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# **Nevada State Museums and Plans for the Future**

## Thursday, December 1 10:30 a.m. at the NHS

Do you know the ties the NHS has with the State Museum in Carson City? Come hear Myron Freedman, Administrator of the Nevada Division of Museums and History, talk about the seven Nevada State museums, of which the NHS is the oldest, and what may be coming in the future.

A northern Nevada native who graduated from Wooster High in Reno and went on to UNR, Freedman has served as the administrator since 2020. In 2017, he became director of the Nevada State Museum in Carson City, with this duty overlapping his administrator role until July, 2021.

Before returning to Nevada, Freedman was the executive director for the Palo Alto History Museum, the Museum of Ventura County, and the Hayward Area Historical Society in California.



His museum career began as an exhibit designer and fabricator. He was the exhibit curator at the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial (the Gateway Arch) in St. Louis, Missouri, and director of exhibitions and special programs at the Missouri History Museum in St. Louis. He also held several roles at the Chicago History Museum.

## **Pot luck lunch following the meeting!**

## **Notes from your Docent Council Board**

### Vote for 2023 Officers

The slate of candidates for Docent Council officers in 2023 includes the following:

President: Pam Walker Vice President: Lorraine Petersen Treasurer: Marc Ullom Secretary: Jody Covington Statistician: Steve Weidman DC Bee: Betsy Morse

The election will take place during the December meeting.

### Pot Luck After December Meeting

Remember to bring a dish to share for our holiday potluck after the December Docent Council meeting.

Please plan to come even if you didn't sign up during the November meeting...we always have a good time and great food!

## **Calling All Gardeners!**

We are revitalizing the docent gardening group to help the NHS make a fabulous first impression. If you like to help things

grow or just want to take our your aggressions by battling weeds, we need you.

Email Catherine if you are interested!

cmagee@nevadaculture.org.



The speaker for the November meeting had to cancel for health reasons. However, attendees heard an entertaining and enlightening program: NHS Director Catherine Magee gave a presentation on the history of prostitution in Reno.

The talk led to what may have been the most spirited Docent Council general meeting discussion in years. Want to find out which houses of prostitution serve the best restaurant food? *Ask a docent*. Want to learn about the work schedules and lives of the modern-day legal sex workers? *Ask a docent*.

Thank you for saving the day, Catherine!

#### **Dues Due**

Please submit your 2023 Docent Council dues. Bring your \$15.00 payment to the potluck or send a check to:

Marc Ullom Nevada Historical Society Docent Council 1650 N. Virginia Street Reno, NV 89503

#### Coming in 2023—Change to NHS Hours

On January 9, NHS hours will change to the following:

Docents Wed-Sat 10 until 4.

Museum Visitors Wed—Sat 10 until 4.

<u>Research Library Users</u> Thu—Sat noon until 4. Appointments required using the scheduling form on the website.



## **Nevada History Lecture**

5:30-7:30 pm at the NHS Wine and cheese during intermission

December 1—**Murder in Jarbridge**, with Richard Dorman, geologist and local historian. Come hear this tale of the last horse-drawn mail stage robbery (and murder!) on a snowy December day 96 years ago.

## High Noon: Shootout with Neal Cobb

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

December 15 - Karen Burns, of Karen Burns Productions, presents **Backstage Pass: Be**hind the Scenes and Seams, When Hollywood Came to Reno!

**Hello Hollywood, Hello!** was billed as The Biggest Show in the World, on The Biggest Stage in the World, appearing in The Biggest Little City in the World. Karen Burns was a professional dancer who appeared in the show. She owns over 1,250 of the original costumes. These spectacular pieces help to tell the story of when Reno was one of the entertainment capitals of the world!

Missed a High Noon lecture? Recordings of recent lectures are posted on the NHS website: *https://www.nvhistoricalsociety.org/flyers/* 

## **December Docent Birthdays**

Jana Dunn-12/17 Mui Lee-12/20 Roger Slugg-12/31

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