

NEVADA HISTORICAL SOCIETY



NHS News



Message from our Director--

Our amazing team of volunteer docents and NHS staff have been working diligently to share our remarkable collections with you - here at the NHS and digitally. Visit our new website <http://nvhistoricalsociety.org> to learn about upcoming events and view online exhibits.

We have just finished a huge color slide scanning project that will be available online shortly. If you love Nevada's ghost towns and deserted mining camps- you will love viewing our Nick Ali slide collection. Be sure to check out his book *GHOST TOWNS OF NEVADA: Through the Eyes of Nick Ali and His Camera* available in our museum bookstore for \$14.95.

Fine art collectors and fans of the Sheppard family will be thrilled to know we have just received a large donation of Sheppard Family artwork that focuses primarily on Craig Sheppard.

The donation includes working sketches, watercolors, and an important piece from Craig Sheppard's abstract period; a reclining nude by Yolande Jacobson Sheppard and a Sophie Sheppard watercolor - all from the Sheppard family's personal collection. Jewelry design sketches and jewelry made by Sim Sheppard are in the works. We are looking for donors to sponsor our new and growing Sheppard Collection, if you would like to be a sponsor please contact me.

Sincerely, Catherine



Help Us Solve a Mystery



Can you help us identify the restaurant and people in this Tonopah photograph from the early 1920s?

Calendar of Events

August 2017

9th, 5:00-6:30pm: **Writers' Wednesday lecture:** Robin Flinchum, *Red Light Women of Death Valley & taking a new look into Julia Bulette's Murder.*
17th, 12:00 – 1:00 pm: **High Noon** – Shootout with Neal Cobb – Animal Ark – Home Is Nevada Video

September 2017

8th, 5:30-6:30pm: **NHS Bookstore-Meet & Greet:** Joyce Cox, *Sparks* – light refreshments served. Joyce will be on hand to sign books & answer questions
9th, **UNR Home Football Game – Closed**
12th, 9-12:30pm: **Fall Docent Training Class**
13th, 5:00-6:30pm: **Writers' Wednesday lecture:** Janice Oberding, *The Boy that Nevada Killed*
16th, **UNR Home Football Game – Closed**
21st, 12:00 – 1:00 pm: **High Noon** – Shootout with Neal Cobb – Ponderosa Ranch – Home Is Nevada Video - guest speaker, Sharon Anderson

October 2017

7th, **UNR Home Football Game – Closed**
11th, 5:00-6:30pm: **Writers' Wednesday lecture:** Will Furman, *Bodie: Good Times & Bad*
13th, 5:30-6:00pm: Reception AGA Lecture Series
13th, 6:00-7:00pm: NEW AGA Lecture Series: Bill Watson, *Gaming Recollections*
19th, 12:00 – 1:00 pm: **High Noon** – Shootout with Neal Cobb – TBA
27th, **State Holiday – Closed**
28th, 10:00-5:00pm: **Nevada Day Event**

November 2017

8th, 5:00-6:30pm: **Writers' Wednesday lecture:** Kate Marshall, *Nevada's Great Recession*
10th, **State Holiday – Closed**
11th, **UNR Home Football Game – Closed**
16th, 12:00 – 1:00 pm: **High Noon** – Shootout with Neal Cobb – TBA
23rd, **State Holiday – Closed**
24th, **State Holiday – Closed**
25th, **UNR Home Football Game – Closed**

Upcoming Events

NEW AGA Lecture Series –

Mark your calendars for Bill Watson's *Gaming Recollections* lecture and reception for Friday, Oct. 13, 2017 from 5:30 – 7pm. Bill will share his memories of early gaming, people, places and businesses, including Si Redd and the genesis of IGT.

History 4 Our Holidays – Nevada Day Event –

Mark your calendars for the 2nd annual Nevada Day Event for Saturday, Oct. 28, 2017 from 10am to 5:00pm.

Departmental Happenings

MUSEUM STORE

The museum store has been reducing its inventory in an attempt to transition into a more valuable literary resource for the Nevada community. This means a greater emphasis on books about Nevada and its rich, diverse history. In addition, we are collaborating with the museum to create a more usable event area so that our Reno Gallery can be fully dedicated to the history of our great city of Reno, which is coming up on its 150th year anniversary. Our increased book inventory, coupled with the *Writers' Wednesday* book lecture and signing events, will help to achieve our goal of becoming the best "in print" resource for Nevada history. We have some very exciting authors and books scheduled for this year so please plan to join us for our many literary events!

If you would like to find out what the Museum Store has available, please call Dorothy Barry, Store Manager, at 775-688-1190 x221 or email her at dnbarry@nevadaculture.org.

PHOTOGRAPHY DEPARTMENT

With the recent retirement of Photo Curator, Dr. Lee P. Brumbaugh, he worked in that position for 21 years. The Photography department has been very busy under Catherine Magee's direction, processing and organizing collections to be made available to the public. The Nick Ali collection project is nearly complete. Nick Ali was Nevada's premier ghost-town photographer of the 1970s and 1980s.

We are working on creating a new *List of Researchers* to be made available to our patrons. If you would like to have your name added to the list, please email Sheryl Hayes-Zorn at shayeszorn@nevadaculture.org.

If you have photo donation questions, please call Catherine Magee at 775-688-1190 x222 or email her at cmagee@nevadaculture.org.

If you have photo research or order questions, please call Sheryl Hayes-Zorn at 775-688-1190 x223 or email shayeszorn@nevadaculture.org.

RESEARCH LIBRARY

The Library has recently purchased new books for our collection. Three timely subjects are Burning Man, Elon Musk, and Yucca Mountain. Burning Man Art on Fire is a hardbound picture book of the artwork at Burning Man. Elon Musk: Tesla, SpaceX, and the quest for a fantastic future, by technology journalist Ashlee Vance, gives insight into the man influencing the changes happening to Northern Nevada. Lately the Yucca Mountain story has been making the news again and our recently acquired books give a history of the controversy. The two volume set of *Waste of a Mountain: How Yucca Mountain Was Selected, Studied, and Dumped* by Michael D. Voegelé and Donald L. Vieth are comprehensive historical reference books. *The Road to Yucca Mountain: The Development of Radioactive Waste Policy in the United States* by J. Samuel Walker looks at the problems of dealing with radioactive waste. These are just a few of the informative new books recently added to our collection.

If you have any questions, please call Michael Maher, Librarian, at 775-688-1190 x227 or email him at mmaher@nevadaculture.org.

ARTIFACT DEPARTMENT

Worthy of note within the artifacts department is the transfer this year of more than 70 pots, lithics, and other archaeological specimens from the Nevada Historical Society to the Lost City Museum in Overton, Nevada. Having associated original records with the specific artifacts, it was determined that the Lost City Museum would be the best and most appropriate facility to house the majority of this collection, given its geographical association with the Lost City site. The collection was compiled when archaeological work began at the site beginning in 1924, and the Nevada Historical Society acquired a significant amount of materials related to the Lost City site at that time, prior to the construction of a museum by the National Park Service to house more of the archaeological materials being excavated from the site. The Lost City Museum has been in operation in southern Nevada since it was turned over from the National Park Service to the State of Nevada in 1953, and houses many of the archaeological materials excavated from the site prior to that time.

The University of Nevada, Las Vegas anthropology department has been researching the Lost City Collection for decades, and was recently informed of the transfer of the materials from Reno to Overton. The transfer of these materials was met with great excitement by researchers in southern Nevada, and a research team from UNLV is to begin work on the newly transferred materials beginning in Fall, 2017.

Similarly, continued research has unveiled the records of an interesting collection acquired by the Nevada Historical Society in 1982, but one that has never been housed here. Instead, this collection of 65 baskets has been in the care and keeping of the Lost City Museum for more than 35 years, and as such, the collection has been officially transferred to this museum, based on the status of the collection, and the wishes of the original donor.

The Nevada Historical Society still retains several pieces on display from the original Lost City collection, in order to add to the telling of Nevada's story in a comprehensive fashion. Be sure to visit the Native American gallery in the NHS to see these beautiful creations, and stop in to the Lost City Museum if you are ever in southern Nevada!

If you have any questions, please call Christine Johnson, Curator of Artifacts, at 775-688-1190 x231 or email her at ckjohnson@nevadaculture.org.

MANUSCRIPT DEPARTMENT

The Manuscripts department is looking for volunteers to help with processing small and medium sized collections. The person will help with the organization, housing, detailed listing and basic description write-up to be placed in our database and finding aid.

If you have any questions, please call Sheryl Hayes-Zorn, Curator of Manuscripts, at 775-688-1190 x223 or email her at shayeszorn@nevadaculture.org.

Hours of Operation

Museum & Store
Tue-Sat 10-4:30pm

Research Library
Tues-Sat 12-4pm

Address

1650 North Virginia Street
Reno, NV 89503
775-688-1190 ext. 0

Admission Fee

Adults—\$5
Children 17 and under—Free
Members—Free

*Free Parking permits available

*Limited Seating for programs
so arrive early.

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www.nvhistoricalsociety.org

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Dept. of Tourism & Cultural
Affairs, Division of Museums
& History.



Pottery - Lost City
(Pueblo Grande) Nevada
(Artifact Dept.)



Nick Ali Ghost Town Photo
collection - Wooden Church
(Photography Dept.)

