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Beating the Bad Guys! Nevada Gaming Equipment Enforcement: Preventing and Catching Cheats

**Thursday, September 1
10:30 a.m. at the NHS**



Join a conversation with Boyd Cox and David Andrews about gaming cheaters over the years.

Hear how they checked for cheating scams in equipment, cards, dice, and chips. They identified counterfeiting and looked for modified equipment. Dave did the arresting.

David Andrews is retired from the Gaming Control Board in Northern Nevada. Dave and Dorrie Andrews own 10-96 Collectibles in Sparks.

Boyd Cox worked for Paulsen Gaming Supplies and later started Sierra Nevada Gaming Supplies, developing some patents. He is the owner of Antiques & Treasures ROCK! on Rock Boulevard.

Boyd and Dave have been friends for over 40 years.

Notes from your Docent Council Board

The Great Flood of 2022

August 3, 2022 brought thunderstorms with heavy rain to Reno. Within minutes, more rain than falls in a typical summer in the city had flooded streets. Among the victims was the Nevada Historical Society. An afternoon storm cell caused water to leak from the ceiling within the collections area.

Fortunately, docents Steve, Joe, Lorraine, and Neil were at the NHS and helped the staff rescue maps which were in the path of the rainwater. The maps are currently in the research library, where they will remain until suitable storage is available. Archivist Sarah Patton gave the good news that all of the maps were saved, though some show water damage. **The research library is temporarily closed until the maps are relocated.**

Meet Gabriel Foster

Gabriel is one of our newest docents. He has been helping Sarah in the library with manuscripts, inventory, data entry (cleaning and correcting), and shelf reading.



Calling All Gardeners!

Have you noticed that the grounds around the NHS are overgrown? For quite a few years, we have had the same UNR employee overseeing the landscaping outside the building. However, the staffing shortage which has hit so many businesses also is affecting UNR. There is a shortage of groundskeepers, so we no longer have someone who is specifically responsible for the NHS grounds (remember, the building belongs to the Nevada Department of Tourism and Cultural Affairs, but the land belongs to UNR.)

As part of Year of the Docent, we've looked carefully at the old records. We used to have a group of docents who helped keep the grounds around the NHS looking nice. If you have some time and would like to help make the NHS look more presentable, please let Catherine Magee know. THANKS!!!!

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Welcome to the NHS's Newest Employee—Debra Brastoff

After five years of diligent work as a docent (and, for several years, also as a part-time employee), Debra Brastoff has graduated to the big time: she recently was named as the **Registrar/Collections Manager** for the NHS.

Debra will continue to be actively involved with processing the American Gaming Archives. However, now she has added much more to her duties. She will oversee intake of items and processing of all artifacts.

Great to know the collections will be in good hands!

What about filling other positions?

Hiring of an **administrative assistant** appears to be quite close. Unfortunately, illness among the candidates delayed final interviews last week. The **Curator of Education** position was advertised but, as of this writing, it did not appear there had been any applicants.



Docent Hours

For April—June, 2022, docents worked **1241 hours** at the NHS. Thank you for your service to this institution we love!

Upcoming Docent Birthdays

Sep 11—Francine Mannix

Sep 16—Lorraine Petersen

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NHS Artown Recap

Eight talks were scheduled as part of Artown. Due to high attendance, two had to be repeated to accommodate the crowds! In all, 262 people, including 12 children) attended the lectures. Many stayed on afterwards to look at the gallery exhibits. Specifically, morning sessions had slightly higher attendance than afternoon sessions.

- ♦ July 6—42 attendees
- ♦ July 13—108 attendees (both talks had to be repeated)
- ♦ July 20—64 attendees
- ♦ July 27—49 attendees



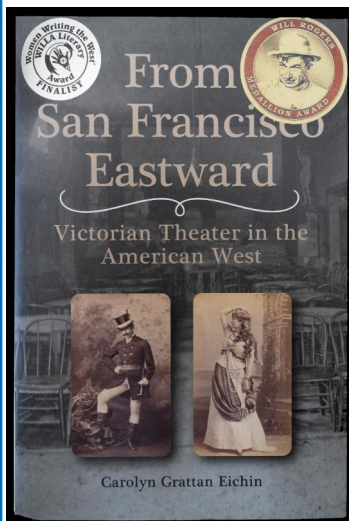
Sarah Patton's talk on *Bill Fong's New China Club* received the most attendees, including some of Fong's relatives.

Docent Orientation

The next docent orientation will be held on **Friday, September 9** from 10 am until noon. We can always use more docents, so let your friends know about this opportunity.

Parking Passes

Pick up your parking pass for the 2022-23 school year! The passes are in the docent office. We have been told that the parking police on campus will ticket cars in the NHS area which don't have a parking pass, so if you forget your pass, get a one-day dashboard pass when you arrive at the NHS.



Writers' Wednesday September 7 at the NHS

5:00 pm Book signing and reception

5:30 Lecture

From San Francisco Eastward: Victorian Theater in the American West with author Carolyn Grattan Eichin

Upcoming Docent Council Meeting Speakers

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

October 6—Janet Phillips, Tahoe-Pyramid Trail President, on ***Tahoe Pyramid Trail: Following the Truckee River***

November 3—Jeadene Solberg, Founder of Northern Nevada Ghost Hunters on ***Ghost Hunting in Nevada***

December 1—Myron Freedman, Administrator of the Nevada Division of Museums and History on ***The Carson City State Museum and it's ties to the NHS***

High Noon: Shootout with Neal Cobb

At noon on ZOOM. Sign up at <https://events.washoecountylibrary.us/>



September 15—Guy Clifton presents *Dempsey in Nevada*



October 13—Dana Toth presents ***Promoting the Significance of North Central Nevada History within a Museum and a Community***

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NHS Hours

Wednesday—Friday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. docents welcome.

Wednesday 10 a.m.—4 p.m. visitors welcome without an appointment.

Library temporarily closed.