

1912 CENTER

412 East 3rd Street
30,000 Square Feet

Description:

This three-story building is located within a historic residential neighborhood not far from the city's commercial core. The 1912 Center is an excellent example of classical style architecture built during the Progressive School Era. It includes classic details in brick and white terra cotta that are unique to the area.

Originally known as Moscow High School followed by the "Whitworth Building," the facility is now officially known as the 1912

Center, and is perfect for get-togethers, meetings, and wedding receptions. The Great Room and kitchen are available for rental through the Heart of the Arts, Inc.



Amenities:

- Great Room (65'x30')
- Senior Center (23'x32')
- Friendship Hall (23'x32')
- Arts Workshop (23'x42')
- Fiske Family Community Meeting Room (23'x30')

History:

1913:

- January 17 – With construction completed, the 1912 Center opened for High School use. The facility's construction was funded by a school bond of \$75,000 (originally only \$65,000 was budgeted).

1938:

- The new High School was constructed and began being utilized in 1939.

1939:

- The 1912 center became the Moscow Middle School for the next twenty years until the present Middle School opened in 1959.

1957:

- Since 1957, the 1912 High School has been used for the district administration offices and was used for classrooms until about 1975. Once the high school closed in 1959, the building adopted the name “Whitworth Building” after Ida Whitworth, a well-known teacher in the Moscow School District.

1992:

- May- The 1912 Center was added to the National Register of Historic Places (of local significance.)

1993:

- Finally, after much discussion, \$2 million was planned for renovating the building from a bond that passed to expand and remodel four schools.



1998:

- The 1912 Center was purchased by the City of Moscow for \$150,000 from funds donated entirely by private citizens, and an anonymous \$2 million last minute donation.

2001:

- Summer – With the help of grant money from the Idaho Department of Commerce and the M.J. Murdock Trust Phase II, construction began.

- October 27 - Phase I of the 1912 Center (Old High School) was completed and the City held a grand opening. The cost of Phase I was \$2 million and it included the Great Room (On the ground floor in the former high school's gymnasium), a kitchen, restrooms, and a plaza on the building's south side, facing Third Street. The project also included paved parking for 24 vehicles, roof repairs, seismic reinforcement, and exterior brick restoration. The facility was maintained and managed by the City Parks and Recreation Department.

2002:

- June 1 - Phase II of the 1912 Building finished, introducing the senior center (Friendly Neighbors) and Friendship Hall in its Grand Opening.

2007:

- May 1 - The City of Moscow turned the operation and management of the 1912 Center over to the Heart of the Arts, Inc. Besides managing the facility, their job was to solicit funding for the remaining remodeling of the facility. For more information on the facility and room rentals, go to www.1912Center.org.

2008:

- The next renovation project for the 1912 Building began in the spring of 2008 and was completed in December 2008. The project focused on the "West Wing" of the building adding the Arts Workshop and Fiske Family Community Meeting Room. The total cost for the renovation was \$315,000.

2009:

- North and West exteriors of the building were restored and 48 windows were replaced for \$287,000.

2012:

- August 27- The plaza on south side of building was dedicated as the Linda Blackwelder Pall Plaza, to honor long-time resident and former City Council member Linda Pall.

2018:

- Summer- A new metal roof and sky lights were installed.



Pictures:



Plaque located in 1912 plaza