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

NHS is grateful to you all and looks forward to seeing you soon.

Don’t miss your opportunity to enjoy Hans Meyer-Kassel paintings and pastels on public display for the first time. These six glorious pieces will be on view for a limited time only March 20-Jul 14th. We are working on a number of wonderful projects that will make your NHS experience even better—on view and behind the scenes. I would particularly like to make note of NHS’s current and upcoming exhibits that commemorate Reno.

- The Reno Gallery is being updated for Reno’s 150th anniversary
- Reno Air’s 25th anniversary exhibit is on display
- An exhibit celebrating the Reno Philharmonic’s 50th anniversary will open with a gala event on August 3, 2018 and to the public on August 4, 2018

In addition we have our second “Fireside Chat” about gaming in Nevada- join Neal Cobb and Michael Fischer in a relaxed setting to hear the stories behind the history. With this and other American Gaming Archives (AGA) lectures and events, NHS continues to preserve and promote Nevada’s pivotal role and influence in gambling across the US and the Caribbean.

Come see our newest AGA acquisition in the Oliver M. Kahle Collection, the Tahoe Towers Experimental Electro-mechanical Slot Machine (c.1960). Oliver Kahle, owner of Oliver’s Club Stateline, Lake Tahoe, Nevada, designed this machine in sympathy for the “change girls” who wore heavy belts of coins to provide change for paper money and silver dollars. This experimental 3-reel slot machine was designed to take popular silver dollar coins and nickels (5¢) – the most popular denomination for slot machines. This allowed players to play 20 times for a single silver dollar without the need of having to exchange the dollar for 20 nickels; a precursor for today’s card reader slot machines. Silver dollar coins went out of usage in the mid-1960s and this machine was never used. The “Tahoe Towers” theme was for the proposed new casino resort hotel Oliver planned yet never built.

We are looking to upgrade seven of our computers to ease the frustration of our fabulous docents who help catalog our collections so they can be available to everyone online. If you have a PC with a Microsoft operating system 7 or newer, 8G ram, with Microsoft Office Suite installed, please consider donating it to the NHS.

Sincerely, Catherine

Fun Fact:
Early Nevada Caricaturist, Arthur V. Buel designed the NHS seal in 1909.
MUSEUM STORE
The Museum store continues to scale down the old inventory which means big savings passed along to you! Currently there are a lot of items that have been marked down to $5.00 and even more marked down to $1.00. We have NHS key chains, NV Quarter earrings and tie tacks, and lots of other goodies. Come in and check it out! The most notable savings is on the remaining inventory of wooden canes from Braza’s Walking Stick Co. All canes, which previously cost $45 to $50, are marked down to $10.00.

ARTIFACT DEPARTMENT
A massive amount of work on many projects is underway in the artifacts department, which resulted in the rediscovery of a very interesting item in the collection: a telegraph key from the early 20th century. This item, originally brought into the NHS in the 1970s, is said to have very important ties to World War I, and later assisted in the dissemination of information on the Good Friday earthquake in Alaska, in March, 1964. Extensive research is underway on this piece, and look for it to be exhibited in the not too distant future!

RESEARCH LIBRARY
There has been a lot of action behind the scenes at the library. The automated shelving has been upgraded with an all new electrical system. In the library we have local Renoites coming in and using the online databases we have available: newspapersarchives.com helps them find information on family members and many patrons are amazed at the quantity of information they are able to access and how quickly they can find it. For those interested in going a step further with their genealogy research, we also have an ancestry.com account to look for family matches outside the State of Nevada.

MANUSCRIPT DEPARTMENT
The Manuscripts department is looking for volunteers to help with processing small and medium sized collections. The person will help with the organization, housing, detailed listing and basic description write-up to be placed in our database and finding aid.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
The educational docents are keeping very busy with the many school tours scheduled this year. There are two outreach events where our docents will be out promoting NHS. They are Reno Aces Educational Day and the Reno 150 Birthday celebration which are both being held at the Greater NV field.

If you have any questions or would like to become an educational docent, please call Sheryln Hayes-Zorn, Curator, at 775-688-1190 x223, or email her at shayeszorn@nevadaculture.org.

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DOCENT ORIENTATION CLASSES
The NHS Docent Council is the volunteer organization which, for the past 35 years, has supported the mission and activities of the NHS.

2018 Docent Orientation Class Schedule
May 23, 2018 – 9-12pm
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.

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