



# Minidoka NHS News

## Coming in 2015

### Herrmann House

The rehabilitation of the Herrmann House (Farm-In-A-Day) moved a step closer to completion on December 1-3. The project team met at Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument to discuss the next steps, finalize the design elements, and confirm the project schedule. Optimistic plans call for the opening of the Herrmann House as staff offices and a temporary visitor contact station early in 2016.



Herrmann House

### Visitor Center

During the December visit, the project team took the next steps to transform historic Warehouse #5 into the park's Visitor Center. The design for the building will be finalized in 2015 with construction scheduled to begin in 2016.



Warehouse #5

### Minidoka Unigrd Brochure

The first thing that visitors to National Parks do is ask for the park's brochure. The primary brochure for a park is called a unigrd brochure. Although Minidoka NHS is 13 years old, it has never had a unigrd brochure. A team of Harpers Ferry Center staff has just sent the third draft of the brochure to park staff and partners for review. Writer Carolyn Duckworth, designer Betsy Ederlich, and cartographer Miles Barger have created a brochure that will enter its final review phase this spring and will be available to park visitors in the fall of 2015.



Carolyn Duckworth and Miles Barger explore Minidoka in preparation for the unigrd project.

## Rev. Emery Andrews Documentary

Documentary filmmakers Janice Tanaka, Thuy Phan, and Andy Lawless had a real taste of life at Minidoka on a very cold November 18. They joined Yosh Nakagawa, Rev. Brooks Andrews, and Minidoka NHS Ranger Carol Ash to film scenes throughout the site for an upcoming documentary on Rev. Emery Andrews. Rev. Andrews moved his family, which included his son Brooks, to Twin Falls to continue to minister to his Seattle Japanese Baptist Church congregation incarcerated at Minidoka.



Andy Lawless, Yosh Nakagawa, Janice Tanaka, Thuy Phan, and Brooks Andrews.

## Exchange

There was often a column in the Minidoka Irrigator entitled "Exchange" which provided information from other camps to the incarcerated at Minidoka. This feature will provide tidbits of information related to the historic site to our friends and partners.

### Minidoka Newsletter

This will hopefully be the first of monthly newsletters that will provide information about issues surrounding the site and current happenings.

### Facebook

Minidoka National Historic Site is now on Facebook. Park Ranger Wesley Gant has been posting a variety of information related to Minidoka and to the incarceration experience. Check the page out...and like us.

### Baseball Field

We are researching the possibility of rebuilding a baseball field at the site. If you have any information about baseball...or other sports at Minidoka, please contact Carol Ash at 208-933-4125 or [carol\\_ash@nps.gov](mailto:carol_ash@nps.gov). We are also interested in possible artifacts related to baseball and softball: gloves, uniforms, balls, etc.

### Interpretive Props/Period Pieces

The next few issues will include historic photos highlighting items used in the camp. As we go forward with interpretive planning, we are researching items from the 1940s that would have been used in the camp. These will be used as interpretive props and will not be museum objects. As you clean out basements, attics, etc. we would welcome your consideration with regard to donating 1940s era items to the park. More specific information about kitchen implements will follow in the next issue.

# Minidoka 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Civil Liberties Symposium: June 24/25, 2015

The Minidoka Civil Liberties Symposium celebrates its tenth anniversary in June 2015. In its first nine years the symposium has explored several aspects of civil liberties: Presidential Power in Wartime; The Constitution and the Media; Immigrant Nation; and Patriotism, Honor & Sacrifice. This year's theme is "Citizenship: Rights and Responsibilities."

Change will be a part of this year's symposium. The event will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, June 24 and 25 instead of Thursday/Friday as in past years. The symposium is also returning to Boise State University which hosted the 2012 symposium, "Children in the Camps: Prejudice, Education, and Community." Some type of evening entertainment is being planned for Wednesday evening to which the general public will be invited.



Dr. Tesuden Kashima speaking at the 2014 Symposium

## Minidoka Annual Pilgrimage: June 26-28

The 2015 Pilgrimage will be held on June 25-28. Educational programming will be held on Friday, June 26. Saturday will feature tours of the historic site and the legacy sessions. A Memorial service will be held on Sunday morning. Registration information will be available in February on the pilgrimage website: <http://www.minidokapilgrimage.org>.



2014 Pilgrimage Memento

