

The D C Bee

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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.

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:

January 2022	470.5
February 2022	409.5
March 2022	469.5
TOTAL	1,349.5

Top 5 Categories of Volunteer Hours:

Photos	469.5
Administration	183.5
Continuing Ed	137.5
Manuscripts	100.5
Education/Projects	72.5/71.5

Top Five Docent Hours Donated:

Neil Carlson	194.0
Karen Hastedt	170.0
Steve Weidman	162.5
Lorraine Petersen	115.5
John Hoffa	92.5

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.

2022 Fordham Luncheon Celebration

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

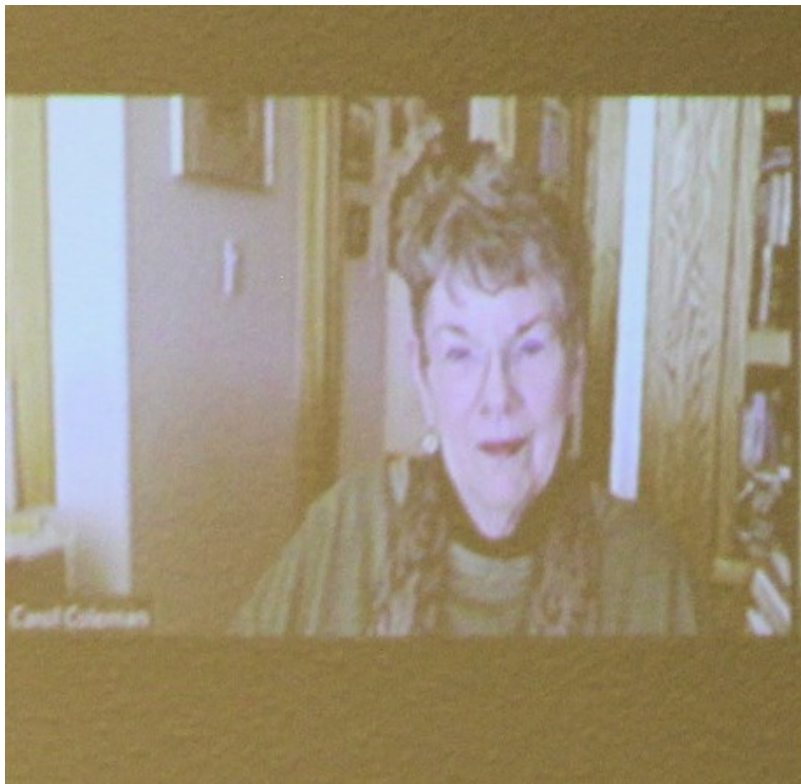
Lorraine Petersen

3000

Neil Carlson



Above: Docent Council President Pam Walker and Vice President Linda Burke during the awards ceremony



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.

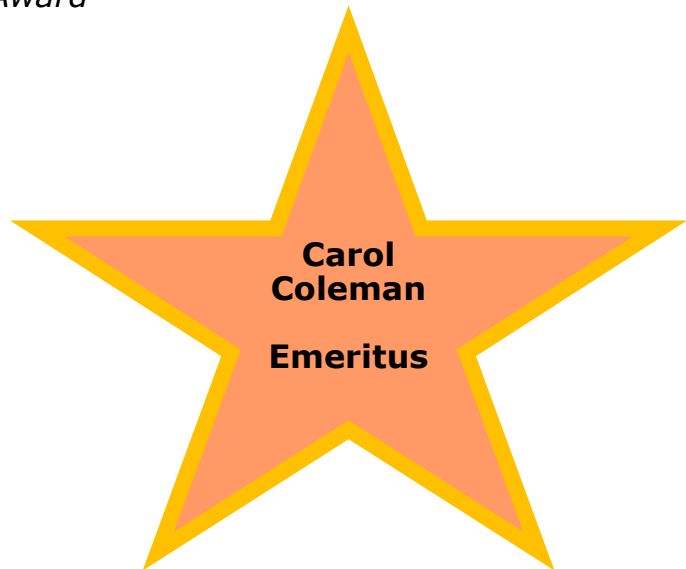
Lorraine is a born storyteller and shares her enthusiasm for history and the NHS throughout the community. Of special note is the attention she gives to our founder Jeanne Wier, not only in history presentations but in memorium at her graveside by keeping it clean, bedecked with flowers, and with an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

<https://www.nvhistoricalsociety.org/year-of-the-docent-40-years-of-history/>

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





artown

**The Nevada Historical Society will be participating in
artown each Wednesday in July!**

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**

Docent Birthdays in May

Donna McIntyre—May 3

Upcoming Docent Council General Meetings

Reno's Schools with Debbie Hinman
June 2 in the NHS Event Space at 10:30 am

Artown programs and scavenger hunts every
 Wednesday in July

No Docent Council general meetings in July or
 August

High Noon: Shootout with Neal Cobb

Thursday, May 19 at noon on ZOOM

Where to Hear about Nevada History

Presenter Carol Coleman is president of Historic Reno Preservation Society and past president and docent emeritus of the NHS Docent Council.

Sign-up for a Zoom link with Washoe County Library System events calendar:

<https://events.washoecountylibrary.us/event/8786773>



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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.