Docent Council Monthly Meeting
Thursday, November 4, 2021
10 a.m. on Zoom

Jesse Lee Reno

Our own Sam Macaluso will talk about the man for whom Reno was named. Jesse Lee Reno was a career United States Army officer from Virginia. He served in the Mexican–American War, in the Utah War, on the western frontier and as a Union General during the American Civil War.

Reno graduated from the United States Military Academy in 1846 and became known as a "soldier's soldier" who fought alongside his men. Reno was killed in 1862 while commanding a corps at Fox's Gap during the Battle of South Mountain.

Sam Macaluso has had a varied career, including as a Washoe County School District teacher. His favorite grade was 4th grade because he could teach the kids about Nevada history, especially mining. In 1998, he was named Mining Association Teacher of the Year.

Sam is a sought-after speaker on the Pony Express, Nevada mining, and other topics. He has been an NHS docent since 2014, working in artifacts and giving tours. He is past president of the NHS Docent Council.

A Zoom link will be sent via separate e-mail.
Notes from your Docent Council Board

2022 Docent Council Dues

Docent Council membership dues for 2022 need to be paid by January 1. Dues remain $15.00 per year. These are paid on a calendar year basis. 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

Your dues help pay for expenses associated with our annual awards event (the Fordham Luncheon), various fees related to being a registered non-profit organization, other Docent Council needs, and occasional gifts to the Nevada Historical Society.

New Docents!

Please say hello to two new docents who completed the recent docent orientation offered by Linda Burke:

Susan Moore-Fry
Steven Weidman

In-Person Docent Council Meetings Coming in January (we hope)

In consultation with NHS Director Catherine Magee and following current guidance to state agencies, the plan is to resume in-person Docent Council monthly meetings beginning in January, 2022. Like most things related to COVID-19, this is subject to change.

Election of Officers

Docent Council officers for 2022 will be elected during the December meeting. The current president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer have agreed to continue for another year.

Openings exist for the statistician and the DC Bee editor. The statistician keeps our all-important statistics about hours worked by docents. These help the NHS obtain grants as well as letting the Docent Council know when people should be recognized for hours awards. The DC Bee editor compiles this newsletter ten times per year. Knowledge of Publisher or similar software is helpful.

By-Laws Passed

Thanks to everyone who came by to vote on the by-laws change, which passed. This will provide needed flexibility for future operations.
Congratulations! to docents with November birthdays

Nov 11—Barbara Weinberg

Upcoming Docent Council Meeting Speakers

December 2 at 10:00 via Zoom
Pam Abercrombie  The Sutro Tunnel

Jan 6, 2022 at 10:00 in person
Joe Curtis from the Virginia City Fireman’s Museum

High Noon: Shootout with Neal Cobb at the NHS

November 18—Pat Bruce, Friends of Nevada Wilderness and the Sheldon National Wildlife Refuge

December 16—Neal Cobb, Reno 50’s & 60’s

January 20, 2022 - Paul Franklin, Nevada Mining from Silver & Gold to Copper & Lithium -170 years of Development

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Coming soon!

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.

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