

I'm very grateful to have served NIC and later Heritage Preservation during the 1980s and 1990s as board member and Chair alongside Larry Reger and many extraordinary colleagues. I'm pleased to say the tremendous volunteer effort and intelligence that went into creating and executing Heritage Preservations programs and publications are still paying dividends.

The excellent community outreach created by CAP and SOS engaged people across the country and built a lasting enthusiasm for preservation among individuals who previously had little engagement. Likewise, the many publications including the famous "emergency wheel" are still in use in small museums across the country. I've seen it here at the Idaho Historical Society, and I feel pride for such a lasting tool.

Heritage Preservation effected awareness in national leaders through the remarkable SOS, Save America's Treasures, a bipartisan White House Initiative, and the Heritage Health Index. I was honored to participate in these programs. I can say in retrospect, I view my service at Heritage Preservation to be one of the most gratifying aspects of my professional life. I continue to feel that as individuals we can change conservation awareness though the smallest personal efforts. I am often speaking to friends and colleagues to encourage them to spread the word.

The dedication of our many colleagues, and the thoughtful dedicated leadership of the Heritage Preservation Board and President changed the public face of preservation in our country. As this is a personal recollection, I would like to express particular appreciation to a few colleagues who made extraordinary contributions and with whom I had the pleasure to serve; Jane Long, Ross Merrill, and Carolyn Rose.

The maturing and brilliance of the conservation field is reflected in the fact that Heritage Preservation's now historic programs have been absorbed and enhanced through AIC, which is constantly expanding the field's vision.

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