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At the conclusion of our February meeting, Chris Christensen announced our speaker for March, Explorer George Potter. Brother Potter has for many years been involved in the Nephi Project which has focused on discovering the trail Lehi's family followed after they left Jerusalem until they left the Arabian peninsula by ship and sailed to the new world.

Chris explained that it is very difficult to engage Brother Potter who lives and works in the middle east, therefore when he does travel to the United States it is rare that his schedule and our Chapter meetings coincide. Chris has been more than two years trying to make this work, and recently Brother Potter made contact and we now have the opportunity to listen to his presentation.

Please spread the word to as many friends and family as you can.

A copy of the poster shown at the right will be sent along so you can copy it and post where it will be seen by many who might like to hear this talk.



Discovering
Lehi's Trail
Presentation
by Explorer George Potter
5 March 2015

Brother Potter has made this presentation in numerous stakes in California, Utah, Arizona, Idaho, Florida, Washington, the Philippines and Middle East, as well as making presentations for the LDS Chaplains' Conference, Book of Mormon Lands Conference, FARMS/BYU, The Ensign Magazine, F.A.I.R., BYU Alumni Societies, BYU Management Societies, and the Ancient Americas Foundation. Brother Potter has produced 13 films on his Book of Mormon and Biblical discoveries in Arabia, has published 4 books on these subjects, and is the editor of a monthly newsletter on Book of Mormon research. His articles on the "Valley of Lemuel" (1999) and "Lehi's Trail" (2007) have been published in the Maxwell Institute's (FARMS/BYU) *Journal of Book of Mormon Studies*. Highlights of his research is presented on his website, www.nephiproject.com. While not in Arabia, Brother Potter resides with his family in Perry, Utah. He first became interested in archaeology as an LDS missionary in Peru and Bolivia. He graduated with high honors from the University of California at San Diego. Two years later Potter received a master's degree from the University of California at Berkeley and became a certified public accountant. You can follow George's research by signing up for Nephi Project's free newsletter at www.nephiproject.com.

Time: 7:15 p.m.

Place: 10th Ward Chapel (next to Chuck-A-Rama)
420 South 800 East, Salt Lake City, Utah

Welcome - **NEW MEMBERS:** Keith Despain - annual member Roy Brown - family & friends

National Calendar 2015

February 28, National Chapter Presidents Council in Salt Lake City. 10 a.m. to noon Lunch at noon. National Board Meeting 1 p.m.

- April 1-3, Spring Trek, Kanab, Utah (see Pages 12-13 of the February National Newsletter (worth checking out)
- April 11, SUP Regional Historical Symposium in Cedar City, 1-5 p.m. Dinner 6

April 14, National Board Meeting 6 p.m.

April 25, Past Presidents Luncheon Meeting, Golden Corral 11:30 a.m.

- May 9, SUP Historical Symposium in Salt Lake City 1-5 p.m. Dinner 6 p.m.

June 27, Past Presidents Luncheon Meeting, Golden Corral 11:30 a.m.

- July 27, SUP Day at This Is the Place Heritage Park in Salt Lake City, 4-9 p.m.

August 22, Past Presidents Luncheon Meeting, Golden Corral 11:30 a.m.

- September 17-19, SUP National Convention in Brigham City, Utah. Details will be announced.

October 24, Past Presidents Luncheon Meeting, Golden Corral 11:30 a.m.

November Area Training Meetings, Organized by AVPs and National Officers (dates to be determined)

- ✦ December SUP National Christmas Party, National Headquarters (dates to be determined) - an appeal has been made for all members to

THE PIONEER VALUES

We honor the pioneers for their faith in God; devotion to family; loyalty to church and country; hard work and service to others; courage in adversity; personal integrity; and unyielding determination.

"The Evolution of Mormon Architecture!"



Emily Utt, has worked in the Church History Department for several years and has spent most of her time researching, interpreting, and preserving significant Latter-day Saint buildings and writing for Church-owned historic site exhibits.

Her presentation to us in February focused on the very different styles of "Mormon" buildings, which for the most part are unique to time, or place, or the desires of the President of the Church at the time of approval; or in some cases a combination of all these factors, and probably

many more influences, such as the church architects, or architects engaged by the church at its headquarters or in the locality where the building was constructed.

Her are three of her slides out of dozens, and she has hundreds to share:

Her constant conclusion is that there does not seem to



emerge any one or more styles, so we cannot yet say there is a Mormon style of architecture.

We were fascinated by her grasp of her subject, her in-depth knowledge, and enthusiasm.

Emily has a B.A. in religion and history from Case Western Reserve University, M.A. in historic preservation from Goucher College, has published Church Historic Site Guides and in professional journals as well as presenting before many audiences.



With Chris Christensen, our program director.

LITTLE MOUNTAIN SUMMIT



The mock-up of the plaque to replace the missing one from the monument on Little Mountain Summit has been displayed at the last two Chapter meetings, and here is a representation of how it will look on the monument once it is cast and made available.

Little Mountain is the last summit in the Wasatch Mountains along the pioneer trail. From this point the trail descends Northwest until it reaches Emigration Creek. As William

Clayton's "Emigrant's Guide" warns: "The descent is very steep all the way." The Donner party passed over the summit August 21, 1846, and the Mormons on July 21, 1847. It is located 7.6 miles from the mouth of Emigration Canyon. --*Utah Division of State History, Markers and Monuments Database.*



Robert Pollei took the picture of Brent Nielsen and David Smith. Robert has been in charge of the refurbishment: The monument is 7' 4" high x 4' 8" triangle stone base. The original Bronze marker was placed there on June 27, 1992. The National SUP website says it was sponsored by the Twin Peaks Chapter & Pioneer Trails State Park. A photo of the original plaque has the inscription: *Mormon Explorers YMMIA.*

ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM DETAILS ANNOUNCED

The 2015 SUP Historical Symposium will take place on Saturday, May 9. This year's topic is Parley P. Pratt - Modern Day Apostle.

The Symposium will take place from 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. at the SUP National Headquarters Building at 3301 East Louise Ave., and the Canyon Rim Building, 3051 S 2900 East

Salt Lake City. Symposium topics and speakers are: 1) Missionary of the Restoration by Matt Grow, LDS Church History Department and descendent of Parley P. Pratt 2) Tis Not for Crimes that I Have Done, by Alex Baugh, BYU Professor 3) Poetry, Prose and Music of Parley P. Pratt by Steve Pratt, Pratt family historian and descendent of Parley P. Pratt 4) I Die A Firm Believer by Mitch Pratt, retired faculty of UVU & BYU and descendent of Parley P. Pratt

The Symposium will be followed by a dinner at 6:00 p.m. at the Salt Lake East Mill Creek Stake Center located at 3103 East Craig Dr., Salt Lake City. The dinner keynote speaker is still being determined.

Registration can be by mail or telephone: Mail to: SUP, 3301 East Louise Ave., SLC, UT 84109. To pay with a Credit Card, call 801-484-4441 and select option 3. Cost for the Symposium and dinner are \$25 per person before May 1, and \$30 at the door, if not already sold out.