

Idaho P.E.O.

Chapter House 2021 November Newsletter

Our goal is to share, educate,
enlighten, and welcome each of
you to our Idaho treasure,
The Idaho P.E.O. Chapter House.



We Welcome

Our Newest Board Member

Welcome to our newest Board member **Tamara Cates** who joined P.E.O. in 2003 when she lived in Maryland courtesy of Evelyn Cates, her mother-in-law from Boise. She lives in Fruitland and had a founding role in the formation of Chapter CO established in 2015. She currently serves as its president. Tamara has a rewarding life as a medical social worker. She works for Heart and Home Hospice, Fruitland office. Her roots were in Pennsylvania and her degree awarded from Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania. Upon her moving to Idaho when the youngest son was five, she gained her Montessori certification. She worked at the Lakewood Montessori as a teacher for five years working with infants and toddlers from 18 months to 36 months. She heartily endorses the program; these infants and toddlers learn how to set the table with placements and pour water out of a pitcher.

Tamara expresses her interest in the Idaho Chapter House so well. When she can take the time on a monthly basis to visit the Chapter House, she would love to enhance their experience since she is a certified yoga instructor. She thinks karaoke would also provide a fun and stimulating interaction. She noted that the local dignitaries need to be informed and understand what a gem for those who live there and the outreach to the community is plentiful. The purpose for “this chapter of life” should be meaningful and important.



Tamara Cates, Chapter CO
Chapter House Board Member

The First Thanksgiving



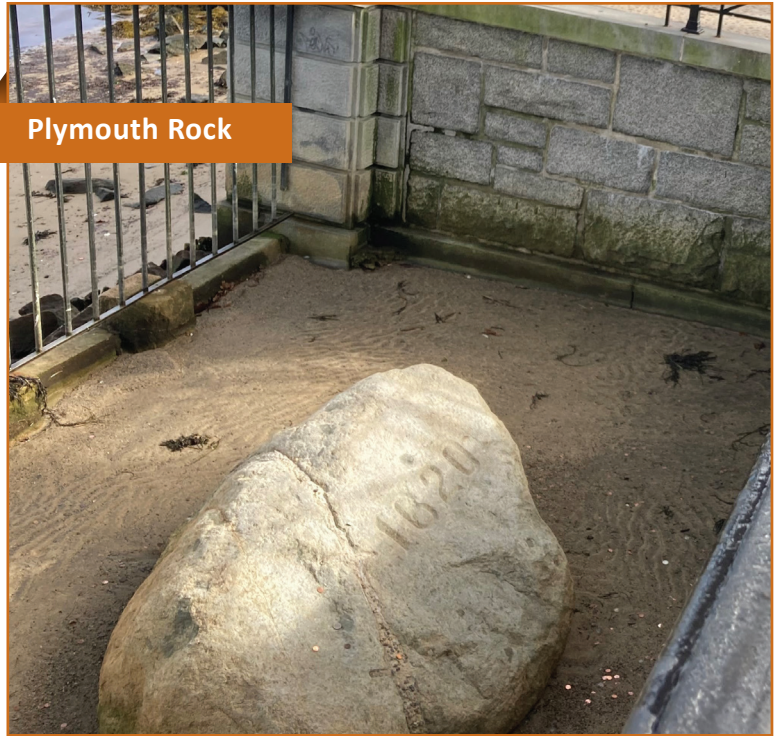
The Pilgrims' first corn harvest was successful and in November 1621, the group's leader, Governor William Bradford, called for a feast to celebrate their good fortune. Hunters were sent into the wilderness to hunt game for the event.

Members of the local Native American tribes were invited and brought deer meat to add to the menu. The celebration lasted for three days. This celebration, now 400 years ago, portends the concept of having a dinner to give thanks. It has been given the title of the "First Thanksgiving."

Of the 100 or so that arrived on the Mayflower only 50 were alive after that first harsh winter. The invitation to celebrate drew perhaps 100 Native Americans whose chief Massasoit was "sachem" of the Wampanoags. Officially, Thanksgiving was proclaimed as the final Thursday of November under the administration of President Abraham Lincoln in 1863.

Recently, our Chairman Jacque Scott visited her aunt in Manomet, Massachusetts. This picture was taken of Plymouth Rock, the landmark showing where the Pilgrims landed. Jacque's sister Valerie traveled with her and is in the picture. The picture of the Mayflower was taken in Plymouth Harbor. It is a reproduction of the tall ship that brought pilgrims to Plymouth in 1620. It is believed that there were 102 people aboard the Mayflower including three pregnant mothers.

Plymouth Rock



The Mayflower in Plymouth Harbor





WELCOME LINDA DODGE!

Linda moved into the Mansion on the main floor Suite 1 on the 1st of September. We now have a full house! It is exciting to have 12 ladies in residence.

Linda was born in Michigan and raised in Texas. She attended Texas Woman's University as a business major. It was there that she met her future husband, an Army aviator. During his 30-year career with the Army they moved many times including 4 years in Germany. They settled in Boise, Idaho in 1995. Linda went to work as a volunteer coordinator for St. Luke's in Meridian.

It was after moving to Boise that Linda learned about the P.E.O. sisterhood. She joined Chapter BX in Boise in 1998 and continues her membership there. While talking with Linda she stated she has always believed it was important to promote the Chapter House.

They moved to the Wilder area seeking more space that included room for their horse. She loved living there with lots of room and a great view. Her daughter Tressa and granddaughter Kara live in Caldwell.



Pictured above are the Chapter House ladies out for an evening on the town, celebrating October birthdays at Outback Steakhouse.

BOILER REPLACEMENT



We are in the initial stages of having the boiler replaced at the Dorman Mansion. While we cannot identify exactly how old it is, research tells us it dates from pre-1950, even before the opening of the P.E.O. Chapter House. Seventy-one years later, parts for the old boiler and burner are obsolete and becoming difficult to come by. Knowing we are operating on borrowed time; the Chapter House Board has been researching and getting estimates to have this work completed. Estimates ranged between “expensive” and “extremely expensive” with asbestos abatement being an added requirement.

The Chapter House Board of Trustees was overjoyed to receive a private donation directed specifically to replace the boiler with a high efficiency model and fund the necessary asbestos abatement. This work is scheduled to begin in December.

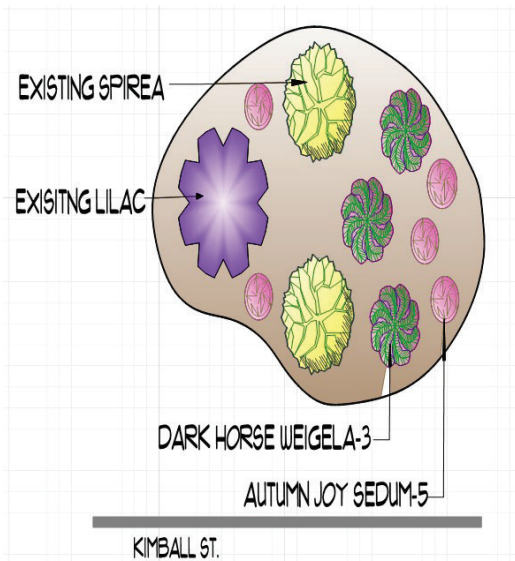


REPAIR WORK



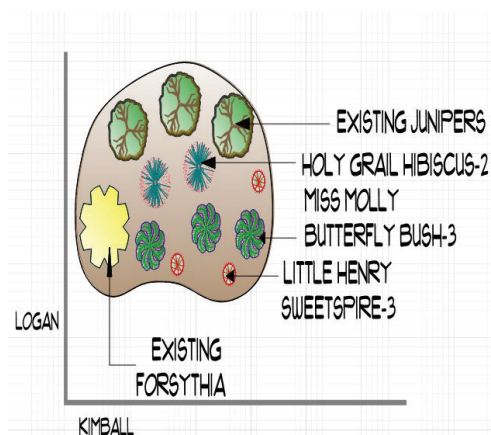
A separate, generous donation is allowing us to make needed repairs to the basement walls. Foundation walls in 1910 were not sealed on the outside so over the years, moisture vapor from outside the foundation has seeped through and evaporated leaving behind crystalline deposits on the inside of the walls. Over time, these deposits, or efflorescence, have forced the paint and concrete coating off the walls in places and left stains and unsightly damage. The foundation walls are still in good shape, but the damage needed to be repaired.

In November a painting contractor removed the paint from the walls in the basement suite and repaired the damage to the foundation walls before applying a fresh coat of paint. Not only will it make the space fresh and clean, but we are hopeful it will help with the musty odor.

Bed #3**LANDSCAPING PLAN**

The Chapter House Board recently had a landscape design plan completed by a horticulturist from the area. We often receive memorial donations from families of our sisters who have passed, and families often request something to be planted on the grounds. In the past, we have made the choices for plants and the places they are planted randomly. By using an organized plan, those donating can look at the plan, see what we need and make a choice.

We feel this approach will complement the grounds and help us create a more pleasing and successful landscape. We can showcase those we are honoring with a memorial name plate in a better way as well. The plants recommended in the plan are low maintenance, flowering shrubs that are all available at local nurseries for a reasonable cost.

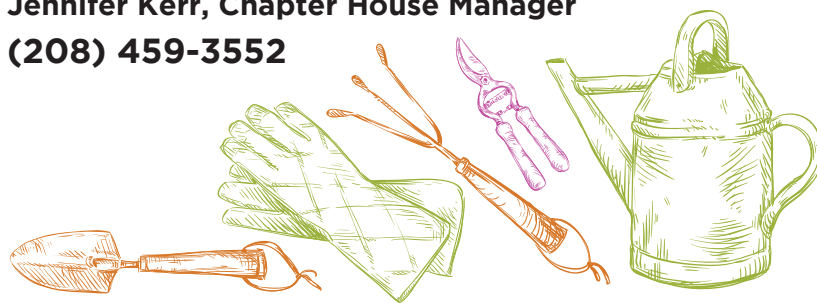
Bed #4

We are in hopes Idaho Chapters will get involved and plant a bush, tree, or adopt a bed. We would place a marker honoring chapters' contributions. Chapters out of the immediate area can choose to help finance a bed and have a local chapter do the work! You may find a field trip to the Treasure Valley would be fun, too. Just don't forget to bring your work clothes.

We have a master list of plants and cost for each bed.

If you would like to contribute time, labor or money to our efforts please contact:

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**Contact Us:**

We invite you to submit your stories, experiences and testimonials so that we can spread the word about the Chapter House. Email to idpeoch@gmail.com, with your questions or comments. Thank you.

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