



Friends Newsletter

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Brown Bag Lectures

Brown Bag Schedule

June 10
"History of the National Old Time Fiddler's Contest"
Leslie Beck

July 8
"Baseball in Boise"
Bob King

August 12
"Merciless Eden"
Doug & Phyllis Tims

September 9
"St. Gertrude's"

October 14
"Points of Prominence"
Richard Holm

November 11
"Rare Birds from the Copper Mine"
Leon Powers

December 9
"Friends History: Past, Present, Future"

Idaho State Historical Museum Update:

Museum will close for renovation August 4, 2014.

Old Penitentiary will remain open during Museum renovation.



"Baseball in Boise" Speaker: Bob King July 8, 2014

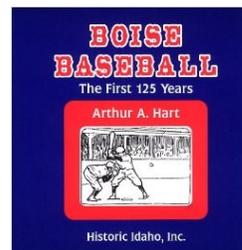
Bob (Bobby) King will tell you first hand about "baseball in Boise." He played minor league baseball in Boise from 1950 through 1958 with the exception of the three years (1952-1954) he served in the Marine Corps.

When Bob started playing in Boise, the team was called "The Boise Pilots." It was independently owned and operated by Haydn Walker. They played at the old Airway Park, located on Walnut Street.

By 1952 the Boise franchise became affiliated with the New York Yankees and the ball park was renamed Joe Divine Field. The team was "The Boise Yankees". In 1955 the team became affiliated with the Milwaukee Braves and then became "The Boise Braves." At that time the park was renamed "Braves Field." Today the Idaho Fish and Game building occupies that parcel of land in Boise. Bob played shortstop and is the only player to have played with all three of these teams.

Bob's knowledge of baseball has been acquired through playing 9 years in the minor leagues and scouting for the Houston Astros for the past 25 years. His talk will include stories of Idaho players as far back as Walter Johnson (1907); Carl Mays (1912); Harmon Killebrew from Payette; Vernon Law from Meridian; Larry Jackson from Boise and more recently Bob Uecker in 1956 and 1958.

Be present to win a copy of
BOISE BASEBALL
or 2 tickets to a
Boise Hawks game.



Idaho State Historical Museum
Photo Credit: Clay Almqvist

**Museum Closing Party
August 3, 2014**

Join the celebration to say "Tata for now" to the old State Historical Museum building. August 3rd, museum friends and staff will toast the anticipated evolution, expansion and renovation of the museum building.



August 12

Be present to win a copy of *Merciless Eden*.

June 13

Singin' in the Slammer
6-10 pm

Singing will start at 8 pm. \$100 in cash prizes. 9pm is last admission.

\$5 for all visitors. Event for ages 12 and up.



Brown Bag Lectures

2nd Tuesday of the Month

Noon to 1 PM



Merciless Eden
A River of No return Homestead, both Beautiful and Brutal, and the History of the Pioneers who Sought to Tame this Merciless Eden.

Brown Bag: August 12, 2014
Speakers: Doug and Phyllis Tims

Author Doug and his wife Phyllis Tims will tell the story of their 1897 homestead at Campbell's Ferry on the Main Fork of the Salmon River. Through pictures, stories and videos, Doug and Phyllis will share the events of many pioneers who sought to find a home in the wilds of Idaho's Salmon River Canyon. Doug is a passionate river-runner and outfitter, and Phyllis is a retired fine arts dean and dancer.

The book, *Merciless Eden*, will be available for purchase at the Brown Bag event where authors will be available to sign books.

At the Old Penitentiary...

Singin' in the slammer Friday June 13, 2014 6 - 10 PM

Join us for our 3rd Annual Singin' in the Slammer Karaoke Event Friday June 13th from 6pm - 10pm (9pm last admission). \$5 for all visitors (no other discounts apply).

Sing away your prison blues or just belt your favorite jam. All visitors can enter their name into a drawing where 5 selected crooners compete for \$100 in cash prizes. Beer and wine will be available for purchase.

There is no food service so you are welcome to bring a picnic dinner! No outside beverages besides water will be permitted inside. You must enter for the competition drawing no later than 7:30pm.

We will randomly select 5 competitors at that time and they will start singing/competing at 8pm. This event is for ages 12 and up only. A reminder to parents that some visitors

might sing songs you deem inappropriate. We have a very large site and you may choose to explore when such a song is being played.

