

The DC Bee

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Docent Council Meeting
Thursday, February 3, 2022 at 10:30 a.m.
Doors open at 10:00 a.m.

Dr. Elwood Schmidt

Author of ***The Doctor's Black Bag*** and ***Nevada EMS: A History of Emergency Medical Services in Nevada***, Dr. Schmidt will be our February speaker. He has seen many changes in the practice of medicine over the years.

After obtaining a degree from the University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston and interning at a hospital in Ohio, Dr. Schmidt joined the US Public Health Service, Division of Indian Health. He started his work for them in Kearns Canyon, Arizona, practicing with the Hopi and Navajo tribes. Later, Dr. Schmidt transferred to Schurz, Nevada, where he worked with members of the Washoe, Paiute, and Shoshone tribes.

Dr. Schmidt continued his career as a family practice physician. He worked in private practice for several decades in Texas, New Mexico, and Arizona.

On his return to Nevada, Dr. Schmidt served "locum tenens," which means he provided medical assistance to health clinics in many under-served communities in the state.

Kirkus Reviews said of ***The Doctor's Black Bag***: "Engaging, sometimes poignant, and occasionally acerbic stories from a longtime physician."



Notes from your Docent Council Board

Fordham Luncheon Returns!

We will have our annual Fordham Luncheon in place of the April meeting. This is where we celebrate all the docents do to support the NHS. Docent hours awards and the winner of the Fordham award will be announced during the get-together.

Because we want a separate room—hard to get in Reno for groups smaller than 50—we may need to be flexible about the luncheon date. Stay tuned for details.

In-Person Artown Tours and Presentations Return!

July is Artown in Reno—our big celebration of arts and culture. Once again, the NHS will participate. This year, we plan to offer tours and talks on Wednesdays. We will need people to lead tours, welcome visitors, give short talks, and help with parking. This has always been a rewarding event.

About the talks and tours: We like to offer short talks (10-15 minutes, longer if you wish) on tour days. These can be on any aspect of history which interests you—an artifact in the museum, an historic event, a demonstration of how something is done...whatever you wish. We expect to offer two sets of tours each Wednesday. The tours last for about an hour and usually have at least two tour leaders for each tour so no one becomes overwhelmed. We have lots of materials and guides which can be used to gain familiarity with common topics discussed during tours and several experienced guides who would be happy to help you become comfortable with giving tours.

Contact Linda Burke if you are interested in helping.

Year of the Docent

In honor of the 40th anniversary of the founding of the Nevada Historical Society Docent Council, NHS Director Catherine Magee has declared 2022 to be the Year of the Docent. Beginning in April with the Fordham Luncheon, our goal is to have 40 events or projects which celebrate 40 years of service to the NHS by docents.

We will need lots of help to make this happen. If you have ideas on things we might do, share them with Catherine Magee and Pam Walker. Do you have thoughts about displays we could create about docents and docent activities? Stories to tell about docents past and present? Pictures of docent events?

We are being offered an amazing opportunity. Please put on your thinking caps so we can develop some fun and meaningful experiences.

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Welcome to Our Newest Docent, Joe Tingley

Our newest docent is **Joe Tingley**. Joe is a research geologist and is working with Team Photo. We'll try to get a picture of him for next month.

Calling All Former Officers!

If you have materials from your tenure—records, photos, or keepsakes that we could copy for use in the new NHS Docent archive, please let Linda Burke or Pam Walker know. In particular, we are looking for copies of the Bee from 2011 –2013 [2011: Feb—Jun; All of 2012; 2013: Jan - Jun]. Items can be returned after digitizing.

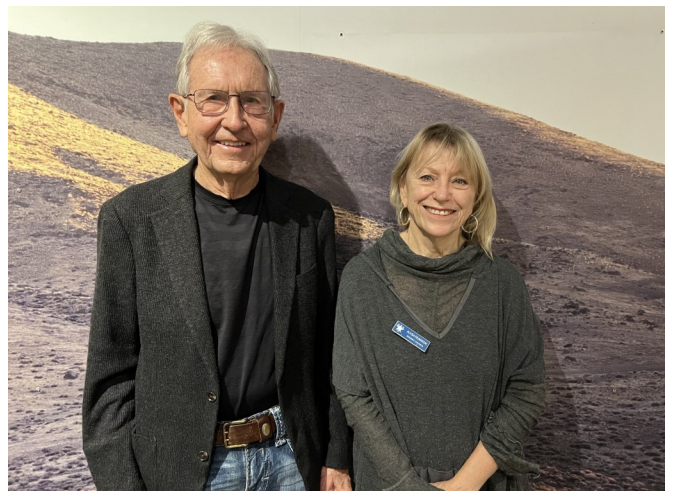
Time Cards

If you're having any problems filling in your time card sheet, contact Bill Kolton. He would be happy to work with you to find a way to log hours that suits your needs!

Docents You May Not Have Met

Thanks to COVID closures, we have some sort-of-new docents who you may not have had an opportunity to meet.

Pictured to the right are **Danny and Alysa Pearson**. The Pearsons joined the ranks of docents days before the COVID shutdown in 2020. You may have met them during ZOOM meetings.



Pictured to the left are **Steve Weidmann** and **Susan Moore-Fry**, who became docents in 2021. Steve is working with Team Photo and Susan is helping digitize materials for the new Docent archive.



Docent Birthdays in February

Heather DeAngeli Feb 8
Alyssa Pearson Feb 24
Carol Coleman Feb 27

Upcoming Docent Council Meeting Speakers

10:30 a.m. in the NHS unless noted

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

April 7 Fordham Lunch, location TBD

May 5 Jill Richardson *The Unique and Surprising History of Reno Parks*

High Noon: Shootout with Neal Cobb

At noon on ZOOM

February 17 Dr. Michael Fischer, *Baby Face Nelson in Nevada*. Reserve a virtual seat via this link:



<https://events.washoecountylibrary.us/event/8449263>

March 17 Erin Breen *Erin Breen's Story as a Journalist and Storyteller*

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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.