

ALTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY



Alta Fireside Chat Features Local Documentary, “The Alta Experience” on December 29th

Alta Historical Society (AHS) starts this winter’s Fireside Chats program with "The Alta Experience," a new KUED documentary celebrating the 70th anniversary of Alta Ski Area. KUED producer Joe Prokop will introduce the hour-long documentary and field questions from the audience afterwards. This Fireside Chat is made possible with the partnership of Alta Community Enrichment (ACE). The program will be held on Monday, December 29, 4:30-6:00 pm, at Our Lady of the Snows Community Center in Alta. The public is welcome and admission is free.

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Alta Fireside Chats are held most weeks throughout the ski season at various lodges in Alta during après ski hours. Additionally, six events will be held at REI (3285 E. 3300 S., Salt Lake City) and are co-sponsored by AHS and the Alf Engen Ski Museum Foundation. Another viewing of “The Alta Experience,” hosted by producer Joe Prokop is scheduled at REI on Tuesday, January 20 at 7:00 pm. A complete schedule of this winter’s Fireside Chats will be available soon on the AHS web site. Speakers and topics include Alta Ski Patrollers introducing their avalanche dogs and discussing their role in avalanche work; Alexis Kelner discussing his book, “A History of Skiing in Utah”; Suzy Harris-Rytting and Bill Rytting discussing ski racing in the 1940s and ‘50s and the early days of skiing in Alta.

Alta Historical Society Salutes Alta Ski Area’s 70th Anniversary with a Commemorative Poster

Since Alta Ski Area’s 1938 opening, eighteen Alta ski pioneers and legends have been elected to the U.S. National Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame. This theme is the focus of a limited edition 70th anniversary poster commissioned by the Alta Historical Society (AHS) and designed by Scott Engen.

The poster features an action shot of the legendary skier, the late Dick Durrance, skiing Alta in the early 1940s. Durrance was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1958. The poster also includes photos of the 17 other Hall of Fame inductees who call Alta home. Among the 17 inductees are Alf, Sverre, Corey, and Alan Engen – the only family with four members elected to this prestigious institution. The 70th anniversary poster is available through the AHS web site, <http://www.altahistory.org> for a \$40 donation to AHS. AHS is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

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