

AUGUST 2014

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Church History Museum

45 North West Temple Street
Salt Lake City, Utah

Notice the Date Change

We could not meet on our usual night, Thursday, due to special activities already scheduled by the Museum for their staff and docents.

Therefore we are meeting on Wednesday, September 3rd.

We are grateful that our hostess made special arrangements for us.



September Meeting - Annual Trek

On Wednesday, September 3, 2014 we have the opportunity of a special tour of the Church History Museum, located at 45 North West Temple Street, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Please come to the Museum at 6:30 p.m. Free parking is available in the lot just west of the Museum.

We will be given a special tour by one of the Museum's longest serving and very knowledgeable docents, Diane Whittaker. If you would like to forward to her via e-mail the name(s) of your pioneer/church history ancestor(s), she will check the vast reservoir of materials at the Museum and have them out to be viewed during our visit. What a gift!!

Diane's address is dbwhitta@gmail.com

The Museum will close October 2014 for renovation. We have been informed this closing will be for more than a year and will include extensive renovations and restructuring on the first floor along with major changes to the exhibits.

Don't miss this chance for a "last" look before it closes.

We are one of the last groups to have a tour like this one.

Upcoming Events

October 2nd

Kay Stevenson

Artist for Ensign Magazine, and authenticator of the images of Joseph Smith.



November 6th

Herbert Klopfer

Grew up as a member of the Church in East Germany during World War II, often describes a dangerous border escape and subsequent life in the United States.



December 4th

Institute Singers



One of two choirs from the University of Utah Latter-day Saint Institute of Religion, under the direction of brother Hal W. Romrell, who will favor us with Holiday music.

August Meeting



Ardis Parshall

On Thursday, August 14th, 2014 our speaker was Ardis Parshall who presented "Lesser Known Latter-day Saints."

Ardis is a historian and has a blog, "Keepapitchinin.org." The regular features on the blog are Lives of little-known Saints and their associates, Topics in LDS church history and culture, Utah history, and many others. She works in the Church History Library.

In her presentation to our chapter, she said she would rather be a story teller than a historian. She shared a beautiful cross stitch of her family history, then stories, stories and more stories.

Nathan Young going with the Mormon Battalion, California Gold Fields, Australia Gold Fields and finally after many years came back to Utah and his family, because Brigham Young sent him the money to come home.

Josephine de la Harper Ursenback, from the court of the Russian Czar to being a member of the LDS Church and came to Utah, often being shown off to newspaper reporters so they would know we had "cultured" people among us.

Andrew Julius Miller whose neighbors helped him put his home back into good shape after he had been thought by them a little too strange and went to the state hospital in Provo.

John the Baptist Gaylor in Alabama who stayed off the threats of the neighbors and allowed the missionaries to preach to gospel, and he and his family were the mainstays of a large branch of the church.

Miraculous survival from a snowslide in Blacksmith Fork Canyon.

Geertruida Lodder Zippro a Relief Society president in the Netherlands riding her bicycle so many miles to help the saints and citizens in 1940.

Carl Clifton Booth in the 1930's helping poor people in Dallas through bringing them food and establishing Sunday Schools, after himself having a rough start in life and finally finding the Church.

There were many other stories shared.