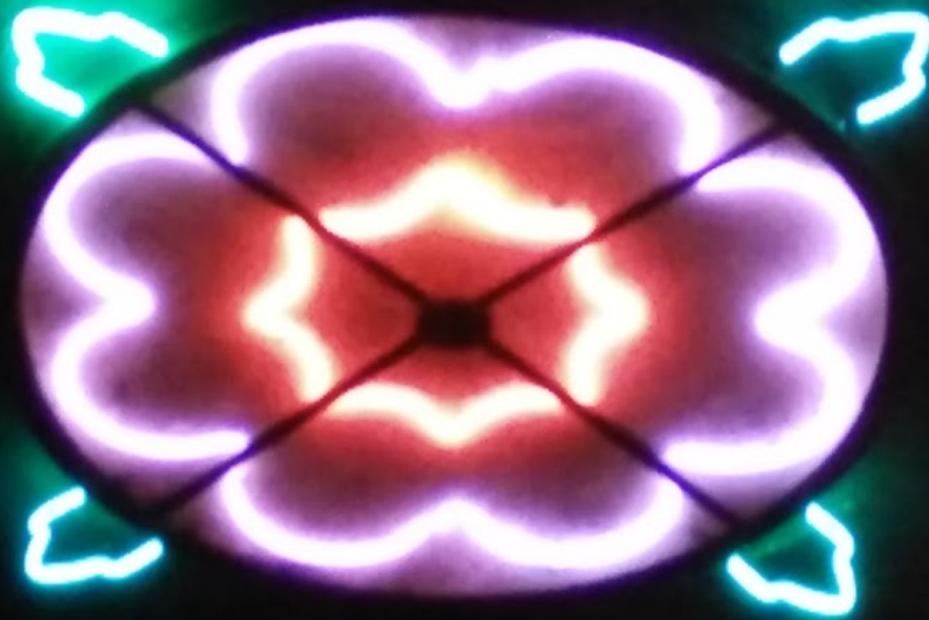
*I found the discussions of Native American cultural heritage to be particularly interesting. It is intriguing to learn that attitudes about treatment of ancient burial grounds and other sacred sites varies greatly from tribe to tribe. Some tribes are very possessive about artifacts from centuries ago, while others believe that those people and their culture belong to that era and should be left to by-gone generations.*

*I was also interested in the project to identify and catalog Idaho's 100 architecturally significant structures.*

*I was very impressed with the conference and urge the Council to express interest in taking a laboring oar for the 2017 conference."*

**Michael Oths**





For more information regarding the 2015 conference, and the upcoming 2017 conference being hosted in Boise, Idaho, please visit Idaho's Heritage Conference website at [www.idahoheritageconference.org](http://www.idahoheritageconference.org). It's an event everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.