

Nevada's Oldest Museum

The Nevada Historical Society is the oldest cultural institution in the state of Nevada. It was created in 1904 with newspaper publisher Robert Fulton as president and Jeanne Elizabeth Wier as executive secretary. Wier would become chairman of the Department of History and Political Science at the University of Nevada and Director of the NHS until her death in 1950.

Wier was the driving force behind the organization and collected materials of importance to Nevada's history — newspapers, manuscripts, photographs, maps, books and artifacts. Wier kept the collection in her home until the first permanent NHS facility opened on University Avenue in 1913.

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1650 North Virginia Street

Reno, Nevada 89503

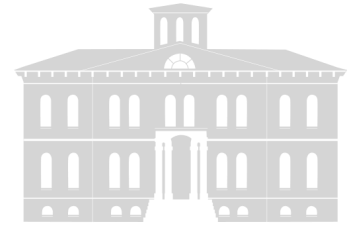
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<http://nvhistoricalsociety.org>

For more information, please call.

*The Nevada Historical Society is part of the Dept. of
Tourism & Cultural Affairs, Division of Museum & History*

NEVADA HISTORICAL SOCIETY



NHS Docent Council

Would you like to help history come alive at the
Nevada Historical Society?

Join our team and become a volunteer today!

The NHS Docent Council is a volunteer
organization that supports the mission and
activities of the Society for the past 40 years.



The next NHS Docent Training Class

Name

Address

Contact Numbers (s)

Email Address

Occupational background

Previous volunteer experience

Hobbies, interests, special skills

Museum Store: Learn to greet and direct visitors, ring up sales, answer basic questions, answer the phone, ring up Admission sales, help with store projects.

Front Office: Learn to greet and direct visitors, answer phones, transfer calls, give general information, use the cash register and credit card machine, instruct museum visitors about areas of museum, assist administrator with data entry, records, mail.

Gallery Tour Guide: You will be taken on a tour by an expert tour guide; then shadow a docent giving a tour of a section; learn the major areas of the museum: Native Americans, Mining, Transportation, Pioneer and Early Reno; learn about the various artifacts in the museum and how to engage adults and children's interest while giving a tour.

You will get the necessary training to work in the Museum Store, Admissions Office, Gallery Tours and Collections.



Docents perform vital work in all areas of the historical society, including in the galleries as tour guides, in the research library, artifacts, manuscript, and photograph collections, and in the front office and museum store.

To become a NHS Docent you must complete the two hour training class, and attend at least three lectures. You must become a member of Nevada Historical Society and the Docent Council, and commit to working a minimum of 48 hours per year for the Society and the Docent Council. Docent dues are \$15 annually.

To sign up for training and to apply for membership in the NHS Docent Council, fill out the form inside this brochure and return it to Docent Council, 1650 North Virginia Street, Reno, NV 89503. For further information, please call the Society at 775-688-1190.