



Silver Reef Mine c1880, courtesy Utah Historical Society



WASHINGTON COUNTY

MARCH 9 to APRIL 28, 2024 EXHIBITIONS & FREE ACTIVITIES AROUND WASHINGTON COUNTY!

SILVER REEF MUSEUM
1903 Wells Fargo Road
Leeds, Utah
www.silverreef.org

Free with museum admission
Mon to Sat 11:00am-2:00pm

- **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.
- **Change in Washington County: Then 'til Now** gives an overview of the forces that transformed this corner of southern Utah from a remote agrarian colony to one of the fastest growing populations centers in the West.
- **Working Together is Key to Managing Change** features the entwined history of the Silver Reef and Leeds communities to show the benefits of working together to overcome challenges and manage change. Housed in the newly-renovated Rice Bank Building, the structure itself illustrates the ideas of adaptation and cooperation that are central to the exhibit.

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For exhibit details,
addresses & hours see
www.artsto Zion.org/crossroads/
Admission fees may apply

- **Movies Made Washington County** at the Arts to Zion Gallery 35 Showcase in St George.
- **Quilting: Cultural Changes in Rural America** at the McQuarrie Pioneer Museum in St George.
- **Photography of Washington County** at the St George Art Museum.
- **Change at the Dinosaur Discovery Site** at Dinosaur Discovery Museum in St George.
- **Our Future is Remembering Our Past** at the Samuel R. Knight Santa Clara History Museum.
- **Change in Washington City** displays at the Washington City Old School & Museum.
- **Hurricane Canal: All About the Water** at the Hurricane Heritage Park Pioneer Museum.
- **Changes in Aviation** displays at the Western Sky Aviation Warbird Museum in St George.

MARCH 14, 2024 Crossroads Exhibition Opening Gala

6:00-8:00pm
Silver Reef Museum. Leeds

Join the Silver Reef Museum and our community partners to welcome the Smithsonian exhibition *Crossroads: Change in Rural America* to Washington County! Remarks at 6:30pm.

MARCH 29 & 30, 2024 Rural Utah Crossroads Story Recording Project | Interviews with Utah Public Radio

10:00am-6:00pm
Public Library, Washington City

Join Utah Public Radio for an interview about the joys and challenges of rural life, and also help contribute to the oral history collection of the Washing County Historical Society. Sign up for an interview slot at <https://shorturl.at/aLY24>

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<p>FEBRUARY 15, 2024 7:00-9:00pm Boeing Auditorium – Utah Tech University, St George</p>	<p>LECTURE <i>Utah in the Movies: From the Flickers to Digital Magic</i> Join Phil Tuckett, a veteran in film production, to learn about Utah’s influence in the development of the movie industry, from the silent era to the blockbusters of today.</p>
<p>FEBRUARY 20, 2024 7:00-9:00pm Electric Theater, St George</p>	<p>FILM SCREENING <i>In Old Arizona</i> In partnership with the Film and Media Alliance of Southern Utah, join us for this 1928 talkie filmed primarily in southern Utah and an intriguing look at a Utah of the past. Followed by discussion.</p>
<p>FEBRUARY 22, 2024 7:00-9:00pm Cottontown Village, Washington</p>	<p>PANEL DISCUSSION <i>Where Dixie Began: Pioneer Heritage that Inspires Our Future</i> Join moderator Jordan Hess and panelists who are lifetime residents of Washington City to discuss the history of pioneer settlement and efforts to keep this heritage alive while growing in the 21st century.</p>
<p>FEBRUARY 29, 2024 7:00-9:00pm Boeing Auditorium – Utah Tech University, St George</p>	<p>LECTURE <i>From Isolation to Inundation: How Tourist Travel Changed Southern Utah</i> Join Lisa-Michele Church to learn about three changes to rural Utah during the 20th century which required dramatic adaptation, including the building of highways, the growth of tourism inspired by national parks, and the reinvention of the local rural economies.</p>
<p>MARCH 7, 2024 7:00-9:00pm Boeing Auditorium – Utah Tech University, St George</p>	<p>LECTURE <i>Survival in a Harsh Environment: Adaptation and Resilience of Prehistoric Peoples</i> Archaeologist Diana Hawks will show how prehistoric people adapted and thrived in the deserts, mountains, and rugged canyons of southwestern Utah. Paleoindians, Ancestral Puebloans, and Paiutes survived for millenia and their descendants are still here. What can we learn from them?</p>
<p>MARCH 28, 2024 7:00-9:00pm Town Hall, Santa Clara</p>	<p>PANEL DISCUSSION <i>Community Progress through Time</i> Join moderator Susannah Nilsson and a panel of lifetime residents of Santa Clara for a community discussion about changes in Santa Clara over the last fifty-plus years.</p>
<p>MARCH 30, 2024 1:00-4:00pm Silver Reef Museum, Leeds</p>	<p>DROP-IN FAMILY ART ACTIVITY <i>Plein-Air Painting</i> Join the Utah Museum of Fine Arts and the Dixie Watercolor Society for a free plein-air family activity with watercolor paints! Come at your leisure to paint yourself or watch plein-air artists capture what they see in the County now, and what they would like to see coming in the future. (Please be prepared for the weather, as plein-air is done outside.)</p>
<p>APRIL 4, 2024 7:00-9:00pm Boeing Auditorium – Utah Tech University, St George</p>	<p>PANEL DISCUSSION <i>Washington County Decision Makers: Where are the Women?</i> Join moderator Lisa Rutherford and panelists Kerry Kastler, Pam Gardiol, and Rachel Ramsay for a discussion about community planning. Washington County’s shift from rural to urban presents opportunities and challenges for prosperity and livability. What are women’s roles in this evolution?</p>
<p>APRIL 11, 2024 7:00-9:00pm Boeing Auditorium – Utah Tech University, St George</p>	<p>LECTURE <i>What My Grandmother Taught Me: An Evening with Navajo Storyteller Lucille Hunt</i> Join us for an evening with Navajo storyteller, Lucille Hunt. Her grandmother’s teachings of cultural traditions and customs, education, self-reliance, service, kindness, and love are as important in today’s world as they were back then. Her presentation is informative, educational, and entertaining.</p>
<p>APRIL 18, 2024 7:00-9:00pm Boeing Auditorium – Utah Tech University, St George</p>	<p>LECTURE <i>St George Musical Theater, Where Do We Go From Here?</i> Join Bruce Bennett, president and artistic director of St. George Musical Theater, for a history of local theater in Washington County and a preview of changes afoot with the new theater being built in downtown St George, the first since the historic Opera House was constructed in 1875.</p>
<p>APRIL 25, 2024 7:00-9:00pm Boeing Auditorium – Utah Tech University, St George</p>	<p>LECTURE <i>Rural Utah at a Crossroads with Greg Smoak</i> Utahns embrace a rural identity despite most of our state’s population being urban and most of its land being public. Join historian Greg Smoak (Utah state scholar for the <i>Crossroads</i> exhibition) for an exploration of the tensions between the ideals and realities of life in rural Utah as change – past and present – affects our communities. This talk will encourage thinking and conversations about the changing nature of rural Utah and our own Washington County communities.</p>

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