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**Our Mission:** To provide visibility and support for the gathering and dissemination of history about the roles and contributions of all Nevada women.

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## *Mary Anne and Chuck Convis Pass Away*



Mary Anne Convis passed away peacefully on November 24, 2021 in Grass Valley, Calif. at age 92. Six weeks later her husband Chuck Convis passed away on January 7, 2022, at age 95.

She was born on August 30, 1929 in Haynesville, La., to John Earl Crawley and Lottie Robison Crawley, and grew up in the East Texas oilfields in a loving family including older brother James Crawley (now of Norman, Okla.) and younger sister Charlotte Thomas (now of Houston, Tex.). She graduated from the University of Texas in Austin with a degree in Early Childhood Education. Throughout her life she championed education, particularly for women.

Mary Anne married Charles L. (Chuck) Convis in 1949. They had six children, and their love of new experiences and adventures led them to raising their children in places as diverse as Cambridge, Mass.; San Diego, San Rafael, and Redding, Calif.; San Marcos, Tex.; and Pittsburgh, Penn.

They retired to Carson City, Nev. in 1995, where **Mary Anne served as chair of the Nevada Women's History Project and co-chair of the Sarah Winnemucca Statue Committee. She was the NWHP Woman of Achievement in 2004.** She was an award-winning watercolorist, gifted seamstress, and lifelong reader who encouraged everyone around her to tell their stories through art and writing. Throughout her life she was involved in church activities, from serving as a church deacon and elder, to decorating the church altar.

In a bio written in 2014 Mary Anne said, "You can do anything you want to do if you want to do it bad enough. You may need to ask for help, but you can do it if you dream it." She lived this every day of her life and was particularly proud of teaching herself electrical wiring to build and wire the family vacation home in the mountains.

Mary Anne's family and loved ones remember her warmth, creativity, determined independence, and great luck on the Carson City slot machines. (Winnings included a car.) Her fierce dedication to women's causes, intellectual curiosity, and love of travel live on in her children, grandchildren, and the many friends and community members whose lives she touched. We mourn the loss of a true pioneer in Mary Anne Convis.

At the time of her death, Mary Anne was survived by a large and loving family: her husband of 72 years, Chuck Convis; children and in-laws Charles Convis, Jr. (Betsy), Margaret Convis Kadoyama (Bob), Jim Convis (Joy), Bill Convis (Sally), and David Convis (Christina); and 16 grandchildren, as well as a close circle of lifelong friends.

She was preceded in death by her firstborn child, Johnny (1951-1957).

To honor Mary Anne, please consider donating to the Nevada Women's History Project (<https://www.nevadawomen.org/donate/> ) or to your local women's history organization. Friends and loved ones can contribute to a digital memorial at <http://obituaries.neptune-society.com/obituaries/10469427>. A celebration of life is forthcoming in Spring 2022.

## *Membership Renewals and Donations - Sept - Dec 2021*

### **Honorary Members:**

Dawn Gibbons  
Betty Glass  
Dema Guinn  
Cherry Jones  
Kathy List  
Sandy Miller  
Kathy Noneman  
Kathleen Sandoval  
Lauralyn McCarthy Sandoval  
Kathy Sisolak  
Holly Van Valkenburgh  
Linda Wyckoff

### **Best Friend Forever:**

Lynn Bremer  
Grace Davis - **New**  
Vida Keller  
Sandy Raffealli  
Mona Reno  
Janet Spelman - **New**

### **Membership:**

#### **Individual - \$30**

Cheri Abbott  
K. Ellen Barkow  
Dana Bennett  
Madeline Carpenter  
Linda Clements  
Joyce Cox  
Kathy Drake  
Gail Duwe  
Francis Edison - **New**  
Carleen Ernest  
Jacki Falkenroth  
Candy Fife  
Carolyn Gardner  
Peggy Hamel  
Janice Hoke  
Abigail Johnson  
Susan Mullen  
Nancy Oakley  
Barbara Parish

Ron Reno  
Judith Reuter  
Yvonne Rickman  
Patrick Simpson  
Patty Wallace  
Holly Walton-Buchanan  
Alicia Wright  
Chelsea White

#### **Family of Two - \$55**

Catherine Cuccaro and  
Jeff Milligan  
Bonnie and Katie Drinkwater  
Barbara and Dave Finley  
Christianne and Jon Hamel  
Lisa-Marie and Bruce Lightfoot  
Lillian and Lin Manning  
Elizabeth Rassiga-White and  
Warren White

#### **Friend - \$100**

Faye Andersen  
Lynette Astors  
Patricia Cafferata  
Sue Davis  
Helen DeMarco  
Barbara Finley  
Carla Ford - **New**  
Sherry Griffin Grundy - **New**  
Terry Horgan  
Nancy Hudson  
Carol Hunter - **New**  
Ginnie Kersey  
Karen Morris  
Arlene Oakes  
Joy Orlich  
Diane Ross  
Carole Tripp  
Sue Wagner

#### **Best Friend - \$500**

Carolyn and Don Bernard  
Patti Bernard  
Marcia Cuccaro

**Organization - \$50**  
Nevada Women's Fund  
Zonta Club of Greater Reno

### **Donations:**

#### **General Fund:**

Gail Duwe - \$30  
Frances Edison - \$25  
Barbara Parish - \$20  
Alicia Wright - \$50  
Sue Wagner - \$100

### **Endowment Donations:**

**In Honor of**  
**Patti Bernard's Birthday**  
Marcia Cuccaro

#### **In Memory of** **Mary Anne Convis**

Patti Bernard  
Robin Glantz  
Bruce Gobi and  
Cheryl Boissoneau  
Janice Hoke  
Mona Reno  
Patty Wallace

### **Thank You All!**

**You are Critical to the**  
**Success of the Nevada**  
**Women's History Project!**

## *Jean Ford's Daughters Join the NWHP*

We are honored that Janet Lynn Ford Spelman and Carla Marie Ford, both Jean Ford's daughters, have joined the Nevada Women's History Project! We heartily thank them for their support of this Project that Jean founded. We honor Jean's goals and diligently work to keep her vision for women's history alive.

## Mark Your Calendars

Please join the NWHP for programs this year. For information on these programs contact Sue 775-722-2699 [shdavis4364@att.net](mailto:shdavis4364@att.net), Lynette 530-448-6448 [lynetteastors@gmail.com](mailto:lynetteastors@gmail.com), or Patti 775-826-3612 [awtuv1@gmail.com](mailto:awtuv1@gmail.com). Watch for emailed event flyers with registration information and Mail Chimp monthly news.

### Dancing for the Brain

Date: Monday, **January 24**  
Time: 6:00 p.m.  
Place: Ballroom of Reno  
2540 Sutro Street, Suite 4, Reno, Nev.  
Cost: \$5.00 suggested donation to NWHP

Come out on Monday and learn some swing dancing steps. It's a great workout for both mind and body.  
Contact or RSVP [Lynette](mailto:lynetteastors@gmail.com) for more information.

### Marjorie Russell Clothing and Textile Center

Date: Friday, **February 25**  
Time: 10:00 a.m.  
Place: 2351 Arrowhead Drive,  
Carson City, Nev. 89706  
Cost: \$15.00

Jan Loverin, curator, will provide a guided tour of the Center. You will enjoy and be amazed by the garments curated at this Center within the Nevada State Museum.

For those wishing to go to lunch afterward, a local restaurant will be chosen. Lunch is not included in the tour price.

Contact or RSVP [Sue](mailto:shdavis4364@att.net) for more information.

### Stewart Indian School Cultural Center & Museum

Date: Thursday, **March 17**  
Time: 10:00 a.m.  
Place: 1 Jacobsen Way, Carson City, Nev.  
Cost: not yet known

The Stewart Indian School was operated by the U.S. government for 90 years, from 1890-1980. It is part of the Nevada Indian Commission, a Nevada state agency. Long a dream of alumni and tribal leaders, the museum opened in January of 2020.

Contact or RSVP [Sue](mailto:shdavis4364@att.net) for more information.

### The Poetry and Biography of Irene Bruce

Date: Saturday, **April 9**  
Time: not yet known  
Place: Silver City School House  
385 High Street, Silver City, Nev.  
Cost: not yet known

A Nevada resident for over 50 years, poet Irene Bruce published more than 50 poems and three books of poetry. She lived in Silver City in the 1960s and 1970s. The event is part of a month long Poetry Festival at the School House.  
Contact [Patti](mailto:awtuv1@gmail.com) for more information.

The program committee has chosen both ZOOM and in-person programs for the year of 2022. We plan several travel events, as well as programs in both Carson City and Reno. We will also highlight some of our interviews from our Nevada Women, Gold in the Silver State as ZOOM programs with short updates on each individual.

<https://www.nevadawomen.org/research-center/media-center/gold-in-the-silver-state/>

Some events to look forward to are the Thunderbird Lodge at Lake Tahoe, the Nevada State Prison, and a wine walk in Carson City.

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## *NWHP - Membership Report*

### *December 31, 2021*

As of this date the membership of the NWHP has 144 members; composed of 120 members, 12 honorary, 6 life members, 6 organizations in good standing. More 2022 memberships coming every day.

Joy Orlich, Membership

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## *NWHP - Treasurer's Report*

### *December 31, 2021*

The Year-to-Date, as of December 31, 2021, financial report shows a bank and PayPal balance of \$81,777.87, \$426.72 in fixed assets, \$0.00 liability and a net YTD income of \$3,498.31. The total equity plus liability of the NWHP is \$82,204.59.

Michelle Gardner, Treasurer

## *New Best Friend Forever*

### *Grace Davis*



"The NWHP has done so much to preserve the valuable and fascinating history of women for future generations. So many women's histories have been lost in time. Too many history books have overlooked the contributions of women. Too often women's names were only a reflection of their husband's name.

Through the efforts of so many wonderful people, the NWHP gave Nevada its second statue in Washington, D.C., which recognized not only the contribution of a woman but a true native Nevadan and American.

Along with the Sarah Winnemucca Statue Project, as well as the preservation of women's histories, this organization truly deserves all the recognition and support we can provide."

Grace worked in the accounting and auditing fields before retiring. A second 'career' began when she joined the NWHP to help collect women's histories.

Grace is a fourth-generation Nevadan, whose family lived in Tonopah. Her husband Ken passed away in 2019. Grace lives in Sparks, and is fortunate to have children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren in Northern Nevada.

## *New Best Friend Forever*

### *Janet Spelman*

An introduction for Janet Spelman will be in the March 2022 *NWHP News*. We did not receive approval of her draft introduction, so we are delaying the article.

We always seek approval of private information and never reproduce unverified sources.

## *Biographies Added in 2021*

The NWHP added 12 biographies to our website.  
<https://www.nevadawomen.org/research-center/biographies-alphabetical/>

**Alice Addenbrooke**, 1881-1972, Civic Activist, Historian  
<https://www.nevadawomen.org/research-center/biographies-alphabetical/alice-addenbrooke/>

**Lucy Bouldin**, 1937-2021, Teacher, Librarian, Musician  
<https://www.nevadawomen.org/research-center/biographies-alphabetical/lucy-anna-winston-bouldin/>

**Marjorie Brown**, 1885-1987, Suffragist, Community Activist  
<https://www.nevadawomen.org/research-center/biographies-alphabetical/marjorie-brown/>

**Carrie Dann**, 1933-2021, Native American Environmental Activist  
<https://www.nevadawomen.org/research-center/biographies-alphabetical/carrie-dann/>

**Margaret Flick**, 1884-1968, Rancher and Horsewoman, Nevada Humane Society Trustee  
<https://www.nevadawomen.org/research-center/biographies-alphabetical/margaret-flick/>

**Doris Post Gann**, 1922-2012, Olympic Skier, Aviator, Conservationist  
<https://www.nevadawomen.org/research-center/biographies-alphabetical/doris-barbara-dodie-post-gann/>

**Delora Craw Hulse**, 1868-1944, Wife, Mother, Daughter, Rebekah Sisterhood  
<https://www.nevadawomen.org/research-center/biographies-alphabetical/delora-elmira-craw-hulse/>

**Sister Mary Mercy McCarran**, 1906-1966, Catholic Nun, Art, Music, Writing  
<https://www.nevadawomen.org/research-center/biographies-alphabetical/mary-ludmilla-mccarran/>

**Sister Margaret McCarran**, 1904-1998, Catholic Nun, Teacher, Writer, Community Assistant  
<https://www.nevadawomen.org/research-center/biographies-alphabetical/sister-margaret-patricia-mccarran/>

**Colanthe Florence Murphy**, 1911-2006, Aviation, Politics, Real Estate  
<https://www.nevadawomen.org/research-center/biographies-alphabetical/colanthe-florence-jones-murphy/>

**Carolyn Randall O'Callaghan**, 1935-2004, Nevada First Lady, Newspaper Publisher,  
<https://www.nevadawomen.org/research-center/first-ladies/carolyn-j-randall-ocallaghan/>

**Ethel Parker**, 1891-1970, Civic Clubs, Music, History, Journalism  
<https://www.nevadawomen.org/research-center/biographies-alphabetical/ethel-may-parker/>



## NWHP Garage Sale

On September 21st, the NWHP held its second garage sale in Patti Bernard's front yard.

The day before the garage sale, several members volunteered to help sort the donated items and Jackie Knight and Judy Hall, two members from the Assistance League, helped to price the items.

As with most garage sales, we had a large amount of people show up in the morning but by mid-afternoon we packed up the remaining items, which were donated to several local thrift stores.



Our profit for the day was \$548.00 but another \$200.00 was made from selling vintage cameras. Our total profit was \$748.00.

A huge thank you to everyone that donated items and those who helped sort, sell, and clean up!

Sue Davis

## JFRC Working in Dayton

The Jean Ford Research Center committee has been working in Dayton, Nev. at the Historical Society of Dayton Valley. We travel to museums and libraries to collect information for our [Repositories of Nevada Women's History](https://www.nevadawomen.org/Repositories-of-Nevada-Women's-History) website.



Janice Hoke, Mona Reno, and Margee Richardson. Patti Bernard had also been there. Photo by Laura Tennant.

## Nevada Day Parade

After a hiatus due to Covid in 2020, the Nevada Day Parade was back in 2021. The Nevada Women's History Project participated with one, if not the best float, in the parade.

The Nevada Day Theme was: "Historic Moments in Nevada" and certainly one of the most historic moments was the legislation granting the women of Nevada the right to vote! On November 3, 1914, Nevadans voted to give women the right to vote. On February 7, 1920, Nevada was the 28th state to ratify the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution ensuring women's right to vote nationally.

The NWHP Nevada Day float depicted the signing of the ratification ceremony which took place in Governor Emmet D. Boyle's office. NWHP member, Jeff Milligan, portrayed Governor Boyle surrounded by the women who watched the signing of the amendment.

We thank Mona and Ron Reno for providing the truck and flatbed for the float as well as the platform containing the desk of our acting Governor. Our float was adorned with flags and suffrage banners and some members marched behind the float.

The day was perfect – sunny and warm – especially for October 31st in Nevada - and the crowd appeared appreciative of our efforts to bring them a bit of history.

Marcia Cuccaro



Participants (not all pictured) were Lynette Astors, Patti Bernard, Catherine Cuccaro, Marcia Cuccaro, Michelle Gardner, Janice Hoke, Lisa-Marie Lightfoot, Jeff Milligan, Nicolle Morrison, Joy Orlich, Mona and Ron Reno, Torrie Wedeman, and Alicia Wright. Photo by Patti Bernard.

## *Featured Historic Nevada Woman:*

### **MARIAN ALICE WRIGHT MCCLELLAN**

**First woman Pershing County Commissioner promoted mining, roads, sewer and water systems**

#### *At a glance:*

**Born:** March 31, 1941, Cripple Creek, Colo.

**Died:** September 7, 2019, Reno, Nev.

**Maiden Name:** Wright

**Married:** J.W. McClellan, November 3, 1967

**Children:** Megan McClellan, John Hill

**Race/Nationality/ethnic background:** Caucasian

**Primary city and county of residence and work:**

Lovelock, Pershing County, Nev.

**Major Fields of Work:** County Commissioner, activist, assayer



Photo courtesy of Carol Clanton

A place in history was secured when Marian Alice Wright McClellan, 78, the first woman elected as a Pershing County Commissioner, died Saturday September 7, 2019, at Renown Medical Center in Reno, Nev.

McClellan and her husband were owners of several small businesses, mining ventures and claims, a mobile home park and an assay laboratory in Upper Valley, near Lovelock, Nev.

Marian was born March 31, 1941, in Cripple Creek, Colorado, to Alice and F.M. Wright. She grew up in Colorado, Arizona and Utah with her two brothers, Dan and Dale Wright. She graduated from high school in Moab, Utah.

She married J.W. McClellan on November 3, 1967 in Coleman County, Texas. Prior to coming to Lovelock, he was a U.S. Air Force pilot stationed near Frankfurt, Germany. The family moved to Pershing County in 1972. Marian's father owned F.M. Wright Mining Company and the couple and her brothers joined her parents in the business. She took a class at the University of Nevada, Reno on assaying to ensure miners would have good assays on their ore. She was an assayer for around 20 years.

In 1978 she became chairman of the Pershing Concerned Citizens (PCC). The group was organized by ranchers, miners and small business owners to protect their rights against the U.S. government's encroachment with

wilderness designations by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and other government entities.

She testified at the Nevada Legislature hearings on BLM wilderness proposals and the need to keep Nevada lands open to all citizens. Only one area in Pershing County was designated as wilderness at that time. She held the chairmanship for more than 10 years.

Pershing County faced several economic changes in the early 1980s and 1990s. Following the Interstate 80 bypass of Lovelock, its county seat, in 1982, economic development and government projects slowed down. Her service to the county was instrumental in keeping local businesses viable and strong.

McClellan was an activist in the "Sagebrush Rebellion" as she worked with members of the Nevada Miners and Prospectors, a group of small independent miners, to improve mining economic conditions. Later she was appointed as a member of Nevada Legislative Committee on Public Lands from 1985-1992.

Elected to the Pershing County Board of County Commissioners in November 1984, she began working with Commissioners Robert Maher, Frank Rutherford and Roger Mancebo in January 1985 to improve economic conditions throughout the county.

As commissioner representative on the Pershing County Roads Department, she sought improvement on the roads in Grass Valley, Imlay, Cosgrave, Mill City as well as in Upper Valley and Lower Valley.



Serving as the commissioner and county representative to the Imlay sewer and water systems board, McClellan and the board sought grant funding for a complete new sewer and water system. The project was mandated because of the health risks to the towns' residents who were pouring bleach down the lines to disinfect the pipes. Other facilities like the fire departments in Imlay and Grass Valley were also updated.

She also represented the county on the Economic Development Authority which included the Tourism Board and the Community Center Board. The authority was able to convince state officials to build the Lovelock state prison (Lovelock Correctional Center facility), northeast of Lovelock. In 2019, McClellan supported the prison system plan to build a minimum-security camp in Pershing County.

The tourism board also sought to bring conventions to the county's fairly new building. The Nevada Association of County Commissioners agreed to hold their annual meeting there after an invitation from the local board. While commissioner, she also served as a vice president of NACCO in 1992. Marian was a member of Soroptimist International of Lovelock for several years.

Marian McClellan is buried in Lovelock's Big Meadow Cemetery.

### **Researched and written by Carol Marshall-Clanton**

#### **Sources of information:**

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"Miner elected." *Reno Gazette-Journal* (Reno, Nevada), March 7, 1980, p32.

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## *National Suffrage Memorial Staff Praises*

### *Nevada Suffrage Website*

During 2020 the United States had a nationwide reminder that woman's right to vote was hard fought and hard won. There were several national level organizations responsible for this major effort.

[2020 Women's Vote Centennial Initiative](#)

[National Votes for Women Trail](#)

[Turning Point Suffragist Memorial](#)



"The Turning Point Suffragist Memorial commemorates the millions of little-known women who engaged in the suffragist movement primarily from 1848 through passage of the 19th Amendment in 1920 that allowed most women to vote. This memorial is both a visual symbol and educational tool that elevates them to their proper place in history," quote from their website. The memorial is located in Lorton, Virginia, near the Occoquan Workhouse where 168 suffragists were once held.

As part of this memorial they produced pages for state centennial celebrations. Nevada's page is at:

[www.tpsuffragistmemorial.org/state-campaigns/nevada](http://www.tpsuffragistmemorial.org/state-campaigns/nevada)

They used Sally Zanjani's blog, an article written by Anne Martin, our timeline, and other relevant Nevada items. Mona Reno had email correspondence with Emily McCoy of the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial in the development of our state page.

Emily said the following about our [Nevada Suffrage Centennial](#) webpage.

**"Thank you so very much for your kind responses and for the absolutely fantastic informative and thorough website for the Woman Suffrage Centennial."**

Congratulations to everyone who made this website praise worthy!

Mona Reno

## *Nevada Women: Lives well lived- We remember their contributions*

As 2021 ends, we learn of the passing of NWHP founding member, Mary Anne Convis. July saw the passing of founding member, Fritsi Ericson. NWHP was fortunate to obtain the oral histories of both ladies which prompted us to ask the question: How many other outstanding women that we have interviewed since 2014 have died?

In NWHP partnered with the Women of Diversity Productions, Inc. in conducting over 80 interviews for their 2014 Sesquicentennial project. This inspired NWHP to think about making our own oral history website and we obtained an initial grant of \$10,000 from the John Ben Snow Memorial Trust in 2014. Thus, our webpage, [Nevada Women - Gold in the Silver State](https://www.nevadawomen.org/gold-in-the-silver-state) was born. We have been fortunate to obtain subsequent grants to continue our oral interview project. Cumulatively we have interviewed 146 women in 13 counties since 2014 - from Reno in Washoe County to the town of Baker in White Pine County. The women listed below have passed away. We urge you to click on the hot links after each woman's name to view their video and celebrate with us, their outstanding community service.

**Lucy W. Bouldin**, Virginia City, Nev. 1937-2021. <https://womenofdiversity.org/lucy-w-bouldin> (Interviewed 2014). Vocalist, Educator, Librarian.

**Mary Anne C. Convis**, Carson City, Nev. 1925-2021. <https://womenofdiversity.org/mary-anne-convis> (Interviewed 2014). Community activist, Artist, Past Nevada Women's History Project Chair.

**Fritsi Hancock Ericson**, Reno, Nev. 1938-2021. (Interviewed 2017). <https://www.nevadawomen.org/ericson-fritsi-reno-washoe> (Interviewed 2017). Community activist, Founding member: Nevada Women's Fund, Nevada Women's History Project.

**Sister Michael Fox** (Ada Marie), Reno, Nev. 1928-2018. (<https://www.nevadawomen.org/fox-ada-sister-michael-fox-reno-washoe>) (Interviewed June 2017). Carmelite Sister, Artist.

**Gertrude Riordan Gottschalk**, Carson City, Nev. 1916-2019. <https://www.nevadawomen.org/research-center/biographies-alphabetical/gertrude-riordan-gottschalk> (Interviewed 2014). Community Activist, State Democratic Party Chairman.

**Judy Harris**, Dayton, Nev., 1925-2021. <https://womenofdiversity.org/judy-harris/> (Interviewed 2014). Musician, Librarian & Teacher.

**Virginia Shaw Henningsen**, Gardnerville, Nev., 1928-2021. <https://womenofdiversity.org/virginia-s-henningsen/> (Interviewed 2014). Dairy Rancher, Community Leader.

**Jane Lehrman**, Gardnerville, Nev., 1932-2019. <https://womenofdiversity.org/jane-lehrman/> (Interviewed 2014). Teacher, Musician, Journalist.

**Rachel Bailey Marshall**, Eureka, Nev., 1929-2018. <https://womenofdiversity.org/rachel-bailey-marshall/> (Interviewed 2014). Mixed Grass Farmer.

**Rosaline Alves Mateas**, Lovelock Nev., 1920-2019. <https://womenofdiversity.org/rosaline-alves-mateas-lovelock> (Interviewed 2014) Community Activist, Historian.

**Marian McClellan**, Lovelock, Nev., 1941-2019. <https://womenofdiversity.org/marian-alice-mcclellan/> (Interviewed 2014). Former Pershing County Commissioner, Mining Assayer.

**Bonnie Matton**, Dayton, Nev., 1943-2020. <https://womenofdiversity.org/bonnie-matton/> (Interviewed 2014). Freelance Journalist, Wild Horse Advocate.

**Elsie Hatano Nozu**, Reno, Nev. 1921-2019. <https://womenofdiversity.org/elsie-nozu> (Interviewed 2014). Japanese Internment Survivor, Traveler.

**Maxine Peterson Rebaleati**, Eureka, Nev. 1925-2016. <https://womenofdiversity.org/maxine-rabaleati> (Interviewed 2014). Educator, Eureka Museum Founder.

**Grace Ricci**, Dayton, Nev., 1927-2016. <https://womenofdiversity.org/grace-ricci/> (Interviewed 2014). Rancher, Former County Commissioner's Wife.

**Linda Hiebert Sekiguchi**, Gardnerville, Nev. 1945-2019. <https://womenofdiversity.org/linda-hiebert-sekiguchi> (Interviewed 2014). Educator, World Traveler.

**Sarah Sweetwater**, Elko, Nev. 1940-2015. <https://womenofdiversity.org/sarah-sweetwater> (Interviewed 2014). Educator, Artist, Great Basin Art Department Founder.

**Gwen Thacker**, Elko, Nev., 1943-2021. <https://womenofdiversity.org/gwen-anne-thacker/> (Interviewed 2014). Retired Educator.

**Norma Bass Washington**, Reno, Nev. 1931-2021. <https://womenofdiversity.org/norma-bass-washington> (Interviewed 2014). Educator, Performing Artist.

**Sister Joan Williams**, Reno, Nev. 1927-2017. <https://www.nevadawomen.org/williams-joan-sister-joan-reno-washoe> (Interviewed June 2017). Carmelite Sister, Author, Editor.



*Here are the women NWHP interviewed in 2014 for the  
Women of Diversity Productions, Inc.*

**Carson City****Mary Anne Convis**

Brenda Erdoes

**Gertrude Gottschalk**

Barbara Mackey

Sally Whipple Mooney

Sherry Rupert

**Churchill**

Paulie Alles

Bunny Corkill

Rachel Dahl

Michelle Dondero

Doris Dwyer

Trudy Erquiaga

Loretta Guazzini

Michon Mackedon

Gwen Washburn

**Douglas**

Dianna de Borges

Jill Derby

**Virginia Henningsen**

Joyce Hollister

**Jane Lehrman****Linda Hiebert Sekiguchi**

Maggie Tracey

**Elko**

Joan Anderson

Pam Borda

Linda Blohm

Cynthia Delaney

Anita Anacabe Franzoia

Lori Gilbert

Mary Korpi

Susan Green Martsolf

Cathy McAdoo

Ester Quilici

Jean Spratling

**Sarah Sweetwater****Gwen Anne Thacker**

Catherine Wines

Claudia Wines

**Eureka**

Mary Damele

Mary Etchegaray

**Rachel Marshall****Maxine Rebaleati**

Ree Taylor

Barbara Todd

Sherri Wilker

**Humboldt**

Sharon Allen

Linda Dufurrena

Evelyn Harmon

Di An Putnam

Rene Vesco

**Lander**

Angie Gonzalez

Jan Morrison

Alicia Price

Lori Price

Coxie Roberts

Ami Rogers

Paula Tomera

Krissi Tucker

Patsy Waits

**Lyon****Judy Harris**

Jannette Hoffert

Mabel Masterman

**Bonnie Matton****Grace Ricci**

Nancy Sbragia

Ruth Small

Laura Tennant

Lee Vecchiarelli

Kay Winters

**Pershing****Rosaline Mateas****Marian McClellan**

Virginia Rose

Patricia Rowe

Carol Shank

**Storey****Lucy Bouldin**

Connie Carlson

Joyce Hess

Deborah Loesch-Griffin

Barbara Mackey

**Washoe**

Karen Abbott

Marybel Batjer

Pat Burgess

Jean Carbon

Gwendolyn Clancy

Kathleen Clemence

Demetrice Dalton

Barbara Finley

Mary Lee Fulkerson

Bobbie Gang

Nancy Hall

Georgia Hedrick

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**Norma Washington**

To view all 150+ of the Nevada Women's Legacy Interviews go to  
<https://womenofdiversity.org/project/nv-womens-legacy-interviews-a-z/>

*Here are the women NWHP interviewed for the Gold in the Silver State*

**Carson City**

Loretta Fajardo Cerocke

Pat Holub

Florence Suenaga

**Churchill**

Fern Lee

**Clark**

Kathy Ong Sisolak

**Eureka**

Arlene Damele

Anna Burkhardt McKay

**Lander**

Deann Helming

Anne Miles

**Lyon**

Kay Bennett

Cheri Emm-Smith

Vida Keller

**Washoe**

Lucille Adin

Lynn Atcheson

Marybel Batjer

Carolyn Bernard

Patricia Cafferata

**Fritsi Ericson****Sister Michael Fox, OCD**

Ruth Hilts

Dorothy Nash Holmes

Diane Loper

Marilyn Melton

Jane Moon

Evelyn Longs Mount

Bertha Mullins

Jennifer Satre

Sister Claire Sokol, OCD

Barbara Thornton

Jane Tors

Sue Wagner

Dorismae Weber

**Sister Joan Williams, OCD**

Isabelle Wilson-Rodriguez

Dolora Zajick

**White Pine**

Gretchen Baker

Abigail Johnson

Denys Koyle

## President's Corner

Patti Bernard

### Hello NWHP members

I would like to wish you all a most happy and healthy new year. A huge thanks to those of you that renewed your membership promptly. It definitely makes our record keeping easier. Please remember, NWHP is on a calendar year basis-January 1 to December 31. We added the PayPal option for membership renewal this year, but whatever you choose, we are appreciative of your organization support.

### In-Person Programs

NWHP is hopeful that Covid will abate, and we are starting off the new year with that very positive thought in mind. Planned is a slate of events that will run from January through December. You will see under our "Calendar" that our venues for the first quarter of the year are both in Reno and Carson City. However, before 2022 ends we have planned events in Lake Tahoe and Silver City for you to attend. Strict Covid protocols will be adhered to. The dates and events will be listed in future newsletters as well as our monthly "E Blast."

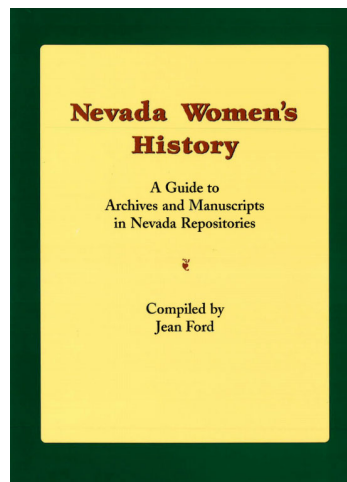
### New program addition:

NWHP is adding ZOOM programs in order to highlight some of the great interviews we have conducted over the last five years with Nevada women, and which are housed on our website "Nevada Women - Gold in the Silver State." We are in the planning stage, but we hope to begin this new facet of our programs this coming February. More information will follow. If you know of someone that you think should be interviewed, please let us know. NWHP uses grant funding for interviews, so our number of interviews matches the particular grant amount. We keep a running list of potential interviewees and welcome names to draw from.

### A link with our founder, Jean Ford

We are pleased to welcome to our membership Janet Ford Spelman and Carla Ford, both daughters of our founder, Jean Ford, and living in Las Vegas. Jean represented Clark County in the State Legislature before moving to Northern Nevada where she passed away in 1998. We are 'tickled pink' to resume the 'Ford' relationship.

## Repositories of Nevada Women's History



This [Guide](#) was published as part of the Nevada Women's Archives Project established in 1992 at UNR Special Collections by Jean Ford. The purpose of the Women's Archives effort was to "collect, preserve, catalog, and provide accessibility to the papers and records of Nevada women and women's organizations."

As part of the NWHP goal to remain relevant with technology changes we began going to libraries, archives, and museums again to create an online Guide with links to video and database sites.

That resource has been on our [nevadawomen.org](http://nevadawomen.org) website for several years with the name "Interviews-Alpha List." However, we didn't want to lose the connection to the original work and subsequent publication. We requested and received permission from UNR Special Collections to scan and post the 1998 publication.

The original link has been renamed [Repositories of Nevada Women's History](#) and provides both resources. There is a link to download the entire 1998 Guide. The spreadsheet with the new material follows an explanation of its creation and navigation of the information. Links within the spreadsheet are live and will take you to more information or to the actual item. Please keep in mind that links change at the materials source. We will try to keep these current.

As the introduction to the site states, there are currently over 11,000 entries in the spreadsheet. The suffrage centennial commemoration took much time and the repository spreadsheet hasn't been updated since 2019, but it will be updated during 2022 with several hundred new entries.

Mona Reno

## NEVADA WOMEN'S HISTORY PROJECT

## Membership Form

Membership is for January thru December of each year.

**Persons joining after August 15 will be members for that year and the next full year.**

Thank you for your ongoing support of the Nevada Women's History Project. You are vital to maintaining our educational website of women's biographies and interviews, having special events and to offset the operational costs of the NWHP.

Please notice that we have added a lifetime membership category, Best Friend Forever. All membership comes with an event discount and a newsletter. All levels of membership may be tax deductible since NWHP is an educational non-profit.

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## NWHP Name Badge

You can still order a name badge for the NWHP. These have a magnet on the back. The cost is \$15.00.

Contact Mona at [renomrl65@gmail.com](mailto:renomrl65@gmail.com) with how you wish your name to appear on the badge.



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