



Friends Newsletter

Brown Bag Lectures Are Moving Back to Washington Group Plaza - Central Auditorium June 10, 2014

The Friends of the Historical Museum's Brown Bag Lecture series will relocate, June 10, 2014, for the duration of the Idaho State Historical Museum's closure for expansion and remodel, approximately 3 years. The Brown Bag Lectures will continue to be held the second Tuesday of each month from Noon to 1 PM. Your continued attendance and financial support for the Museum and Friends' Brown Bag Lecture Series will be greatly appreciated during the Museum's transition. The Friends extend their thanks to URS for their sponsorship at the Washington Group Plaza - Central Auditorium location. We will see you there June 10, 2014!

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.

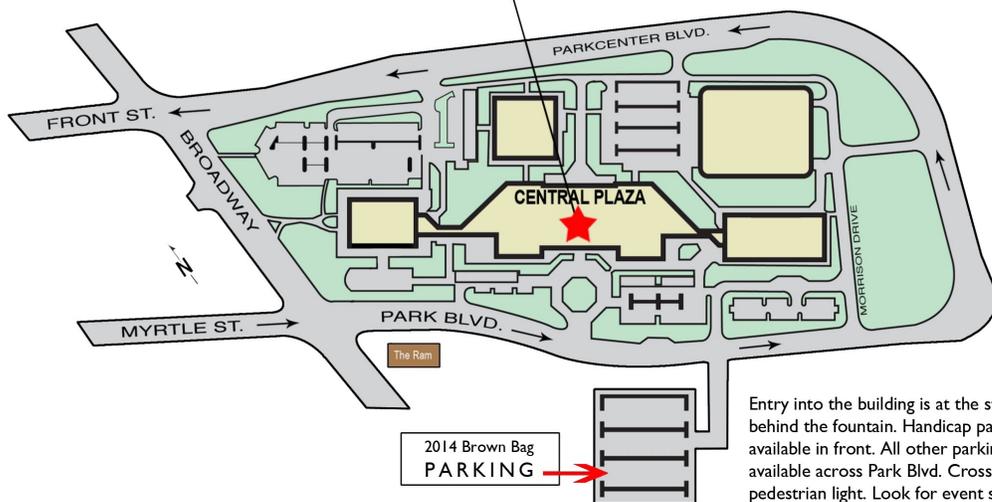
Old Penitentiary will remain open during Museum renovation.

Map to: Washington Group Plaza—Central Auditorium 720 Park. Boulevard Boise, Idaho



Brown Bag Location 2014

Washington Group Plaza | 720 Park. Blvd. 83712



Entry into the building is at the stairs behind the fountain. Handicap parking is available in front. All other parking is available across Park Blvd. Cross at the pedestrian light. Look for event signs.

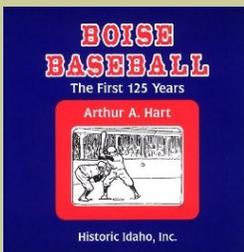


June 10th

Win two CD's of classic fiddle music by Old Time Fiddler, Manny Shaw.

A drawing will be held for two tickets to the National Old-time Fiddlers Contest, June 16-21, 2014. Must be present to win.

July 8th



Two copies of Boise Baseball will be given away at the July 8th Brown Bag Lecture.



“History of the National Old Time Fiddler’s Contest”

Speaker: Leslie Beck

June 10, 2014

Washington Group Plaza—Central Auditorium

720 Park Blvd.

Leslie Beck will be sharing the history of the annual National Oldtime Fiddlers Contest, which is held in Weiser, Idaho. Fiddling in Weiser was reported as early as 1863. Through the years different fiddle contests were held in Weiser. In 1963, the present National Oldtime Fiddlers’ Contest was launched. In the same year, the Idaho Oldtime Fiddlers Organization was inaugurated in order to celebrated the state’s Territorial Centennial.

Leslie Beck is the granddaughter of Mannie Shaw, one of the founders of the Idaho Oldtime Fiddlers Organization. She was raised in the fiddling culture and will give a history of fiddling in Idaho.

Joining Leslie to demonstrate will be Katrina Nickolayeff.

She began fiddling as a toddler, a fiddle in one hand and a bottle in the other. Katrina has won Nationals five times as a Small Fry, a Jr. Jr., a Jr. She is a two time Grand Champion and two time World Champion in Nashville.



Adam Eschbach/IPT

Accompanying Katrina on June 10th, will be Matt Hartz, who is also a National Champion and Grand Master Champion Fiddler. Katrina and Matt will be demonstrating a “contest round” at the Brown Bag.



“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 short-stop 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

