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Oral History Workshop Offered as Part of Smithsonian Exhibition in Brigham City *Traveling exhibition and workshops help Utahns tell their journey stories*



Salt Lake City, Utah, January 28, 2015 – The [Utah Humanities Council](#) announces that [Journey Stories, a Museum on Main Street \(MoMS\) exhibition](#) culminates its year-long Utah tour with a stay at the Brigham City Museum of Art & History. Presented by the Utah Humanities Council, the [Smithsonian Institution](#), and communities statewide, the Brigham City portion of the tour takes place from January 17th through March 21st.

In conjunction with the “Journey Stories” stay in Brigham City, the following Oral History workshop is being offered:

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31, 2015

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Brigham City Museum of Art & History, 24 North 300 West, Brigham City, UT
435.226.1439 www.brighamcitymuseum.org

Oral History Workshop: Preserving Family & Community History

More than glimpses of past events, oral history captures individual, family, community, and world history in a personal way. Learn the ins and outs of conducting oral history interviews. What works, what doesn't, and why. Learn research processes, the technical aspects of recording interviews, and how to trust your instincts and become an effective listener to achieve the best results. Interested in starting an oral history project? This free workshop is a great place to begin. Bring a favorite photo or family item to help us delve into personal and community history. Workshop is conducted by Eileen Hallet Stone, an award-winning writer and oral historian whose latest book, *Hidden History of Utah*, may be found in local bookstores and libraries.

Workshop is free but registration is requested – see www.brighamcitymuseum.org for details on how to register or call the Museum at (435) 226-1439.

This hands-on oral history workshop is part of Utah Humanities' heritage workshop program, and is offered in partnership with the Brigham City Museum of Art & History as part of the public programming for the Smithsonian Museum on Main Street “Journey Stories” exhibition.

In additional to the Oral History workshop, enjoy these additional free events at the Brigham City Museum of Art & History:

JANUARY 17 – MARCH 21, 2015

Enjoy two EXHIBITIONS at the Brigham City Museum

- Journey Stories is a traveling Smithsonian exhibition that explores how migration and transportation built our nation, how it has changed us, and how our mobile world looked to travelers along the way.

- To and Through: Migration and Travel in Northern Utah explores why people have settled in Box Elder County for thousands of years. What drives people to move and travel? Experience stories of these journeys and how our communities came to be.

Guided school or group tours available by appointment – please call 435.226.1439.

FEBRUARY 7, 2015

11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Family Art Activity: Journey Stories Journal Sketchbooks

Journey stories are tales of how, when, and why we move around. From short day trips to long moves, recording your journey story is important for you and your family. Come create your own journal sketchbook in this free family workshop conducted by the Utah Museum of Fine Arts.

FEBRUARY 21, 2015

11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Genealogy Workshop: Beginning Family History & Your Journey Photos

Learn what resources are available to help you get started on your own family history or genealogy. Bring photos and documents of your ancestors' journeys to and within Box Elder County. Museum staff will scan them and provide you with the digital files. (Digital copies can become part of the museum's collection.)

Megan van Frank, History and Museums Program Officer at the Utah Humanities Council, is coordinating the exhibition tour in Utah. She hopes that, "visitors to the exhibition will enjoy learning about American history from the viewpoint of mobility, and come away with a sense of what it was like – and is like – to be mobile, whether that's voluntarily or involuntarily. The concept of mobility is broader than simply getting from point A to point B – it often speaks to life-changing decisions that affect generations and transform communities. The exhibition," she continues, "is an unparalleled opportunity for Utahns to tell their own journey stories and participate in a nationwide conversation about mobility in America."

The sophistication and excellence embodied in a Smithsonian exhibition is an exciting opportunity for Utah. The Utah Humanities Council works hard to bring this experience to local communities, and the collaboration among national, state, and community organizations benefits everyone.

For more information about the *Journey Stories* exhibition at the Brigham City Museum of Art & History, contact them at 435.226.1439, or at www.brighamcitymuseum.org. To learn more about the statewide tour, contact the Utah Humanities Council at 801.359.9670 or visit www.utahhumanities.org/journeystories.htm.

Journey Stories has been made possible in Utah by the Utah Humanities Council. The exhibition is part of Museum on Main Street, a collaboration between the Smithsonian Institution and State Humanities Councils nationwide. Support for Museum on Main Street has been provided by the United States Congress.

About The Utah Humanities Council: [The Utah Humanities Council](http://www.utahhumanities.org) empowers Utahns to improve their communities through active engagement in the humanities. UHC is funded through gifts from individuals, foundations, and corporations, the Salt Lake County Zoo, Arts, and Parks Fund, the State of Utah, and the National Endowment for the Humanities. Each year, the Council underwrites hundreds of educational and cultural programs throughout Utah. For more information, visit www.utahhumanities.org or www.facebook.com/utahhumanitiescouncil.

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