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Chinatowns and Placer Mines

The Lives of Chinese Gold Miners on the Oregon Frontier

Presentation and discussion at the Canyon City Community Hall, Canyon City, Oregon

Friday July 20, 6:00-7:30 PM (Free!)

Chinese miners arrived in Grant County soon after gold was discovered and by 1864 Chinese mining companies were buying and leasing numerous claims. Most Chinese immigrants came from a small region within the Guangdong Province where there was a long tradition of migration. Archaeologists Chelsea Rose from Southern Oregon University Laboratory of Anthropology and Don Hann from the Malheur National Forest are leading a team conducting excavations at Chinese placer mining sites in the Blue Mountains. The team will be taking a break from fieldwork to present some preliminary results from the excavations and share information about the history of Oregon's early Chinese communities. Recently recovered artifacts will be on display as well items from previous projects. This will be an informal presentation with short talks interspersed with plenty of time to look at the displays, mingle and ask questions. The 1188 Brewing Company will be on hand with locally produced refreshments available for purchase.



To learn more about the history of Chinese gold miners in Grant County:

Tour the Kam Wah Chung building 9:00-4:00 every day at the top of the hour. **FREE!** Call for details: 541 575-2800

Visit the Grant County Historical Museum in Canyon City, 9:00-4:30 Tuesday-Saturday. Admission \$4 with discounts for seniors, veterans and youth.

See the Ah Heng Mine Virtual Tour web page: https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/fseprd519936.pdf

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