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1 Historical society looks at granite quarries in West
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5 The Dummerston Historical Society (DHS) will present a
6 program at its museum in Dummerston Center on Sunday, Jan.
7 18, about the granite quarries of Black Mountain in West
8 Dummerston that operated from 1875 until 1935.

9 This presentation will explore the history of granite
10 quarrying, from early hand tools and stone-splitting techniques to
11 the introduction of steam and compressed air. It highlights the

12 skilled workers, their daily labor and working conditions, and the
13 methods used to transport massive stone blocks by rail and
14 wagon.

15 The talk concludes with an overview of the Black
16 Mountain granite's many finished uses and their crucial role in
17 Dummerston's economy. The audience will be encouraged to
18 contribute their own memories and experiences of the quarry
19 operations during a question-and-answer session.

20 The presentation is part of the DHS annual meeting.

21 The presenter, George Kohout, has wandered the
22 abandoned quarries of Black Mountain since 1968. He holds a
23 Bachelor of Arts in history from Arizona State University.

24 Doors open at 1 p.m. The presentation will follow a brief
25 business meeting at 1:30 p.m. For more information, call Gail at
26 802-490-0728.

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