

Nevada Women on the Move Through History

First Biennial Nevada Women's History Project Conference...

Mark March 2 and 3 on your calendar! The Nevada Women's History Project's 1st Biennial Conference is coming up fast and promises to be an exciting event filled with opportunities for learning, networking, and fun.

At the starting gate on Sunday, March 2nd, at the National Auto Museum are several happenings

including living history presentations by such historical in-the-driver's seat women as Sara Bard

Field, Anne Martin, and Bird Wilson. The opening plenary, focussing on NWHP, its members and activities, will include a specially prepared video presentation. Guided tours of the museum will emphasize the relationship of women and the automobile with special exhibits on Nevada. A photo display on auto and other forms of transportation involving Nevada women throughout the years is planned. This should provide some humorous and nostalgic mileage. A welcoming reception winds up the day.

Halfway down the track, moving over to the Sands Regency Hotel on Monday, March 3rd, an impressive lineup of presentations and workshops is scheduled. Jump starting the day will be Dr. Virginia Scharff, author of the book, *Women and the Coming of*

the Motor Age, history professor at the University of New Mexico, and dynamic public speaker. She will address the issue of women and mobility. Following Scharff will be presenters jockeying for position to feature women prospectors, women on the Comstock, pioneer women, women in politics, women in medicine and health care, women in the military, historic women's fashions in the Silver State, women minorities, and women in the Washoe culture. In addition, "how-to" sessions will

include oral history taking, publishing articles, accessing materials, document-

tary making, research methods, and records management for clubs.

Moving on to the finish line, the closing reception promises to be a thriller in the final push to complete the conference with flair. It will involve attendees in "honoring the past" and "planning for the future" with plenty of opportunity for letting those creative juices flow.

NWHP members and other potential attendees should have received the conference registration packet in January. Call Jean or Kay at 322-7754 if you can't find yours and we'll express one to you.

All aboard - the NWHP Women's History Conference is about to begin! Mail in your conference registration soon (you save \$ by registering before February 15th) and get ready for a great time as we celebrate!

Register Today for

NWHP First Biennial Conference!

Nevada Book Assessment Project a Major Contribution to Education

Computer printouts of Nevada books in school libraries...purple assessment forms asking about inclusion of Nevada women in text, photos and documentation...volunteer researchers from Boulder City and Elko to Winnemucca and Carson City carefully reviewing their assigned books...interlibrary loan doing a record business around the State...results arriving daily in NWHP Reno office...summaries entered into computerized data base...editing underway for annotated bibliography...excitement mounts as publication takes shape and is prepared for printing and distribution at the March, 1997, Nevada Women's History Conference.

All these elements and more describe the high-priority statewide Nevada Book Assessment Project launched by the Nevada Women's History Project in the Fall of 1996. It's

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Research at the Bancroft with Anne Howard

Dr. Anne Howard, Professor of English at UNR, and acclaimed author/scholar of Anne H. Martin of Nevada suffrage fame, will lead an NWHP-sponsored research field trip to the Bancroft Library at UC Berkeley in late May.

Coordinated by Jean Ford and Sally Wilkins, the three-day trip, May 29-31, is open to all members of NWHP,

university students and to the

public at large. The purpose? To become familiar with this research institution which holds extensive manuscripts and other primary source material relevant to Nevada history, and to encourage new research and publication from the examination of those materials.

Those signing up for the trip should also plan to attend a pre-trip orientation on Wednesday, April 23, on the UNR campus. Dr. Howard will give an orientation to research at the

Bancroft; attendees will learn how to access the Bancroft catalog "online" and be responsible for selecting some aspect of Nevada history to research during the Bancroft visit. Those selections will be forwarded to the Bancroft staff so that the needed manuscripts, diaries, photographs, or other primary source materials, will be ready and waiting upon our arrival.

Participants will carpool to Oakland on Thurs-

day, May 29, share a potluck dinner and then be house guests of friends of Sally Wilkins in the Oakland/Berkeley area. Friday, May 30, will be spent at the Bancroft Library. After historical sightseeing on Saturday morning, the group will return to the Reno area that afternoon.

The payment of a \$25.00 registration fee to cover coordination and background materials will hold you a seat on this trip, which will be limited to twenty individuals. Home hospitality will be provided; registrants will pay for most of their own meals, extra entertainment, and share in carpooling expenses.

For further information, call 322-7754.

Dr. Anne Howard--scholar and author of Anne H. Martin The Long Campaign

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recertification course were to immerse teachers in Nevada women's history resources and to send the educators back to their classrooms with ready-to-use materials, lesson plans, and new ideas to use in their teaching.

Participants in the class were able to hear from Jane Lake, a Reno resident of the late 1800's, played by Pat Klos; Anne Martin, who was instrumental in the suffrage movement in Nevada, played by Roz Works; and Eilley Oram Bowers, a colorful figure from Washoe Valley, played by Mary Harris and introduced by Tammi Buzick. Jean Ford lectured on *Women on the Comstock in Politics and Civic Betterment* and led a tour of the "Nevada Women Emerging into Public Life" exhibit at the Nevada Historical Society Museum.

Lynn Sawyer, curriculum coordinator for WCSD, spoke to the class about the importance of integrating materials about women, especially Nevada women, into the classroom curriculum. Ms. Sawyer has met with the NWHP several times and is supporting the project's efforts.

Asked whether she considered the class a success, Wilkins said, "It was worth every ounce of effort we put into it and as a result, many of those who took the class are already planning and implementing Nevada women's history into their own classroom materials. In addition, four teachers at Wooster High school in Reno are planning a week-long women's history week in March. I think this week is a great first start!"

Others stated the class "gave me brief biographies of women which will save me time;" "I like the activities for grades 7-12 and will share the biographies with my colleagues who teach Nevada History;" and "Yes, I plan to integrate 'women's history' into my curriculum."

NWHP First Teacher In-Service Training a Success

NWHP's first teacher in-service class, held November 12-16, 1996, was a great success. Thirty-three teachers from Washoe County School District (WCSD) attended the workshop which was coordinated by NWHP member and WCSD teacher Sally Wilkins. The overall goals of the fifteen hour

Maude Frazier

Nevada Pioneer in Education

by Dana Bennett

Born on April 4, 1881, in Sauk County, Wisconsin, and graduated from the University of Wisconsin, Maude Frazier came to Nevada when she was 22 years old and quickly began a life dedicated to public service in her adopted state. The only event able to stop this dynamic and productive woman was her death on June 20, 1963.

Frazier started her teaching career in Genoa in 1903. From 1904 until 1912, she taught in Lovelock, the new mining town of Seven Troughs, Beatty and Goldfield where she also served as the elementary school principal. From Goldfield she went to Sparks and soon became principal of the high school.

Her administrative career began in 1921 after defeating several male applicants for the position of Deputy State Superintendent of the Fifth Supervision District (Clark, Lincoln, and most of Nye Counties). Her domain included 63 school districts covering a total of 40,390 square miles with a school enrollment of 2,824 students. In 1927, she became Superintendent of the Las Vegas Union School District, a post she held for 20 years. The Educational Directory indicates that Maude Frazier was the first woman in both of these offices.

In 1950, after three years of retirement from the public school system, Frazier, a Democrat, became the first woman elected to the State Legislature from Clark County. As an Assemblywoman, she was instrumental in establishing a university campus in Las Vegas. Until that time, Reno had the only university campus in Nevada. In her honor, the first structure built on the Las Vegas campus was named the Maude Frazier Building.

Certainly, Frazier's legislative career reflects her interest in all education issues. She introduced numerous bills addressing education issues and served as Chair of the Assembly Committee on Education during each of her seven sessions. Neva Waters (R-Mineral) in 1929, was the first woman to chair this committee, but Frazier was the first to chair it for more than one session. Since Frazier's last session in 1961, no other woman has chaired the committee. During her tenure in the Assembly, an addition to Las Vegas High School was named Frazier Hall in recognition of her devotion to education.

Frazier was a busy Legislator. During her first term, she, like many Assemblywomen before her, introduced few bills. In 1953, however, Frazier came into the session with her bill drafts blazing introducing 16 measures (the first Assemblywoman to sponsor more than 10). Fifteen were approved. In subsequent sessions, Frazier introduced a range of bills from two (1957) to 17 (1955). Half of Frazier's measures were passed and signed by the Governor.

Frazier's legislative interests were varied and resulted in her appointment to the Assembly Committee on Ways and Means, a first for women. In 1955, she introduced two resolutions proposing constitutional amendments that still affect the Legislature today. Assembly Joint Resolutions No. 26 and 27 repealed the constitutional limitation on the length of a regular legislative session and established a limitation on the length of time a Legislator could be paid for a regular session. Both proposals were approved by the votes in 1958. Consequently, a legislative session is not

required to end after 60 days, but legislators cannot be paid for more than 60 days.

Another Frazier resolution, Assembly Joint Resolution No. 28, amended the Constitution to provide for annual sessions. Approved by the voters in 1958, they subsequently reversed themselves in 1960.

Frazier's legislative career included other important milestones: first woman elected to a third Assembly term and Assemblywoman elected to the most terms (this record broken by Eileen Bookman elected to an 8th Assembly term in 1989). Frazier's political life was crowned in 1962 with her appointment as Lt. Governor, the first woman to serve in that position and in such a high office. The only other statewide offices held by women to that point were Regent, Superintendent of Public Instruction, and Clerk of the Supreme Court.

Frazier accepted the appointment with the understanding she would not run for the seat in the 1962 election. At 81 years old, it probably was time, finally, to retire. On September 6, 1962, Governor Grant Sawyer was out of the state on official business and Frazier acted as Chief Executive.

Maude Frazier had a powerful effect on the State of Nevada, on Clark County, and on Las Vegas in particular. As the 1964 Special Session noted in the resolution memorializing her, Frazier's death ended "a career of public service unparalleled in the history of this state."

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Research Registry

Our registry of those researching Nevada women in history continues to grow with the following additions:

- ◆ First Lady Sandy Miller, doing video interviews with women and men who lived in the Governor's Mansion as children. (See Calendar for details of Sandy's presentation at February 18 Research Roundtable)
- ◆ Delores Bowman, Carson City: Fourth Ward School alumni, Virginia City.
- ◆ Shirley Burman, Sacramento: women in railroading
- ◆ Esther Early and Ruth Armstrong Smith, Reno: women students at UNR during WW II.
- ◆ Beverly McBride, Reno: Eliza Buckland of Buckland Station
- ◆ Peter E. Palmquist, Arcata, CA: women photographers of the West
- ◆ Cindy Reynolds, Reno: Sisters of Charity on the Comstock.
- ◆ Dr. Lynn Ruegama, UNLV: early Nevada educators-one-room school houses

We welcome additional names of researchers. Please include address, phone, fax, and e-mail, focus, time frame, etc. We will maintain all this information in our office and add to this list in subsequent issues of the *NWHP News*.

Monthly Research Roundtables in Reno and Carson City continue to draw interest; this Spring we add one in Gardnerville at the Carson Valley Museum and Cultural Center. See the full schedule as part of the NWHP-North Calendar on page 8. For suggestions of speakers, call Carrie Townley Porter at 857-2050.

NWHP Southern Region Celebrates Nevada Day in Historical Town

While crowds gathered in Las Vegas to await the arrival of President Clinton, 43 women and men spent Nevada Day in Boulder City, walking, talking, and enjoying the sunshine in the town's beautiful historic district. The occasion drew comment from local television station Channel 3 that it was the largest event in the area to be held specifically for historical commemoration on Nevada Day.

The tour was the brainchild of Mimi Rodden and Leslie Shipp. "Mimi and I share a love for homes and old buildings," said Shipp. "We knew right away that a walking tour was something that women would want to do. The women of Boulder City knew what turned a house into a home in the early '30s and what made a government reservation into a community."

Rodden is chair of the Boulder City Historic District Preservation Plan

Study Committee. The tour was led by committee members Barbara Adams and Alison Miller with stops that included the Boulder Dam Hotel, the theater (the town's first air conditioned building built in 1932), and the original Boulder City Hospital—now Wells Spring Retreat House—the Los Angeles Water and Power Building.

A refreshment stop at Mimi Rodden's beautiful home, which was built in 1931, was hosted by Kathryn Duffin and Maribeth McLay. The tour ended with a luncheon at Tiffany's Restaurant in the Boulder Dam Hotel.

"Boulder City was terribly pleased to have the NWHP women choose this historic community to recognize the anniversary of Nevada's admission to the Union," said Rodden. "We look forward to continuing our ongoing lessons in cultural values with yet another celebration next year."

A Message from Sheila White--Southern Nevada Chairwoman

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members of the Southern Nevada Chapter for their dedication to the mission of the NWHP. The Southern Regional Steering committee will have a permanent address, a post office box, and telephone voice-mail system starting March 1. All are needed to help us succeed with our spring membership drive, special tours, and workshops.

A special thank you to Frankie Williams for having meetings in her home and the delicious food she prepared for us. Coordinators Verlee Anderson and Frankie did a great job with our successful rummage sale.

Thank you both. Seven members contributed items for the sale. What if that number had been 20 and the sale had lasted two days instead of one?

On December 21, we had a Winter Solstice potluck and meeting at the home of Charlene Cruz-Fuller. Thanks, Char, for the warm fellowship and Holiday spirit shared by all.

A calendar of events for the next six months is our most immediate challenge. We hope that as many of you as possible will come and support the activities of NWHP. All members are welcome at Regional Steering Committee and Executive Committee meetings.

Southern Nevada Leadership Officers

Sheila White, Chair
Charlene Cruze-Fuller, Vice-Chair
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Is Women's History Month

Celebrate Women's History Month!

In 1977, the Commission on the Status of Women in Sonoma County had a good idea--recognize women with an official day of celebration and an official organization. The idea caught on and since that time has gone from a day, to a week, to a month of celebration. The founding organization is the National Women's History Project.

Through the efforts spearheaded by the National Women's History Project, Congress officially endorsed National Women's History Month in 1981. Now, communities nationwide celebrate this time with special programs in a variety of venues.

The idea quickly caught on in

and work have transformed Nevada communities and the ideas of their day. Women's history is also about countless women who have lived out their lives quietly at the center of their families. Together, these women represent many and varied cultures, faiths, aspirations, and beliefs. They have all contributed significantly to building our society and culture.

The primary goal of the National Women's History Project is to promote a more equitable portrayal of women in United States history. Those involved here in Nevada as well as throughout the country, have seen how learning the true stories of women's history has a positive effect

on everyone. For girls and women, these empowering stories from our shared past

generate feelings of personal strength and new possibilities. Correspondingly, boys and men gain increased respect for women by knowing more about their individual accomplishments and about the female experience across time.

The Nevada Women's History Project is just beginning to flex its muscles. Join us in celebrating Nevada Women's History, not only in March, but the

year round. See the Calendar on pages 8 and 9 for both NWHP-sponsored events and special activities planned by a wide variety of Nevada organizations and institutions.

For NWHP-sponsored events, please feel free to call the office at 702/322-7754 for information. To find out more about the National Women's History Project, call 707/838-6000 or e-mail to nwhp@aol.com.

Girl Scouts Plan 85th Anniversary-- Looking for Alumni

March 12 is the 85th anniversary of Girl Scouting and reunions are being planned throughout the world. Were you a Girl Scout? A search is on for alumni to help celebrate in Reno on Wednesday, March 12, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the meeting facilities at Sierra Pacific Power Company.

An alum is any adult or child who served in any capacity (members, leaders, employees, board members, etc.) with the Girl Scouts.

To register as alumni and get your invitation to the Reno celebration, call the council office at 702/322-0642, or 1/800/222-5406. Reconnect with Girl Scouting!

**First woman elected to a county commission:
Janet E. Dory (D), Lander Co., 1916.**

Nevada and the month has been celebrated for many years. In 1995, the energy of women in Nevada steamrolled into the Nevada Women's History Project, a statewide organization which has already achieved a number of projects including the research registry and roundtable, the quarterly newsletter the March state conference, the book assessment project, a teacher's in-service training and more. And this is just the beginning.

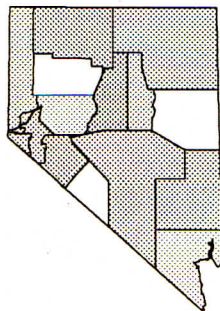
Nevada women's history is filled with women whose lives

First female candidate for legislature to defeat male incumbent: Alice S. Towle (R), Churchill County, 1922.

First female mayor: Dorothy Porter, 1953, North Las Vegas.

Who Is Who In NWHP...

North



South

Welcome D. G. Fulford to Nevada and the NWHP

Preserving family histories is the driving force in D.G. Fulford's life, so it is little wonder that she was



intrigued with the Nevada Women's History Project (NWHP). She says, "I was new to Nevada, old to being a woman. I am definitely interested in preserving the history of women and families." So when Jean Ford, NWHP chair, contacted her, D. G. became a member.

D. G. moved to Virginia City in 1996. She wanted to move from Los Angeles and had heard that Nevada was a great place to live. She first visited Carson City and loved the historic downtown district. Then someone suggested she see Virginia City. It was love at first sight. The house in Los Angeles was sold and D. G. and Scott Garrity moved to Virginia City.

D. G. owns 'To Our Children's Children: A Family History Emporium' in Virginia City. Here she

sells her book *To Our Children's Children: Preserving Family Histories for Generations to Come* which she wrote with her brother Bob Greene, a syndicated columnist for the *Chicago Tribune*. The book was first published in 1993 and is in its 28th printing. She is currently working on other projects with her brother.

D. G. is a Trustee with the Storey County Library and was an award-winning columnist with the *Daily News* of Los Angeles, *New York Times* News Service. She is a writer, a painter, and works six hours a week at the NWHP office in Reno. Attend the conference on March 3 and you'll be treated to her workshop.

D. G. says she "lives to give talks and seminars on preserving family histories," and calls herself "a family history evangelist." She's interested in helping people form their own family history groups who can encourage each other in their projects. Call D.G. at her Virginia City shop, 702/847-7426, or drop in anytime and she'll discuss her favorite topic with you—preserving family histories.

Meet Sheila White, New Chair of Southern Nevada Region

An avid genealogist for the past 30 years, Sheila White plans to write at least three family histories from her extensive research. The new chair for the Southern Nevada Chapter of NWHP is a consultant on family history research, which complements her membership in the Nevada Women's History Project.

"I joined NWHP for the guidance I hoped to gain from others who have written and plan to write about women of this state," she says, "and second and most importantly, because women all through history are always someone's daughter, wife, or mother, and are rarely given a name. Just ask a genealogist how hard it is to find information about the women in our ancestry."

Born in Northern California to Henry John and Mary (Jones) Small, White spent most of her life in Clark County. She graduated from Las Vegas High School, a classmate of Charlene Cruz-Fuller, and is married to Dale Craig White. They have five children: Darren, Ken, Shelly, Algernon, and Carolyn, and two grandchildren, Christopher and Alison Powers.

White worked 10 years as a long distance operator and service advisor for

Centel and 15 years for several Strip hotels. She is a charter member of Warm Springs Baptist Church and organized and served as the first president of American Baptist Women's Ministries.

She is an active member of Daughters of the American Revolution and has held offices in Francisco Garces Chapter and was the Nevada State Society Regent from 1992 to 1994. White is Chair of a project preserving histories of Nevada DAR chapters and the Children of



American Revolution Society, and is creating a statewide patriots index of descendants who have joined in Nevada since 1909.

She enjoys boating, gardening, sewing, and loves to cook. Her husband is active with the United States Power Squadron, a national organization dedicated to teaching safe boating. Over her 20 years as a member of the ladies auxiliary, White has served in several capacities including two terms as president.

Meet Charlene Cruz-Fuller next page.

Charlene Cruz-Fuller

Fourth Generation Nevadan

Charlene Cruz-Fuller is a fourth-generation Nevadan who can trace her roots to 1880 when "Char's" great-grandfather, Isiah Cox, was called to be the first Bishop of the Muddy Mission, 50 miles from Las



Vegas. His wife, Martha Cragin Cox, became the first school teacher in Clark County, registering nine pupils on September 1, 1881. Martha borrowed desks

and a table and organized them under the shade of three large cottonwood trees and converted her bread board into a blackboard. Bonnets and hats were hung on nails driven into the trees.

Cruz-Fuller's grandparents helped build the railroad station in 1905, the year Las Vegas became a city, and went on to build many of the first roads in Nevada and California. She retains her father's I.C.C. permit, the first issued in Nevada.

Cruz-Fuller was born in 1941 in Vegas Camp where the Stratosphere Tower is today. She polished her classical ballet on her father's flat bed diesel trucks, studied piano on the old upright at the Red Rooster Bar, and attended the opening of Benjamin Siegel's Flamingo Hotel with her parents.

The center of her life is her family, her husband, two sons, two daughters, and four grandchildren. Her achievements include the Nevada State Literary Award, Past President of American Mothers Association of Nevada, membership in the National Music Teachers Association, founding member of American School of Japanese Arts, Women of Achievement in Arts finalist, Golden Gleaner Award, and membership in the Teamster's Union.

Her knowledge of regional history and her diverse cultures make her a perceptive participant in the process of living and giving of herself.

Book Assessment

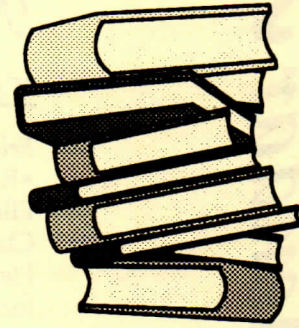
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goal? To identify and "make visible" to teachers, school librarians, and the general public a comprehensive listing of published works that include or feature the activities, lifestyles, contributions and voices of women in Nevada history.

It all began in the Fall of 1995 when the NWHP Educational Resources Committee became aware of how little Nevada women's history is being taught in the schools, partially because of lack of information on available resources. NWHP members Bobbie Talso, Susan Hollis, and Jean Ford met with Washoe County School Library Coordinator Frankie Lukasko to share our concern and learn about school library resources on Nevada women. Frankie then invited us to make a presentation to all middle and high school librarians who enthusiastically responded to the idea of our gathering and analyzing computer printouts on their Nevada holdings.

Our review of these reports led us to embark on a project to assess these books for the inclusion of Nevada women. Using the Reno High School printout as our base but adding additional titles from other sources, over 80 NWHP members and friends have reviewed approximately 600 books and completed assessment forms regarding their contents.

The results are interesting and consciousness-raising. Researchers made many exciting discoveries of Nevada women's stories they had not known before. At the same time, they found many instances where women were totally excluded from well-known chronicles of Nevada history or were included in texts but invisible in indexes. In many instances, women in photographs were unidentified alongside men whose names were clearly indicated. Inclusion of African-American, Asian-American, or Hispanic women was rare. Discussion of issues relating to race, gender, and/or class was seldom found.



Coordinating the assessment activity has been NWHP members Kelly Abend of Reno and Jean Spiller of Las Vegas. Frankie Lukasko, Betty Glass, Carroll Gardner, Darryl Morris, Beverly Hubbard, and Jean Ford are reviewing the assessments and acting as an editorial team in preparing the forthcoming Annotated Bibliography.

What next? The first printing of the Bibliography will be distributed to those attending the Nevada Women's History Conference in Reno on March 2/3. Arrangements are being finalized for additional printing to ensure statewide distribution to librarians, teachers, curriculum development specialists, researchers, and interested public. The possibility of placing this information "online" is being explored.

Thanks to the overwhelming interest and cooperation of all individuals and institutions involved, the NWHP Nevada Book Assessment Project is making a major contribution to the availability of information about Nevada women in history that will enhance educational activities throughout Nevada and beyond. In turn, we hope this will trigger new research and publication on additional aspects of Nevada women's history that will make our knowledge more complete.

For further information about the Nevada Book Assessment Project and how you can help, call the NWHP Reno office at 322-7754.

Mark Your Calendar ✓

NORTH

February

Friday, 2/14, 12 noon.

•Research Roundtable with Eileen Cohen: "Hannah Clapp: A Woman Ahead of Her Time." Brown bag lunch, NWHP office, 1301 Valley Rd. #5, Reno. For info, call 322-7754.

Tuesday, 2/18, 5:30 p.m.

•Research Roundtable with First Lady Sandy Miller on "Interviewing Those Who Lived in the Mansion as Children." At the Governor's Mansion, 600 N. Mountain, Carson City. For info, call 883-3634.

March

Sunday/Monday, 3/2-3.

NWHP Women's History Conference, Reno. See article on page 1. To receive full information and registration packet, call 322-7754.

Friday, 3/7, Noon-1 p.m.

Truckee Meadows Community College, Reno. "Future of the Women's Movement: Beyond the 'F' word" lecture by Paula Kamen, Chicago-based writer. Complimentary lunch buffet. Vista Bldg. 206. For information, call 674-7611.

Saturday, 3/8, 3-6 p.m.

"Women About Women on the Comstock," reception for visual art exhibitors at Sun Mountain Gallery, "C" Street, Virginia City. The exhibit runs March 1-31. For info, call 847-9322.

Wednesday, 3/12, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Girl Scout 85th reunion party, Sierra Pacific Resources Headquarters, Reno. For full information, call 322-0642.

Friday, 3/14, 4-5:30 p.m.

•Research Roundtable with

"living history" performer Pat Klos as early Reno resident Jane Lake; at the Lake Mansion, S. Virginia and Kietske Lane. Tea will be served. for info, call 322-7754.

Tuesday, 3/18, 5:30-7 p.m.

•Research Roundtable with Robert Stewart on "The Women of Aurora." 1316 Fremont, Carson City. For info, call 883-3634.

Friday, 3/21, Noon-1 p.m.

Truckee Meadows Community College Theatre Department presents *Women Behaving Badly*, a comic look at our friendships & relationships viewed with humor, understanding and insight. Complimentary lunch buffet. Red Mountain Building Auditorium #218. For information, call 674-7611.

Saturday, 3/22, 7:30 p.m.

Mary Ellen Pleasant and Mark Twain, Brewery Arts Center, Carson City. For tickets, call 883-1976.

Monday-Wednesday, 3/31-4/2. "Nevada Women on the Frontier" cultural history motorcoach tour to Fallon, Austin, Eureka, Duckwater Indian Reservation. For information on seat availability, call Tour Guide Jean Ford at 322-7754.

April

Friday-Sunday, 4/4-6, 11-3.

"Quilters," a joyous and moving celebration of American womanhood which captures the sweep of frontier life. A Reno Little Theatre production at the Masonic Building, 41 W. 1st St, Reno. For ticket information, call 329-0661.

Friday, 4/11, Noon-1 p.m.

•Research Roundtable: Dr. Elmer Rusco speaking on Myla Tupper Maynard, suffrage leader and Universalist minister in Reno in the 1890s. Brown bag lunch, NWHP office, 1301 Valley Rd., #5, Reno. For info, call 322-7754.

Saturday, 4/12.

Nevada History Day Competition for Middle and High School students in Northern Nevada; held in Carson City. For info, call 1-800-382-5023.

Tuesday, 4/22, 7:30 p.m.

Frances Humphrey Lecture Series features Jean Ford on "Nevada Women Emerging into Public Life: 1860-1920." Nevada State Museum, 600 N. Carson St., Carson City. For info, call 687-4810.

Wednesday, 4/23, 7-8:30p.m.

"Researching the Bancroft Library with Dr. Anne Howard." An orientation session for those registered for the 3-day trip to UC Berkeley on May 29-31. (See article in this issue). UNR Getchell Library, Alan Bible Room, 2nd floor.

Tuesday, 4/29, 5:30 p.m.

•Research Roundtable with Marlana Hellwinkel on "Carson Valley Oldtimers." Carson Valley Cultural Center, 1477 Hwy 395, Gardnerville. For info, call 782-2555.

May

Friday, 5/9, Noon-1 p.m.

•Research Roundtable with Dr. Anne Howard on "Deletions and Completions: Reflections on Anne Martin." Brown bag lunch, NWHP office, 1301 Valley

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SOUTH

February

Saturday, 2/22.

Both programs, Meeting Room, Flamingo Library, 1401 E. Flamingo Road.

•**9:00 a.m.** Southern Regional Steering Committee Meeting #1.

•**10:00 a.m.** "Grant Writing for Charitable Organizations" workshop. Tom Smith Foundations & Grants Collection of the Clark County Library District.

March

Saturday, 3/22.

Both programs, Conference Room, West Las Vegas Library, 951 W. Lake Mead Blvd.

•**1:00 p.m.** "The African American Migration from the Small Towns in the South to Las Vegas" presented by Claytee White, Oral Historian. Conference Room.

•**2:15 -5:00p.m.** "Preserve Your Past" workshop with Pat McCarty, Archivist at UNLV. No charge but reservation is required--30 person maximum. Call 647-8169 for reservations.

This program is co-sponsored by the West Las Vegas Library and the Nevada Women's History Project to celebrate Women's History Month.

April

Saturday, 4/19.

Nevada History Day Competition for Middle and High School students in Southern Nevada; held in Las Vegas. For info, call 1-800-382-5023.

Nevada History Day Competition in April

Nevada History Day, sponsored by the Nevada Humanities Committee and coordinated by NWHP member Barbara Ferguson of McDermitt, will occur in Carson City on April 12 and Las Vegas on April 19, culminating weeks of statewide student activity as they compete in middle and high school divisions.

Papers, performances, or exhibits relating to the 1997 theme, "Triumph and Tragedy in History," will be judged and the best chosen to represent Nevada at the National History Day activities in Washington, DC.

The Nevada Women's History Project has chosen to make available \$100 special awards at the middle school level, both North and South, for the best entry highlighting a Nevada woman. Watch the next issue of the News for names of the winners.

NWHP makes available its resources on Nevada women for both teachers and students and also helps recruit volunteers to act as judges at the Nevada History Day competitions. Those interested in more information on judging should call 322-7754.

In addition to the contest, the History Day in Nevada program publishes a newsletter for participating teachers and institutions and seeks to promote collaborative projects that enhance the instruction of history in Nevada schools. Coordinator Barbara Ferguson can be reached at PO Box 356, McDermitt, NV 89421, or call 732-8761.

NWHP on 'Working Women Count' Honor Roll

Julie Lopp, NWHP member who lives and works in San Francisco, represented us at a Working Women's Summit convened last September by the U.S. Department of Labor. One of the day's highlights was the presentation of Honor Roll Certificates to NWHP and dozens of other organizations participating in the Working Women Count! project in 1995-96.

Our project was the creation of our "Women and Work: Role Models in Nevada History" public presentation which has been presented to such diverse groups in Nevada as the students at the Job Corps Center and Truckee Meadows Community College, members of the American Association of University Women, the Baha'i Faith of Reno, and the Washoe County Teacher's Institute.

Future plans call for adding a slide show to the activity and training NWHP members to offer this presentation to community groups as part of a Speakers' Bureau. For further information, call our Reno office at 322-7754.

Rd., #5, Reno. For info, call 322-7754.

Thursday-Sunday, 5/15-18. Historical Preservation Week-end featuring "Kids on the Comstock." Sponsored by the Comstock Arts Council and Fourth Ward School, Virginia City. To receive full schedule of events, call 687-6680.

Tuesday-Wednesday, 5/20-21.

Nevada Historical Society Biennial History Conference, Reno. For info, call 688-1191.

Tuesday, 5/27, 5:30 p.m.

•Research Roundtable: Gertrude Gottschalk on "Early Ormsby County Politics." 1316 Fremont, Carson City. For info, call 883-3634.

Thursday-Saturday, 5/29-31.

"Researching the Bancroft Library with Dr. Anne Howard." Three-day field trip to UC Berkeley Bancroft Library and historical sightseeing in Bay area. See article in this issue or call 322-7754.

Nevada Press Women Invite You to Join Them in Recording Your Organization's History

"Cheese it, the cops."
 "Wouldn't that rasp you in the red."
 "Computer mouse."
 "Permanent (hair-do)."
 "Aluminum foil."
 "Automatic transmission."
 "Flying saucer, t.v....."

Above are responses to the questions, "Sayings your grandchildren will likely not recognize," and "Words your grandmother would not recognize." All are part of the 1996-97 history project of the Nevada Press Women (NPW).

Having established a series within the Nevada Women's Archives at UNR, NPW is documenting the diversity of backgrounds and experiences of Nevada's National Federation of Press Women members as well as the changing roles of professional communicators within the evolution of journalism from linotype to cyberspace.

We are asking for the obvious information of Birthplace; High School/Location; College/Technical Training; First Job (Home Ec Instructor, bow maker, classified advertising, dental assistant); and First Journalist-related assignment (easy cooking column, covered a funeral at which husband giving eulogy was suspected of killing wife he was eulogizing), but the survey also includes such questions as, Hardest/most challenging assignment/publication/production; Most satisfying/rewarding assignment; Thing(s) left undone (next book,

learning Tai Chi, trip to Australia/New Zealand, never enough time to write); Journalistic and life mentor(s)/hero/heroine(s)/sources of inspiration; most lasting piece of writing ever read; lasting graphic art viewed (Mona Lisa); and lasting electronic story viewed (*Dave's World*, *Murphy Brown*).

Other subjects relate to thoughts on microwave ovens—the greatest invention after pressure cookers., personal computers, velcro, and penicillin.

I encourage other organizations to utilize an adapted version of this to catalyze the profile of their singular collection of members and to have respondents reflect on their lifetime in a unique way.

Some responses will be consistent no matter the geography or era. "What is the best thing your mother/grandmother/aunt ever told you?" will probably be answered, "courage and believing in one's self, learn new things, adapt to situations, and try to always be a lady." --Submitted by *Shayne Del Cohen, NPW President*

••Note: Nevada Womens History Project Conference attendees will be asked to complete a background profile to enhance further networking and communication.

Exciting New Projects Submitted to NWHP North Executive Committee

The Project Review Committee has recommended that the NWHP North Executive Committee approve two new projects for the coming year, "The Hidden Heroines Patch Project" and "UNR Coeds WWII.

Sarah Fluetsch, Assistant program director of the Sierra Nevada Girl Scout Council is coordinating the "Hidden Heroines" program which will be used to help celebrate the 85th anniversary of Girl Scouts in the U.S. The purpose of this project is to help girls in Nevada realize the unrecognized achievements of women in their community as they research women's history and put together a packet of resources for troop leaders to use in the future.

Esther Early and Ruth Smith's project, "UNR Coeds W.W.II," proposes to document the experiences of women who attended UNR during W.W.II. They will ask women to share memories of what it was like to attend the university during wartime.

I recently received a letter from Susan Hollis, a former member of this committee, who now lives in Syracuse, New York. She is an Associate Dean at Empire State College, a branch of SUNY, running their returning adult student program. She extends her greetings and best wishes to all our members. --Submitted by *Kathleen F. Noneman, Chairwoman of the Project Review Committee, NWHP North.*

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Welcome, New Members!

INDIVIDUAL:

Boulder City: Pat Lappin; **Carson City:** Ruth Hanusa, Carol Kallares, Ellen Nelson, Susan Paslov, Dixie Westergard; **Fallon:** Muriel Kent, Myrl Nygren; **Gardnerville:** Sonya E. Bracher; **Glenbrook:** Kate Markham; **Las Vegas:** Joyce King, Sandra Krenzer, Gwen Walker; **Reno:** Paula Gallagher-Brooks, Linda Galloway, Helen Jones, Beverly McBride, Darryl Morris, Stanley Paher, Kathy Peltier, Diana Ruby, Barbara Thornton, Georgina K. Traut, Charle Varble; **Silver Peak:** Sylvia Bartak; **Sparks:** Kelly Abend, Gloria Castillo; **Winnemucca:** Cate Hazlitt

ORGANIZATION

Elko: Soroptimist International (Penny Urriola); **Reno:** Nevada Humanities Committee (Judy Winzeler)

ASSOCIATE:

UNR Women's Resource Center (Helen Jones)

We are very gratified at the overwhelming numbers of individuals and organizations who have renewed memberships for 1996-97. Our total membership can be summarized as follows:

	North	South	Out-of-State	Total
Individual	209	102	6	317
Organization	22	5	0	27
Associate	25	9	0	34
Total	256	116	6	378

Membership Lists:

Any NWHP member may receive the full membership list by sending \$3, indicating whether Northern or Southern Region, or \$5 for both lists, to NWHP, 1301 Valley Road, #5, Reno, NV 89512.

Of Interest...

Thanks for financial gifts from:

- Classic Residence, who appreciated our women's history programming for their residents last July.
- Maya Miller, who again made a substantial contribution to help cover our administrative and special project costs.
- Patricia Tripple, who gave funds for us to acquire and distribute, to 20 high schools in Northern Nevada, the documentary by Sylvia Ontaneda-Bernales "Making a Difference: Nevada Women in Politics, 1965-1982."
- Kathleen and David Weisenberg of Atherton, California, who sent a gift in memory of Amy Bailey, a young Carson City women who died in a small plane accident.
- Nevada Department of Libraries, Museums, and Arts, the Nevada Humanities Committee and the UNR Hilliard Committee for helping to underwrite our Nevada Women's History Conference.

Thanks for in-kind services and donations from!

- School districts in Clark and Washoe Counties, for printing services related to our forthcoming *Annotated Bibliography of Published Works about Nevada Women*.
- UNR Women's Studies for arranging for video-conferencing facilities for meetings of the NWHP State Board and Conference Planning Committee. Women's Studies and History Departments at both UNR and UNLV, as well as the UNR Women's Resource Center, are co-sponsors of our History Conference, and will be assisting in campus publicity for the Conference.

- Esther Early, for two beautiful office desks and a much-needed bookcase.

Congratulations to:

- Madeline Parsons in her new position as State Coordinator for Community Operations of the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) in Nevada.
- Sheryl Kleinendorst (BA in Print Journalism) and Sylvia Ontaneda-Bernales (Masters in Journalism), December graduates at University of Nevada, Reno.
- NWHP members Deanna Braunlin, Marcia DeBraga, Sandra Krenzer, Bob Price, and Gene Segerblom, all of whom were re-elected to the Assembly of the Nevada State Legislature.
- Jane Pieplow and the Churchill County Museum, for their release of an excellent video on the history of women in Churchill County. (Come see and enjoy at the March Conference!)

Thanks for the office volunteer labor from:

- Joan Berger, Joyce McCarty, Carroll Gardner, Jean Hazen, Alice Lohse, Nancy Manfredi, Penny Mayer, Patricia Tripple, Charlotte Wilcox, Frances Warden, Bobbi Talso and Cindy Reynolds.

Wanted!

*Those with Master's Degrees interested in teaching academic credit courses related to women's history as part of UNR Continuing Education services to rural Nevada communities. NWHP will coordinate a series of offerings for 1997-98. For more info, call 322-7754.

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To Provide Visibility and Support for the Gathering and Dissemination of History About the Roles and Contributions of Nevada Women of Every Race, Class and Ethnic Background.

Membership Application

Individual Membership • Dues \$15/YR

Name _____

Mailing Address _____ Zip _____

Phone Day _____ Eve _____ FAX _____

E-Mail _____ Voice Mail _____

Organizational Membership

Active Dues • \$50/YR

**Associate (government agency
or institution • No Dues**

Corporate Sponsor • \$250/YR

Organization _____

Org. President or Director _____

Mailing Address _____

Phone Day _____ Eve _____ FAX _____

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Name of Representative to NWHP _____

Nominating Committee Seeking Candidates to Fill NWHP-North Positions

Sally Wilkins, Chair (322-7730), along with committee members Vikki Ford (345-1511) and Phyllis Cudek (825-1660), have been appointed by the Northern Regional Steering Committee to identify candidates for leadership positions to be filled at the annual business meeting in June.

Positions for two-year terms to be filled include the Northern Regional Chair, Secretary, and two Members-at-large of the Steering Committee. Vice-Chair Kay Sanders, Treasurer Kathleen Clemence, and Members-at-large Esther Early and Mary Lee will continue another year.

The Nominating Committee welcomes your recommendations. The slate will be announced in the notice of the June meeting. Nominations from the floor will also be called for as part of the election process.

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