



## Rathdrum Jail Museum

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## May, 2019 Newsletter

Celebrate the gorgeous month of May! The Sun is warming, the birds are chirping, the flowers are blooming, and the garden is growing. The birthstone is the emerald which is emblematic of love and success. The May birth flowers are the Lily of the Valley and the Crataegus monogyna. The zodiac signs for the month of May are Taurus May 1-20 and Gemini May 21-31.

### MOTHER'S DAY TODAY

In 1914, President Woodrow Wilson signed a bill designating the second Sunday in May as a legal holiday to be called "Mother's Day" — dedicated "to the best mother in the world, your mother." It is a holiday honoring motherhood that is observed in different forms throughout the world. For the first few years, the day was observed as a legal holiday and church services were held in honor of all mothers, living and dead. In many ways family observance much resembled that of the British version of "Mothering Sunday," a 16th century England celebration — a Sunday set aside for visiting one's mother. The eldest son or daughter would bring a "Mothering Cake," which would be cut and shared by the entire family and children would present their Mothers with flowers and other tokens of appreciation.



Our Rathdrum Jail Museum will be opening for the season on Saturdays and Sundays from 12pm to 5pm beginning June 1 and 2 thru the end of August. A big THANKS to all the visitors, donors, members, and volunteers over the years. It's with your presence, help, and support that the Rathdrum Historical Society is able to keep the Museum Jail open and available to the community. It's time to start scheduling group tours for the summer months.



## MEMORIAL DAY

This US federal holiday is celebrated on the last Monday of May to honor the men and women who have died while serving in the military. After the Civil War, America's need for a patriotic ceremony to honor its military dead became prominent; monuments to fallen soldiers were erected and dedicated, and ceremonies were held in towns and cities throughout the nation. After World War I, the day expanded to honor those who have died in all American wars.

### THE POPPY, A SYMBOL OF MEMORIAL DAY

The wearing of poppies in honor of America's war dead was the inspiration of an American woman, Miss Moina Michael. In war-torn battlefields, the red field poppy (papaver rhoeas) was one of the first plants to grow. Its seeds scatter in the wind germinating when the ground is disturbed. Poppies are the symbol of loss of life, recovery, new life, and especially in support of servicemen who were damaged physically or emotionally.



### RAISE THE FLAG IN HONOR!

Call 208-625-0014 or visit our Website: [www.rathdrumhistory.com](http://www.rathdrumhistory.com) or Facebook: "Old Kootenai County Jail Museum" for additional information and questions.

#### MISSION STATEMENT:

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

#### RATHDRUM JAIL MUSEUM

#### MEMBERSHIP / DONATION

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

Individual - \$20.00

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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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