

Sunday Afternoon at The Rock 2014



An educational series presented by the Nebraska State Historical Society.

February 16, 2014

I'm a Poet and an Artist and a Singer, Lord
Bill Snocker

Local songwriter, singer, and artist Bill Snocker will bring his love and feel for life in western Nebraska with a mix of country, folk, and Bluegrass songs he has written.

February 23, 2014

Valentine T. McGillicuddy: Army Surgeon, Agent to the Sioux
Candy Moulton

Doctor Valentine T. McGillicuddy was a colorful character in a colorful time and place. This cultured physician could out-drink trail-hardened soldiers. In his career as an army surgeon, he treated the wounded from the battles of the Rosebud, the Little Bighorn, and Slim Buttes and tended to Crazy Horse during his final hours. He later served as agent to the Sioux at Pine Ridge. Award-winning author Candy Moulton explores McGillicuddy's fascinating experiences on the northern plains.

March 2, 2014

Riding the Fossil Range
Mark Hertig

Agate Fossil Beds National Monument Ranger Mark Hertig will compare historic fossil explorations around western Nebraska with the contemporary broader fossil hunting culture and its implications for today's world. His mix of history, science, and philosophy will leave you wondering just what is underfoot.

March 9, 2014

Is There a Doctor on the Trail?
Lesley Gaunt

With injury and disease common on the western trails, doctors could find themselves plenty busy. When no doctor was available, the emigrants had to tend themselves. Leslie Gaunt of Scotts Bluff National Monument will cover what types of medical issues would arise on the emigrant trails and what people could do about them.

March 16, 2014

Paleontology on the Oregon Trail
Greg McDonald

As the emigrants went west, the land changed, exposing ancient layers. Several emigrants mentioned finding fossils. What were these strange animals? Greg McDonald is a curator of natural history with the National Park Service. His experience at sites that had both fossils and the Oregon Trail makes him ideally suited to bring these ancient animals to life.

March 23, 2014

Better Than Any Clock: Army Bugle Calls
Will Hunzeker

Elizabeth Custer in *Following the Guidon* wrote of army bugle calls: "[They] told us when to eat, to sleep, to march, and to go to church." Ranger Will Hunzeker of Fort Laramie National Historic Site will demonstrate this efficient system of communication.

Free!

Ethel S. & Christopher J. Abbott Visitor Center
Chimney Rock National Historic Site

1:30 pm

1 mile south of Highway 92. 9822 County road 75, Bayard, NE

All programs start at 1:30. Please call ahead in case of inclement weather.



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