

Come see the beautiful wood art from  
trees planted by United States'  
Presidents at the Idaho State Capitol  
“A Tale of Trees Exhibit”



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# A Tale of Trees

It all began in 1887 with the completion of the Territorial Capitol. Around the perimeter of the building Ash and Elm were planted. In 1891 President Benjamin Harrison visited Idaho and planted a Red Oak tree in front of the southeast corner of the building. In 1903 President Theodore Roosevelt visited Idaho and planted a Rock Sugar Maple tree next to the Red Oak tree. In 1911 President William Howard Taft visited Idaho and planted an Ohio Buckeye tree next to the Rock Sugar Maple tree. In order to complete the current Capitol building, the original Territorial Capitol building was removed.

These trees graced the Capitol grounds for 120 years. In 2006 a decision was made to remodel the current Capitol building and add new underground wings. This being the case, the trees would have to be removed. Representative Max C. Black, with the help of many other volunteers, salvaged the trees and distributed the wood to Idaho artisans. These artisans were able to keep a piece of the wood for themselves, in turn they were asked to make a like item to be donated back to the Capitol building. As you walk through the Capitol you will see the amazing abilities of the Idaho wood artisans who took part in this wonderful project.

Rep. Max Black



Territorial Capitol



Current Capitol