

NEVADA HISTORICAL SOCIETY



NHS News



Message from our Director—

The NHS is so fortunate to have all of you as our supporters; docents, volunteers, donors, and visitors — **Thank you!**

We will have our third “Fireside Chat” on Friday, September 7, with Jim Edwards, retired from the Nevada Gaming Control Board. Please join Jim and Michael Fischer in a relaxed setting to hear the stories behind the history. You will learn fascinating and little known behind the scenes information, as well as take part in a cheating demonstration. With this and other American Gaming Archives (AGA) lectures and events, the NHS continues to preserve and promote Nevada’s pivotal role and influence in gambling across the US and the Caribbean.

We often get asked by our members and visitors to our Library, Museum, and Collections why isn’t everything we have is on display? Typically for museums and archives only about 10% of their collections are on display. I used to work at the Smithsonian and less than 2% of their collections are on display. If, as the Smithsonian says, they are “the nation’s attic”, then the NHS is “Nevada’s attic”.

There are several reasons for less than 10% of cultural institutions’ holdings being on display. The main reason is preservation. Being on display exposes the collections to light and environmental damages — no matter how carefully controlled the display conditions are. To minimize the cumulative and long-term impact of exhibition, collections are rotated on and off display. Depending on the rarity and inherent vice of the material make-up of the object, some are never exhibited. Our duty as caretakers of our cultural heritage is to preserve the materials for all generations.

The second consideration as to why not more of the NHS collections are on display is space. We have recently relocated our museum store to its former location, and the larger space is now used for exhibits, events, and lectures. Even with this small space gain, we are looking to expand and relocate the NHS, if you wish to consider a major donation to help the NHS thrive for the next 114 years, please contact me at any time.

Sincerely, *Catherine*



Photo of newly remodeled Reno History Gallery

The exhibit looks at the history of Reno through different aspects shaped by movement - its foundation, physical development, association with vice, and the growth of arts and cultural institutions.

Calendar of Events

September 2018

7th, 5:00-6:00pm: **AGA Fireside Chat:**

Wine & Cheese Reception

7th, 6:00-7:00pm: **AGA Fireside Chat:**

Jim Edwards, retired Gaming Control Board

12th, 9:00-12:00pm: **Docent Orientation Class**

12th, 5:00-6:30pm: **Writers’ Wednesday lecture—**

Dr. Karen Gedney — *30 Years Behind Bars: Trials of a Prison Doctor*

15th, **Closed— UNR Home Football Game**

20th, 12:00-1:30pm: **High Noon: Classic Movie—**

The Merry Wives of Reno, 1934

28th, 5:15-6:15pm: **Reno Phil Gershwin Lecture—**

Tim Freeze, and Chris Morrison, sponsored by Reno Philharmonic

October 2018

6th, **Closed— UNR Home Football Game**

10th, 5:00-6:30pm: **Writers’ Wednesday lecture: Stan**

Paher—*Las Vegas: As It Began As It Grew*

13th, **Closed— UNR Home Football Game**

18th, 12:00-1:30pm: **High Noon: Shootout with Neal**

Cobb— TBA

26th, **Closed— Nevada Day Holiday**

27th, **Closed— UNR Home Football Game**

November 2018

10th, **Closed— UNR Home Football Game**

14th, 5:00-6:30pm: **Writers’ Wednesday lecture: TBA**

15th, 12:00-1:30pm: **High Noon: Shootout with Neal**

Cobb— TBA

22nd, **Closed— Thanksgiving Holiday**

23rd, **Closed— Family Day Holiday**

December 2018

12th, 5:00-6:30pm: **Writers’ Wednesday lecture: TBA**

20th, 12:00-1:30pm: **High Noon: Shootout with Neal**

Cobb— TBA

25th, **Closed— Christmas Holiday**

Upcoming Events

AGA Gaming Series— Fireside Chat

Mark your calendars for Jim Edwards’ talk on the Gaming Control Board, **Friday, September 7th, 2018** from 6pm to 7pm. Wine & Cheese reception begins at 5:30pm.

Serving as Moderator for the evening is Dr. Michael Fischer, former Director of the Department of Cultural Affairs.

New Changing Gallery Exhibition

The Biggest Little Orchestra in the World: 50 Years of the Reno Philharmonic Orchestra Exhibition

August 4, 2018 — March 2, 2019

Departmental and NHS Happenings

MUSEUM STORE



The store is back in its original location, and the former store is our new event and changing gallery space! Shortly after physical inventory at the end of June, it was "all hands on deck" as staff members, docents, and interns helped pack and move everything into our new space.

Thanks to all the help, we were able to get the store up and running immediately after inventory was completed. The new store is more efficiently laid out and reflects the "book nook" feel we have been trying to create. With the fabulous new store, expect to see many new titles on sale.

We've also just restocked the beautiful Nevada mineral jewelry made by Gail Rogers (dba Gail's Earthly Creations). Gail and her husband, Clay, are avid Nevada rock hounders and the jewelry featured in the Museum Store is one of a kind, some minerals available only in Nevada.

After a break during the month of August we are pleased to restart Writers' Wednesday on September 12th, featuring Karen Gedney, MD. Dr. Gedney will discuss her adventures and her new book, *30 Years Behind Bars: Trials of a Prison Doctor*, written about her career spent at the Northern Nevada Correctional Facility in Carson City. Show up early for good seats and good eats!

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.

RESEARCH LIBRARY

Karalea our Library Technician, is working on collecting all feature films that have been made in the State of Nevada. She has collected one hundred and eighty DVDs so far and is asking for help acquiring the remaining seven hundred and seventy seven DVDs. If you would like to help Karalea fulfill her endeavor either through purchasing or donating DVDs contact her at kclough@nevadaculture.org or give her a call at 688-1190 x227.

Other library news - library docent Brian O'Hara has been volunteering his time working on indexing projects. Since starting the project he has indexed the Overland Monthly magazine from 1868-1918 and the Sunset Magazine 1898-1965, creating an index for all information that is Nevada related.

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

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

School tour request season has begun and we are actively seeking new educational docents who will learn the galleries through shadowing and participating in our new educational classes.

If you have any questions or would like to become an educational docent, please call Shery, School Tour Coordinator, at 775-688-1190 x223 or email her at shayeszorn@nevadaculture.org.

ARTIFACT DEPARTMENT

The NHS received a very interesting donation this month, a framed pennant and souvenir boxing gloves from the famous Johnson-Jeffries fight which occurred in Reno, July 4, 1910.

The piece pictured to the right has passed through the NHS collection committee and has been officially accepted into the collection, and will undergo conservation treatment by our Director prior to being installed in the Reno Gallery.

The fun story that accompanied this donation was that the donor's grandfather left on a train to travel to Reno just seven days after his son was born (the donor's father) and brought these souvenirs back for his infant son, who kept them his whole life. The donor said his father framed them many years ago, and they've been proudly held in the family as a fond memory of a great story, and have now found their way to the NHS. These items will make wonderful additions to our artifact collection and hope you will enjoy seeing them as well!

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

DOCENT ORIENTATION CLASS

2018 Docent Orientation Class Schedule
Sept 12, 2018 – 9-12pm

We are seeking volunteers for our Museum Store and Educational Tour Guides.

Museum Store: Work in a customer service environment, greet and direct museum visitors, ring up sales for admission and store purchases, assist with basic data entry, records, mail, and help with store projects.

Educational Tour Guides: After shadowing our educational docents you will become familiar with the galleries; Native Americans, Fur Trappers, Mining, Transportation, Pioneers, and Early Reno. You will learn about the many fascinating artifacts throughout the museum and how to engage adults & children as they explore the galleries.

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



NHS Event Space with the new Reno Phil 50th Anniversary Exhibition



NHS Museum Store has moved into our former conference room.

Hours of Operation

Museum & Store

Tue-Sat 10am-4:30pm

Research Library

Tues-Sat 12pm-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 available

*Limited Seating for programs so arrive early.

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www.nvhistoricalsociety.org

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The NHS is part of the State of Nevada's Dept. of Tourism & Cultural Affairs, Division of Museums & History.



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One of our newest donations, a souvenir from the Johnson-Jeffries fight, 1910.



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A WORLD WITHIN.
A STATE APART.