



Happy Summer, everyone!

I hope you have had the opportunity to attend our **On The GO!** programs, in person or virtually, this year. We are excited to welcome our facilities manager, David Isbell, who will start on Monday, June 8, 2026. We will make sure to have a write-up about him in next month's newsletter.

I have been busy working on many projects: scheduling programming for our **On The GO!** series, researching collections and stories for our 2028 Nevada's Gilded Age exhibition, and working on fleshing out Nevada historical topics to explore in our galleries and virtual stories within our STQRY app! As new content goes live with our App, we will include information in future newsletters, our website, and social media posts.

Catherine Magee, Museum Director, continues to be very busy with the day-to-day operations and management of our renovation project. Here is her message:

- As our flagship building remains closed for renovations, the NHS will continue our award-winning programs throughout our community!
- Thanks to you and our community partners, our **Nevada Historical Society – On The GO!** programs were awarded the City of Reno Historic Preservation Award “in recognition of a significant historical project to promote historic preservation in the community.”
- Our staff and docents are on the go, too—see us at all the off-site programs plus other community events, including Reno Aces Education Day, Celebrate Washoe Valley, Silver Stage Career Fair, Animal Ark

Education Expo, and more. On June 6th, stop by our table at Folk Fest America250 at Idlewild Park.

- Our docents have been tremendous in their work onsite and off-site for the NHS and our community. My continued gratitude to our docents, community partners, members, and financial supporters—the NHS simply could not operate without you. THANK YOU ALL!!!

Debra Brastoff, Collections Manager, continues to be busy with working on collections data and managing the museum collections. Several of her volunteers have been assisting with editing records and hands-on work in collections storage.

Sarah Patton, Archivist, along with Theresa Nielson, Collections Technician, are diligently creating metadata for NHS records in Archives Space, processing and editing collection records, and answering local and out-of-state research requests. Are you working on family genealogy? Want to know what collection materials are available at NHS? Email Sarah at spatton@nevadaculture.org.

Kristina Hornback, Curator of Education, and her educational docents have been busy with outreach. Here is her message:

- The spring tabling season is in full swing with six events and one more to go. Over the last six weeks, we've had the opportunity to interact with over 11,000 people at events such as Reno Aces Education Days, Celebrate Washoe Valley, and Our Story's Community Celebration. Do you know of a community event that we are missing? Please let us know by emailing Kristina at khornback@nevadaculture.org.

Make sure to check out our June programs!

NHS Docent Council Lecture & Meeting

Thursday, June 4, 2026 | 10:30am

Our Docent Council lecture is scheduled in the PBS Reno community room on Thursday, June 4, 2026, at 10:30am. This month's speaker, McKenzi

Swinehart, Deputy Director of the Reno Little Theater, will talk on **Reno Little Theater & Good Luck Macbeth Theatre.**

Nevada History – On The GO!

Saturday, June 6, 2026 | 1–3:00pm (2-hour special program)

Our distinguished historian panel, Michael Fischer, Jeff Kintop, Stan Paher, and Linda Clements, will talk about **Nevada's Age-Old Question: Dayton vs Genoa.** This is an America250 Nevada program.

This is a special two-hour program that will look at the age-old question of whether Dayton or Genoa was the first settlement. Our distinguished panel of historians, who have spent years looking into this topic, will talk about the available historical documents, newspaper articles, and limited diary entries; the establishment of a mail station and route between Salt Lake City and Sacramento; and the cast of characters who worked and lived in the Carson Valley and Gold Canyon areas.

Here's your chance to find out if this ongoing debate can be resolved. This will be an engaging Nevada history program that you won't want to miss.

We want to thank Sierra View Library for being our community partner and hosting this lecture while we are closed for building renovations. The address is [4001 S Virginia St, Reno, NV 89502.](#)

[Click here for more lecture details.](#)

Writers' Wednesday – On The GO!

Wednesday, June 10, 2026 | 5:30–6:30pm (doors open at 5pm)

Tami Force—photographer, writer, and traveler—will share some of her ghost town adventures and speak about her books, "In the Shadow of the Eastern Sierra: Ghost Towns and Historical Sites in the Eastern Sierra-Northern Region" and "In the Glow of the Sierra: Ghost Towns and Historical Sites in the Eastern Sierra-Southern Region."

In "In the Shadow of the Eastern Sierra," Force writes about more than 70 historic sites and places in Lassen County, including Peter Lassen's Grave and Doyle, as well as Lake Tahoe and locations in Washoe County, Carson City, Douglas County, and Alpine County. In "In the Glow of the Sierra," Force turns

her attention to more than 80 ghost towns, mines, wagon trails, and rail lines that can be found in the area between Mono County and Kern County. Each entry is lavishly illustrated with high-quality photos and useful historical information about each featured place.

Tami has explored Nevada and eastern Sierra ghost towns and mining camps for 25 years. Since 2020, she has actively shared her love of ghost towns through Nevada Ghost Towns & Beyond, Radio Goldfield, and publications including Nevada Magazine. She is well known online as NV Tami. She presents to various historical societies and works with non-profit groups to preserve Nevada's historical resources.

We want to thank our community partner, the Knights of Pythias, for hosting this lecture while we are closed for building renovations. The address is [980 Nevada Street, Reno, NV 89503](#).

[Click here for more lecture details](#).

High Noon, A Virtual Lecture Series

Thursday, June 18, 2026 | 12pm

Thursday, June 18, 2026, at noon

Lou Anne Chessik, founder and president of the Showgirl Legacy Foundation, will talk about the history of her organization in **History of the Showgirl Legacy Foundation**.

Learn about the history of the Foundation and how this organization works to preserve and protect the historic significance of the iconic showgirl as a performing artist. The foundation achieves this through lectures, educational programs, and art and costumes exhibits in schools, museums, galleries, conventions, and other public venues.

Learn about the Showgirl Legacy Art Competition, a juried art show and costume exhibit, and The Showgirl Connection talk show, which features fellow entertainers sharing their stories and experiences from their performing days, produced by WWDBTV in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Lou Anne Chessik began ballet at the age of six and joined the Tacoma City Ballet company as a teenager. She studied in New York City with Martha Graham and Alvin Ailey, earning a full dance scholarship to Stephens College. Chessik's dancing career spanned from 1979 to 1991, where she performed in "Hallelujah Hollywood" at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas, "Jubilee" at Bally's Las Vegas, "Lido De Paris" and "Enter the Night" at the Stardust Hotel, "Hello Hollywood Hello" at the MGM Grand Hotel in Reno, and "Las Vegas by Night" at the Mikado Theatre in Tokyo, Japan.

[Click here to register for this program.](#)

NHS Artown Talks in July will be hot, hot, hot!

We are on the final countdown... only one month until our NHS Artown talks begin! Make sure to check out this year's Artown 2026 – On the GO! Every Saturday in July, join us for two FREE Artown talks and learn some new Nevada history facts!

[Check out the digital Artown Little Book.](#)

Saturday, July 4, 2026

For America's birthday, we are celebrating the history of our Nevada military with two America250 Nevada Programs.

1pm | Emerson Marcus | **Lexington, Concord and Nevada: The Militia Tradition and Its Evolution in the Silver State**

2:30pm | Caleb S. Cage | **Nevada in Literary Fiction of the Iraq and Afghanistan Wars**

Saturday, July 11, 2026

1pm | Buddy Frank | **From Rick's Resort to a \$120 Billion Entertainment Industry...And How Reno Got Left Behind**

2:30pm | Jean-Guy Tanner Dubé | **Nevada's Participation in Expositions and World's Fairs**

Saturday, July 18, 2026

1pm | Sydney Martinez | **Finding Nevada Wild: Stories of the Terrain, Culture, and People of the Most Mysterious State in the West**

2:30pm | Dr. George D. Baumgardner | **Sliding Bones on Historic Smith Creek
Playa in Central Nevada**

Saturday, July 25, 2026

1pm | M. Christina Schlosser | **DMV: A Cautionary Tale**

2:30pm | Joe Tingley | **Historical Mining in the Military Lands of South-
Central Nevada**

[Click here for more details.](#)

We want to thank our community partner, Nevada Sunset Winery, for hosting this free series. Nevada Sunset Winery is an official Artown Passport partner, which makes all our talks official passport events! [Make sure to check it out.](#)

We are in the initial planning stages of creating a special bus tour in late September or early October 2026 based on our June **Nevada History – On The GO!** program, **Nevada's Oldest Settlement: Dayton or Genoa**. We also have several people interested in an early spring 2027 tour at The Sutro Tunnel, both are in conjunction with our **Exploring Nevada** series. We have an online website form so you can register for this tour, or we have the old-fashioned signup sheet available at **On The GO!** offsite programs.

Don't forget to check out our [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) platforms, where we share our upcoming programs, news, and general history posts. The staff would like to thank you for your continued support as NHS just celebrated her 122nd Birthday!

Have a wonderful day,

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Curator of History

Keep up with our latest events and [follow us on Facebook!](#)



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