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Arline LaFerry and Sandie LaNae Speak to Docents, October 4, 10:00 am

Please join us for the October 4 Docent Council Meeting, 10:00 am at the Nevada Historical Society to hear Arline LaFerry and Sandie LaNae tell us about their book *Weird Haunted Virginia City*, the first book in their Virginia City trilogy.



Arline, an NHS docent since

1985, has given school tours, worked with the manuscript collection and in the library at the Society.

Arline is an expert on the history of Virginia City and an avid researcher of cemeteries, funeral parlors and dead people.

Arline has collected many of the weird events that have happened in Virginia City from its beginning to

the current time through her research in local newspapers.

Sandie La Nae, a psychic with the gift to foretell the future, has written several books dealing with the paranormal, history and the healing properties of minerals.

There are several books in Sandie and Arline's "Weird" series including *Weird Reno*, *Weird Carson*

City, *Weird Silver Terrace Cemetery* and *Weird Haunted Virginia City*. They are just now editing their new *Weird Virginia City* to be out soon.

Weird Haunted Virginia City gives the "haunting impressions left from the hard life of those living in a mining town and surrounding area."

Sandie and Arline say "This lecture will have



you shivering in your Halloween Shoes." The lecture will include a PowerPoint presentation and a Question and Answer period.

Sandie's other books are: *Alpine Hotel Markleville, California*; *St. Charles Hotel Carson City, Nevada: the Wild West Past*, *the Haunted Present*; *St. Mary Louise Hospital: the Spirits Within*; *The Old Geneva Bar*; *The Victorian Past and Haunted Present of the Dake House*; and *The Historic Edward D. Sweeney Building: in Carson City*.

Welcome New Docents

Welcome New Docents: Welcome to Cookie West, Joel Fowler, Grace C. Caudill, and Sandy Vickers-White who participated in the September Docent training and are busy volunteering at the NHS. Our new Docents are interesting in working in tours, photography, front office, manuscripts, and the AGA collection. Thank you for volunteering at the Nevada Historical Society.

Notes from your Docent Council Board

Parking Passes: UNR Parking passes are still available in the NHS Research Library. The passes cover September 2017 through August 2018. 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.

2018 Docent Council Dues: Your dues for 2018 Docent Council membership can be paid any time before our **January 3, 2018 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 Hansen or put it in an envelope in the plastic box that is in the top drawer of the first file cabinet in the Docent office. For a cash payment, please give directly to Gloria. Dues can be mailed to Gloria at Nevada Historical Society, 1650 N. Virginia Street, Reno, NV 89503, and on the bottom of the envelope write Attention: Gloria Hanson.

Historic Playing Cards: Our Historic Cards make great small gifts. 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.

Help Needed AGA Reception and Writers' Wednesday

Writers' Wednesday, October 11, 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm: We need one docent to help set up the refreshments, restock as needed, and clean up once the program begins. **Please let Betsy Morse know if you can help.** (morsee13@gmail.com)

AGA Reception, Friday, October 13, 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm: We need two docents to help set up the refreshments, restock as needed, and clean up once the program begins. We also need “parking lot patrol” during this half-hour period to make sure patrons have a place to park before the program. **Please let Betsy Morse know if you can help.** (morsee13@gmail.com)

History For Our Holiday Event October 28, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm - Help Needed

Help is still needed for the times and areas listed below:

Parking Assistance:

10:00 am to 12:00 pm
12:00 pm to 2:00 pm
2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

**Ask Me Docents - Questions, Informational
Guides and Directions:**

2:30 pm to 5:00 pm

Children's Craft Table

11:00 to 4:00 pm

Cake Cutting/Serving

2:30 pm to 3:30 pm

Door Prize Table

2:30 pm to 5:00 pm

**Living History - Digital Scanning & Photograph
Project**

11:00 am to 1:00 pm

**Sign up on the Docent Signup sheet that is adjacent to
the Docent Time Cards in the Docent Office.**



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

Changing Gallery Exhibit

Nevada Families in Focus

Two of Nevada’s Pioneer Families—the Currys of Carson City and the Mayers of Elko County are the subject of the first in a new exhibition series at the Nevada Historical Society.

Free to NHS members and \$5.00 for non-members and children 17 and younger

High Noon on October 19

The Nevada Historical 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 **October High Noon: Shoot Out with Neal Cobb on Thursday, October 19** will feature the movie *The Amazing Colossal Man* that was filmed in Las Vegas in 1957. The movie lasts for one hour and 20 minutes. 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 Museum Store 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.**

Museum Store Request

Dorothy is always searching for Nevada books to sell in the Museum Store. Please email or call her if you can recommend a good Nevada book to sell in the Museum Store. Dorothy’s email is dnbarr@nevadaculture.org and her telephone is 688-1191 x 221.

NHS Closures

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

- October 7 - Football
- October 27 - State Holiday
- November 10 - State Holiday
- November 11 - Football
- November 23, 24 - State Holiday
- November 25 - Football

Congratulations! To Docents with October Birthdays

- 4th C J Chapman-Walters
- 28th David Lowndes
- 31st Gayle Calhoun

Docent Meeting Speakers

October 4, 2017

Arline LaFerry & Sandie LaNae - “Weird Haunted Virginia City”

November 1, 2017

Guy Clifton - “Reno Rodeo”

December 6, 2017

Christine Johnson - “Nevada Board on Geographic Names: History and Noteworthy Features”

January 3, 2018

Stan Paher - “Early Las Vegas”

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.

Upcoming Events at Nevada Historical Society

Writers' Wednesday

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. **Writers' Wednesday Series will be the second Wednesday of each month from 5:00 pm to 5:30 pm**, book signing and light refreshments. From **5:30 pm to 6:30 pm**, lecture and questions. This event is open to the public, \$5.00 per person. Free for Members and Children 17 & under!

Wednesday, October 11, 5:00 to 6:30 pm - Will Furman, *Bodie: Good Times & Bad*

Wednesday, November 8, 5:00 to 6:30 pm - Elliott Parker & Kate Marshall, *Nevada's Great Recession*

American Gaming Archives Lecture Series

Friday, October 13, 2017,

Reception 5:30pm, Lecture 6:00 pm

Guest Speaker: Bill Watson

Lecture: Gaming Recollections

Inaugural speaker Bill Watson is the Chief Executive and Curator for the Thunderbird Lodge Preservation Society at Lake Tahoe, Nevada.

Bill was Sr. Vice President and General Manager of Bally Gaming & Systems, and worked in casinos for 30 years. Bill will share his memories of early gaming, people, places and businesses, including Si Redd and the genesis of IGT.

Mr. Watson's amazing career and passion for historic preservation make him a perfect choice to kick off this wonderful lecture series.

Please Join Us!

History for Our Holiday - Celebrate Nevada Day at NHS

Saturday, October 28, 2017, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

Please join us to celebrate Nevada Day at the Nevada Historical Society on Saturday October 28, 1027 from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Crafters and Outdoor Entertainment - Crafts include: iron and leather works, jewelry, soaps, candles, glass work, art with maps, handmade pens, etched glass and more! Outdoor events include gold panning, active iron forge, spinning and weaving demonstrations and Civil War re-enactors!

Silent Auction and Door Prizes - A new event this includes some high-end and exclusive items and door prizes consisting of a variety of gift certificates, vendor products and more!

Living History Project - The **Living History Project** is from **11:00 am to 2:00 pm**: We invite Reno residents' to share their Reno memories and bring in artifacts, photographs and documents significant to the City of Reno. NHS staff and docents will scan or photograph the items and digitally record the oral history related to them. These items and memories will be digitally preserved and made accessible to the public in our library, on our website and may be used in our Reno Room exhibit gallery. This grant-funded project is made possible by the generosity of the Nevada Humanities and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

HRPS Fall Programs

HRPS 2017 Fall Programs

New Location: HRPS Sunday program events are held at **Sierra View Library, 4001 S. Virginia in Reno Town Mall**. The venue change is because the Downtown Library meeting room is being remodeled. HRPS Programs are held at 1:30 pm on fourth Sundays from October through April. Exceptions are third Sunday in November and no program in December. More HRPS information can be found at historicroeno.org or on Facebook.

Sunday, October 22, 1:30 pm (fourth Sunday): Howard Goldbaum, Director of Graduate Studies, University of Nevada, Reno, presents : **“The Rise and Fall of the American Flat Mill,”** an extensively illustrated lecture on the planning, construction and brief operation of the Mill. It will include elements of economics and mining technologies, and will explore the different uses and cultural appropriation of the mining complex in the modern era.

Sunday, November 19, 1:30 pm (Third Sunday): Mark Demuth, environmental consultant and University of Nevada, Reno adjunct faculty member, presents **“Virginia Street Bridge Demolition and Replacement Project: Treatment and Discovery of Buried Resources.”** As part of the project, the company treated and documented the nine adjacent resources to the Virginia Street Bridge: the 1933 Reno Main Post Office, the 1965 F. W. Woolworth/Mapes Building, the 1963 First National Bank/Reno City Hall, the 1953/1961 Masonic Temple, the 1927 Riverside Hotel, the 1967 Pioneer Theater Auditorium, the 1910 Washoe County Courthouse and the floodwalls. The project included the preservation and re-use of key architectural elements of the Virginia Street Bridge and the Interpretive Area, as well as documentation and treatment of the seven discoveries (the Sullivan-Kelly Ditch, the Cochran Ditch, 1877 Iron Bridge, the Mapes, Masonic Temple). Mr. Demuth’s presentation and lecture will include details of the resources treated, documented, and the research completed.

Sparks Museum and Cultural Center

First Saturday Lecture Series

Saturday, October 7, 2:00 pm: Garrett Barmore presents 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 outstanding collection of minerals, ores, fossil specimens and photographs, in addition to mining related relics. Museum Curator Garrett Barmore will discuss the treasures housed here. This presentation will also cover the Comstock, Nevada Statehood, and the founding of the University of Nevada, Reno.

Saturday, November 4, 2:00 pm: Scott Carey presents The Bank of Sparks. The Bank of Sparks, located at 948 Victorian Avenue, opened in 1904 and served the community until 1950. The presentation will provide an overview of the fascinating history including its founding, its ownership by George Wingfield, the Great Depression and World War II, and a notorious bank robbery.

Saturday, December 2, 2:00 pm: Mike White and Mark Vollmer presents Best Strolls & Hikes Around the Truckee Meadows. The Reno/Sparks area is one of the best communities in the nation for outdoor recreational opportunities, thanks to abundant sunshine and world class mountain and desert scenery. Author Mike White and photographer Mark Vollmer offer the most complete family-oriented and accessible guide for anyone who enjoys a stroll, walk, or hike to the best paths and trails in the greater Truckee Meadows region.

Latimar Art Club Miniature Show

The Latimar Art Club Miniature Show will be at the Artist’s Co-Op, 627 Mill Street, Reno, from October 1 through November 8. The theme is “Nevada: Beauty in All Season.”

NHS Docent Council Calendar: October 2017

| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 NHS Docent Council | 5 NMA First Thursday | 6 | 7 NHS closed - Football Sparks Museum 1st Saturday |
| 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 NHS Writers' Wednesday Will Furman | 12 | 13 NHS AGA Reception & Lecture | 14 |
| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 NHS High Noon: Shoot Out with Neal Cobb | 20 | 21 |
| 22 HRPS Program | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 NHS Closed - State Holiday | 28 NHS History for Our Holiday |
| 29 | 30 | 31 | <i>HRPS is Historic Reno Preservation Society NMA is Nevada Museum of Art NSM is Nevada State Museum</i> | | | |

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE NEVADA HISTORICAL SOCIETY DOCENT COUNCIL

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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
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museums.nevadaculture.org
 Admission Fees:
 \$5.00 for Adults
 Free for Members and Children 17 years & younger