

UTAH WESTERNERS



March 16, 2010

Social Hour 6:30 P.M. Dinner 7:00 P.M.

Steven K. Madsen

Exploring Desert Stone: A Visual Portrayal of the 1859 Macomb Expedition to the Canyonlands of the Colorado

Steven K. Madsen, a Utah Westerner since 1981, is a library media specialist for the Granite School District. He has authored numerous articles and books, which include *In Search of the Spanish Trail: Santa Fe to Los Angeles, 1829-1848* (co-authored with C. Gregory Crampton) and a chapter on the Spanish Trail in *Trailing the Pioneers: A Guide to Utah's Emigrant Trails, 1829-1869*.

Following the Utah War, Captain John N. Macomb of the U. S. Army's topographical engineers, was directed to find an alternate supply route into Utah Territory in the event of future conflicts with the Mormons. He and his party contended with an enormous tangle of desert stone and tortuous terrain as they struggled to find the junction of the Green and Colorado rivers and make their way to Utah's southern settlements. They found it and much more, as we discover in Steve's fascinating new book, *Exploring Desert Stone: John N. Macomb's 1859 Expedition to the Canyonlands of the Colorado*, recently published by Utah State University Press. This book is the basis for Steve's presentation, in which he will share the adventure of researching the book.

Make your reservations by Sunday!

Cost of dinner is \$35.00 per person. **Note that you must make reservations for dinner by the Sunday before the meeting.** After that, Walter *will not, cannot, and may not*, under any circumstances, accept a reservation. No exceptions!!!

For reservations: contact Walter (801-363-1331; e-mail walter.jones@utah.edu). If you e-mail him, put "Westerners" in the subject line. Walter will confirm either by email or phone with everyone who makes a reservation. *If you make a reservation and fail to cancel it by the day of the meeting, you will be charged for the cost of the meal.*

Upcoming Programs: Paul Hutton in April

Next month, Paul Hutton—professor at the University of New Mexico, prolific and award-winning author, and frequent expert commentator for documentaries on the West—will speak to us. In May, Utah Westerner Jim Dykman will give the pre-field trip presentation on Hopis.

Directory

The directory has been printed. If you haven't picked yours up yet, ask Brent at the March meeting for your copy. Thanks, Nelson Wadsworth, for creating our GREAT directory!

Field Trip to the Center of the Universe

Join us for a journey to "The Center of the Hopi Mesas Universe" in Northern Arizona and enjoy the scenic drive and colorful history of Utah's indigenous people and white settlers along Highway 89 -- June 3rd through the 6th.

One of our founding members, Dr. Carl Woolsey, has for several years been promoting this fabulous trip into a land where time seems to have stood still. Our committee is delighted to make his suggestion a reality. Those who have also made the trip agree with Carl that this will be an unforgettable experience you will not want to miss.

Cost will be \$450. See a detailed description on the Utah Westerners blog at <http://utahwesterners.wordpress.com>. Westerners, please make your reservations right away, and then we will open the trip up to guests. To reserve your spot contact Walter Jones at 801-363-1331 or walter.jones@utah.edu. To ask any questions, or volunteer to help, talk to Oscar Olson (801-485-0862) or Steve Gallenson (galico@comcast.net or 801-244-8468).

Vegetarian Meals

The Alta Club will prepare specially ordered meals to accommodate your dietary preferences and medical needs. If you would like to request a vegetarian or special meal, make it known when you make your reservation.

Welcome to New Members!

Ronald L. Fox

Ron is married to Linda (Johnson) Fox, and they have three daughters. He is president of The Fox Group, Inc., a firm specializing in public affairs, advocacy & marketing in Utah, California and Washington, D.C. Mr. Fox has over 20 years in government service; he is the former principal minority consultant to the California Senate Committee on Finance, Chief Assistant to the Republican Whip and Senate Republican Leader. Mr. Fox has worked with White House Advance office and U.S. State Department, Protocol Office assisting five Presidents and Vice Presidents in the planning and execution of numerous national and international trips over 37 years. He was the State Executive Director of the George W. Bush for President Committee in 2000 & 2004 and a three-time delegate to the Republican National Convention and a member of the United States Electoral College in 2000. He has served on several task forces, boards, and commissions.

Angie T. Hinckley

Angie was born and raised in Provo, Utah. She is married to Stuart Hinckley, and they have four married children and six grandchildren. She graduated with a bachelor's of arts in English literature from BYU, and she pursued postgraduate work in American studies at the University of Utah. She is an avid reader and admirer of the works of western American authors and is an enthusiastic student of American history. Angie has worked as a teacher and currently works as a paralegal helping her husband in his law practice. Over the years she has been involved in various community matters and she is now serving on the board of the Legacy Dance Academy Foundation, Inc. She is also a published author of essays on historical and contemporary topics. In addition to her interests in literature, history, and writing, she is an artist and a student of American art.

BENCH PRESS **BOOKS OF WESTERN AND REGIONAL INTEREST** By Curt Bench

Bench Press will return in April