

June 2017

The Salt Lake City Chapter of The Sons of Utah Pioneers Chapter News

Our Next Program - Days of '47 Royalty

July 6, 2017 - The Days of '47 Royalty

7:15 p.m. - The 10th Ward Chapel - 420 South 800 East, Salt Lake City, Utah

Refreshments are planned!



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[The following information is from the Daughters of Utah Pioneers International website](#)

The Royalty for 2017 Days of '47 were crowned Saturday, April 22, 2017 in a pageant held at the LDS Conference Center, which featured 21 contestants from Idaho and many areas of Utah. They were selected by a panel of judges based on talks centered on this year's theme, "Pioneers Visions of a New Horizon!", their goals, accomplishments, poise, leadership, answers to judges' questions, and family genealogy with pioneers who came to the Salt Lake Valley between 1847 and May 10, 1869.

Queen **Maren Cline**, the daughter of Russ and Melou Cline of North Salt Lake is an accomplished harpist and pianist and is classically trained in opera.

First attendant **Tess Hanson**, daughter of Karl and Tammy Hanson of South Jordan, was a Bingham High School class officer, in student government for two years, and has had musical training in drums, guitar, violin and voice.

Second attendant **Brittney Millington**, daughter of Aaron and Laura Millington of South Jordan, served as a member of the South Jordan Youth Executive Council, and volunteered with the Brain Injury Alliance of Utah and with the Intermountain Healthcare Traumatic Brain injury support group.

Elizabeth Aust - recipient of the coveted Annie Taylor Hyde Award, daughter of David and Mary Aust of Rexburg, Idaho, is a songwriter and vocal performance Sterling Scholar, and was selected by a majority vote of the other contestants.

Numerous [Days of '47](#) events occur during July and the Royalty will attend all of these activities.



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George Potter spoke at our June meeting

He provided an update and renewed glimpse of the Lehi-Nephi Trail

For five years George Potter, Richard Wellington, Tim Sedor and their friends from Fiji, Germany, New Zealand, the Philippines Islands, the United Kingdom and the United States have traveled almost 100,000 miles searching for the Lehi-Nephi trail in Saudi Arabia.

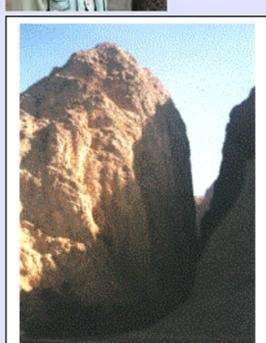
George updated us on their continuing quest to find and document the geography, ancient trade routes, circumstances as they would have been in 600 B.C., and the then existing peoples and their culture and skills which would have made possible all that transpired as recorded by Nephi in the Book of Mormon record. The information shared is truly appreciated. Thank you, George, for an engaging evening.

George will be retiring soon, and has only about a year remaining in Saudi Arabia, following which he will move back to Utah, but we trust will continue to uncover new information about Lehi's trail. We were reminded that this all came to be because by being employed in Saudi Arabia, and making acquaintances with other LDS church members, and because they had a yen for adventure, they began this quest many years ago and gradually uncovered the information they now present.

As you will see, the quality bar has been significantly raised for Book of Mormon research in the Old World. The new findings are compelling and well documented. As we already know through the exercise of our faith, the Book of Mormon is the word of God. For the first time, you can see that it also includes a very accurate record of a journey through Arabia in 597 B.C..

The fruit of these efforts are what inspired Tim and George to establish the Nephi Project, an organization dedicated to presenting their discoveries and to raise money to continue research projects on the books of 1st and 2nd Nephi. A series of books, and DVDs have been produced to bring these amazing discoveries to you and your friends.

[Read more about the Lehi-Nephi Trail](#)



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Upcoming Chapter events and programs

- **August** Paddy Spilsbury, Joseph Smith Papers, Church History Library, speaking about developing activities.
- **September** Tord Brewerton will speak about discoveries of the Catholic Priests in Central America paralleling the Book of Mormon.
- **October** Chapter Trek to Union Station Foundation (four museums and two galleries) at the historic train station.

The Trek to the [Ogden Historic Train Station](#) will be an all day event. We plan to take the Frontrunner Train to Ogden. The train stops at the station, and the museums are right there. For lunch there are restaurants on the premise, and others nearby. The four museums are the John M. Browning Firearms Museum, the Utah State Railroad Museum, the Utah Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum, and the Browning-Kimball Classic Car Museum. Those who took the "dry run" tour report that it is a fabulous place to visit. The Senior price for the Museum is \$4 and Frontrunner is \$2.50 roundtrip. We would go about 9 a.m. (one hour ride) and return at our pleasure.

National Calendar

The SUPer DUPER Day at This is The Place Heritage Park is well worth your while considering. Jeffrey R. Holland is the featured speaker, and he is always fun to hear. The flyer gets you and all who are with you into the park for \$5 per person. That is a great discount! You can print out the flyer and hand a copy to as many people as you wish, and they do not all have to go with you, just show the flyer at the ticket window and pay as you enter. There are a lot of fun activities for the kids, the adults enjoy a lot of them, and you can bring your basket lunch and use the pavilion or other areas inside the park, and thoroughly enjoy the evening.

- [SUPer DUPER Day](#) - This is The Place Heritage Park, Monday, July 17, 2017 - 4pm - 9pm
- [National Convention](#) - Centerville, Thursday, September 14 - Saturday, September 16, 2017



National Quick References

- [Pioneer Magazine](#) - Quarterly
- [Trail Marker](#) - Monthly Newsletters
- [Monuments](#) - Historical Monuments and Markers