



Brush dam on San Juan River, 1910.
Photo by Charles Goodman,
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SAN JUAN COUNTY

AUGUST 26 to OCTOBER 12, 2024 EXHIBITIONS & FREE ACTIVITIES AROUND SAN JUAN COUNTY!

**Utah State University Blanding
Health Science & Library Building
576 West 200 South
Blanding, UT 84511**

www.Facebook.com/BlandingCrossroads

Monday to Friday, 7:00am to 10:00pm
Weekends by appointment – 435.678.2201

- **Crossroads: Change in Rural America** is a traveling Smithsonian exhibition that provokes fresh thinking and sparks conversations about the future and sustainability of rural communities. At a time when much of rural Utah is reinventing itself, *Crossroads* takes a broad look at rural America and examines evolving landscapes and identities. Come find out how change has transformed rural America and how rural Americans are evolving for the future.
- **Our Homegrown Heritages: Past, Present, and Future** is a local companion exhibit to *Crossroads* that focuses on the culture of San Juan County featuring our unique history, geography, and ethnic diversity.
- **San Juan County Crossroads** features San Juan School District’s writing contest, which asked students to focus on the heritage of their families and communities.

Join us for FREE activities about CHANGE in San Juan AHEAD OF THE EXHIBITION!

MAY 4, 2024

2:00-4:00pm

**Edge of the Cedars Museum
660 W 400 N, Blanding**

*Part of Four Corners Lecture Series &
Archaeology and Historic Preservation Month*

LECTURE | The Changing Face of Archaeology with Grant Coffey

For decades archaeologists have relied upon their eyes to discern landscape features of Native peoples in the Four Corners region. With the advent of new technologies, landscape documentation is undergoing an amazing transformation. Join archaeologist Grant Coffey to learn how centuries-old features such as farm fields and Chaco-era roads are being re-examined and discovered.

MAY 29, 2024

10:00am & 11:00am

6425 S US-191, Blanding

Join us for a related DISCUSSION on 9/7 (see over)

GUIDED TOURS | Energy Fuels Resources Inc. White Mesa Mill

White Mesa Mill is the County’s largest employer and only operating conventional uranium mill in the US. Tour the facility and learn about recent operational changes. Reserve your spot on Facebook.com/BlandingCrossroads or call Ellen at 435.485.8499.

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Join us for FREE activities in SAN JUAN COUNTY!



JUNE 6, 7 & 8, 2024
12:00-4:00pm

JUNE 6 – Bears Ears Education Center,
567 W Main St, BLUFF

JUNE 7 – USU Center, 248 S 100 E, MONTICELLO

JUNE 8 – USU Center, 374 N 400 W,
Building E 1st Street, MONTEZUMA CREEK

DROP-IN ACTIVITY | Utah Historical Society Scan & Share

Want to preserve and share your history? Experts from the Utah Historical Society will help San Juan County residents preserve and share their photos, letters, recipes, and other historical materials that represent their heritage. Participants will learn how to preserve their items and create digital copies that will become part of *The Peoples of Utah Revisited* online collection (originals returned to you). Drop by one of these events in Bluff, Monticello, or Montezuma Creek! No appointment necessary.

JUNE 15, 2024

2:00-4:00pm

Edge of the Cedars Museum
660 W 400 N, Blanding

LECTURE | The Art Scene in San Juan County

Join Steve and Georgiana Simpson as they share their extensive knowledge about the evolution of the Native American art in San Juan County. Owner of the Twin Rock Trading Post in Bluff, Steve has long worked closely with local Native American artists to inspire new techniques and designs, balancing tradition and innovation. Georgiana is an artist, visual arts educator, and arts advocate.

JULY 25, 2024

7:00-9:00pm

USU Arts & Events Center
650 W 200 S, Blanding

CONCERT | An Evening in San Juan with the Pugh Sisters

Join us to hear the talented Pugh Sisters (Madalyn, Lydia, Elizabeth, and cousin Kamora) as they share their repertoire and enchanting melodies written especially for this evening. Hear songs about the red rocks and legends about the place we call home.

AUGUST 30, 2024

6:00-7:30pm

USU Health Science & Library Bldg
576 W 200 S, Blanding

CELEBRATION | Crossroads Exhibition Kickoff Opening

Join the M.T. Hurst Foundation and USU Blanding, along with our community partners to welcome the Smithsonian exhibition *Crossroads: Change in Rural America* to Blanding! Enjoy light refreshments as you peruse the exhibition. Short remarks at 6:30pm.

SEPTEMBER 7, 2024

2:00-4:00pm

USU Health Science & Library Bldg
576 W 200 S, Blanding
Builds off related 5/29
White Mesa Mill Tour (see over)

DISCUSSION | Legacies of Mining the West with Grant Sunada and Nichelle Frank

Join USU History Professor Nichelle Frank and San Juan County Public Health Director Dr. Grant Sunada for a discussion about the environmental and human health impacts of mining, how the US environmental movement affected cultural landscapes in intermountain mining towns, and current efforts to change the legacies of mining in San Juan County.

SEPTEMBER 21, 2024

2:00-4:00pm

USU Health Science & Library Bldg
576 W 200 N, Blanding

LECTURE | Rural Utah at a Crossroads with Greg Smoak

Join U of U history professor Greg Smoak (state scholar for the *Crossroads* Utah tour) to explore the tensions between the ideals and realities of life in rural Utah as change – past and present – affects our communities. This presentation will encourage thinking and conversations about changes in rural Utah and in our own communities here in San Juan County.

OCTOBER 12, 2024

1:00-4:00pm

USU Health Science & Library Bldg
576 W 200 N, Blanding

DROP-IN FAMILY ACTIVITY | Recording Data as Art with the Utah Museum of Fine Arts

Rural Utah is facing 21st century changes and opportunities. Come get inspired to understand your community – where we came from and new prospects on the horizon – through data tracking. Join UMFA educators to get inspired by data recorded in beautiful ways and then create your own methods of artfully tracking data. Your observations can have impact on your community! Bring your entire family to this activity where all the materials will be furnished to help you create a masterpiece!

OCTOBER 19, 2024

2:00-4:00pm

Edge of the Cedars Museum
660 W 400 N, Blanding

LECTURE | Bears Ears: Landscape of Refuge & Resistance with Andrew Gulliford

Finalist for the Utah Historical Society's 2023 Best Book in Utah History Award, *Bears Ears: Landscape of Refuge & Resistance* explores 11,000 years of human and environmental history in southeast Utah. Join Fort Lewis College historian and author Andrew Gulliford for stories about this unique geography as a place of refuge and resistance for Native Americans who seek to preserve their ancestral homes, and for the descendants of Mormon families who arrived by wagon train in 1880. Enjoy passages from the book, photos, and maps. With its national and international recognition, Bears Ears National Monument is a bellwether for changing public land issues in the West.

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