HOW TO JOIN THE IAM LISTSERV
What is a listserv?

A Listserv is a method of communicating with a group of people via email. You send one email message to the group’s email address, and software sends the email to all of the group's subscribers.

The IAM listserv is for Idaho museum staffers, volunteers, board members, etc. Ask questions or seek input from your peers across the state.
Reasons to Join

- Ask questions of your peers in other Idaho museums
  - About how to care for objects
  - About how to work with volunteers
  - About how to fundraise
  - About anything related to running your museum
- Share important news about your museum or news that is important to all museums
- Get updates from IAM about upcoming deadlines related to grants, etc.
- Virtually network with fellow museum lovers across the state
Go to https://groups.google.com/d/forum/idahomuseums

Click “Apply for membership”
Apply to join the group

Select your email delivery preference
Complete application

To receive an email notification each time a group member asks a question or gives a response, select “notify me for every new message” – presently that would be less than one email per day.

At this time, only IAM members have access to this tool; this is a benefit of membership and reduce the likelihood of SPAM.
IAM will be notified of your application; approval should take just a few days.

You should see this screen after you apply.
Upon approval, you will be notified by email

Be sure to add idahomuseums@googlegroups.com to your Contacts List in your email service to avoid messages being caught in your SPAM folder

Follow the link to explore the group

This image is of the Idaho and Shelby museum. Idaho museums' stretch begins in

Visit the group
The IdahoMuseums listserv group

There are two ways to ask a question or make a comment

Option 1 for asking a question
To create a new discussion topic: Option 1

Ask your question. Remember to include a descriptive “Subject” and any details that you think might be relevant in your inquiry. When you’ve finished, click “POST.”
After posting, your question will be added to the group’s discussion board.
All listserv members will also receive an email directly to their inbox with your question.

Hello Museum Colleagues,

At the Latah County Historical Society, we seem to have a lot of unidentified photos floating around in our archival collection. It’s hard to know if they were even taken in Latah County. How have other museums and historical societies addressed this problem. We can’t be the only ones!

Thanks in advance for your guidance,
Duce Kersting
LCHS Executive Director

You can also reply to this inquiry by returning to the group’s webpage

To respond to this inquiry, you can reply to the group’s email address by clicking this link, or by simply using “Reply” in your email service
When someone replies to your inquiry, you will get another email.

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Re: [idahomuseums] What to do with unidentified photos? - Message (HTML)

idahomuseums@googlegroups.com on behalf of Amanda Bielmann <amandab@basquemuseum.com>

RE: [idahomuseums] What to do with unidentified photos?

To: idahomuseums@googlegroups.com

What we have done at the Basque Museum & Cultural Center is host several "Photo ID Days" throughout the year and invite groups of individuals from the community to look through and see if they can help identify people, places, events, etc. We also get to hear great stories 😊

I usually try to batch the photos, say all a similar location or time period. We have a retired volunteer who I tell the theme and he looks for and invites people he thinks would be best to look at the photos. We provide a lunch and they usually work on the photos for 2-3 hours. Any photos not identified go back into a pile for the next event.

Good luck!
Amanda Bielmann

Amanda Bielmann, MA
Curator of Collections and Exhibitions
The Basque Museum & Cultural Center
A discussion looks like this on the group webpage.
To create a new discussion topic: Option 2

Send your inquiry by email to idahomuseums@googlegroups.com

My organization is beginning to think about the next Board of Trustees election. We would really like to bring one to two more people onto the board. How do other groups go about identifying and inviting people onto their museum boards? Does anyone ask a potential new trustee/director to fill out an application?

Thanks so much in advance for your feedback!

Dulce L. Kersting
Executive Director
Your question will automatically be added to the discussion board on the group’s webpage.
Your question will also arrive in members’ inboxes as an email.
IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE GET IN TOUCH WITH IAM!

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