The D C Bee

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Docent Council Monthly Meeting Thursday, December 2, 2021 10 a.m. on Zoom

Historic Sutro Tunnel Restoration Project

Pamela Abercrombie will talk to us about Adolph Sutro, who proposed and built a tunnel to drain water from the Comstock Lode. She also will discuss the tunnel and the restoration work on the tunnel which started in 2016.



Pamela (Pam) Abercrombie was born and raised in Carson City. She holds a master's in public administration and a bachelor's in history. Her love for history keeps her involved at the Historic Sutro Tunnel. She began working on historic restoration in 2015 for an organization in Gold Hill, where she launched the Donovan Mill restoration project. Then in 2016 she became involved with the Historic Sutro Tunnel project.

In 2019, the Friends of Sutro Tunnel was formed solely for preserving this historic site and to move it to becoming publicly accessible. Today both the Donovan Mill and the Sutro Tunnel are well on their way to becoming public historic sites. Though no longer involved with the Donovan Mill, Pam currently serves as the Friends of Sutro Tunnel Site Restoration and Volunteer Manager.



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



Notes from your Docent Council Board

DEADLINE APPROACHING!! 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

In-Person Docent Council General Meeting Planned in January

If state guidelines permit, the plan is to return to in-person NHS Docent Council general meetings the first Thursday of each month beginning January, 2022. Like most things related to COVID-19, this plan is subject to change. Decisions will be made later about whether it is feasible to return to in-person meetings in January.

Election of Officers

Docent Council officers for 2022 will be elected during the December meeting. The slate includes the following:

President: Pam Walker

Vice-president: Linda Burke

Secretary: Jody Covington

Treasurer: Marc Ullom Statistician: Bill Kolton

DC Bee Editor: TBD

Sam Macaluso will continue as Past President/Parliamentarian. This is not an elected position.

We're still looking for an editor for the DC Bee. Perhaps you'd like to try this job? Knowledge of Publisher or similar software is helpful.

The DC Bee is published monthly, excluding July and August, by the NHS Docent Council. **Docent Council general meetings** are held September—June. The April meeting is the Fordham luncheon, where docents have the spotlight for their hours devoted to the work of the NHS.

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Docent birthdays!!

Dec 17—Jana Dunn Dec 20—Mui Lee Dec 31—Roger Slugg

Upcoming Docent Council Meeting Speakers

January 6 Joe Curtis The Fire Museum and the History of Fire in Virginia City

February 3 Dr. Elwood Schmidt The Doctor's Black Bag: A Doctor's life in the rural West

March 3 Dana Lee Freund History, Mystery and Folklore: Tales of the Underground Tunnels of Eureka, Nevada

High Noon: Shootout with Neal Cobb at the NHS at noon

December 16—Neal Cobb, *Reno 50's & 60's.* This talk will be virtual. Register to get a Zoom link for this at https://events.washoecountylibrary.us/event /8449159

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

February 17 Dr. Michael Fischer, **Baby Face Nelson in Nevada**

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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.