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Stan Paher
Favorite Ghost Town
ONLINE Thursday
November 5, 2020
10:00 am



Self-described desert rat and Nevada native Stan Paher wrote “Nevada Ghost Towns & Mining Camps” in 1970, after doing years of research

with over a thousand fellow Nevadans. Many printings and versions later, the book details the histories of 668 ghost towns along with travel directions. Full of maps and previously unpublished photos of the towns, the people and early Nevada life, the book won the national “Award of Merit” for its history. Stan has authored books and atlases about the west and since 1984 has been a book publisher, specializing in western books. Out of all of the ghost towns he has visited, one is Stan Paher’s favorite—we’ll learn which one when he presents this program, Favorite Ghost



Stan Paher has written over twenty books and numerous magazine articles about “mining camps and ghost towns” in the west, full of maps and photographs to entice the reader. His publishing house, Nevada Publications, has published over 100 books about the west. Stan is an energetic collector of rare books, maps, photographs, and memorabilia. From an early age, Stan has been drawn to mining camps and their histories, benefitting all of us with the knowledge gleaned.

Notes From Your Docent Council Board

New Council Board Candidates: The slate of potential officers for 2021 which will be presented to the Docent Council includes: Pam Walker, President; Linda Burke, Vice-President; Jody Covington, Secretary; Marc Ullom, Treasurer; Debra Brastoff, Statistician; Sandy Vickers-White, D C Bee Editor . Sam Macaluso will become the Past President/Parliamentarian.

Should anyone wish to submit their name or someone they know who might like to be a board member please submit the name as soon as possible.

We would like to say thanks to Russel & Kitty Umbraco, Betsy Morse for their tenure and volunteerism on the board and contributions to the NHS.

School Tours: Due to Covid-19 there will not be any in person school tours at this time. However discussions with the Washoe County School District indicate that teachers would like us to produce some virtual tours that they can use.

Several teams have been set up to work on the tours, with a due date of earl 2021. If you are interested in helping, please contact the appropriate team leader(s).

- . Mining in Nevada—Linda Burke and Sam Macaluso
- . Native Americans—Lorraine Petersen
- . Pioneers—Betsy Morse
- . Videography, photos, etc—Marc Ullom
- . Explorers and Fur Trappers—Linda Burke and Pam Walker

Parking Pass: Its that time of year again. You may currently pick yours up at the NHS front desk at any time.

Docent Dues: Dues of 15.00 are now due. Please forward you 2021 payment to Marc Ullom at NHS and be sure to indicate on your payment that it is for Docent Dues. Your payment may be mailed and/or if you are in the building you may insert your payment in Marc's time card located in the AGA area.

The four new docents who just before the shutdown will have the dues they paid in March applied to their 2021 dues.

Statistics: Debra Brastoff has requested that due to Covid-19 paper timecards are not practical. Debra asks that all docents who did projects for home including research for the walls, Artown talks and continuing education lectures, please email her your hours. Also email any other hours since March not logged to Debra via email at debranhs@gmail.com.

Did You Know: There are several different options available to docents to learn about the NHS and those articles and artifacts within the museum.

All docents receive the D C Bee which is updated monthly. It contains the upcoming speakers, events, what's happening at the museum, sports events, i.e., football at UNR, stories of Nevada, trivia and much more.

Docents may also go on Facebook, the NHS website, digital newsletters on constant contact, the quarterly publication, virtual tours on zoom, Eblasts and/or UTube.com

Nevada Trivia

- A. What was the old name for Lovelock?
- B. Who was Governor when the "new" Governor's Mansion was completed in 1909?
- C. Name the rancher that initiated cattle ranching in Nevada?
- D. Where was the first supersonic land speed record set?

A. Big Meadows B. Acting Governor Dickerson C. N.H. Mason D. The Black Rock Desert in 1997

Update: Before Covid-19 the NHS was open at 10:00 a.m. with the speaker of the month event beginning at 10:30 a.m. This gave opportunity for guests and docents to arrive and the speaker to prepare their presentation.

Now that we are doing zoom/virtual presentations we will begin at 10:00 am in lieu of 10:30 am. We will return to meeting at 10:30 when we again are able to meet in person.

Also don't forget to change your clocks for daylight savings beginning

November 1. (Fall back 1 hour)

Thank you To those docents who have assisted in the cleaning and rearranging the areas in the NHS. Dr. Catherine Magee would like you to know you did a great job and were much appreciated.

Virtual Talks— Due to the popularity of the Artown 2020 talks on the NHS website, we would like to upload more talks. This will be worked on after the virtual school tours are completed, so we'll start in the New Year. If you have a favorite artifact or something that you've researched which you think might make an interesting presentation, please contact Linda Burke lulubelle1986@yahoo.com for

Congratulations
To Docents with November
Birthdays

11th Barbara Weinberg
 29th Sam Macaluso

Docent Meeting
 Speakers
 10:00 a.m.

December 3, 2020

Neal Cobb

"Harold's Club"

Note: Due to Covid-19 and space distancing as mandated by the Governor these presentations will be presented through zoom on your computers.

Dr. Catherine Magee has requested those docents who signed up to do a mural wall for the new building consider using the research they have done (and the pictures which started the project) to put together a presentation. These could either be videoed presentations which are put on the NHS website or they could become short talks for the NHS.

The NHS in partnership with the Washoe County Library will be presenting High Noon Series. Registration is required on the Washoe County Library website. You may check the Calendar of Virtual Events to register.

November 19, 2020—Noon

Frank Mullin Jr.

My Lives As A Chautauqua Performer

Chautauqua is a living history presentation in which a scholar adopts the persona of a historical figure. The performer delivers a monologue as the person from the past, answers audience questions in character and then does a short Q&A session out of character.



December 17, 2020

Jim Bonar

The Black Rock Desert: A tour through the history and the Applegate Trail;

January 21, 2021

Bernie Carter

The Old Post Office Building

The following is an article Sheryln Hayes-Zorn printed to Facebook and is reprinted below if you did not receive it or are not on Facebook.

All articles must be approved so if you would like to present an article you have found please forward to me at sandy9white@gmail.com. I will present it to the Docent Council and if approved and agreed upon I will print it in the D C Bee.

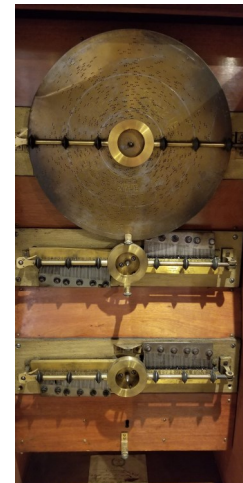


Coin Slot

MUSIC BOX



Gears



Music Box

Around 1880, music boxes progressed from working with cylinders to metal disks. The size and shapes changed but were still relatively expensive for the general public until the 1890s.

For the amusement of the general public, large coin-operated machines were developed and put in public places. The machines were built to be very sturdy and many still survive in museums and private collections.

This beautiful nickel-operated music box was purchased by the Mayer family to be installed and used at their Depot Hotel. The music box was shipped around the horn in 1895.

Charles E. Mayer and his family move to Fort Halleck, Elko County, in the early 1873 from Illinois. He was the post trader at Fort Halleck for fifteen years and then settled in Elko and took up the hotel business where he operated the Depot Hotel and Mayer Hotel. The Depot Hotel was a first-class house for the traveling public that visited Elko.

The Depot Hotel history started out as the Cosmopolitan Hotel that was built near the railroad tracks in 1869. In 1873, the hotel became the Chamberlain and eventually was renamed the Depot Hotel. The Myer family ran this business until they built a new hotel called the Mayer Hotel in 1904.

This music box is currently located in the NHS museum in the center area near the flour sack.

Nevada Historical Society

The Nevada Historical Society is Located at 1650 North Virginia Street in Reno, Nevada. The cost to visit the museum is Adults \$5/pp, free for Members and Children 17 & under.

Once again due to the Covid-19 museum hours are restricted and no docent tours are currently available. You may self tour with limited occupancy.

The museum is open to the public from 10:00 am -4:00 pm on Wednesdays; access to the museum on Thursday and Friday is by appointment.

The Research Library is open by appointment only Wednesday—Friday from noon—4:00 pm.

Docents are welcome Wednesday—Friday from 10:00 am -4:00 pm, but due to the need to limit occupancy and to have workstations available, please let Shery or Catherine know in advance when you plan to come.

You may self tour with limited occupancy.

After all the computers have been upgraded, the plan is to have scheduling software in place that docents can use to reserve workstations for specific times.

Catherine has set up a sign-up sheet on website <https://signupgenius.com/o/9040545ABA82AA7FB6> -admissions for those docents to sign up for volunteerism at the admission desk on Wednesdays.

A thank you to those docents who have already signed up.

ADDED NOTE: Here is a photo of the flowers that were placed by the gravesite of Jeannie Wier by the NHS

