

Annual Membership Meetings Held: New Leadership Chosen

North...

The annual meeting of the Northern Region in Reno on June 2 began with the second annual "Snack-Off" where members brought appetizers in either of two categories: Conscientiously Healthy or Blatantly Decadent. The favorites of those voting were the "healthy" Shrimp Dip (see recipe page 12), created by Carrie Townley Porter and the "decadent" Cream Puffs brought by Kathy Noneman.

Betty Glass, Program Chair, introduced the program: "The NWHP Book Assessment: Anecdotes and Authors." Authors Mary Lee Fulkerson and Dr. James Hulse spoke on the challenges faced in writing and publishing about Nevada women's history.

Outgoing Chair Jean Ford presided over the business meeting, which included approval of By-Law changes as distributed by mail with the meeting's notice, adoption of a two-year financial report by Treasurer Kathleen Clemence, and election of new officers and members of the Steering Committee.

A Salute to Volunteers conducted by V-President Kay Sanders recognized the many hours of work by outgoing officers and Committee Chairs and members engaged in helping with the State Conference, the Book Assessment, and the operation of the office.

Kathleen Noneman was elected to a two-year term as Chair of NWHP-North along with Secretary Helen Oster and Members-at-large Nancy Holmes and Nancy Oakley. Vice-

President Kay Sanders and Treasurer Kathleen Clemence will continue for a second year as well as Members-at-large Esther Early and Mary Lee.

South...

The annual meeting and luncheon of the Southern Region of the Nevada Women's History Project was held June 21, 1997, at the Country Inn Restaurant in Las Vegas. Old and new members were greeted by membership chair Pat McNutt. At noon the meeting was called to order and welcoming remarks were shared by Sheila White, hardworking, out-going chair, who is moving to an at-large position, and Charlene Cruze-Fuller, out-going vice chair. Jean Ford and Kathleen Noneman were guests from the NWP Northern Region.

Speaker Marie Pelliccoine introduced her granddaughter, Nicki, and Mary Manning, a new member, was honored for her outstanding reporting on the Las Vegas Valley's water supply and issues involving Red Rock.

In appreciation for her leadership of the Southern Region, Sheila White was presented with a pin representing the Anasazi Split Twig figures. The pin resembles a four-legged animal and was the type worn by shamans or chiefs as a symbol of power. It was created by Charlene Cruze-Fuller, who is also an artist of Native American descent.

Marie Pelliccoine, Las Vegas' first tour guide and docent at Spring Mountain Ranch State Park, stepped

into the character "Olive Lake of Southern Nevada," whose achievements were perhaps more significant than some other notable women because her family was so poor.

The business meeting concluded with the election of Joyce Marshall as the new Regional Chair who will appoint a vice chair and secretary. Eva Stowers will continue as Treasurer; at-large members of the Steering Committee elected were Sheila White, Verlee Anderson, Jean Spiller and Barbara Straight.

In all, 36 members enjoyed the food, fellowship, and the joint commitment to the mission of the Nevada Women's History Project.

By Frankie Williams

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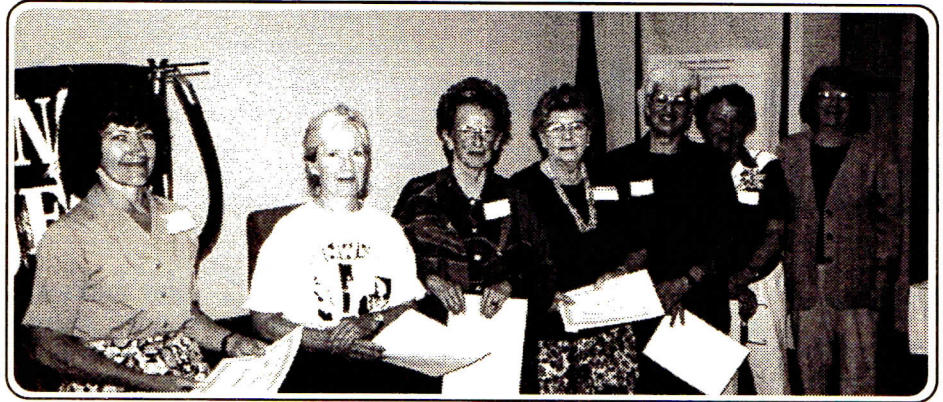
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Book Assessment Phase Two Underway

An important follow-up to the distribution of our *Women's History in Nevada: A Bibliography of Published Sources* at the Women's History Conference in March, will be an annotated version. The *Bibliography*, a helpful research tool, will become even more valuable as we develop summaries of the contents of the over 300 books we found with substantial content about Nevada women in history. Recently published books will be added and plans are for the final manuscript to be published in early 1998. Financial assistance for the printing is being sought so that the expanded *Bibliography* can be distributed, free of charge, to teachers and libraries throughout the state.

See below for a sample of the type of information being prepared about each book.

The state-wide Phase 2 team working on this project includes Co-Editors Martha Gould and Betty Glass, both of Reno; bibliographers Carol Corbett and Jean Spiller of Las Vegas and



Book Assessment Volunteers: l-r: Frankie Lukasko, Phyllis Cudek, Pat Tripple, Eva Leiker, Holly Von Volkenburg, Charlotte Wilcox, Nancy Holmes

Frankie Lukasko, Darryl Morris, and Janice Painter of Reno. Project Co-coordinator is Jean Ford.

Additional volunteer help is needed in various aspects of this project. For info, call 322-7754.

SAMPLE BIBLIOGRAPHIC ENTRY

Mathews, Mary McNair. *Ten Years in Nevada*. Lincoln, NE: University of Nebraska Press, 1985. 343 pages.

Autobiographical account of widow and nine-year-old son who traveled to Virginia City in 1869 and lived there nearly ten years. In addition to investigating the murder of her brother and settling his affairs, she worked as a teacher, seamstress, and boarding house manager. Opinionated glimpses of social and political events of the period with mention of Nevada personalities. Describes Chinatown, the decline of Virginia City, her involvement in temperance and various "helping" projects initiated with Rachel (Mrs. H.H.) Beck, including soup kitchen for the needy. A strong self-reliant woman who "made her own way" as a small-scale entrepreneur and businesswoman.

Book features included: Table of con-

tents, photographic sketch.

Race, ethnic identity of women included: Euro-American.

Multiple edition information: Originally published in Buffalo: Baker, Jones, 1880. Does not include Foreward with biographical sketch found in 1985 edition.

Dues Increase July 1, 1997

Individuals \$25/Year

As of July 1, 1997, the dues for individual membership renewal increased to \$25.00 per year and is good until December 31, 1998. Combined with the recommended By-Law change of the fiscal year to a calendar year, which was approved by members attending the Annual Business Meetings held in Reno and Las Vegas in June, the following dues timeline is in effect:

* through September 30, 1997: new members pay \$15 for membership through December 31, 1997, then pay \$25 to renew.

* October 1, 1997 through September 30, 1998: new members pay \$25 for membership through December 31, 1998.

* July 1, 1997: all members who

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joined before March 1, 1997 renew by paying \$25 for membership through December 31, 1998.

* January 1, 1998: all members who joined after March 1, 1997 renew by paying \$25 for membership through December 31, 1998.

Renewal notices have been or will be mailed to current members. Those not renewing by September 15 will be dropped from the membership roster.

New or renewing dues for organizational memberships remain at \$50.00 per year.

Of Interest....

Congratulations to:

- Pat Klos (Reno) for the creation of the Historic Reno Preservation Society, concerned with restoring historic properties such as the Mapes Hotel and providing educational programs to the schools

- Betty Squires (Reno) honored as AARP "Woman of the Year"

- Diane Cox (Carson City) on her retirement from teaching

- Sally Zanjani (Reno) for her acclaimed new book on women prospectors, *A Mine of Her Own*

Condolences to:

- Eva Stowers (Las Vegas) on the death of her husband

- Bobbie Talso (Reno) on the death of her mother

Thanks for Financial gifts from:

- Dana Bennett (Reno)
- Drs. Dotty and Robert Merrill (Reno)

Thanks for in-kind donations from:

- Beverly Hubbard (Reno) for a microwave for the office
- Mary Lee Fulkerson (Reno) for a copy of her book, *Weavers of Tradition and Beauty*
- Wally Cuchine (Eureka) for a copy

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of *Eureka Memories* and other historical materials for our files

Get well wishes to:

Sonia DeHart (Genoa), Joyce King and Sharon Heflin (Las Vegas), all of whom recently had major surgery

Wanted:

Part time (6 hr/wk at \$7/hr) administrative assistant for NWHP State office in Reno. If interested, call 322-7754.

Don't Miss the Next Issue

- Full information on our very own "home page" on the Internet featuring biographies of Nevada women.

- Profiles of the 30 organizations that have chosen to belong to NWHP statewide.

- Update on new manuscript collections in the Nevada Women's Archives at UNR and UNLV.

Helen Rulison Shipley

by Anastacia Kubiak

Helen Mullen Rulison, born in Dayton, Nevada on July 23, 1870, (Nevada Historical Society's *This Was Nevada* series) was Nevada's first lady dentist. She went to grade school in Dayton and graduated from Reno High School and enrolled at the University of Nevada's School of Business, graduating in 1889. She chose teaching as her vocation.

In January 1890, she was teaching 37 students at South Side School. In 1894, impressed by her brother's success as a dentist, she moved to San Francisco and enrolled at the University of California. Two years later, there were two dentists in the Rulison family, David practicing in Reno, and Helen in San Francisco. (*Central Nevada's Glorious Past*, Vol.12, No. 2).

In 1906, she moved to Goldfield, practicing at the San Jose Hotel. She was one of 13 dentists and the only female. In 1912, she relocated to Tonopah setting up practice at the State Bank Building.

On July 19, 1916, she married Robert A. Shipley, whom she had met in Tonopah. Her marriage surprised her friends, and her patients feared they had lost their dentist, but she returned. During the Spanish Flu Epidemic in 1918-19, she turned her office into a medical clinic and assisted Tonopah physicians at the Miner's Union Hospital.

In 1926, Helen returned to Reno where she practiced until her retirement in 1946.

She died in Reno at the Twaddle Rest Home on June 6, 1955. She was buried at the Mountain View Cemetery in the Masonic Section.

Anastacia graduated from Tonopah High School in May, 1997, and will be attending college in Arizona.

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Nevada Women's History Project Roll of Honor

We continue our feature begun last issue of individuals and organizations recognized at our March convention for their commitment and creativity resulting in tangible contributions to Nevada Women's History.

Dr. Patricia Geuder

The book *Pioneer Women in Nevada* published in 1976, contains biographies of Nevada women gathered by members of the American Association of University Women and Delta Kappa Gamma. Members of these two groups had begun gathering vignettes of pioneer women about 1974. Mary Busick, AAUW president, and Carol Mueller, DKG state president, organized the completion of the project in 1976 with the help of Ruby White. Dr. Patricia Geuder, a member of AAUW, volunteered to edit the contributions for publication. Elsie Manning organized advance order sales to raise the money for a printing of 1000 copies, many of which are in public libraries throughout the state.

Dr. Patricia Geuder received a Ph.D. in linguistics from the University of New Mexico. She came to Nevada in 1957 and began teaching in 1966 at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. She retired in 1989 as an associate professor of English. Currently, she teaches part-time.

AAUW and DKG have also sponsored oral history projects and engaged in research and publication regarding Nevada women.

Mary Ellen Glass

A native Nevadan, Mary Ellen still resides in Reno where she was born, but spends the winters in Arizona.

In 1965, she earned an M. A. in history at the University of Nevada, Reno. She had considered pursuing a

doctorate with the goal of teaching at the university level but was told UNR would never have a woman teaching in the History Department. She searched for other ways to use her education in history.

In 1964, she started an oral history project for the Center for Western North American Studies at the Desert Research Institute. She had little experience in this area nor anything to use as a model, so she started interviewing and developed her own techniques.

In 1969, the oral history project moved to the Getchell Library at the University of Nevada, Reno. The program is still active although it is a separate statewide program housed at UNR. Until her retirement in 1983, Mary Ellen continued to record and preserve the history on Nevada's women. She also worked with Lee Kosso to collect and preserve material on Nevada women which is housed at the Special Collections Department of Getchell Library.

Verde Hughes

Verde Hughes was a teacher in Blanding, Utah, before she moved to Mesquite, Nevada. She became the town historian in Mesquite. She has taken on as a cause the gathering of local history about families, organizations and events. These materials consist of family history files, newspaper clippings, organizational records, personal papers, photographs, scrapbooks, and vertical files.

She asked all the past presidents of the LDS Relief Society to write down all their memories of the organization. These were transcribed and placed in binders along with other information she collected and are housed at the Desert Valley Museum. Due to her

initiative, many townspeople donate photographs and family memoirs to the museum.

Isabelle Slavin Blackman & the Las Vegas Mesquite Club

Isabelle Slavin Blackman joined the Mesquite Club in 1936. She served in every position in the club and as president in the 1946-1947 year. Her theme for that year was "Looking Beyond Victory."

Isabelle served as president of the Nevada Federation of Women's Clubs from 1950 to 1952. During this presidency, she represented Mesquite Club and the Western Region at a Federation meeting in Geneva, Switzerland. In 1961, the Mesquite Club bestowed honorary membership on her for her contribution to the Mesquite Club and to her community.

Isabelle Blackman was acclaimed and respected for her writing. She wrote a history of the Mesquite Club covering fifty-six years as well as a history of all past presidents of the Mesquite Club. These books are in the Special Collections Department of the James Dickinson Library at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

Mesquite Club

The Mesquite Club was founded in Las Vegas in 1911. The name was suggested by Helen J. Stewart who noted that if this club could do as much for the community as the mesquite plant did for the Paiute women, it would serve well. It has served well, indeed, over the years. The club's purpose is culture and their work has been philanthropic, social, educational and municipal. For instance, they helped to create the town's first library. The club is still active and is an organizational member of the NWHP.

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Frankie Williams: Transplanted Texan Blossoms

The stockmarket crashed, cotton fell to 16 cents a pound in the fall and the rain continued until the Colorado River flooded Coke County, Texas. My mother went into labor. I have always wondered how my grandfather persuaded Dr. Griffith to tie his bag onto the saddle of his big, bay horse and swim the river, but he did. When the water receded, a car was delivered to the old country doctor and I had been delivered to my parents.

By spring my parents separated and after the divorce my mother worked in a dry goods store and went to nursing school. I lived on a ranch with my grandparents and their two youngest boys, who became my brothers. We attended a two-room school. At one time we had an enrollment of six so we formed a rhythm band. It was wonderful.

My mother remarried a tremendous man. He had grey eyes and black hair and his initials were JET. He was a descendant of the little Scot who fired the magazine at the Alamo. Born to be bigger than life, at 13 he left home and grew up in the mob. He was a bootlegger in the Hill Country and ran an oil production company from his ranch between Fredricksburg and Austin.

While living in Amarillo, I was apprenticed to a milliner and a dressmaker. I married one of the returning World War II airmen who left me with two babies. With my parents help, a sewing machine, and a pair of pinking shears, I supported us making pretty things for ladies who gave me hard lessons in patience and tact.

In the early '50s I got my waist-length hair styled and talked my way into a good job in an art department in El Paso. I moonlighted and worked

days to make enough money by representing Charles of the Ritz Salons, Arnell and Sampsonite Luggage, taught charm classes, and wrote for the *El Paso Times*.

I took a job as a fashionist in Roswell, New Mexico. After the store failed, I worked for the newspaper there until moving to Las Vegas on January 1, 1962, with a little cash and some checks that had to be sent back for collection. I guess I looked like a penguin in a black dress and hat and white gloves. Hank Koval, a well-known hotel publicist, asked me what I was doing dressed as I was. I told him I knew what to wear for what I was doing—job hunting. I was appalled at the way people dressed in Las Vegas. Just before I ran out of cash, I went to work at *Southern Nevada Labor News*, a tap sheet. It was not quite a paper, it was a boiler room operation full of toothless old drunks. What an experience that was!

I opened a store I named "Frankie's," selling custom designs that were about power dressing. There was a dinner dress, long and straight, with long sleeves and a wrap trimmed in feathers in black, red, or navy and lined in silk. There were pale printed chiffons, and a George Sand pantsuit with a two-button blazer, with hand-made buttonholes of silk thread, in black chantilly lace over pale pink crepe with a hand made silk organza rose on the lapel. Ready to wear was carefully chosen and priced from \$49.95 to \$300.

Once I found my husband, he demanded my attention and resented the Frankie persona. I closed my dream store and started to work with Bill in his business, Williams Mattress and Upholstery Company. Everyone

teased me about getting on the television show, *What's My Line*, dressed to kill and saying I was a tick maker in a mattress factory.

I'm proud to have served in the USO, and I have been a leader of Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, and Webelos, and president of P.T.A. and B.& P.W. I was



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active in American Federation of Ladies Clubs and on the dean's list at UNLV, the one semester I was able to attend school full time. I attained membership in the honor society at C.C.C.C. and UNLV. I am a member of the Democratic National Committee, Clark County Women's Democratic Club, National Genealogical Society, Alabama, Texas, Arkansas, and Mississippi Historical Societies, Point-Italian Genealogical research, Orphan Train Society, and Southern Nevada Women's History Project.

Frankie has served as Chair of the Nominating Committee and currently works with Ann Henderson in gathering NWHP-South items for the News.

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Women's History, Art & Culture on Video

Sojourner Truth; I Sell the Shadow, portrayed by Kim Russell of Las Vegas, will be the first of the artistic-cultural women's series produced by Women of Diversity Productions, Inc., to be released and available in September. The goal of the video series is to provide visibility to our women dramatists and artists, to produce a permanent record of their works, and to disseminate the videos for the world to learn and enjoy.

Marlene Adrian, a member of NWHP-South and president of the corporation, is planning other videos and is currently looking for additional women dramatists for the work.

Bonda Lewis is being considered for a winter video featuring Sara Bard Field and her suffragist speech. Bonda presented that speech at the first NWHP conference in Reno last March. Others being considered are Dharvi Morgenstern for *Black Ladies of History*, and Alice Brown and Marie Pelliccoine, who regularly present women of Nevada during the Living History program at Spring Mountain State Park.

Women of Diversity Productions is a non-profit and tax-exempt corporation in Las Vegas dedicated to the production and dissemination of educational, literary, artistic, and cultural materials and information relative to women's issues, discrimination, and alternative thinking. Two research journals are being published, *Women in Sport and Physical Activity Journal* (since 1991) and *Brazilian International Journal of Adapted Physical Education Research* (since 1994), and two books, *Woman in Motion* and *Down but not Out....*

If interested in participating in the artistic-cultural women's video series, contact Dr. Marlene Adrian, 400 Antique Bay St., Las Vegas NV 89128, 702-341-9807; fax 702-341-9828. Her Email addresses are:

adrianm@nevada.edu and
dvrsty@aol.com.

History Lives in Las Vegas

The living history programs presented at Spring Mountain Ranch State Park, 15 miles west of Las Vegas, are of interest to the Nevada Women's History Project. The women important to Southern Nevada will be portrayed in period costume this fall on the following weekends:

•• **Helen Stewart** • Sept. 6 • One of the first pioneers to settle in the Las Vegas Valley, Helen Stewart owned and operated a 2,000-acre cattle ranch and farm. She was called the "First Lady of Las Vegas," and became the first postmaster, woman juror, and a charter member of the Mesquite Club.

•• **Vera Krupp** • Sept. 14 • Glamorous German actress and movie star, Vera Krupp owned Spring Mountain Ranch from 1955 to 1967, where she spent much of her time. A beautiful and fascinating woman, Vera was known for her 33.6 karat "Krupp Diamond," as well as for riding the range with her cattle.

•• **Pioneer Living** • Oct. 11 • Talks and demonstrations of old-time skills and crafts from the early 1800's to the turn of the century, including blacksmithing, saddle making, Dutch oven cooking, old-time schoolin', needlework samplers, spinning and weaving, and newspaper printing. A variety of mountain men activities will also be presented.

•• **Olive Lake** • Oct. 18 • Presentation on the life of Olive Lake of the Robert Lake family, who were early residents of Las Vegas. Mrs. Lake was a school teacher and close family friend to the Wilsons, the founders of Sand Stone Ranch (Spring Mountain

Ranch).

•• **Pioneer Women** • Oct. 25 • Talks and demonstrations on women's lives coming to and settling in the west. Topics include women's roles, contributions to economic development, occupations, and a look at a few famous Las Vegas women. Antique household objects will be explained and children may try their skills at washboard laundry.

•• **Chuckwagon and Trail Cooking** • Nov. 1 • Talk and demonstration on the art of Dutch oven cooking. Historically, folks traveling to and settling in the west routinely prepared food outdoors. In addition to seeing how food was prepared, samples will be distributed.

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Bancroft Excursion

by Sherril Steele-Carlin

On Thursday, May 29, ten NWHP members loaded our bags into three cars and set off for the Bancroft Library at the University of California, Berkeley. The first night we had dinner in Jack London Square, getting to know each other at a restaurant on the water. We spent the night in beautiful homes in Oakland, thanks to Sally Wilkins and her wonderful,



Bancroft Travelers: Back l-r: Tracy Feters, Jean Ford, Alice Downer, Kay Sanders. Center l-r: Kathy Noneman, Roz Works, Janice Painter, Sherri Morgan. Front l-r: Isabel Espinoza, Sherril Steele Carlin, Susan Paslov, Sally Wilkins

welcoming friends. Sally organized the trip accommodations and did a masterful job of juggling rooms and women for a wonderful fit.

Friday morning we all packed lunches and took BART to Berkeley. We arrived at the Bancroft Library almost exactly on time and were welcomed by the Assistant Curator. He gave us a brief history of the Bancroft and told us a little of what to expect while we were using the library. All of the material we had requested via the Internet and Email was waiting for us. The entire staff was helpful and very knowledgeable.

We signed in and took over several tables and began pouring through research materials. Dr. Anne Howard was there to help us examine the many different types of documents including correspondence, new

clippings, journals, ledgers, photographs, etc. Everyone was so eager to continue the treasure hunting that we broke for a short half-hour lunch, then went right back to work.

One of the best things about the day was the spirit of discovery and cooperation. If someone found something pertaining to another's subject, she would share it with her. Many times, additional research was needed on the computer system, and Janice of TMCC Library helped several people find more on their topics in the computer database. Tracy Feters, a

new member from San Francisco, met us at the library and had dinner with us at a potluck that night in the Oakland Hills.

At 5:00 p.m., we had to leave the Library. With tired eyes, but elated at some of the information we had discovered, we traveled back to Oakland. After a quick pit-stop for freshening up, we all gathered at one of the guest houses and enjoyed a wonderful potluck dinner. All the hostesses joined us, and gifts were

presented to the ladies who opened up their homes to us. Jean Ford accompanied the "NWHP singers" in some rousing versions of pop and show tunes on a wonderful grand piano. No matter how we sounded, Jean kept us in tune!

Saturday morning we drove into San Francisco and spent the morning at the Maritime Museum and ship display including a special exhibit on *Women at Sea*. The weather was absolutely beautiful, warm and sunny. We all hated to leave, but it was time to head home. After a group picture and group hug, we carpooled back home.

Everyone agreed the trip was a great success, and we look forward to arranging another trek like it very soon. Researching at the Bancroft Library is a very rewarding experi-

ence. If you're interested in participating in another Bancroft Library Research Expedition, call the office at 322-7754 and let Jean Ford know.

Look for Family Outing at Bowers Mansion

This month our Research Roundtable will be on Saturday, August 16, featuring a 3:00 p.m. lecture by Tammy Buzick on Eilley Oram Bowers, a 4:00 p.m. tour of the Mansion led by Curator Betty Hood, and a family picnic on the lawn at Bowers Mansion on old Hwy 395 in Washoe Valley.

Tammy has just returned from a trip to Scotland where she met some of Eilley's relatives, so she'll have new things to tell and pictures to show!

We do not have a reserved area for the picnic; rather, we plan to bring quilts and lawn chairs and gather in a shady spot on the grounds. Families can bring their own food; individuals bring something to share and combine with others. Everyone brings own plate and utensils. NWHP will provide ice chests and beverages.

Please call in a reservation to 322-7754 so we know how many to plan for.

Talent Call for NWHP Members & Friends!

The Great Basin Book Festival is the place to be on Saturday, September 27, at Reno's Wingfield park.

Our NWHP booth is shaping up as a grand opportunity to showcase Nevada women's history, gain new members and have fun!

We need YOU -- as book sellers, roving, living history characters, booth hosts and hostesses, money changers, photo exhibit designers and "behind the scenes" helpers. For information on how to volunteer your time and talent, call 322-7754.

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Hiking and History a Great Combo

by Jeanne Quinn

Despite rain-threatening skies, the Meek's Bay sleepover and wildflower hikes on June 13 and 14 were a great success.

Beverly and Duke Hubbard graciously invited participants to sleep over in their resort condos or campground. Taking advantage of this opportunity were Isabel Espinoza, Jean Ford, Betty Glass, Frankie Lukasko, Jeanne and Art Quinn, Mary Sanada and her sons Kevin and Chad, Roslyn Works, and Sandy Young.

When the rains came, everyone was snug in the condominium enjoying a delicious pasta and salad dinner, topped by strawberries and ice cream. After dinner Betty Glass gave an informative talk about Nevada botanist Olga Reifschneider who, in spite of little formal training, is credited with discovering a new species of monkeyflower near Pyramid Lake in 1956 which was later given the name *Mimulus reifschneiderae*.

We were then inspired for the next day's hiking by an enjoyable video depicting the nearby Tahoe-Yosemite Trail.

The next morning after a breakfast of bagels and cream cheese, granola and fresh fruit, Jean Ford led a short tour of the historic Meek's Bay Resort where we saw a beautiful red snow plant, but were not greeted by the bear who had entertained us the previous evening at the resort trash cans.

Hiking Shirley Canyon in Squaw Valley, under skies that threatened but did not deliver, provided varied landscapes as the trail appeared and disappeared up the mountain alongside Squaw Creek. Kevin and Chad



Seated, l-r: Roz, Jeanne, Art, Betty, Sandy; Standing, l-r: Frankie, Chad, Isabel, Kevin, Mary and Beverly

served as our scouts as we climbed over rocks and walked through forest glades and meadows. Jean identified and discussed at least twenty-eight different flowers, including mountain pride penstemon, jewelflower, pussypaws, meadowrue, and buckwheat. The weather cleared to perfection; thunderheads and huge white clouds dramatically decorated the sky while light breezes kept the temperature cool.

In the early afternoon we drove to Goose Creek Meadow along the Truckee River for a picnic lunch. After much talking and laughing, we enjoyed Frankie Lukasko's informative talk on Native American use of plants for medicinal purposes, based on *Indian Uses of Native Plants* by Edith Van Allen Murphey. Examples were (1) the use of milkweed juice and poultice from creosote bush leaves to draw out poison from snake bite, (2) treatment of rheumatism with sunflower root baked and used for poultices, and (3) use of tea from roots of wild peony for lung trouble.

We ended the outing with a pleasant walk through the beautiful meadow where we identified the blue camas lily, its bulbs a favorite delicacy of the Washo Indians, along with buttercups, Brown's peony, dwarf waterleaf, Western bistort and many others.

We departed with a satisfied feeling of shared camaraderie, greater knowl-

edge and appreciation of Sierra Nevada wildflowers and women botanists, and a desire to have similar experiences again in the future.

Jeanne is a teacher at Carson City High School and is spending her summer camping and hiking at Yosemite, Glacier, and other national parks in the West.

Saga on Road Show to Rural Nevada

NWHP-North has received a grant from the Nevada Humanities Committee of \$6,468.00 to assist in its rural Nevada road tour of a dramatic production, "Sara Bard Field and her Nevada Suffrage Connection."

First presented at the March, 1997 Women's History Conference in Reno, this presentation features Bonda Lewis of Los Gatos, CA as Sara Bard Field, Roslyn Works of Carson City as Nevada suffragist Anne Martin, and Kathleen Noneman of Reno as early Nevada attorney and suffragist Bird Wilson. They portray historical events in Nevada, 1915, relating to women's suffrage, the impact of the automobile, and the development of the Lincoln Highway.

As programs are presented October 19-22 in the Nevada communities of Fallon, Austin, Eureka, and Ely, they will also include stories relating to suffrage events happening in those

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communities at that time.

Prior to the road show, the group will entertain on October 18 at the concluding banquet of the Nevada Library Convention at Piper's Opera House in Virginia City.

Jean Ford is the project director and scriptwriter, and will act as narrator/moderator at the various presentations. See specific times and places in the NWHP-North Calendar, page 10.

Women's History Featured in UNR Fall Schedule

Courses of interest for those seeking more knowledge of women in history include:

- **HIST 417/617:** Nevada and the West. Tuesdays, 6-8:45 p.m., Aug. 26-Dec. 16 in Carson City at Nevada Legislative Bldg., Rm. 3137. 3 credits, undergraduate or graduate. Instructor, Dr. John Yurtinus. Call 687-6406.
- **WS 497/PSC 497/697:** Issues in Women's History and Feminist Thought. Nov. 3 & 6, 6-9:00p.m.; Nov. 15, 8a.m.-6p.m., in Carson City at Nevada Legislative Bldg., Rm. 3137. 1 credit, undergraduate or graduate. Instructor: Jean Ford. Call 687-6406.
- **WS 497/HIST 405:** History of Women in the U.S. Tuesday/Thursday, 9:30-10:45 a.m., beginning Aug. 26. 3 credits, undergraduate. Instructor: Eric Rauchway. Call 784-6855.

Letter to the Editor:

July, 1997

To Jean and the Nevada Women's History Project:

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you so much for all of your support, caring, and guidance as I navigated the murky waters of the Reno City Council and various other people and entities that were necessary to deal with to sell the (YWCA) Building.

Some days I almost thought it wasn't worth it - but it was, and it all

worked out fine.

Thanks again for your help and I'm looking forward to projects together in the future.

Sherri Rice

Editor: Congratulations to Sherri, the YWCA Board, and the City of Reno. We are indeed grateful that you value our being a part of this new and exciting public/private partnership.

A Salute to Bev Hubbard:

Dear Editor:

Beverly Hubbard, over the last six months, spent several hundred hours helping to organize the special Nevada collection housed at the Learning and Resource Center, Education Building, University of Nevada, Reno.

Because of Bev's extensive volunteer work, this collection will no longer be in locked cases but available to teachers and student teachers of the University of Nevada, Reno.

Bev's most appreciated efforts are a great example of the collaborative efforts of the Nevada Women's History Project to make information available about women in Nevada history.

Special thanks to Bev for her major role in making this special collection of books accessible.

Frankie Lukasko, Library Coordinator, Washoe County School District.

A Letter from Kathy Noneman, New President NWHP-North

An exciting year is ahead for us in the NWHP, and I look forward to serving the organization as Chair of the Northern Region. Jean and I attended the annual meeting of the Southern Region in June. We were welcomed warmly and took the opportunity to become better acquainted with their members.

As NWHP continues to grow and prosper, we must all work closely together to further our goals. At this point in our history, I think that we need to remember and focus on the

reasons that we formed and joined this organization. I am sure it was not because any of us need another affiliation or club! We believe in making sure that the people of Nevada know that women have always been here working toward a better future for them and their children. As I become acquainted with more and more of you, I am delighted to discover how committed you are to making this happen.

The NWHP continues to need both your financial support and your leadership. I urge you to volunteer your time and skills to our projects. You are the ones who make the exciting events planned for the future happen. Your generous financial support allows us to continue and expand. I look forward to getting to know our members and working with you all to accomplish our goals for the NWHP.

NWHP Leadership

1997-98

Northern Region

Officers

Kathleen Noneman, Chair
Kay Sanders, Vice-Chair
Helen Oster, Secretary
Kathleen Clemence, Treasurer

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Ruth Aberasturi
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Nancy Holmes
Mary Lee
Nancyann Leeder
Nancy Oakley
Lynn Ossolinski
Carrie Townley Porter
Patt Quinn-Davis
Robert Stewart
Carolyn Widman

Mark Your Calendar ✓

NORTH

August

Tuesday, 8/12, 7:30 p.m.:
Sister Fredricka of Daughters of Charity presented by Carolyn Beaupre as part of the Gold Hill Hotel Lecture Series on the Comstock. Gold Hill. For info and pre-lecture dinner reservations, call 847-0111.

Saturday, 8/16, 3:00 p.m.:
Lecture on Eilley Oram Bowers by Tammy Buzick and tour of Bowers Mansion in Washoe Valley; 5:00 p.m., family potluck picnic on grounds of Bowers Mansion. For info, call 322-7754.

September

Friday, 9/12, Noon-1:30 p.m.:
Research Roundtable with Dr. Linda White on "Reading Between the Lines: Linking Nevada's Basque Women with their Old World Counterparts." Brown bag lunch, NWHP office, 1301 Valley Rd., #5, Reno. For info, call 322-7754.

Saturday, 9/20:
All-day Cultural History Tour to Aurora, Ghost City of the Dawn, led by Robert Stewart. Carpooling encouraged; bring lunch; beverages will be provided. A \$10 fee with optional early evening no-host group dinner at Heyday Inn in Wellington. Reservations are needed; call 322-7754 for more details.

Friday-Saturday, 9/26-27:
Great Basin Book Festival, Wingfield Park, Reno. Award winning authors, literary Chautauqua performances, the U.S. Poet Laureate, exhibitors, activities for children and adults. Sponsor: Nevada

Humanities Committee, 784-6587.

Tuesday, 9/30, 6:30p.m.:
"Our First Ladies and Their Dress." Dinner/lecture featuring Edith Mayo, Curator of Women's History, American Museum of History, Washington, D.C. and others who have preserved the First ladies' gowns. Carson Nugget, Carson City. Fundraiser for Marjorie Russell Museum. For reservations/information, call 687-6173.

October

Wednesday/Friday, 10/1-3:
Nevada Museum Association Convention in Elko. For info, call Jane Pieplow in Fallon at 423-3677.

Friday, 10/10, Noon-1:30 p.m.:
Research Roundtable with Dixie Westergard and Margaret Marshall on "Dat-So-La-Lee, Washo Basketmaker and a Demonstration of Basketweaving." Brown bag lunch, NWHP office, 1301 Valley Rd., #5, Reno. For info, call 322-7754.

Wednesday, 10/15, 5:30-7:00p.m.:
Research Roundtable Presentation by Jan Loverin and Georgia Hedrick on "Daughters of Charity, 1864-1897" in Virginia City. Marjorie Russell Clothing and Textile Research Center, 2351 Arrowhead Dr., Carson City. An authentic habit as worn by the Sisters will be presented to the Center. For info, call 322-7754.

Thursday/Sunday, 10/16-19:
Nevada Library Association Convention in Carson City. For info, call Conference Chair Sharon Honig-Bear in Reno at 785-4585.

Sunday, 10/19: 3-4:30 p.m.:
"Saga of Sara Bard Field and the Nevada Suffrage Connection." An NWHP dramatic production at the Churchill County Museum, Fallon. For info, call 423-3677.

Monday, 10/20: 7-8:30 p.m.:
"Saga of Sara Bard Field and the Nevada Suffrage Connection." An NWHP dramatic production at the Town Hall, Austin. For info, call Joy Brandt at 964-2418.

Tuesday, 10/21: 7-8:30 p.m.:
"Saga of Sara Bard Field and the Nevada Suffrage Connection." An NWHP dramatic production at the Eureka Opera House, Eureka. For info, call Wally Cuchine at 237-6006.

Wednesday, 10/22, 7-8:30 p.m.:
"Saga of Sara Bard Field and the Nevada Suffrage Connection." An NWHP dramatic production at the White Pine High School. For info, call Lori Romero at 289-3737.

Friday, 10/31:
Nevada Day Parade, Carson City. Anyone interested in wearing historic dress and being in our co-sponsored entry with the Living History Company of Nevada, call Susan at 348-7732 or NWHP at 322-7754.
Friday, 10/31, 1:00-6:00p.m.:
Nevada Day Festival, Barkley Park, Reno: Civil War re-enactment, exhibits, children's games, living history presentations. Sponsored by the Living History Company of Nevada, 348-7732.

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November

Friday, 11/14, Noon-1:30

p.m.:

Research Roundtable with Kathleen Clemence on "Women in the Military." Brown bag lunch, NWHP office, 1301 Valley Rd., #5, Reno. For info, call 322-7754.

SOUTH

September

Friday, 9/5, 6-7:30 p.m.:

Research Roundtable with Lynn Ruegamer on "One Room Schools in Nevada." Desert Research Institute, 755 E. Flamingo Rd. For info, call Eva Stowers at 451-0702.

October

Thursday, 10/9, 4-5:30 p.m.:

Research Roundtable with Candace Kant on "Image of Nevada women in Film." West Charleston campus, Community College of Southern Nevada, Room B118. For info, call 451-0702.

November

Monday, 11/10, 6-7:30 p.m.:

Research Roundtable with Leslie Shipp and Deanna Beachley on "Nevada Women in World War II." Location to be announced. For info, call 451-0702.

Mission Statement

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

Membership is open to any woman or man willing to support the mission, purposes and policies of NWHP. Organizational representatives may also join as individual members.

Name (Individual or Organization): _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone:(day) _____ (eve) _____ (FAX) _____

Email: _____ Voice Mail: _____

Organization President or Director: _____

No. of Members: _____ Representative: _____

Other Phone:(day) _____ (eve) _____ (FAX) _____

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\$50/yr (voting)

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Iib _____ **CORPORATE SPONSOR**

\$250/yr (non-voting)

Iic _____ **ASSOCIATE**

Gov't Agency or Institution

No Dues (non-voting)



Welcome, New Members!

The following individuals have joined NWHP since March 5:

Carson City: Diane Cox, Gloria Macdonald, Janice Painter, Jeanne Quinn, Carol Roberts. **Dayton:** Kathleen McLean. **Fallon:** Wilma Helen Miers. **Fernley:** Jamilla Morley. **Gardnerville:** Merry Kay Strohm. **Henderson:** Barbara Burgwardt-Hunter. **Incline Village:** Janet Usinger-Lesquereux. **Las Vegas:** Ruth Bakke, Paula Kay. **Reno:** Charlyne Arosio, Drs. Robert and Dotty Merrill, Elizabeth B. Squires, Sherril Steele-Carlin, Sally Zanjani. **Sparks:** Elaine Guenaga, Maureen P. Leshendok. **Tonopah:** Florence Robinson.

The following are new organizational members:

Carson City: Nevada State Historic Preservation Office (Ron James). **Las Vegas:** Frontier Girl Scout Council

(Vicki Johnson), League of Women Voters of Las Vegas Valley. **Reno:** Truckee Meadows Community College Library (Janice Painter), Northern Nevada Literacy Council (Vicki Newell).

The following is a new associate member:

Mormon Station State Historic Park, Genoa (Toni Nielsen).

Our total membership can be summarized as follows:

	North	South	Out-of-State	Total
Individual	239	116	8	363
Organization	25	6	0	31
Associate	26	9	0	35
Total	290	131	8	529

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 Rd., #5, Reno, NV 89512.

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TEXAS SHRIMP SPREAD

Carrie Townley Porter

(Snack-off winner at June 2 NWHP-North meeting.)

The secret of this shrimp spread is using homemade mayonnaise. It may be used both as a spread for crackers or as a dip with chips or raw veggies.

Mayonnaise

- 2 eggs
- 4 tablespoons vinegar or lemon juice
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon dry mustard
- 1 cup salad oil

If using a food processor:

Put egg, vinegar (or lemon juice), salt and mustard into food processor. Cover and blend. Add oil through the top while food processor is running. Blend until the texture thick.

If using a blender: Cut the above ingredients in two parts and process each separately. When pouring the oil in through the opening in the lid, keep stream small, about the consistency of a knitting needle. Pouring the oil in all at once will result in the mayonnaise not achieving the proper consistency.

Texas Shrimp Spread

- 1/2 cup homemade mayonnaise
- 1 8 ounce carton of Philadelphia soft cream cheese
- 1 cup small cooked, shrimp (maybe frozen or canned), finely chopped
- 1 rib finely chopped celery
- 3 tablespoons fresh chives, finely chopped
- 3 tablespoons parsley (fresh or dried) finely chopped
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic (ground or powdered)

Blend mayonnaise and cream cheese using hand mixer. Add all other ingredients and blend with a spoon until mixed well. Chill for at least two hours. Will keep several days in the refrigerator.

Research Registry

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

- Kathleen McLean, Dayton: Portuguese in Nevada
- Eileen Cohen, Susan and Gene Paslov, Dr. John Marschall, Judy Greenspan, and James Rose: Early Jews in Carson City
- Janice Painter, Carson City: Washoe Indians
- Patti Bernard, Joan Bowles, Reno: Early Eureka families
- Sherril Steele-Carlin, Reno: Goldfield
- Charlyne Arosio, Reno: Italians in Nevada

If you would like your research topic shared with others, please call 322-7754 (Reno) or 585-2088 (Las Vegas).

Fall Research Roundtables are scheduled North and South and can be found in the Calendar elsewhere in this issue.