

Brown Bag mixes lunch, history

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The Nebraska State Historical Society is inviting you to lunch.

Each month, a lecture related to Nebraska history will be given by historians, educators, hobbyists or museum staff.

Lectures will be held on the third Thursday of every month at noon in the Blackman Auditorium at the Museum of Nebraska History, 15th and P Streets, in Lincoln. The public is welcome to attend the free lectures and to pack a lunch.

Brent Carmack, historic sites coordinator for the museum, says that students often attend the lectures. Educators and others interested in Nebraska history also come.

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“A fairly core audience comes every month,” Carmack said. “People interested in a specific topic also show up.”

For those unable to attend, the lectures will be broadcast on Lincoln Cablevision government access Channel 5 on Wednesdays at noon and 8:30 p.m., Fridays at 5 p.m., and Saturdays at 6 p.m. The lectures will be broadcast one month after their initial presentations.

The goal of the Brown Bag

Lecture series is to bring people to the museum to learn about Nebraska history. “Our mission is to offer an outreach to education in Nebraska history,” Carmack said.

The next lecture will held July 20 and will be presented by Steven J. Ramold, of the Library/Archives Division of the Nebraska State Historical Society. The topic will be “Murder in a Small Nebraska Town: Public Executions in Nebraska.”

Tuesday Tales brings storytellers to UNL

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Lincoln residents can put away their reading glasses and relax their eyes this summer without having to give up the pleasure of a good bedtime story.

Beginning June 27 and running through July 25, Lincoln residents are invited to attend Tuesday Tales. The story-telling series is scheduled for every Tuesday evening immediately following Jazz in June.

Located on the steps of Architecture Hall, the program allows a different storyteller to entertain audiences of all ages.

The speakers are all professional storytellers, each with their own topic and style.

The program’s purpose is to “make the campus user-friendly to not only the UNL community but also the Lincoln community,” Kit Voorhees, the director of Tuesday Tales, said.

“We truly want the people to feel that the campus belongs to them and not just to the students,” she said.

Sponsored by the Arts Are Basic Program, the month-long program will begin with a “ghosting,” Voorhees said.

Sen. David Landis, of Lincoln, will be telling ghost stories that

first evening.

Other storytellers include Rita Paskowitz, Pippa White and Nancy Duncan.

Paskowitz will be telling stories of Jewish heritage.

White specializes in historical stories ranging from immigrant narratives to stories about famous people in U.S. history.

Duncan, a National Storytelling Award winner, will be telling stories about historical Native Americans.

“Storytelling offers a wonderful balance to our spectacle-oriented entertainment,” White said. “It forces the listener to work a little bit harder.”

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