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People and Places: Exploring the Eastern Sierra

The first Wednesday of every month, May - October
 12-1pm in the ESLT Garden
 176 Home St. Bishop

Want to do more during your lunch break? Join Eastern Sierra Land Trust (ESLT) for its monthly Brown Bag Lunch Series. For each Brown Bag Lunch, ESLT invites local speakers to engage attendees in their field of study and share experiences from their career. This free event is held in ESLT's garden from 12-1pm on the first Wednesday of every month between May and October. This year's theme is "*People and Places: Exploring the Eastern Sierra*," and ESLT is inviting adventurous locals to share their stories about what makes the Eastern Sierra so special.

For ESLT's first Brown Bag Lunch on May 7, Robert Atlee will discuss, "Mapping the Sierra." A Bishop local of 32 years, Robert enjoys biking, hiking, skiing, ice skating, and distributing local maps and guidebooks - including those made by his own company, Sierra Maps. On May 7th, he will share stories from his work in aerial photography and creating topography maps of the Eastern Sierra.

On June 4th, Ron Oriti will join ESLT to discuss "Setting Up for the Perfect Shot: Wildlife Photography," and Phil Pister will give a presentation July 9th to discuss "Reflections of a Biologist: Holding an Entire Species in Two Buckets." Nancy Hadlock and Richard Potashin will join ESLT August 6th to share their knowledge of local arboglyphs and aspen natural history.

Everyone is encouraged to bring a lunch. In case of inclement weather, the event will be held indoors. For more information, contact Sara Kokkelenberg, Education Coordinator and AmeriCorps member, at (760) 873-4554, or visit ESLT's website: www.eslt.org.

ESLT works with willing landowners to preserve vital lands in the Eastern Sierra for their scenic, agricultural, natural, recreational, historical, and watershed values. ESLT's goal is to preserve a healthy balance of land uses that can be sustained forever, ensuring both a strong local economy and environment. For more information about ESLT's mission and preserved lands, visit our website at www.eslt.org.

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High resolution photos available upon request by contacting Sara at (760) 873-4554. Sample low-resolution images are shown below.



Photo Caption 1: Attendees at ESLT's 2013 Brown Bag Lunch Series watch Margo Petterson explore, "Canning, Pickling, and Preserving the Eastside's Summer Bounty."



Photo Caption 2: Holly Alpert discusses, "Climate Change in the Eastern Sierra" with a group of attendees at ESLT's 2013 Brown Bag Lunch Series.