



2012 Yosemite Forum

Sponsored by Resources Management and Science, Yosemite National Park

An interactive lecture series designed to bring evolving knowledge of the Sierra Nevada to the public and the park.

Gunnar Widforss: Painter of the National Parks

ALAN PETERSEN, CURATOR AT MUSEUM OF NORTHERN ARIZONA

Through the Roaring Twenties and the first half of the Great Depression, Swedish-born artist Gunnar Widforss (1879-1934) focused his discerning eye and passionate energy on the national parks of the American West. The amiable Swede led a bohemian life in search of beautiful landscapes to capture. His remarkably realistic watercolors also helped promote Stephen Mather's vision for the young and developing national park system. Unfortunately, as a result of his untimely death and the effects of the Depression, Widforss' legacy is largely unknown today.

**Tuesday, August 14, 2012
Auditorium, Yosemite Valley
Noon to 1 p.m.**

Yosemite Forum is a partnership among:

- ☞ Yosemite National Park, Resources Management and Science Division
- ☞ USGS, Western Ecological Research Center, Yosemite Field Station
- ☞ University of California, Sierra Nevada Research Institute
- ☞ The Yosemite Conservancy

