

SPRING CITY FRIENDS

Friends of Historic Spring City, Utah



"Spring City Sheep in May" Looking Northwest from 200 N in Spring City

HERITAGE DAY 2022

MAY 28, 9AM - 4PM

Welcome Back!

This year, our Home Tour will feature over 20 historic structures! Many of these homes have not been on the tour for some time-- so this will be a great opportunity to see inside some rare historic homes (partial list on page 2).

Also, come and enjoy:

- Vittles (see list to the right)
- Live music at locations around town
- Taking a leisurely stroll with our new updated map with various points of interest!
- Craft vendors at Farm Spring
- Visiting artists in their studios (many will be open for visitors)

If we're lucky, we'll get a visit from our historic friend, Ishmael Johnson. He always has a good story to tell!

TICKETS for Home Tours

Purchase online at:

friendsofhistoricspringcity.org

up to the day before the event

Same-day tickets will be available at the Old Firehouse on Main Street and at the Old School.

Online ticket purchases:

WE WILL HAVE YOUR TICKETS ON HOLD AT THE OLD FIREHOUSE ON MAIN STREET

VITTLES:

- *DAS CAFÉ
- *ROUTES 89 GRILL
- *FOOD TRUCKS
- *Cookies and Coffee INSIDE THE SCHOOL



COME HUNGRY !

ART SQUARED

AUCTION

IN A NUTSHELL

Art, painted by artists with a connection to Spring City, will be on display at the Old School on the 2nd Floor.

Art viewing: 9:00am - 2:00pm
Saturday May 28, 2022.

- All bids are in person only.
- Cut-off time is 2:00 p.m.
- Winning bidders should pay and pick it up at the event. If you don't, the art will go to the next highest bidder!

Each piece is painted on a 12x12 board and is signed, but remains unframed, to keep it more affordable. Good luck with your bids!



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2022 Heritage Day Home TOURS

This year, we will have over 20 historic structures on the Home Tour! Many of these homes and buildings have not been on the tour for some time-- so this will be a great opportunity to see inside some rare historic homes. By coming and buying a ticket, you can visit some or all of these homes and see inside. Below are a few featured homes that will be on the tour this year.

JOHN R. BAXTER, SR. HOUSE 1903 12 WEST 200 NORTH



This one and a half story house is a good example of Victorian pattern book design in Spring City. It illustrates influences of the queen anne style with gable shingling and an ornate spindled porch. The family rented rooms while they lived in the house. It was designed to accommodate a 4' x 4' x 4' lead-lined cistern on the second floor to provide water pressure to the first floor. John Baxter, mayor from 1894 – 95, was a prosperous merchant and built this tribute to his success in 1903 diagonally across Main Street from his store. Jens Peter Carlson, a local mason, did much of the masonry work. The Baxter family owned the house until 1985. It was restored in the 1990's.

Current Owner: James W. Baker

RELIEF SOCIETY GRANARY 1870 – 76 69 WEST 300 SOUTH

This one and a half story two room oolitic limestone structure was built by the "Female Relief Society of Springtown" on land belonging to the society's president Mary Ann Hyde, trustee for the Relief Society. It was constructed in connection with, and on the same parcel of land as, the "Endowment House" (aka the John Frank Allred School) to the east. Based on its vernacular design and upper room with gable end windows, the granary could date to 1870 when it was used jointly for food storage and society meetings. Architect Allen Roberts renovated the building in the 1980's. The previous owner, artist Susan Gallacher, added a log cabin south of the structure.

Current Owner: Scott A Newman

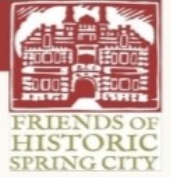


PETERSEN – NIELSEN HOUSE 1880 15 EAST 200 NORTH

This adobe, cross-wing house is covered with scored stucco simulating stone and contains patterned gable shingling and elaborate porch posts. It was originally built by Ole Petersen and sold to Hans Nielsen in 1882. Petersen served as mayor and built the Spring City Planing Mill. After the death of his first wife, Ida Neilson, Peterson married Anna Backman Nielsen. Hans Nielsen, a farmer and stockholder in the Young Men's Coop Store, built many outbuildings on this lot. In 1906 the house was sold to Joe Schofield who carried the town's mail and ran a livery stable. The house was eventually purchased by John Davis, and occupied by his son, Hugh.

Current Owner: Craig & M'Lisa Paulsen





PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thank You for All These Trees Still Reaping Benefits from the Trees Those Settlers Planted

Every time I pluck a juicy apple off one of the dozen trees in our front yard every autumn, I think gratefully of the pioneer hands that planted that tree—over 150 years ago! The same thankful thoughts come to mind when I laze in our hammock that's been stretched between two leafy ash trees. We have majestic pines all over this little town that wouldn't be here (at least, not nearly so tall), if not for the foresight and proactive planting of these thoughtful forebears.

And, while it's true that some of these trees planted by those early settlers have died (including our sprawling old American Elm tree), and since become some form of lumber, furniture, or firewood, most are still here, providing fruit, shade, and beauty, for all of us current denizens of the town.

Did they think about us—we who would come long after them—when planting all these trees? Probably not. I can suppose they just needed fruit, so planted numerous apple and apricot trees; and we, over 150 years later, are still harvesting from those very same branches. They likely wanted shade, so planted pine trees that would grow a couple feet a year; and we are still enjoying that same benefit—but even more so, as these old conifers now dominate the local landscape, towering 50 feet high, or more.

Did they imagine we'd fall so madly in love with the oolite stone homes and adobe structures they built? It's more likely they just needed shelter, so used the materials and resources they had at the time; and now we are happily dwelling in these same restored homes, and converted granaries, and appreciating them even more than the original inhabitants. Whenever a tree dies that was planted by those old settlers of yore, it's a cause for sad reflection—the realization that something irreplaceable has been lost.

And, if an old pioneer structure, like a wooden barn or an adobe granary, should fall into irreparable ruin, it is a cause for actual tears. For, once these things are gone, they are never coming back.

It's true that we can (and do) plant more trees, and build new barns and even homes, to replicate the originals, but it is never quite the same. There is just something about those things they put their calloused hands to, that makes them something very special. Those savvy pioneer settlers have left us a valuable legacy, and it is up to us whether we protect and preserve that legacy, or let it slip through our grasp.

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MARK YOUR 2022 CALENDAR!

May 28:
Heritage Day

June 11: Old Car Show

July 23:
Pioneer Day Festivities

August 5-6:
Spring City Bluegrass &
Folk Festival

September 2-4:
Spring City Arts Plein Air
& Studio Tour Events

*It is remarkable how
closely the history of
the apple tree is
connected with the
history of man.*

Henry David Thoreau

A Home for Poetry

Spring City Arts hosted a new event called A Home for Poetry on April 23rd, 2022. It was organized and co-hosted by Gwendolyn Soper and Dallas Graham. It included live readings by local poets David Rosier and Gwendolyn Soper, other local poets, and both recorded and live readings from numerous poets around the world. This turned out to be an enormously popular event, with over 30 people in attendance in person and over 70 in attendance via Zoom! The theme for this Spring City Arts event was to reflect on the pandemic and the wide range of human responses to the crisis that united us even as it kept us apart. We hope this becomes a tradition and we will make sure to mention it in advance next year.

LAST CHANCE TO DONATE TO BE FEATURED ON THE WALL OF HONOR!

This is possibly the last chance to have your name featured on a limestone plaque on the Wall of Honor or a place in the Gallery of Friends in the Spring City (Old School) Community Center.

Visit our Donation Page at friendsofhistoricspringcity.org to secure your spot to have your name or your family's names featured on the Wall of Honor!

Remember: as a visitor on Heritage Day, May 28, you can look forward to:

- Home Tours
- Food: food trucks behind the DUP Museum and Firehouse
- Don't forget Das Café, and Roots 89 Grill
- Live music at locations around town
- Leisurely strolls with our updated map with points of interest!
- Visiting artists in their studios (many will be open for visitors)



A Thatcher apple tree...

Molasses Candy Recipe

- 1 1/2 cups molasses
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1 tablespoon vinegar
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1/8 teaspoon soda
- 1/8 teaspoon salt

Combine molasses, sugar, and vinegar and cook to a hard-ball stage.

Add butter, soda, and salt; remove from heat and stir until soda is blended, then pour onto greased platter. When cool, pull between greased fingertips until white and stiff. Cut into pieces. Eat and enjoy!