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The Nevada Historical Society at this time is **NOT** publishing an entire D C Bee newsletter due to the coronavirus (Covid-19)

However at this time we are updating the docents on what we have discussed and what we currently know in regards to the NHS.

At the time this was written, the Governor's Emergency Directive which ordered the closure of all non-essential businesses was set to expire on April 30. The Governor explained in a news cast on Tuesday, 21 April that the State will reopen in four (4) phases, which have as yet **not begun**. **There is NOT an announced date when businesses will resume**. The remainder of the school year has been cancelled and students will continue to do online classes/work from home.

When businesses do re-open, procedures will need to be put in place to protect both workers and visitors. In a recent video chat with the NHS Docent Council Board, NHS Director Magee indicated that one thing is certain: when open the NHS r, docent help will be crucial to provide services to the public.

Due to the loss of revenue to the state during the COVID-19 closures, budgets have been reduced and a hiring freeze is in place. Catherine has been told that the Library Technician position (Karalea's job) and the Curator of Artifacts position (Christine's job) will not be filled at this time. Interviews had been held for a revamped version of Michael's position, but final action was halted. Hopefully, that position will be filled soon.

Even so, that leaves very few staff to ccontinue the work of the NHS. Bottom line: when the NHS reopens, we hope all docents will return to help this institution we love.

All speakers and events scheduled by the NHS for the month of May, 2020 have been cancelled.

Other Notes

The NHS will be on short staff upon re-opening. Due to this some services will be curtailed until we are able to fully function. Information is posted on the NHS website so be sure to check it. The move to the Nelson Building is also being re-negotiated but we are still expected to move in June. The current NHS staff and docent council look forward to seeing everyone again soon

As an added note, be sure to check out the message from Dr. Catherine Magee on your email, which includes a photo of Dr. Magee working on the inventory.

NOTE

The upcoming move may feel a bit daunting and be causing some anxiety. Once again we would like to remind you that there is **NO** expectation for docents to help do **ANY** of the heavy lifting (*a crew will be hired to do all that*). Docent help will still be needed for preparing packing materials, help re-pack artifacts and other collections materials, so they are safe in the moving process. For people to assist in inventory/barcoding collections, etc.

Artown: Artown is still planned to occur this July. Since the NHS will be closed to visitors at that time, NHS docents will be presenting programs each Monday in July at two Washoe County libraries. The morning programs will be at the South Valleys library in Reno and will feature the Early Reno slide program. The afternoon programs will be at Spanish Springs library and will feature two 30 minute talks from a docent..

The Cities of Reno and Sparks, along with Lake Tahoe are cancelling programs and events. Before ascertaining that an event is actually going to occur check the websites to ensure that something you might be interested in is still occurring and if social distancing is involved. .

NHS speaks at Ollie:

Friday, May 8, 10—11:30am Moana ***“Past, Present, Future: What it Takes to Move a Museum”*** by Sherylyn Hayes-Zorn, curator of manuscripts, NHS

To date there are no changes in this schedule. Check with Ollie to ascertain that this program is still on or if it will be presented through zoom or the internet.

Dr. Catherine Magee and Joel Fowler are alternating with Sherlyn Hayes-Zorn every other day documenting and photographing inventory at the NHS in anticipation of the upcoming move.

Dr. Catherine Magee would like to know how everyone is doing during this time period. She will either contact, or attempt to contact, the docents via email and/or telephone to check up, catch up and help keep you posted on things.

You could also send an email and let her know what and how you are doing during this time.

Docent Meeting Speakers

September 4, 2020

HRPS

“Harvest of Homes”

Congratulations

to Docents with May Birthdays

3rd Susan Oddo

10th Sandi Bitler

Since there is not a docent council meeting in May I will include those with May birthday in this flyer.

6th Debra Brastoff

11th Arline Laferry

19th Joel Fowler

20th Angie Persigehl

NEVADA TRIVIA

- A. What is the highest point in Nevada?
- B. What Englishman established the first permanent ranch in Northeastern Nevada?
- C. What famous western lawman helped name the town of Tonopah in the early 1900's year?
- D. Name the river located just outside Eureka.
- E. What German engineer developed a method of timbering mines that revolutionized underground mining, and probably saved hundreds of lives?

A. Boudry Point at 13,140 ft B. George Lovelock / C. Wyatt Earp D. The Reese River E. Phillip Deidesheimer. His idea came from bee honycombs

ADDITIONAL NEWS

An update on Sam Macaluso is that he is doing well. He is scheduled for surgery or pre-op on 4 May 2020, once again, however with the hospitals doing only necessary/urgent surgeries his may be postponed a little bit. Sam states that he is doing well at this time.

Dorothy is self quarantining at home but is doing well..

Should you be one of the docents doing a wall display in the new building if you are working at home on it please remember to keep track of your time spent. so it can be added to your hours worked when we are able to return to the NHS

As noted before we will anticipate setting up our wall displays in September.

HOME MEANS NEVADA: STAY HOME, STAY SAFE