



## RATHDRUM JAIL MUSEUM

Rathdrum / Westwood Historical Society  
P.O. Box 227, Rathdrum, Idaho 83858

Member of the Rathdrum Chamber of Commerce

# January, 2019 Newsletter

## Happy New Year

**The first day of January is called New Year's Day. Named for the Roman god Janus, protector of gates and doorways. Janus is depicted with two faces, one looking to the past, the other to the future. This symbolism is known by many as the start of a new year which brings new opportunities while reflecting on events of the previous year and often resolving to improve some aspect of daily life or personal philosophy. The birthstone is a garnet, and the flower is the carnation. Astrology Zodiac Sun Signs: Capricorn: December 22-January 19 - Aquarius: January 20-February 18**

### Accomplishments for 2018:

- Launched a redesign of our website providing online member registration, payment, and provided a donation button on our site
- Rebranded our Facebook page to “Old Kootenai County Jail Museum” and created two (2) videos for our page
- Developed a QR code for the Jail Museum to begin using in 2019
- Partnered with numerous homeschooling groups, summer camps, car clubs, scouts, and families providing scheduled tours; we had a class of high school seniors come to visit all the way from John Day, Oregon
- Halloween Party ... we had a turnout of 287 attendees — adults and children
- We collaborated with supporting members utilizing our annex for fundraising activities
- We provided information for numerous inquiries pertaining to property, family history, genealogical research, building history, and Rathdrum history, etc.

- Created a tri-fold brochure to be distributed at area business's, museums, chamber offices, historical societies, etc.
- We partnered with the Rathdrum Chamber to include our information to their welcome gift package

## Goals for 2019

- Leverage and promote our new "Ask Leslie" partner page which will provide visitors the ability to request information pertaining to property, family history, genealogical research, building history, and Rathdrum history, etc.
- Recruit volunteers and increase membership; research creating a Junior Historical Society
- Network with other Historical Societies in the vicinity by attending their meetings and asking them to join us; also, Facebook Historical Societies
- Partner with special interest groups and give presentations, such as Museums, various groups sharing/teaching for craft nights and projects, a metal detecting presentation and hunt, etc.
- Continue our work to archive/update database, completion of the old plat maps, organize old/new pictures, setting up displays of antiques and other historical donations, continue adding to our website and/or Face Book page and/or displaying in our Museum

**Thank You to our Members, our Community, and our many Visitors near and far. We appreciate your continued support, contributions and donations. Together we can preserve our past for the future.**

For information, please call: 1-208-625-0014 or visit our website: <http://rathdrumhistory.com> or our Facebook: "Old Kootenai County Jail Museum". The Jail Museum is open for tours June thru September; scheduling for special group tours by appointment.

### MISSION STATEMENT

**To Maintain and Protect Rathdrum's Historic and Cultural Resources for Future Generations**

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### MEMBERSHIP / DONATION

Rathdrum / Westwood Historical Society, PO Box 227, Rathdrum, Idaho 83858

**Individual - \$20.00**

**Family - \$30.00**

**Business - \$50.00**

**Contributor / Donation - \$\_\_\_\_\_**

Note: All donations of \$250 or above (in cash or in kind) will be acknowledged on our Donor Wall of Fame in the Community Room as well as on our website.

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