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Patrick Neylan and Laura Tennant Speak to Docents, September 6, 10:00 am

Please join us for the September 6 Docent Council Meeting, 10:00 am at the Nevada Historical Society to hear Pat Neylan and Laura Tennant speak on the early history of Dayton.

Laura Tennant is a native of Silver City, Nevada and

Leader-Courier-Mason Valley News and Comstock Chronicle and VC News and is the published author of the book, "Dayton: Images of America," of which, all proceeds go to the Historical Society of Dayton Valley.

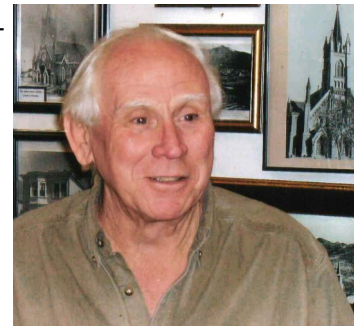
Nevada in 1976 to began a 30 year career in retail auto parts/service and retired in 2006. Patrick has been a long-time member of the Knights of Columbus and a member of the Professional Car Society along with be-



was primarily educated in Nevada one-room school-houses. Laura served as manager-editor of the Dayton Courier-Fernley Leader newspaper for 18 years, where she was also a reporter, columnist and photographer. She currently writes columns for the

Laura's passion is Dayton history. She is one of the founders of the historical society and Dayton Museum. She serves as the historian on their executive board and is active in community events and the preservation of the culture, memorabilia and historical integrity of Old Town Dayton.

Patrick was born in Oakland, CA in 1946 and attended St. Mary's High School in Berkeley and St. Mary's College in Moraga with a major in Business Admin/ Economics. After graduating in 1968, Patrick served in US Army Reserves. He moved to



ing the Past President of the Silver State Region Cadillac LaSalle Club. He is a 20 year member of the Nevada Historical Society and the Historical Society of Dayton Valley where he was a Board member from 2008 through 2013. He has been a co-curator/docent at St. Mary's in the Mountain's Museum in Virginia City from 2006.

Docent Training — Tuesday, September 12 **9:00 am to 12:30 pm**

Our next Docent Training will be offered **Tuesday, September 12, 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. Docents pay \$15 annual dues and must join the Nevada Historical Society. Anyone wishing to attend should contact Shery Hayes-Zorn at shayeszorn@nevadaculture.org or Betsy Morse at morsee13@gmail.com so enough packets are prepared for all.

Notes from your Docent Council Board

Parking Passes: UNR Parking passes are available at the **Wednesday, September 6 Docent meeting**. If you don't get your parking pass on September 6, locate Research Librarian Michael Maher at the NHS 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 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.

Former Docent: Former docent Betty Burke passed away recently. It has been a decade since Betty worked here. She was a volunteer in the NHS Library.

Museum Store: If you haven't been in the NHS for a few weeks, you'll find the store has become the store/meeting space. This is expected to be temporary - the plan continues to move the store and storage area. The Docent Council General Meeting may be the first meeting in the new space.

Contact Information Form: The NHS has asked that all active docents fill out a contact information form. This is just in case something happens. The forms are in a folder next to the timecards in the room next to the main door into the NHS.

Certificate of Commendation: During the last afternoon of the Artown presentations, two staffers from Senator Catherine Cortez-Masto's office presented a certificate of commendation to the NHS for its Artown presentations. Carol Coleman was the person who was mainly responsible for making this happen.

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

Christine Johnson is organizing the History for Our Holiday event at the Nevada Historical Society on Saturday, October 28, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm and needs the following help:

- Parking Assistance
- Museum guides (No Tours)
- Children's Crafts
- Cake Cutting/Serving (late afternoon), Mayor Hillary Schieve has been asked to cut the cake
- Gallery Attendants (questions, information, directions)
- Greeters

Guy Clifton will help in advertising and Christine has emailed vendors/artisans. **Sign-up sheets will be available at the September Docent Council General Meeting.**

Evening Events - Help Needed

We are looking for docents to assist when we have **Writers' Wednesday** and **Author Meet and Greet** sessions (more info on page 4). From **5:00 to 5:30 pm** we need docents who will 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. Another need is for docents who will help shop for the food and drinks. Events are **Friday, September 8 and Wednesdays, September 13, October 11, and November 8. Please let Betsy Morse know if you can help with any of these. (morsee13@gmail.com)**

AGA Collection - Help Needed

The NHS is organizing the American Gaming Archives Collection. This primarily has been the work of collector Howard Herz, assisted by docent Debra Brastoff. They need help with entering information about the collection into the Past Perfect database. People with good hearing (Howard will dictate information) and comfort using computer databases are being sought. Assisting will give you a first-hand look at this extensive, varied, and important collection. **Please let Betsy Morse know if you can help. (morsee13@gmail.com)**



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 September 21

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 **September High Noon: Shoot Out with Neal Cobb on Thursday, September 21** features the Home is Nevada video on the Ponderosa Ranch. Guest speaker is Sharon Anderson. 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 dnbary@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!!

September 9 - Football
September 16 - Football
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 September Birthdays

11th Francine Mannix

16th Lorraine Petersen

19th Grace Fujii

30th Sean McCormick

Docent Meeting Speakers

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

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

January 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

Writer's 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, September 13, 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm - Janice Oberding, *The Boy that Nevada Killed*

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*

NHS Museum Bookstore Meet & Greet Friday, September 8, 5:30 to 6:30 pm

Docent Joyce Cox, author of the new Arcadia publication *Sparks*, will answer questions about the book (and her earlier book, *Washoe County*) and autograph copies at the NHS on Friday September 8 from 5:30 to 6:30 pm. Light refreshments served beforehand. This event is open to the public, \$5.00 per person. Free for Members and Children 17 & under!

This is a new offering from the NHS. As part of the mission to make the NHS store "the best source of books on Nevada," not only will Writers' Wednesdays continue, but local authors featured in the store will be offered the opportunity to have "meet and greet" sessions when they publish new books. In these, the authors can answer questions without doing a formal presentation.

AGA Chip Dig & Gaming Lectures Saturday, October 14, 2017, 10:00 am to 6:00 pm

Mark your calendars for the 4th Annual Chip Dig and Lectures event for Saturday, October 14, 2017 from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm. If you love gaming and gambling history, don't miss this event!

History for Our Holiday - Nevada Day Event Saturday, October 28, 2017, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

Mark your calendars for the 2nd Annual History For Our Holiday Event for Saturday, October 28, 2017 from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Artown Tours - Thank you

Artown at the Nevada Historical Society is over for 2017. We enjoyed a very successful set of Wednesdays. Overall, we had 331 visitors to the museum; 222 for the Reno Room, and some turned away; 109 for the Nevada Gallery. Of those 36 were children: 25 for the gallery including a group of 24 from a summer camp, and 11 for the Reno Room who mostly came with family. Many of our guests came early and many stayed later. Many were visitors to Reno and many were locals who had never been to the museum before. All were appreciative of the docents giving the tours for the information they had learned. Thank you to everyone who participated. It was a job well done. **Thank you for your dedication and enthusiasm and hard work.**

Linda Burke

Other Events

2017 Reno Harvest of Homes Tour Saturday, September 23, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

The 2016 Harvest of Homes Tour - Saturday, September 23 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, Kelekia Toys & Gifts, Ryrie and Me, Larkellen, Moana Nursery, Label's Consignment Boutique, The Freckled Frog, Rail City Garden Center. These locations accept cash and checks only. The last day to purchase tickets at one of the retail sites is Friday, September 22. Tickets may also be purchased online at historicroeno.org.

Reno Harvest of Homes Tour:

205 Urban Road
1680 Greenfield Road
785 Manor Drive
643 Manor Drive
548 California Avenue
7090 Aspen Glen Road

Sparks Museum First Saturday Lecture Series

Saturday, September 2, 2:00 pm: Paul Villa presents Bruce Van Voorhis and the Navy in Nevada. The presentation will discuss Nevada's only Medal of Honor recipient, Bruce Van Voorhis of Fallon. Fallon Naval Air Station is named for Voorhis, and Villa will explain how he came to be awarded the Medal of Honor posthumously in WWII, and why the Navy still matters to Nevada.

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, 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.

Blue Star Museum Participant

The Nevada Historical Society is happy to announce that we are a Blue Star Museum participant for a second year.

Blue Star Museums program is a collaboration among the National Endowment for the Arts, Blue Star Families, the Department of Defense, and museums across America. Each summer since 2010 Blue Star Museums have offered free admission to the nation's active-duty military personnel and their families, including National Guard and Reserve, from Memorial Day through Labor Day.

For more information on museums participating, click on this link:

<https://www.arts.gov/national/blue-star-museums>

Gifts to Docents

Director Catherine Magee wanted to let you know that the NHS has a nice selection of reproductions from the photography collection that they usually sell. She invites you to stop by and take any you wish as a mid-year thank you for all the help we provide to the NHS. They are in the library - you can ask Karalea for help. The photos also will be available after the September 6 Docent Council general meeting - but they'll be first-come, first-served, so if you're looking for something specific, she recommends you come in sooner rather than later to get the shots you want!

HRPS September 2017 Historic Walking Tours And Fall Programs

HRPS offers four September walks. Walking tour cost is \$10 per person; free to HRPS members. Walks generally last from 1 1/2 to 2 hours. **No dogs please. Reservations required and space is limited.** Please go to www.historicreno.org or 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.

Saturday
September 2
10:00 am

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 SusanPalwick. Meet near the Riverside Artist Lofts, 17 S. Virginia Street. Tour guides: Charlotte Voitoff and Nancy Manfredi.

Saturday
September 9
10:00 am

NEWLANDS NEIGHBORHOOD - Enjoy an architectural walk through one of Reno’s oldest and most prestigious neighborhoods. Newlands Heights Historic District was named to the National Register of Historic Places this year. Meet at the Lander Street side of My Favorite Muffin, 340 California Avenue. Tour guide: Scott Gibson.

Saturday
September 16
10:00 am

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.

Sunday
September 17
9:00 am

BIKE TOUR THROUGH OLD RENO - A leisurely ride through the most historic parts of Reno. Meet at the Lander Street side of My Favorite Muffin, 340 California Avenue. Tour guide: Brandi Quagliari. **HELMETS REQUIRED, NO EXCEPTIONS!**

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 historicreno.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.

NHS Docent Council Calendar: September 2017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2 Sparks Museum First Saturday HRPS Walk
3	4	5	6 NHS Docent Council	7 NMA First Thursday	8 NHS Museum Bookstore Meet & Greet Joyce Cox	9 NHS closed - Football HRPS Walk
10	11	12 NHS Docent Training	13 NHS Writers' Wednesday Will Furman	14	15	16 NHS closed - Football HRPS Walk
17 HRPS Walk	18	19	20	21 NHS High Noon: Shoot Out with Neal Cobb	22	23 HRPS Harvest of Homes Tour
24	25	26	27 <i>HRPS is Historic Reno Preservation Society NMA is Nevada Museum of Art NSM is Nevada State Museum</i>	28	29	30

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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