

# The DC Bee

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## Rebecca Hess speaks to Docents September 7, 10:00 am

Please join us for a program by Rebecca Hess on ranch life in the 1890s at the September 7 docent council meeting. **Front doors will be unlocked at 9:30 am. No Fee for Docent Meetings.**

Step back in time and enjoy the pictures, letters, tools, and the way of life in rural Nevada, Oregon, and Washington at the turn of the twentieth century. A Power-Point presentation, which includes a collection of photographs of farms and families, will help you visualize the work and living conditions during this era. Along with the electronic show, Rebecca has her family's collection of pictures, letters, and other items that have been passed down through the generations.

Rebecca will help us identify the items in the cowboy case that is next to the two-headed calf in the gallery.

As fifth generation in the Pacific Northwest, Rebecca was raised on a family cattle farm in Matlock, Washington, with her three siblings. She learned at an early age that there are no set hours for those living on a farm and knows the true meaning of, "We work until the job is done." Although leaving home to explore life, her roots of rural living remain.

With her husband Ron, they have made

their home on ten acres outside his hometown of Reno, Nevada. After raising a daughter, and the passing of parents, Rebecca is pursuing her passions of rural life and self-sufficiency through writing and learning historical arts that include blacksmithing and spinning wool.

An outdoor enthusiast, Rebecca and her husband enjoy prospecting, camping, and the simpler things in life.



Rebecca Hess

## Docent Training—September 20 9:00 am to 12:30 pm

**Docent Training:** We'll be offering New Docent Training on Tuesday, September 20 from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm. The class involves presentations by the Curators and the Store Manager, a tour of the museum and a tour of the whole facility. To become a docent, one must take this train-

ing class, pay for NHS membership (minimum \$20) and for Docent membership (\$15). **Note: New docents take the training class, complete a minimum of ten hours of shadowing, and must attend three NHS sponsored lectures before receiving their docent badge and parking pass.**

## Notes from your Docent Council Board

**Historic Playing Cards:** The historic playing cards are finally here! Part of the shipment arrived August 26 – 300 packs of cards. Betsy Morse has set up the particulars in the Gift Shop Point of Sale system and printed bar code labels for each pack so they can be sold. The historic playing cards were a project of the Docent Council in 2007; the same company has retrieved the artwork, we've made a few corrections and changes and changed the cover. The cover photograph of this series, Edition 2, will be of the nighttime Reno Arch. The playing cards sell for **\$10/pack in the NHS Gift Shop**. The cards will be available for sale at our September 7 Docent meeting. Further FYI, our plan is that the Gift Shop will reimburse us our cost (\$3.50 per pack) as they are sold. The \$6.50 stays with the store as income. When this purchase of 1008 decks is nearly sold out, we'll place another order for 1008 decks – maybe pay the extra for arrival by air instead of sea this time to insure speedier delivery.

**Parking Passes:** UNR Parking passes are available at the Wednesday, September 7 Docent meeting. If you don't get your parking pass on September 7, locate Research Librarian Michael Maher at the Historical Society Library, and he will have the passes for distribution. He will use the docent roster to verify you are eligible for a parking pass. The passes cover September 2016 through August 2017. PLEASE place your parking pass in your car when you park and if possible, hang it on the rear-view mirror. Make sure the "face" is visible to someone checking the pass through the front windshield.

**Nominating Committee:** We have a candidate for all positions except for President. Carol Coleman is termed out, so we have to find a new President. Please think of your favorite candidate and nudge them into offering, or better yet, whisper their name to a Board member. Even if the person feels they don't know enough, the Board can help and Carol is on the Board as Past-President and Parliamentarian next year, so she can help.

**1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Tours:** The Board is considering whether to continue 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Tours. We actually could hold them beginning in September this year because there are no home football games on first Saturdays! There is the AGA Chip Dig on the first Saturday in November, but we could have the tour be "only" the Nevada Gallery. The tours we gave February through June were lightly attended except for UNR Museum Day in May where we had 168 attendees! Your input is appreciated as to whether we should continue these tours – and we also need to have a Chair or Co-Chairs to schedule people.

## New NHS Procedures Standard Museum Practices

### **Access to NHS facilities:**

Front door will be locked until **10:00 am each day. If coming earlier than 10:00 am, enter through the side door.**

Please knock on the door to alert Karalea and Michael to open door.

Catherine will look into door bell and a more permanent secure solution.

No exterior doors are to be blocked open.

NHS Staff must be present for temporary ingress and egress for loans, garbage removal, etc.

An NHS staff member must be with a docent when bringing visitors into the Staff area.

**All NHS staff and docents are to sign-in and sign out on sheets next to back door or in front office.**

**All Receptions are now a \$5/pp, free for members. No Fee for Docent Meetings:** Although all lectures and the receptions are now requiring a \$5/pp fee or membership in a Nevada State Museum, the DC Board had the option to decide what to do about a fee for lectures at Docent meetings. The Board decided not to charge members of the public who come to Docent meetings.

**Food or drinks are not allowed in the galleries or library.** Coffee will no longer be available at Docent meetings or Docent training.

### **Collections:**

As of 7/26/ 2016 there is an accession moratorium in place until further notice.

Catherine to draft letter for patrons, letter reviewed by curators.

NHS Staff will make a list of needed projects and docents can sign up to help to complete these projects.

### **Changes to NHS Events:**

The History Conference is postponed. Date to be determined later.

The History for the Holidays event in December will be replaced by **History for Our Holiday** event celebrating Nevada Day. This year it will be held **Saturday, October 29, 2016 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm**. There will be outside activities and vendors inside. Prizes will be given for best Nevada costume or Nevada themed hat and there will be a craft table for kids. Look for more information in the October DC Bee.

**Research Library open Tuesday through Saturday, Noon to 4:00 pm**



Did you know that the Nevada Historical Society has a Facebook page?  
Become a friend and help us spread the word.

# Changing Gallery Exhibit

Reno Portrait Society  
August 5 through October 1

The exhibit showcases portraits of Nevada Historians and Supporters of the Nevada Historical Society

Nevada Magazine's 80th Birthday  
August 5 through October 1

The exhibit showcases the history of Nevada Magazine and highlights important covers during its 80 years publishing.

Latimer Art Club  
October 15 through December 10  
Reception Saturday, October 15  
5:30 pm to 7:00 pm

The exhibit has become an annual event, celebrating Nevada themed miniature artwork by local artisans. This is your opportunity to purchase affordable art while supporting local artists and the Society. The exhibit will be on display from October 15 through December 10, 2016. Don't miss the reception on Saturday, October 15 from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. This event is open to the public, \$5.00 per person. Free for members!

## High Noon on September 15

The Society invites you to a documentary series in the Reno History gallery at noon on the third Thursday of each month; **High Noon: Shoot Out with Neal Cobb**. The **September High Noon: Shoot Out with Neal Cobb** will be **Thursday, September 15**. The cost is \$5.00 per adult 18 or older, free to state museum members carrying membership cards.

## Nevada Historical Society

The Nevada Historical Society is located at 1650 N. Virginia Street in Reno, Nevada. The cost to visit the museum is \$5 per person with children 17 or under free. The museum and gift shop are open Tuesday through Saturday from 10:00 am to 4:30 pm. **The Research Library is free and open Tuesday through Saturday from Noon to 4:00 pm.**

**Gaming Chip & Token Show**  
**Nevada Historical Society**  
**Saturday, November 5**  
**10:00 am to 7:00 pm**

American Gaming Archives Chip Dig and Lectures



### **Congratulations! To Docents with September Birthdays**

11<sup>th</sup> Francine Mannix  
16<sup>th</sup> Lorraine Petersen  
19<sup>th</sup> Grace Fujii

## Docent Meeting Speakers

### September 7, 2016

Rebecca Hess - Ranch Life in the late 1890s

### October 5, 2016

Arline La Ferry & Sandie La Nae - Weird Reno

### November 2, 2016

Howard Herz - Marked Cards & Loaded Dice

### December 7, 2016

Helene Walker - Verdi, Nevada

### January 4, 2017

Bob Carroll - Reno Early Radio and TV Commentator

### February 1, 2017

Peter Barton - What are the plans for NHS

### March 1, 2017

Kristin Sanderson - Fort Churchill State Historic Park

### April 5, 2017

Marjorie Fordham Luncheon

## **Nevada Westerners Corral Reno's Oldest History Club**

Dinner with speakers and presentations on history, third Thursday of the month, 6:00 pm, Sands Regency Casino banquet room, 345 N. Arlington Avenue, Reno. For reservations, call the Sands at 348-1392 no later than two weeks before.

[www.nevadawesterners.org](http://www.nevadawesterners.org)

## Meet Catherine Magee New NHS Director

Please welcome Catherine Magee who became the Director at the Society as of July 19, 2016. Catherine is a third-generation Nevadan and her parents (and now Catherine) are long-time members of NHS. Catherine received her MS in objects conservation from the Winterthur Museum/ University of Delaware, Art Conservation program in 1995. She has worked in Asia, Central America, the Mediterranean Basin, and North Africa as an Archaeological Conservator on both terrestrial and marine sites. She lived in Washington, DC for 15 years working as an Art Conservator at the Smithsonian Institution and in her own conservation business. Catherine's work at several World Heritage Sites and at the Smithsonian sparked an interest in the relationship between tourism and cultural heritage preservation. She obtained her Doctorate in Geography in 2015 from University of Nevada, Reno where she explored relationships between tourism and cultural heritage and, for her dissertation, examined the reciprocal relationship between settlement and tourism at Lake Tahoe and the Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California's cultural heritage production and preservation. Catherine continues her art conservation practice in tandem with her main research interests including: reciprocal relationships between tourism and the production of cultural heritage; local, Native American, and indigenous groups producing, reclaiming, and interact-

ing with their cultural heritage landscapes as part of and/or different to tourist landscapes; museums and media in the production of culture heritage; and analysis of tourist and cultural heritage landscapes.



Catherine Magee

## HRPS Harvest of Homes Tour September 24, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

**The 2016 Harvest of Homes Tour - Saturday, September 24 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. \$30 per ticket in advance, \$35 the day of the event.**

Ticket Outlets include: Sundance Bookstore, St. Ives Florist, The Garden Shop, Ryrie and Me, Rail City Garden Center, Napa-Sonoma Grocery

Company, Moana Nursery, Label's Consignment Boutique, The Freckled Frog. These locations accept cash and checks only. The last day to purchase tickets at one of the retail sites is Friday, September 23. Tickets may also be purchased online at [historicro.org](http://historicro.org).

**Reno Harvest of Homes Tour:**

3636 Mayberry Drive  
507 West Sixth Street  
373 Arroyo Street  
373 1/2 Arroyo Street  
887 Marsh Avenue  
175 Juniper Hill Road

## NHS Closures

The Society will be closed on the following days due to UNR Football home games and State Holidays. Go Wolf Pack!!

- October 8, 22 - Football
- October 30 - Nevada Day
- November 11 - Veterans' Day
- November 12, 19 - Football
- November 24& 25 - Thanksgiving and Family Day

## HRPS September Walking Tours

**Saturday  
September 3  
10 a.m.**

**LITERARY RENO** — Take a Tour of Writing from the "Underbelly." There's more to Reno's literary history than "City of Trembling Leaves!" Reno continues to be a mythical magnet for 'outsider' writers and characters...the misfits, outcasts and seekers. Let your imagination roam as we travel downtown streets encountered by traditional writers like Will James, Robert Laxalt and Joanne De Longchamps, then walk the haunts of contemporary writers such as Bernie Schopen, Willy Vlautin and Susan Palwick. Meet near the Riverside Artist Lofts, 17 S. Virginia Street. Tour guides: Charlotte Voitoff and Nancy Manfredi.

**Saturday  
September 10  
10 a.m.**

**BRICKS AND STONES** — A walk through the Humboldt and Lander Streets Neighborhood. Discover the architectural treasures of this area, a mix of bungalows, Tudor and mission revivals and cottage styles. Meet at the Lander Street side of My Favorite Muffin, 340 California Avenue. Tour guide: Debbie Hinman.

Tour cost is \$10 per person, free to HRPS members. Walks generally last from 1 ½ to 2 hours.

**No dogs please. Reservations required and space is limited. Please go to [www.historicreno.org](http://www.historicreno.org) or call 775-747-4478 for reservations and information.**

Access to HRPS Walking Tours varies according to venue. Certain areas may not be fully accessible to individuals with disabilities due to architectural barriers inherent in the historic construction of the structures or uneven walking surfaces.

## HRPS Fall Programs

Historic Reno Preservation Society's free programs offer an assortment of Reno historic topics. HRPS Sunday Program events are at 1:00 pm **Washoe County Library (WCL), 301 S. Center St., Reno.** For more program information contact the chairs and leave a message. More organization information can be found at [www.historicreno.org](http://www.historicreno.org) or on Facebook.

### **HRPS: Sunday, October 23, 1:00 pm (fourth Sunday)**

Jack Harpster, author of *The Genesis of Reno*, presents a history of the Virginia Street Bridge and the Riverside Hotel. Over 157 years ago— before there was a Reno, Nevada; before there was a state of Nevada; and even before there was a Nevada Territory— there was a bridge over the Truckee River at a narrow, deeply rutted cattle and wagon trail that would one day become Virginia Street. There was also a small rustic inn and tavern occupying a plot of ground at the southern end of the log-and-timber bridge, catering to thirsty cowboys, drovers, and miners. The inn and the bridge were the first two structures in what would one day be a bustling metropolitan area, and to this day they still form the nucleus of the city they gave rise to. Today, descendants of these two structures are known as the Virginia Street Bridge and the Riverside Artist Lofts. The 111-year-old concrete bridge that was replaced in 2015/16 by a magnificent new structure, was honored for its longevity and unique character by placement on the National Register of Historic Places in 1980; and the Riverside Hotel, the forerunner of the Riverside Artist Lofts, was similarly honored in 1986. This is the remarkable story of these two iconic landmarks around which a major western city has grown, and of the people, the events, and the community that played an important part in shaping their long history.

### **HRPS: Sunday, November 27, 1:00 pm (fourth Sunday)**

Debbie Hinman: The Endangered University Neighborhood

For 120 years, a row of lovely, dignified Victorian homes has graced the neighborhood at the foot of the University of Nevada, Reno grounds just below Ninth Street. These homes, as well as other beautiful and significant ones on neighboring streets, are now threatened due to plans for a massive business building and a "gateway" consisting of other new structures which will irrevocably change the character of the district. Debbie will present the history of the area, from its early ownership by pioneers John Newton and Alvaro Evans to the interesting and important residents who created this vibrant neighborhood. The hope is that you will gain an understanding of why the neighborhood is worth saving.

**Research Library open Tuesday through Saturday, Noon to 4:00 pm**

# NHS Docent Council Calendar: September 2016

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 NMA First Thursday	2	3 HRPS Tour
4	5	6	<b>7 NHS Docent Council - Rebecca Hess</b>	8	9	10 HRPS Tour
11	12	13	14	<b>15 NHS High Noon: Shoot Out with Neal Cobb</b>	16	17
18	19	<b>20 NHS Docent Training</b>	21	22	23	24 HRPS Home Tour
25	26	27	28	29	30	

*HRPS is Historic Reno Preservation Society  
 NMA is Nevada Museum of Art  
 NSM is Nevada State Museum*

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**Nevada Historical Society Hours**

Tuesday - Saturday  
 10 am - 4:30 pm Museum Hours  
 Research Library Hours  
 Tues. - Sat.: 12 noon - 4 pm  
 775-688-1190  
[museums.nevadaculture.org](http://museums.nevadaculture.org)  
 Admission Fees:  
 Adults - \$5.00  
 Kids - 17 and younger - Free