Reno Parks

Thursday, May 5 at 10:30 a.m.
Nevada Historical Society

Many surprises can be found in the history of our more than 200 local parks. Who owned the land before it became a park? When and how did it become a park?

Step back in time and learn about early pioneers and ranchers, prominent citizens, plus the millionaires, celebrities and athletes who have a connection to our parks.

Jill Richardson is a board member for the Truckee Meadows Parks Foundation. As a volunteer, she is leading a project to research the history of all the Reno, Sparks, and Washoe County parks.

She came to Reno four years ago and recently retired from a career of credit scoring. She is a member of the NHS, Historic Reno Preservation Society, and the Osher Long-life Learning Center. She now is pursuing her passions of local history, skiing, and running.

The Nevada Historical Society website: http://nvhistoricalsociety.org
Notes from your Docent Council Board

Help with the NHS Archives

There’s plenty for docents to do to help the NHS. Here are some data entry/cleanup project needs:

- Work in Past Perfect museum software to do record clean-up.
- Reformat existing finding aids for the NHS website using Word.
- Use Excel or Access to do researcher card data entry.
- Use Excel for Shelf-read.

Archivist Sarah Patton can provide additional information and guidance on these projects.

Why Are You a Docent?

As part of Year of the Docent, we recently surveyed docents about why they became and remain docents. Two things emerged: love of history was the common link in the answers people gave for why they came to the NHS, and the number one reason people gave for remaining was that they liked the people with whom they were working.

Thank you for being someone who others want to be around!

Docent Hours First Quarter 2022

Docent Hours by month:

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Top 5 Categories of Volunteer Hours:

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Top Five Docent Hours Donated:

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Thanks to all for your generous donations of time and talent. The NHS and the community are richer for your participation!

The DC Bee is published monthly, excluding July and August, by the NHS Docent Council. Docent Council general meetings are held September—June.

The Nevada Historical Society website: http://nvhistoricalsociety.org
The annual Fordham Luncheon in April provided a wonderful opportunity to celebrate 40 years of docent activities at the Nevada Historical Society.

Hours awards were given to the following for their service:

**250 hours**  
Jody Covington  
Shirley Gaffney

**500**  
Karen Hastedt  
Barbara Weinberg

**750**  
Mui Lee  
Pam Walker

**1000**  
Debra Brastoff

**1500**  
Brian O’Hara

**2000**  
Lorraine Petersen

**3000**  
Neil Carlson

This year, a special thank you was given to Sam and Carol Coleman, whose Zoom expertise not only permitted the Docent Council to continue monthly general meetings when group gatherings were discouraged due to COVID, but who recorded and edited the programs for posting on-line.

Their work helped keep the docent council alive during a difficult period!

Showing how important use of electronics can be in keeping us together, Sam and Carol attended the luncheon via Zoom.

*Left: Carol Coleman accepting the thanks of the Docent Council*
More Fordham Luncheon

Fordham Award Winner for 2022

The Marjorie Fordham Award 2022 was given to **Lorraine Petersen**. Lorraine has been a docent since 2013 and has helped with tours, hospitality, history talks, outreach, and the AGA.

Lorraine is a born storyteller and shares her enthusiasm for history and the NHS throughout the community. Of special note is the attention she gives to our founder Jeanne Wier, not only in history presentations but in memorium at her graveside by keeping it clean, bedecked with flowers, and with an annual tribute.

*Left: Lorraine Petersen accepting the Fordham Award*

New Docent Badges

The following docents received badges for completing 40 hours of volunteer service at the NHS:

Thomas Brastoff  
Susan Moore-Fry  
Joe Tingley  
Steve Weidman

Year of the Docent on the NHS Website

Use this link to access the webpage set up for Year of the Docent:

More Fordham Luncheon News

Recognition from the Office of Governor Steve Sisolak

As part of the Fordham Luncheon, NHS Director Dr. Catherine Magee handed out Certificates of Recognition from the Office of Governor State Sisolak. Several types of recognition were included. These included certificates for docents who have been volunteering at the NHS for at least 10 years; awards for volunteers who took on extra duties to assist during the COVID-related staff shortage; and awards for several important leadership roles. Below are a few pictures from this part of the event:

Left: Shirley Gaffney and Mui Lee. Shirley was recognized for her help with processing checks and other Front Office duties; Mui was awarded for handling memberships and working on weekly accounting.

Above: Director Catherine Magee discussing certificates and Year of the Docent.

Left: Neil Carlson was recognized for leading Team Photo and for the many hours he has spent working on the photo collections.
Fordham Luncheon Group Shots
Speakers:
July 6 at 10:30—A Collecting We Will Go: Dr. Weir’s 1908 Southern Nevada Trip
July 6 at 1—Miss Wakayama, Peacemaker
July 13 at 10:30—Bill Fong’s New China Club
July 13 at 1—Wahmonie: Nevada’s Last Bonanza Discovery—Or the First
July 20 at 10:30 and 1—The Winters Family of California and Nevada
July 27 at 10:30—Tsars, Tea, and Volunteerism at the Nevada Historical Society
July 27 at 1—If Streets Could Talk

Gallery Scavenger Hunts
Following each presentation

Needed:
Docents to help answer questions in the galleries, serve as greeters, and other activities. Sign up at the General Meeting on Thursday
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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.