

# The DC Bee

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## **Docent Council Monthly Meeting October 6, 2021 10 a.m. on Zoom**

What do sawmills in Verdi, meat processing plants near Wells and 4th Streets, and lack of sewer treatments plants in Reno prior to 1930 have in common? All helped make the Truckee River a breeding ground for disease, a killer of native fish, and a smelly, unpleasant place to linger.

Join us for this presentation on historic pollutants of the Truckee River Watershed and learn how you can be part of the solution to water pollution.

Carrie Jensen is a Landscape Architect with Urban Ecology Solutions, LLC, and an environmental educator based in Reno.

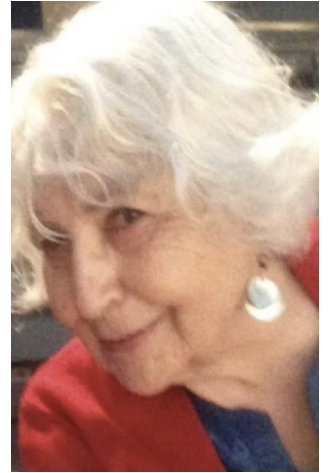
A Zoom link will be sent by separate e-mail.

## **Notes from your Docent Council Board**

### **Get well soon, Sandy!**

Due to medical issues, our long-time DC Bee editor, docent Sandy Vickers-White, needs to take a leave of absence. We miss her work on the Bee and with the American Gaming Archives. She hopes to return in 2022, and we look forward to having her back at the NHS.

For those of you who haven't had the privilege of working with Sandy, she has lived in Nevada for many years. Her professional background is in mining, engineering, legal, and gaming industries. She also is an artist who works in several mediums doing cartooning, portraits, and costume-making.



### **Docent Assistance Sought**

With an on-going shortage of paid staff, docent help will continue to be crucial to maintain the institution we love. We have needs in most areas, with staffing of the front desk/store an area of particular concern because it is the key to opening the NHS to visitors on more days and will allow the staff to be less tied to the front desk. Perhaps you could help???

### **School Tours are Back—More Tour Docents Needed**

After an 18 month hiatus, requests are coming in for school tours, including what may be the most ambitious tour we've been asked to give for years. We could use more docents who are willing to help with tours. We have great presenters you can shadow and outlines you can use to help you learn some of the basics covered by tours.

### **New and Returning Docent Training**

New docent training will be held on October 15 from 10-12:30. Current docents who wish a refresher or who would like to help are welcome. Contact Linda Burke for more information.

### **Librarian Position May Be Filled Soon**

Director Catherine Magee and Manuscripts Curator Shery Hayes-Zorn have been covering the work normally done by seven people for many, many months. The good news is that final interviews are being held for the Librarian position, which has been vacant for more than two years. One down, four to go!

### **Parking Passes**

Docents can pick up their school year 2021-2022 NHS parking passes at the Front Desk.

## Board Notes Continued

### Dues Due Soon

Seems like it is coming much too soon, but docent dues for 2022 will be due soon. Dues remain \$15.00 per year to be part of the Docent Council. These are paid on a calendar year basis, so they are due by January 1, 2022. Checks may be made to the Docent Council. They can be sent to the following address:

Nevada Historical Society Docent Council  
ATTN Marc Ullom  
1650 North Virginia Street  
Reno, NV 89503

**Remember, your Docent Council dues are not the same as your membership in the NHS. The Docent Council is a registered nonprofit organization which exists to help the NHS.**

### By-laws Changes

When the Docent Council by-laws were last revised, no one envisioned that the work of the Docent Council might be done virtually. For several months, a group of docents have been looking at the by-laws and have proposed revisions to two articles. These are detailed on the next page and will be presented for discussion and a vote at an upcoming Docent Council meeting.

### Past Talks

Want to hear a good talk or two? Thanks to docent Carol Coleman, most of the Docent Council and NHS Artown talks over the past year have been posted on the Washoe County Library website. You also can catch programs aimed at schoolchildren - but suitable for adults - done by some of the education docents on the NHS website under the Education tab.

#### **NHS Hours:**

Wednesdays 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. docents, researchers, and museum visitors welcome.

Thursdays and Fridays 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. docents welcome. Researchers and museum visitors by appointment only.

**Congratulations!  
To Docents with  
October Birthdays**

Oct 28—Sheri Grayson

**Upcoming  
Docent Meeting  
Speakers  
(Zoom)**

**November 4 at 10:00**  
Sam Macaluso *We the People*

**December 2 at 10:00** Pam  
Abercrombie *The Sutro Tunnel*

**High Noon:  
Shootout with Neal  
Cobb at the NHS  
(Zoom)**

**October 21 at noon**  
Larry Kirk *History of the World War II USO Canteen Ladies of North Platte NE*

**November 18 at noon**  
Pat Bruce *Friends of Nevada Wilderness and the Sheldon National Wildlife Refuge*

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## Proposed Changes to Docent Council By-laws

### ARTICLE V

#### Meetings

Section 1 The Docent Council shall normally meet during the first week of the month, September through June. All monthly meetings are open to members and their guests.

Section 1.01 Place of Meeting Meetings of the Docent Council will take place at the Nevada Historical Society or at such other place as may be designated by the President or the Board, including virtual meeting forums.

Section 2 Special Meetings of the Docent Council may be called by the President or by petition signed by twenty percent (20%) of the membership. No other business other than what the Special Meeting was called for shall be transacted. See Section 3 for notification to the membership.

Section 2.01 Place of Meeting Special Meetings of the Docent Council will take place at the Nevada Historical Society or at such other place as may be designated by the President or the Board, including virtual meeting forums.

### ARTICLE VI

#### Docent Council Board (Board) was Article VIII Executive Board

Section 4 The Board shall normally meet two weeks prior to the regular Docent Council meeting. A minimum of one-half of the members of the Board shall constitute a quorum and all acts of the Board shall be by a majority vote of those present.

4.01 Place of the meeting. Meetings of the Docent Council Board will take place at the Nevada Historical Society or at such other place as may be designated by the President or the Board, including virtual meeting forums.

Section 5 A special meeting of the Board may be called by the presiding member or otherwise by a majority of the Board. Members of the Board must receive notice of such a special meeting not less than five (5) days prior to the date of such meeting. The notice must denote the purpose for which the special meeting is called and no other business shall be transacted.

5.01 Place of the meeting. Meetings of the Docent Council Board will take place at the Nevada Historical Society or at such other place as may be designated by the President or the Board, including virtual meeting forums.