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Impressions on Wyoming: A Summer Lecture Series

Casper, Wyoming – Fort Caspar Museum is pleased to announce a six-week summer lecture series on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm from June 17th to July 22nd. Lectures are free of charge and will take place in the Multi-Use Room at Fort Caspar Museum. Each lecture will focus on a different “impression on Wyoming” from past to present and from east to west.

Jeremy Johnston, an Assistant Professor of History at Northwest College, will lecture on June 17th about “Theodore Roosevelt and Yellowstone.” He will explore Roosevelt’s connections to the Yellowstone region, efforts to oversee general management of Yellowstone, and conservation efforts to protect wildlife and habitat. Johnston’s presentation provides a new perspective of Roosevelt’s role in the conservation movement and its impact on Yellowstone National Park.

On June 23rd, Marcia Meredith Hensley will discuss women homesteaders in Wyoming and the West. She is the author of “Staking Her Claim: Women Homesteading the West” (2008). Prior to retirement, Hensley was an Associate Professor of English and Director of Western American Studies at Western Wyoming Community College.

Dr. Rebecca Hunt, a Casper native and professor at the University of Colorado, Denver, will give a lecture on Neal Forsling on July 1st. Forsling made many contributions to the arts and humanities in the West. The focus of the lecture is Forsling’s visions of Wyoming through her painting and poetry.

On July 8th, Dr. Phil Roberts will lecture on the oil industry in Wyoming. He will discuss the role of oil exploration, drilling and refining in the development of Wyoming’s culture, society and institutions, with an emphasis on Central Wyoming. Using the 1880s to the New Deal as the focus, he will demonstrate how the industry impacted towns as well as the ranching and tourism industries. Roberts will also compare oil in Wyoming to the industry abroad. He is an Associate Professor of History at the University of Wyoming.

“Jukeboxes and Jackalopes” are the focus of the lecture on July 15th by Julianne Couch. She will explore bars as places of storytelling and community. Couch is an Associate Lecturer of English at the University of Wyoming. Her book, “Jukeboxes and Jackalopes: A Wyoming Bar Journey” recently won a Western Horizon award from Wyoming Writers, Inc.

Dr. Danny Walker’s July 22nd presentation highlights Legend Rock State Petroglyph Site and twenty years of archaeological investigation. He will discuss his own fieldwork at that site from 1988 to 2008 and its role in learning about Wyoming history. Walker is Wyoming’s Assistant State Archaeologist and an Adjunct Professor of Archaeology at the University of Wyoming.

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