

For Immediate Release: Old Bottles tell their Stories!

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Old Bottles tell their Stories!
Saturday, July 27, 2019, 10 am
Silver Reef Museum | Ghost Town
1903 Wells Fargo Rd.
Leeds UT 84746

Old bottles can help to tell the story of a community and what the people who lived in that place and time were like. What were those miners drinking? What medicines were parents giving their children and taking themselves? What preserved foods were people in the community eating?

Our discussion of old bottles will include how to tell a bottle from the 1800's from a newer bottle. Why some old bottles turn purple and others don't. What features might make a bottle attractive to a collector and why one old bottle might be worth \$5 and another may be worth \$100's. On display will be several old bottles and attendees are invited to bring any old bottle they may have a question about.

ABOUT THE PRESENTERS:

Mike Empey and his wife have collected old bottles and other antiques for 40 years. They have specialized in collecting pre-1906 bottles which claimed to "cure" diseases before there were laws that required proof of the claim. Mike was once featured on Charles Osgood's CBS radio show discussing "Cure" bottles. Mike has an interest in the history of the Old West and has been active in the Leeds Historical Society and the Washington County Historical Society. He has also participated in historical reenactments including Silver Reef Ghost Night and St. George Live.

Ray Beal and his wife live in Leeds, UT. Ray has lived in the Wells Fargo building and spent his childhood on the grounds of the museum. He and his wife have donated many if not most of the bottle collection on display at the museum. His mother wrote a book of her memories of Silver Reef, and a book about Leeds as well.

Mike Walters and his wife live in Silver Reef, UT. Mike is an avid collector of bottles 1860-1900. He has a collection amassed from years of digging and collecting old bottles in Utah, Nevada, and California. He has researched them and learned about what life was like for their original owners.

Reservations suggested:

<https://form.jotform.com/83616964482973> or 435.879.2254

\$4.00 ea

(Museum admission, exhibits and tour is included)

<http://silverreefutah.org>

Also on the 4th weekend of every month, Living History to experience life in a real 1870's a Silver mining Ghost town. The Old West will come alive as you learn about the era from guides dressed in the clothing of the period. Reenactments and shoot outs by [Lawmen and the Muddy River Gang](#) on Saturdays, 11:30am, and 1pm.

Informative lectures on Saturdays at 10am at our Cosmopolitan will teach you about this region and our heritage here in Silver Reef Utah, the only place in the United States that Silver was mined in Sandstone! Lectures listed on www.SilverReef.org

Artists also visit with us on 4th weekends, from individual artists, and plein air events to nationally renowned sculptor [Jerry Anderson](#)'s private studio, which happens to be across the street, and open to the public on the 4th weekend, Saturday from 11am-4pm.



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