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# NV impact on pop culture, infamous characters are among the topics of Historical Society/Artown lectures in July

RENO, Nevada — The Nevada Historical Society offers a slate of virtual lectures in July through two of its programs: Artown Tuesday Talks, at 3 p.m. every Tuesday in July, and Artown Friday Talks, at 10:30 a.m. every Friday.

“The Psychedic, Sex and Blue Jean Machine: Northern Nevada’s contributions to popular culture,” presented by Nevada Historical Society Director Catherine Magee and set for July 16, explores how global pop culture was influenced by Nevada innovations. Other topics in the Artown Friday Talks series are as follows:

- “The Humboldt: A River by Any Other Name,” an examination of early 19<sup>th</sup> century trappers and explorers along what is now called the Humboldt River, and the nomenclature around this waterway, is July 9.
- “Firsts and Lasts in Nevada: the Notorious” is described as “stories about some of Nevada’s bad men and women and their outcomes — things like the first train robbery (and) first woman hung in Nevada.” This talk is set for July 23.
- “Early Settlers in Northern Nevada,” covering the time period of 1850 to 1896, when Nevada was part of Utah Territory,” is July 30.

Interested people can register for the lectures in the Artown Friday Talks series, happening at 10:30 a.m. every Friday in July, [here](#).

Nevada Historical Society also offers the Artown Tuesday Talks, done in partnership with the Washoe County Library, in July. Topics are as follows:

- “Nevada Barn Heritage with Jack Hursch,” a look at historic barns photographed by Jack Hursch from 1995 to 2005, is July 6.
- “Harolds Club with Neal Cobb,” covering the story behind the trailblazing 1930s-era Reno casino, is July 13.
- “American Mountain Men with Larry Walker,” reviewing the history of beaver trappers in the American West from 1800 to 1840, is July 20.
- “Nevada Military Women with Ret. Lt. Col. Anne Davis” is July 27.

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*The [Nevada Historical Society](#) collects, preserves and educates the public about our shared history through exhibition, artifacts, books, photographs and manuscript materials relating to the state of Nevada, the Great Basin, and the West. The museum is one of seven state museums that make up the [Nevada Division of Museums and History](#).*