

JANUARY 2020

MARILYN DAVIS BROWN BAG LECTURE SERIES TOPICS

JANUARY 3 – JAMES ANTON, THE CRIMSON COWBOYS

James Anton is a professor of English at Southern Utah University and co-author of the 2018 book titled *The Crimson Cowboys: The Remarkable Odyssey of the 1931 Chaplin Emerson Expedition*. Professor Anton will describe this early 20th century venture of archeologists into the Desolation Canyon region of the Colorado River.

JANUARY 10 – LEE HUGHES, NATIVE PLANTS OF THE ARIZONA STRIP REGION

Each year, the unique combination of sun, wind, water, temperature and elevation sets the stage for the precise location of the best springtime blooms. Lee Hughes is a former BLM Ecologist and Botanist who just can't leave the plants alone. Come hear what he has to say about spring flowers, as well as edible and endangered plants.

JANUARY 17 – LEE BRACKEN, MOUNTAIN MEADOWS MASSACRE

On September 11, 1857, some 50 to 60 local militiamen in southern Utah, aided by American Indian allies, massacred about 120 emigrants who were traveling by wagon to California. The horrific incident, which spared only 17 children age six and under, occurred in a highland valley called the Mountain Meadows, roughly 35 miles southwest of Cedar City. The victims, most of them from Arkansas, were on their way to California with dreams of a bright future. As is true with any historical episode, comprehending the events of September 11, 1857, requires understanding the conditions of the time. Lee Bracken, former long-time Mayor of Enterprise, UT, will discuss his research into those conditions.

JANUARY 24 – JEFF AXEL, PARASHANT AND NORTH RIM VOLCANICS

Parashant is a wonderland of volcanism. If it weren't for the world-famous Grand Canyon, people might know the Shivwits Plateau and Pakoon Basin more for their scenic volcanic features. However, it turns out these are all part of the same story. The Grand Canyon itself wouldn't exist if it weren't for upwelling magma from Earth's mantle that pushed the Colorado Plateau thousands of feet higher in elevation than it otherwise would be. This uplift set the stage for scenic erosion by water and wind. Water tumbled off this highland in streams and rivers. This exposed the colorful sedimentary rocks on the Colorado Plateau forming the stunning landscapes we know today. Jeff Axel, Director of Interpretation at Parashant, will describe his research about this fascinating topic.

JANUARY 31 – JUDY ZUMWALT, TRI-STATE ATV JAMBOREE

Do you want to experience fantastic OHV trails of Southwest Utah and Northwest Arizona? The 17th annual Tri-State ATV/UTV Jamboree (March 18-21, 2020) has 28 rides planned, including 2 brand new routes. Each ride will be led by experienced guides who not only know the trails but also the history of the area and key points of interest. Judy Zumwalt will describe the history of the Jamboree and the coordination that takes place with public lands managers to make the event possible.

IMPORTANT NOTE REGARDING REGISTRATION TO ATTEND BROWN BAG LECTURES:

Due to limited seating and high demand, you must register to attend any lecture. Sign up begins one week prior to each program at approximately 1:10 p.m. on each Friday at the conclusion of the program. Sixty seats are reserved for general admission, with an additional 20 seats for DASIA members. An additional 30-slot waiting list will be made available when the program is oversubscribed. Those on the waiting list will be contacted by telephone when a seat becomes available. Please be at the Public Lands Information Center by 11:45 a.m. to claim your seat.

Reservations may be made by calling the Public Lands Information Center at 435.688.3200