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Bob Carroll

Speaks to Docents, January 4, 10:00 am

Please join us for the January 4 Docent Council meeting to hear Bob Carroll tell us about the radio and television history in Washoe County. For over 60 years Bob Carroll has been a well-known radio and television personality. He started in radio in 1956 at KSUE in Susanville, California and moved to Reno in 1958 as an announcer for KDOT radio. In 1959, Bob joined KOLO television, then Reno's only television station, as a staff announcer. In 1961 he was appointed the station's first News Director and not only gathered the news but was the primary on air personality delivering the news each night.

In 1967 Bob left KOLO TV to join Reno's new station, KTVN TV Channel 2, as News Director. From 1967 to 1970 Bob served the station doing a number of assignments. In addition to news, he also did play by play sports for UNR games, was a commercial spokesman for several clients and was involved in sales.

Bob opened Media Consultants, an advertising agency, in 1970, and for 18 years

served as its founder and President. Even though busy with advertising clients, Bob still maintained a number of broadcasting positions, including flying his own airplane and reporting the traffic for numerous Reno radio stations. From 1979 to 1986 Bob flew his airplane reporting morning traffic for 3 Reno radio stations. Bob was named Ad Man of the Year by the Reno Advertising Club in 1973 and was inducted into Nevada's hall of fame-as first class Ad man of the year 1973.

In 1993, Bob Carroll put radio station KSRN on the air with "THE MUSIC OF AMERICA", a musical format geared to the senior audience. Today he still plays that music from the big band era on Reno's public broadcasting station, KUNR (88.7FM) on Wednesday from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm and on Sunday night from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Bob can be heard twice a week on KUNR Public radio playing music from the Big Band Era.

Bob and his wife have five children and 10 grandchildren. In addition to his radio show, Bob also maintains a small advertising business – Bob Carroll Associates.



Parking Passes and Checking In

Parking passes (those issued to docents or one-day passes) soon will be required for anyone parking in NHS parking spaces. **Please remember to use your docent parking pass when parking at the NHS.** Most people coming to the NHS will be asked to check-in at the store. Details on procedures are being formulated at this writing, so changes may occur. A more detailed explanation of why these steps are being considered will be provided at the January Docent meeting.

Notes from your Docent Council Board

Historic Playing Cards: With the New Year here, remember that our Historic Cards make great small gifts for people. Need a hostess gift? Something for the bridge fanatic? A present for the man who has everything? They are \$10 per pack, but with your discount, they will be \$8.50 - available in the Gift Shop at NHS.

Slate of Officers for 2017: The 2017 officers begin their terms at the January 4 Docent meeting when Carol Coleman turns over the virtual gavel to new President Betsy Morse. The 2017 officers with contact information are listed on page 1 of the DC Bee.

Entry to NHS off hours through the library door: The back entry through the library can be used again so the front doorbell has been disabled. Instead, use the chime at the back door which rings in the library. (The physical button will remain up front but it will not be active, only the back door button will chime.) The push button is on the right side about 3 feet from the landing so it wouldn't be too visible to passersby. The receiver part is in the Library under the computer table by the door to the hallway.

2017 Docent Council Dues: Your dues for 2017 Docent Council membership need to be paid before our **January 4, 2017 meeting**. After that they are late so you won't receive the DC Bee or announcements from the Board. Please make out a check to **NHS Docent Council in the amount of \$15/pp** and give it to Treasurer Gloria Hanson or put it in an envelope clipped to her time card. For a cash payment, please give directly to Gloria. You can mail your dues to Gloria at Nevada Historical Society, 1650 N. Virginia Street, Reno, NV 89503, and on the bottom of the envelope write Attention: Gloria Hanson. Thank you to those who have already paid.

Time Cards: Please remember to fill out your time cards each time you work at the Society. Please use the categories listed on the bottom of the time card to record where you work and report your time worked to the nearest half hour.

Food and Drink: Be aware of food and drink restrictions at NHS. Check with the curators you work with to understand the restrictions for their area. But, in general, **do not bring or set down food or drink anywhere except the Break Room, the Changing Gallery and the Gift Shop**. The Docent Area may be an okay area. Water in screw top bottles is acceptable.

Lee Brumbaugh: Lee is continuing a slow but steady recovery. Cards and best wishes can be sent to Lee in care of the NHS, Dorothy Barry.

Hours Worked. Congratulations Docents, you volunteered and worked **974 hours** at the Society in November. **Great Job!**

Docent Training — Friday, February 3, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Our next Docent Training will be offered **Friday, February 3 from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm**. Brochures are available near the Front Office – we encourage you to take them to people you think are interested. New docents take the training class, have a minimum of two shadowing assignments, and must attend three lectures. Anyone wishing to attend should contact Shery Hayes-Zorn at HayesZorn@nevadaculture.org or Betsy Morse at morsee13@gmail.com so enough packets are prepared for all.



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

Changing Gallery Exhibit

The Changing Gallery continues to have free NHS Quarterly publication back issues (1957-2009) and U.S.G.S. Maps available. Please stop by to select these interesting publications. Director Catherine Magee says, "We are in phase 2 of our space reorganization. We will need to move an empty map case, paint one wall in the front office and move the file cabinets into the space. I'm thinking about mid-January. Anyone who thinks they could help, contact Carol Coleman or Betsy Morse."

High Noon on January 19

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 **January High Noon: Shoot Out with Neal Cobb** will be **Thursday, January 19**. 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 Adults \$5/pp, free for Members and Children 17 & under. **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.**

NHS Donations

Many of us choose a \$100 membership at NHS as a way to give funds to NHS. It turns out that that money goes directly to the state and does not necessarily help out NHS. If your intent is to give funds to NHS, we suggest you select a \$35 membership and a \$65 restricted donation (see bottom of membership form) or a \$60 membership and a \$40 restricted donation. Be sure to fill in the restricted area (or areas) you want to support. You could use the membership form to give a restricted donation without paying for a membership. Any amount up to \$499 can be retained by NHS as restricted funds. Over that amount has to be approved by the Nevada Board of Museums.

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.

Congratulations! To Docents with January Birthdays

13th Frank Wheeler

21st Pam Walker

23rd Ann Little

26th William Metscher

Docent Meeting Speakers

January 4, 2017

Bob Carroll - "Reno Early Radio and TV"

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

May 3, 2017

Alicia Barber- "Divorce Trade and how it has Influenced Nevada's History"

June 7, 2017

David Lorenz of Michael & Son's Jewelry Co - "Jewelry of Nevada"

September 6, 2017

Pat Neylan and Laura Tennant - "Early History of Dayton"

October 4, 2017

Arline LaFerry & Sandie LaNae - "Weird Virginia City"

November 1, 2017

Guy Clifton - "Reno Rodeo"

December 6, 2017

Christina Johnson - "Nevada Board on Geographic Names: History and Noteworthy Features"

January 2018

Stan Paher - "Early Las Vegas"

Docent Council



Carol Coleman,
Past President



Betsy Morse, 2017 President

Thanks to Carol Coleman for serving as Docent Council President for the previous three years. Carol was president during a period of great change at the Society. She worked long, long hours making sure that the staff had the help they needed. She also presided over modernization of the Docent Council. Although there are many areas where she had a substantial impact on the NHS, two of her most memorable were (1) the donations of royalties she and co-author David Kennedy made to the Council from the *Early Reno* book, and (2) the work she helped lead to keep membership roles updated and the Gift Shop running when there was no Gift Shop manager. Thanks for all of your hard work.

Thanks to Betsy Morse for serving as the new 2017 Docent Council President. Betsy has been a docent since 2009 working in the gift shop and library. Betsy was treasurer for the Docent Council for three years and has taught Docent Training for many years. Betsy also put together a great manual for working in the Gift Shop. Thank you for all of your hard work.

Changes at the Society

Catherine tells us about the changes with new projects and procedures for NHS:

New and improved NHS

Things are changing at the NHS! We have lots of projects and new procedures for 2017.

The front offices will be used by Christine and Shery - Hooray for an office with a view.

We are in the process of moving all non-collections materials and activities out of collections storage-High-five for creating more space in our over-crowded collections storage.

We are creating a collections work area for all computer work and scanning in the manuscripts area- Yippee for better work spaces.

10:00 AM start time for all docents (not any earlier) - Happy smiles for docents to sleep a little later and NHS staff to have 2 hours uninterrupted morning work time.

Appointments for all potential donations (no more walk ins and drop-offs) - fist bump for process and procedures.

All visitors to NHS (museum and library) now recorded on our new Point of Sales- Whoopee for tracking all visitation for better statistics.

Three cheers and hip hip hooray – NHS is on its way to even better public service!

New — Writer's Wednesday Series

Lecture and Book Signing

Do you love Nevada History? Here is an opportunity to listen to interesting Nevada and Northern California History topics written by local and regional authors. **Writer's Wednesday Series will be the first Wednesday of each month from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm beginning in November.** This event is open to the public, \$5.00/pp. Free for Members and Children 17 & under!

Wednesday, January 11, 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm - David Lowndes, *Reno's Heyday, 1931-1991* - Research Challenges

Wednesday, February 8, 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm - Guy Clifton, *Writer's Choice - Untold Stories*

Wednesday, March 8, 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm - Phil Earl, *Writer's Choice - Automobile Culture*

Wednesday, April 26, 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm - Lynne Downey, *Levi Strauss: A Biography* - Behind the Jeans

Wednesday, May 10, 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm - Karl Breckenridge, *Writers Choice - Karl's Chronicles*

HRPS SPRING 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.** More organization information can be found at www.historicreno.org or on Facebook.

Sunday, February 26, 1:00 pm: Garrett Barmore will speak on the Keck Museum and its collection. Located in the Mackay School of Mines Building at the University of Nevada, Reno, the W. M. Keck Earth Science & Mineral Engineering Museum houses an out-standing collection of minerals, ores, fossil specimens and photographs, in addition to mining related relics. Museum Curator Garrett Barmore will discuss the treasures housed here. Garrett Barmore earned his Bachelor's degree from University of Nevada, Reno, and his Master's in Museum Studies from the University of Washington. He is the administrator at the W.M. Keck Museum on the University of Nevada Reno campus.

Sunday, March 26, 1:00 pm, Dana Munkelt on the Truckee Meadows Irrigation Ditches. Did you know there are 9 hand-dug irrigation ditches still operating from the Truckee River in Reno? From short ones for the hydroelectric plants at Verdi, Fleisch and Washoe, to the big one, the Steamboat Ditch, more than 30 miles long. Most have access along at least part of their routes, winding through suburbs and golf courses, north past Kiley Ranch and south to Steamboat Hot Springs. Come to a talk about the history of these water channels and how they have survived today. Originally from California, Dana retired to Reno a couple years ago, and while learning his way about, kept running across ditches weaving through town. A little reading gave some of the ditch history, and inspired further research.

Sunday, April 30, 1:00 pm: ZoAnn Campana on the Newlands District

In 1889, Francis Newlands built his residence on a sagebrush-choked bluff overlooking the Truckee River. In the decades following, Senator Newlands and his real estate company laid out a series of subdivisions featuring picturesque landscapes, winding boulevards, and a mix of vernacular and high-style residences. These subdivisions are known collectively as the Newlands neighborhood, which has remained a jewel of community planning and design in Reno since its earliest development in the 1890s. Architectural historian ZoAnn Campana recently completed a historic resources survey and National Register nomination for the Newlands Heights Historic District in old Southwest Reno and will be sharing her findings.

NHS Docent Council Calendar: January 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4 NHS Docent Council - Bob Carroll	5 NMA First Thursday	6	7
8	9	10	11 NHS Writer's Wed. David Lowndes	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 NHS High Noon: Shoot Out with Neal Cobb	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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 Hours
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 Free for Members and
 Children 17 years & younger