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Sandie LaNae and Arline LaFerry speak to Docents, October 5, 10:00 am

Please join us for a program by Sandie LaNae and Arline LaFerry on their new book *Weird Reno*. **Front doors will be unlocked at 9:30 am. No Fee for Docent Meetings.**

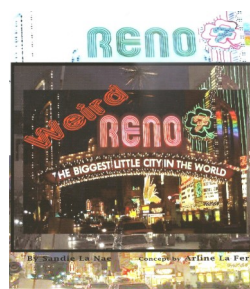
Arline, an NHS docent since 1985, has given school tours, worked with the manuscript collection and in the library at the Society. Arline is an expert on the history of Virginia City and an avid researcher of cemeteries, funeral parlors and dead people.

Arline has collected many of the weird events that have happened in Reno from 1868 to the current time through her research in local newspapers.

Arline suggested to her friend Sandie La Nae that Sandie write a book about all of the weird or strange happenings or events that have taken place in Reno and the surrounding Truckee Meadows. 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 thought a weird Reno book was "a great idea." That started their "Weird" series with *Weird Reno*, *Weird Carson City*, and *Weird Haunted Virginia City*. They plan on writing many more in this series.

Weird Reno includes chapters on the celebrities and famous people born in Reno, the songs that have Reno in the title or in the lyrics and movies filmed in Reno and surrounding area. It also tells about the famous and not so famous Reno residents. Such as Did D. A. Bender and his brother who established the first bank in Reno to exchange the checks given to the railroad workers into coin. Houses are also written about including the Pedericini house on Second and West Streets with its ghost that Father Tubman was called in to "exorcise this spirit?" The Murder & Mystery chapter tells of the murder of J. N. Sharp who was cut to pieces with an ax in 1875. J. W. Rover was convicted and sentenced to hang for the murder on February 20, 1878. Sheriff Lamb "issued 100 invitations for the hanging."

Sandie LaNae



Arline LaFerry



Notes from your Docent Council Board

Historic Playing Cards: The historic playing cards are here and are sold in the Gift Shop **\$10/pack and \$8.50/pack for Docents.**

Parking Passes: Docents can get their UNR Parking passes from Michael Maher at the Historical Society Library. 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.

NHS Doorbell: The wireless doorbell for the back door is now (finally) installed. 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 can be paid any time 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 Annie Bickley or put it in an envelope clipped to her time card. For a cash payment, please give directly to Annie. You can mail your dues to Annie at Nevada Historical Society, 1650 N. Virginia Street, Reno, NV 89503, and on the bottom of the envelope write Attention: Annie Bickley.

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. Report your time worked to the nearest half hour.

NHS Projects: NHS Staff has a list of needed projects. For more information, please contact the Docent Board or Catherine.

Celebrating Native American Month Lecture

Friday, November 4, 5:30 pm - Dean Tonnena - Botanist, BLM Carson City

Wednesday, November 30, 5:30 pm - Catherine Magee, The Washoe Tribe, Tourism, and Tahoe - Museum Director Nevada Historical Society

Hillside Cemetery

The Sierra Memorial Gardens, owners of the Hillside Cemetery, have an exhumation permit to disinter over 800 bodies from the Hillside Cemetery, Reno's oldest cemetery. The Hillside Cemetery Volunteers report that the disinternments have been temporarily suspended but the exhumation permit issued by the Washoe County Department of Public Health is still in effect. Candace Wheeler of the Comstock Cemetery Foundation gave a presentation to the Historical Resources Commission on Thursday, September 22 and the Reno City Council passed a resolution on September 28, 2016 to be an active stakeholder and to "directly participate to the fullest extent of its authority in any future development at Hillside Cemetery."

The Hillside Cemetery Volunteers are asking for help to save the oldest cemetery in the Truckee Meadows. More information is at <http://hillsidecemeteryrestoration.com/> Hillside Cemetery address: 900 Nevada Street, Reno. Contact for Hillside Cemetery Restoration: 162 West 10th Street, Reno, info@hillsidecemeteryrestoration.com

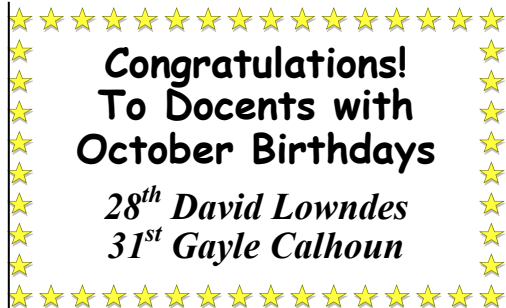


Did you know that the Nevada Historical Society has a Facebook page?
Become a friend and help us spread the word.

Changing Gallery Exhibit

Latimer Art Club
October 15 through December 10
Reception Saturday, October 15
5:30 pm to 7:00 pm

The exhibit has become an annual event, celebrating Nevada themed miniature artwork by local artisans. This is your opportunity to purchase affordable art while supporting local artists and the Society. The exhibit will be on display from October 15 through December 10, 2016. Don't miss the reception on Saturday, October 15 from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. This event is open to the public, \$5.00/pp. Free for Members and Children 17 & under!



**Congratulations!
To Docents with
October Birthdays**

*28th David Lowndes
31st Gayle Calhoun*

Docent Meeting Speakers

October 5, 2016

Arline La Ferry & Sandie La Nae - Weird Reno

November 2, 2016

Howard Herz - Marked Cards & Loaded Dice

December 7, 2016

Helene Walker - Verdi, Nevada

January 4, 2017

Bob Carroll - Reno Early Radio and TV Commentator

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

High Noon on October 20

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 **October High Noon: Shoot Out with Neal Cobb** will be **Thursday, October 20**. 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.**

Society Closures

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

- October 8, 22 - Football
- October 30 - Nevada Day
- November 11 - Veterans' Day
- November 12, 19 - Football
- November 24 & 25 - Thanksgiving and Family Day
- December 25—Christmas

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.

www.nevadawesterners.org

History for Our Holiday October 29, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

The Historical Society is going to hold its own Nevada Day event this year, on **Saturday October 29, from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm**. The event is called **History for Our Holiday** and will replace the December event History for the Holidays. History for Our Holiday will have artisans making and selling crafts in the galleries. There will be space for other organizations' information tables and Society memberships in the Giftshop. Outside there will be crafters and games in the NHS roped-off parking lot and on the lawn. Battle Born Food Truck has agreed to participate as has Hillbilly Kettle Corn, selling popcorn and lemonade. (We will NOT have free cookies for the public.) We may have a large Nevada Day birthday cake.

We need a few Docents who could help early in the day to get the vendors in and set up and Docents to work with the children (of all ages) who want to participate in the costume parade, the Nevada-Day hat contest, the craft area, the sack race and three legged race -- and other games that might be appropriate. Can you give some time (yes, work in shifts) on the 29th to help make these things happen? Shery Hayes-Zorn has offered to do face-painting and Sam Macaluso is going to offer gold panning from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Can you offer something like this for a 2-3 hour window during the day? If you can help out on the 29th, either **contact Christine directly at ckjohnson@nevadaculture.org or contact Carol at CarolC@galenaforest.net**. Thanks for whatever you can do to help out on this new event! **Free all day event!**

Gaming Chip & Token Show Nevada Historical Society Saturday, November 5 10:00 am to 7:00 pm

American Gaming Archives Chip Dig and Lectures

AMERICAN GAMING ARCHIVES Reception Saturday, November 5, 10:00 am to 7:00 pm. Howard Herz established the American Gaming Archives (AGA) at the Nevada Historical Society in 2008 for the preservation of American Gambling History. The AGA collection is the most comprehensive and complete archive of gaming equipment and gaming records in the 20th century. The Archives focuses on the history of American gaming from the earliest days including gaming equipment, dice, chips, cards, table games and gaming company records. Items from this collection are now on display at the Society and are available for research.

GAMING ARCHAEOLOGY PRESENTS THE "CHIP DIG" SHOW

Saturday, November 5, 10:00 am to 7:00 pm The Chip Dig Show features Casino Chip and Memorabilia Dealers at 6 tables in the Museum Gallery. The \$100 dealer table fees are a donation to the AGA Restricted Fund at the Society.

Russell Umbraco will give a Faro demonstration. Presentations will be given by Michael Fischer and Howard Herz.

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, November 9, 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm - Patty Cafferata, *History in Nevada*

Wednesday, December 14, 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm - Jack Harpster, *The Genesis of Reno: The History of the Riverside Hotel & the Virginia Street Bridge*

DONNER PARTY BUS TOUR

The Sparks Museum & Cultural Center is giving a Donner Party Bus Tour with historian Fred Horlacher on Saturday, **October 22, from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm**. The Donner Party tour includes stops at historically significant sites including Fernley, Wadsworth, Rattlesnake Mountain, Mayberry Foot Bridge, Verdi, Donner State Park and Donner Lake Over-view. The chartered bus will leave from the parking lot behind the museum at 8:00 am and is scheduled to return at 5:00 pm. The itinerary is subject to change due to weather or time constraints. A **preliminary lecture by Fred will be held from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 20 at the museum. A follow up lecture will be held from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 25.** Your bus tour ticket allows you entry to both presentations.

Tickets are \$65.00 (Members of Sparks Museum & Cultural Center), \$75.00 (Non-Members). Seating is limited. Call 775-355-1144 and see http://sparksmuseum.org/event/donner_party_bus_tour/ for more information.

HRPS FALL 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**. For more program information contact the chairs and leave a mes-sage. More organization information can be found at www.historicreno.org or on Facebook.

HRPS: Sunday, October 30, 1:00 pm (fourth Sunday)

Jack Harpster, author of *The Genesis of Reno*, presents a history of the Virginia Street Bridge and the Riverside Hotel. Over 157 years ago— before there was a Reno, Nevada; before there was a state of Nevada; and even before there was a Nevada Territory— there was a bridge over the Truckee River at a narrow, deeply rutted cattle and wagon trail that would one day become Virginia Street. There was also a small rustic inn and tavern occupying a plot of ground at the southern end of the log-and-timber bridge, catering to thirsty cowboys, drov-ers, and miners. The inn and the bridge were the first two structures in what would one day be a bustling metropolitan area, and to this day they still form the nucleus of the city they gave rise to. Today, descendants of these two structures are known as the Virginia Street Bridge and the Riverside Artist Lofts. The 111-year-old concrete bridge that was replaced in 2015/16 by a magnificent new structure, was honored for its longevity and unique character by placement on the National Register of Historic Places in 1980; and the Riverside Hotel, the forerunner of the Riverside Artist Lofts, was similarly honored in 1986. This is the remarkable story of these two iconic landmarks around which a major western city has grown, and of the people, the events, and the community that played an important part in shaping their long history.

HRPS: Sunday, November 27, 1:00 pm (fourth Sunday)

Debbie Hinman: The Endangered University Neighborhood

For 120 years, a row of lovely, dignified Victorian homes has graced the neighborhood at the foot of the University of Nevada, Reno grounds just below Ninth Street. These homes, as well as other beautiful and significant ones on neighboring streets, are now threatened due to plans for a massive business building and a “gateway” consisting of other new structures which will irrevocably change the character of the district. Debbie will present the history of the area, from its early ownership by pioneers John Newton and Alvaro Evans to the interesting and important residents who created this vibrant neighborhood. The hope is that you will gain an understanding of why the neighborhood is worth saving.

NHS Docent Council Calendar: October 2016

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*HRPS is Historic Reno Preservation Society
NMA is Nevada Museum of Art
NSM is Nevada State Museum*

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HISTORICAL SOCIETY DOCENT COUNCIL

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Nevada Historical Society
1650 N. Virginia St.
Reno, Nevada 89503**

Nevada Historical Society Hours

Tuesday - Saturday
10 am - 4:30 pm Museum Hours
Research Library Hours
Tues. - Sat.: 12 noon - 4 pm
775-688-1190
museums.nevadaculture.org
Admission Fees:
\$5.00 for Adults
Free for Members and
Children 17 years & younger