



Trinidad History Museum sponsors Camp Amache lecture and field trip with Dr. Bonnie Clark

Trinidad, Colo.— During World War II, the U.S. government forced 120,000 Americans of Japanese ancestry from their homes and moved them to ten relocation centers in seven states, including Camp Amache in Colorado. Explore this controversial chapter in our nation's history at upcoming events sponsored by History Colorado's Trinidad History Museum, as part of its "Celebrate Japan!" programming series.

Thursday, June 10

"Archaeological Excavations at Camp Amache" by Dr. Bonnie Clark
Pioneer Room, Sullivan Student Center, Trinidad State Junior College
7 p.m.

Cost: Free (donations accepted)

Dr. Bonnie Clark provides fascinating details about archaeological excavations at Camp Amache, which is near Granada in southeastern Colorado. Dr. Clark began excavating the relocation center last year as part of a summer field school for archaeology students. A professional archaeologist for 20 years, she has researched several historic sites in southeastern Colorado, including the Trinidad area. Her findings have been published in a number of journals including *World Archaeology* and *Colorado History*. Dr. Clark received her Ph.D. in Anthropology from the University of California, Berkeley, in 2003, and is an Associate Professor in the Anthropology Department at the University of Denver. Donations are gratefully accepted for Dr. Clark's lecture. Proceeds will benefit the museum's educational programs.

Saturday, July 10

Field Trip to Camp Amache with Dr. Bonnie Clark and Steve Archer

Cost: \$15 non-members; \$11 per person for children ages 12 and under, current Trinidad History Museum volunteers, and History Colorado members with valid membership cards.

Registration required by July 1

Register by calling 719/846-7217 or at the Trinidad History Museum from 10:00 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday-Saturday

The museum sponsors a fascinating tour of Camp Amache with Dr. Bonnie Clark of the University of Denver and her archaeology field school students, as well as a presentation by

the project archaeobotanist, Steve Archer. Archer specializes in the study of plant remains at historic sites and is investigating the kitchen gardens planted by the camp residents. He has extensive experience in historical and garden archaeology and has worked for the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation. He is currently a regional director for the Florida Public Archaeology Network in Fort Myers Beach.

The registration fee includes a tour of the archaeological excavations, garden presentation, snacks and lunch. Participants must drive to Camp Amache in their own vehicles. The museum will assist with car pooling. Estimated drive time is three hours. Upon registration, the museum will provide a map, trip details, and information about other historic sites in the Lamar area as well as lodging and dining options.

Upcoming Events

Other July presentations as part of the museum's "Celebrate Japan!" series include Dr. William Wei, University of Colorado, who will talk about three sisters from Camp Amache who helped German prisoners of war escape from Camp Trinidad; and Dean Ogawa of Colorado Springs, who will present the history of the Ogawa family of Trinidad. There is also a haiku contest, children's art workshop, and Star Gazing Festival in July. The museum also has a Japanese Ethnic Garden with an abundant display of vegetables, herbs and flowers.

The Colorado Garden Show, Inc.; Bar NI Ranch Community Fund; City of Trinidad Arts and Culture Advisory Commission; City of Trinidad Tourism Board; and Friends of Historical Trinidad each have funded some of the specific activities slated for "Celebrate Japan!"

For more information about any of the activities and to register for the field trip, call the museum at 719/846-7217 or contact the museum director at paula.manini@chs.state.co.us.

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Background

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