

Friday December 22

4:00-5:00 pm Lecture

5:00-5:30 pm Q & A

Free Admission

Park City Library Community Room 3rd Floor

1255 Park Ave Park City

# UTAH HISTORY LECTURE SERIES

Christmas in Early Utah: Holiday Traditions and Community Celebrations

# **Speaker: Lisa Olsen Tait**

Dr. Tait is an historian for the LDS Church History Department. She earned a Ph.D. in American Literature and a graduate certificate in Women's Studies from the University of Houston. She will present on how the early settlers celebrated Christmas together; including descriptions of holiday traditions and engaging stories from their first years in Utah.

Refreshments will be served

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# **January 26**

**Trappers, Traders and Explorers, 1847-1870: Their Lifestyles and Contributions to the Settlers** | Lecturer: Scott Sorensen Scott graduated from BYU with a degree in US History with an emphasis in folklore and outdoor survival skills. Scott presents lectures at schools on Mountain Men and the History of the Fur Trade. 4:00-5:30 pm at the new Park Meadows Country Club.

#### February 23

Native People in Early Utah: Territorial Government and Native Americans; Biography of Chief Kanosh | Lecturer: Gregory E. Smoak Dr. Smoak received his Ph.D. in history from the University of Utah. He is the director of the American West Center and an Associate Professor of History at the University of Utah. 4:00-5:30 pm at the Park City Library.

# March 23

**Early Utah Communication and Transportation: Tales of the Pony Express and Telegraph | Lecturer: Richard W. Sadler** Dr. Sadler received his Ph.D. from the University of Utah. He is a professor of History at Weber State University and is the former Dean of the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences. He has written numerous publications on Utah history. 4:00-5:30 pm at the Park City Library.

## April 27

**The Early History of Snyderville and Summit County: Stories of the Early Settlers and the Development of their Land Lecturer: Franklin D. Richards, Jr.** Frank has been a Thaynes Canyon resident of Park City for nearly 50 years. He is a past Summit County Commissioner and was involved in the original development of the Park City Rail Trail. 4:00-5:30 pm at the Park City Library.

# **May 25**

Moving Utah Settlements South,1847-1870: The Colonization Efforts of George A. Smith and the Settlements of Cedar City, Parowan, Santa Clara, and St. George | Lecturer: W. Paul Reeve Dr. Reeve earned a Ph.D. and is a Professor of History at the University of Utah. He has been honored with many awards for his teaching. 4:00-5:30 pm at the Park City Library.

# June 22

The 1847 Pioneer Arrival in Utah: Stories of the Scouts and Early Settlers Who Discovered the Salt Lake Valley; How They Celebrated their First Few Days in Utah | Lecturer: Randy Dixon Randy has a BA in history and a Masters of Public Administration from BYU. He is a retired archivist and historian from the LDS Church History Department. 4:00-5:30 pm at the Park City Library.