



## AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD

### *The Old Shepherders' Gathering*

Authentic, entertaining, inter-generational: there's nothing like the Old Shepherders' Gathering at the Border Inn! Great Basin Heritage Area Partnership co-founder Denys Koyle first hosted the event in 2003 to say "thank you" to the herders who kept her business afloat in the slow winter months. After dinner that first year, attendees began talking about their days on the desert and the tradition of the annual story-telling event was born.

Every January, shepherders and their families from across western Utah and eastern Nevada converge at the state line for a weekend of comradery. But the event is more than mere reminiscing: the Gathering is a venue for passing on history to younger generations and sharing a bit of sheep industry culture with the non-initiated. Friday's buffet dinner is for sheep folk, but the program Friday night, the Basque family-style dinner on Saturday, and all the Shepherders' Ball are open to the public.



Poetry, story-telling, music, and a good amount of humor are all part of the program, which was sponsored this year by the Great Basin Heritage Area Partnership with support from the Nevada Arts Council and the National Endowment for the Arts.

*We are always looking for sponsors, so if your are interested, please let us know!*

## PARTNERS' CORNER

### *The Topaz Museum Opens on Main Street in Delta, Utah!*

We are thrilled to report that the Topaz Museum in Delta, Utah has opened with an inaugural art exhibition, *When Words Weren't Enough: Works on Paper from Topaz, 1942-1945*. Drawing from the museum's permanent collection, the exhibition features artists who contributed greatly to the art and culture of the Topaz War Relocation Authority Camp that confined people of Japanese descent from 1942-1945.

Through a remarkably varied selection of works on paper, this exhibition showcases the talent of Japanese American artists such as Miné Okubo, Chiura Obata, Charles Erabu Suiko Mikami and Setsu Nagata Kanehara. Curated by Scotti Hill, the exhibition looks forward to sharing its powerful and imperative message with the public.

This art exhibition precedes the large-scale permanent Topaz Museum exhibition of history and artifacts that will open in



The Topaz Museum is now open daily from 1:00 - 5:00 (MST), except Sundays. Learn more at [www.topazmuseum.org](http://www.topazmuseum.org).

the fall of 2015. GBHAP is a proud sponsor of this worthwhile project to interpret an important piece of our nation's history and tell the stories of the Topaz Internees.

## GRANTS PROGRAM

Do you have a heritage project that needs a little cash to get it off the ground? One way the Great Basin Heritage Area Partnership accomplishes our goals of conserving, promoting and celebrating the region's natural, cultural and recreational resources is through our grants program. Projects we have supported include The Art Bank in Ely, Nevada; the Sheffield Handcar at the Nevada Northern Railway in Ely, Nevada; the Topaz Museum in Delta, Utah; and the Old Capitol Arts & Living History Festival in Fillmore, Utah.

Not sure if your project qualifies for a GBHAP grant? Give us a call at 775-234-7171 or send an email to [grants@greatbasinheritage.org](mailto:grants@greatbasinheritage.org). We are happy to talk with you about your project. Details on the grants program, including category descriptions, guidelines, and applications, are posted on our website: [www.greatbasinheritage.org/grants](http://www.greatbasinheritage.org/grants).

### Grant Categories

**Tonia Harvey Research Grants**  
\$500 - \$5,000. Due 5/1/15 & 10/1/15

**Transportation Grants**  
\$250 - \$1,500. Due 6 weeks before start date.

**Quick Grants**  
\$250 - \$1,500. Due 6 weeks before start date.

**Small Grants**  
\$1,501 - \$7,500. Due 5/1/15 and 10/1/15.

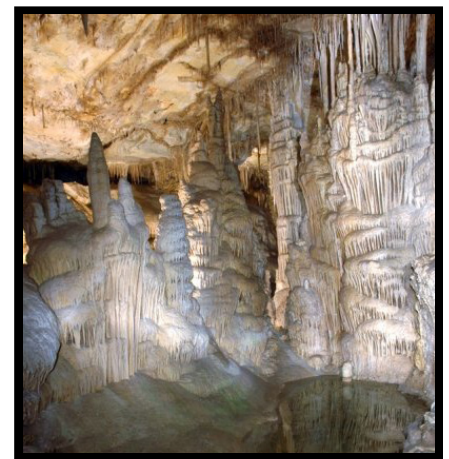
**Large Grants**  
\$7,501 - \$35,000. Due 10/1/15.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

February 27-28	<b>Snow Goose Festival</b> <a href="http://www.deltagoosefestival.com">www.deltagoosefestival.com</a>	Gunnison Bend Reservoir Delta, Utah
February 28	<b>GBHAP Board Meeting</b> 775-234-7171	Topaz Museum Delta, Utah
April 4	<b>Seasonal Astronomy Program Begins</b> <a href="http://www.nps.gov/grba">www.nps.gov/grba</a>	Great Basin National Park Baker, Nevada
April 11	<b>Trains Start Running for the Season at the Nevada Northern Railway Museum</b>	Ely, Nevada

## ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES

<b>Cove Fort Guided Tours</b> <a href="http://www.lds.org/locations/cove-fort-historic-site">www.lds.org/locations/cove-fort-historic-site</a>	Cove Fort, UT
<b>Great Basin Museum</b> <a href="http://www.greatbasinmuseum.com">www.greatbasinmuseum.com</a>	Delta, UT
<b>Lehman Caves Tours @ Great Basin National Park</b> <a href="http://www.nps.gov/grba/planyourvisit/lehman-caves-tours.htm">www.nps.gov/grba/planyourvisit/lehman-caves-tours.htm</a>	Baker, NV
<b>Topaz Museum</b> <a href="http://www.topazmuseum.org">www.topazmuseum.org</a>	Delta, UT



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