

Calendar

Northern Nevada Schedule

MAY 10 - Northern Steering Committee meeting-6:00 p.m. at the NWHP office at 770 Smithridge. Bring a treat to share.

MAY 11 - Nevada Women's Fund Women of Achievement Luncheon. NWHP honoree is Mary Anne Convis. 11:30 a.m. at the Hilton.

MAY 24 - Free program and special tour of the Marjorie Russell Clothing and Textile Research Center. 4:00-6:00 p.m. Dinner at a chosen restaurant will follow at member's own expense. Contact Holly Van Valkenburgh at 884-4246 or 684-3322 or at hovava@juno.com.

JULY 10 - Annual meeting at Thunder Canyon Country Club. Washoe Valley. 10:30-1:30; program, lunch, and meeting. For reservations call Kathy Noneman. 853-8393 before July 7th with your menu selection or send it to the NWHP office at 770 Smithridge, Ste. 300, Reno, NV 89502. (Cost: \$21.00)

JULY 24 - Jean Ford Wildflower Hike. NWHP member Jeanne Larson will lead this hike to Winnemucca Lake. Please bring your lunch and water, wear layers, good hiking shoes or boots, and plan to be gone for the day. Hikers will car pool to the trailhead. Call Jeanne at: (775) 266 4489 or email her at: jmlarson@peoplepc.com for information about the hike and where to meet for carpooling.

SEPT. 26 - Sarah Winnemucca fundraiser at the Benna Home. 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

DEC. 12 - Tour and fundraiser at the Santa House of Mary Anne Convis.

Southern Nevada Schedule

JULY 7TH - Executive board meeting, time and place TBA

SEPT. 11TH - Fall Luncheon, 11am. location TBA

Sculptor Chosen to Create Sarah Winnemucca Statue

A 25-year-old artist from South Dakota, Benjamin Victor, was chosen in February to create a bronze sculpture of Paiute Indian activist Sarah Winnemucca by Spring 2005. Her statue will represent Nevada in the U.S. Capitol's National Statuary Hall. Victor's piece was chosen from a final group of four sculptors. Other finalists were Sara Sweetwater of Elko, Ed Dwight of Denver, and Gareth Curtiss of Olympia, Washington.

The 3-foot clay replica of Winnemucca created by Victor was noted for its sense of movement, capturing the spirit as well as the image of Sarah Winnemucca. She is holding a book in her left hand while offering her Indian namesake, Shellflower or, in Paiute, Thocmetony, as a token of peace with her right. The book in her left hand is not only a reference to the book she wrote, it is also a symbol for education, knowledge and morality. Her hair and dress are windswept. "Wind is an icon for change," Victor said. "Sarah lived in the midst of change. She was strong and hard working, but she was also graceful. I think the power that she held was not in physical stature, but in her powerful spirit." In his description of the statue, Victor described Sarah's image. "Her strong hands convey her sense of work ethic. Her sturdy build and strong arms convey her fortitude in the face of seemingly impossible odds. Thocmetony is bringing about change; peace is her offering to the world."

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Sculptor Chosen to Create Sarah Winnemucca Statue

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The completed bronze figure will be about seven feet tall.

The six-member Statue Selection Committee includes Chair Carrie Townley Porter, Vice-Chair, Mary Lee Fulkerson, Debbie Allen, Richard Hooker, and Steven High. Nevada First Lady Dena Guinn serves as Honorary Chair. The Committee met on February 18th in Carson City to choose the sculptor. The committee receives administrative support from the Nevada Department of Cultural Affairs.

The Nevada Women's History Project initiated the effort to have Sarah Winnemucca approved as Nevada's second statue. They have led the fund-raising effort. Currently over \$140,000 has been donated towards the creation of the bronze figure as well as the small-scale versions, travel expenses for the four finalists, and costs for the placement and dedication of the statue in Statuary Hall next year. Details about the dedication ceremony in Washington, D.C. will be announced in the August newsletter. Sarah's statue will join that of U.S. Senator Patrick McCarran who was Nevada's first honoree in 1960.

Kay Sanders

Editor

NWHP Leadership

NORTHERN REGION STEERING COMMITTEE:

Kathleen Noneman: Chair
Cherry Jones: Vice-Chair
Sarah Britt: Treasurer
Jeanne Larson: Secretary
Kay Sanders: Communication Co-Chair/Newsletter Editor
Lisa-Marie Lightfoot: Communication Co-Chair
Isabel Espinoza: Finance Chair
Kathleen Allred and Carrie Townley Porter: Membership Co-Chairs
Mary Anne Convis: Project Review Chair
Cherry Jones and Carleen Ernest: Program Chairs
Holly Van Valkenburgh: Past Chair

SOUTHERN REGION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Joyce Marshall Moore: President
Mary Gafford: First Vice President
Kaye Gray: Second Vice President
Eva Stowers: Third Vice President
Ann Reck: Recording Secretary
Molly Murphy: Corresponding Secretary
Jean Spiller: Treasurer
Joan LeMere: Nominating Committee Chairwoman

NWHP STATE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Carrie Townley Porter: President
(vacant): First Vice-President
Kaye Gray: Second Vice-President
Holly Van Valkenburgh: Third Vice-President
Mitsi Johnson: Acting Treasurer
Kathleen Allred: Secretary
Carleen Ernest, Northern Region Representative
Joyce Marshall, Southern Region Representative
Fritsi Ericson: Nevada Women's Fund Representative
Kay Sanders: Editor for State Newsletter
Lisa-Marie Lightfoot: Webmaster
Mary Anne Convis: State Project Review Chair

City Honors NWHP

On Wednesday, March 17, 2003 the City Council of Las Vegas honored the Nevada Women's History Project for our outstanding accomplishments. A group of about a dozen members attended the meeting that took place at City Hall. Lynette Boggs McDonald presented us with a beautiful glass sculpture.

It was on display at our spring luncheon for everyone to admire.

Kaye Gray represented us with an update on our current projects and she then thanked the Council for their recognition of our commitment to include women in history. Mayor Oscar Goodman said he is looking forward to our involvement in the 2005 Las Vegas Centennial. Each of the City Council members received a copy of Jean Ford's "Annotated Bibliography of Nevada Women in History."



Kaye Gray, Joyce Marshall-Moore, and Jean Spiller accepting the award.

State President's Report

The members of Nevada Women's History Project can all take a deep breath and then let out a sigh of relief. Beginning in September of 2000, this organization has worked valiantly on the Sarah Winnemucca Statue Project. The bulk of the work on this project has been completed, thanks to the dedicated work of so many members and others. Now comes the fun part! Currently, the state is in the process of setting the date for the unveiling in Washington, D. C. As soon as it is set, our members will be notified so that those who wish to be present can make plans to do so.

When we undertook this Herculean task, few really thought that our relatively unknown organization could make it happen. Don't forget, we are all volunteers with no paid employees! The accomplishment of this project has given our organization a level of recognition that it has never enjoyed before. Yes, it was a lot of work, but look how far we have come in making our name known, not just in our state of Nevada, but in other states as well. I congratulate and thank each and every one of you who worked so hard to make this a reality.

Since late December, most of my time has been spent dealing with my husband's illness. We are finally beginning the chemotherapy this week, so we are not finished yet. During this time so many of our members have stepped in to see that our work has continued. I thank all of you who have kept this organization running so smoothly during this time. This is just one more example of the wonderful and talented members we have.

Thank you Joyce Marshall-Moore and your state nominating committee for putting together such a promising slate of officers for the term 2004-2006. As I look toward the end of my term of office as state president, I can hardly wait to see what new and exciting projects our new officers (and members) will undertake. Whatever they may be, I know that the Nevada Women's History Project will continue to make known the role the women of our state have played in its history as no other organization has done.

Carrie Townley Porter
State President

Carson Valley Remembers Its Women

Six Carson Valley women were honored on March 7nd in Gardnerville by the Douglas County Historical Society. Their fifth annual Women's History Remembering Project, Weaving Our Colorful History, was attended by over 100 people and was held at the Carson Valley Museum and Cultural Center. Each of the women selected for this recognition had been a positive influence on the person who honored them. They include: Alice H. Fisher, Margaretta Parker Dressler, Judy Sturgis, Grace Jaunsaras, Olga May Judd Holmes, and Frances Thomson Galeppi. Representatives from Senator Reid and Senator Ensign's offices presented certificates to the honorees or their sponsors. Lt. Governor Lorraine Hunt's office mailed a certificate for each honoree.

All of their biographies are archived in the Van Sickle Research Library at the Carson Valley Museum and Cultural Center and at the Jean Ford Research Center located in the offices of the Nevada Women's History Project in Reno.

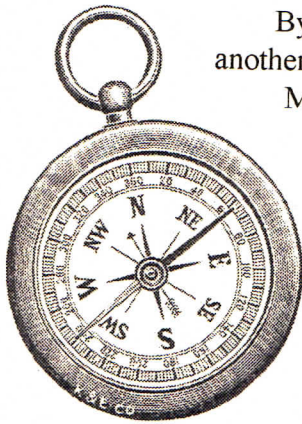
South Membership Report

We would like to welcome Toby Sulenski from Las Vegas as a new member. It is always exciting to have a new member join our organization. Each new member brings her own special talents and the more ladies that are involved in NWHP the more we can accomplish. We have an exciting year ahead and would like to see our membership grow so please contact someone you know about being a part of NWHP.

Thank you to all of you that have sent in your 2004 Membership Dues. If you have not yet renewed, please do so as we need your membership and support. Please send you dues to NWHP, P.O. Box 12184, Las Vegas, NV 12184. If you have any questions call me at 242-6622.

Kaye Gray
Membership Chair

News From The North



By the time you read this newsletter another Pink Tea will be successfully behind Mary Anne Convis, our fabulous fundraiser for the Sarah Winnemucca Project. She and Carrie Porter have worked tirelessly to make this dream a reality. To honor Mary Anne for her lifetime of accomplishments and for her work for the project, NWHP will be presenting her as our nominee for Woman of Achievement at the

Women's Fund luncheon on May 11, 2004. She has many successes and deserves to be honored for them in this her 75th year.

Our members continue to work to discover and disseminate the history of Nevada women. On May 24th, Jan Loverin and Holly Van Valkenburgh will present a tour of the Marjorie Russell Clothing and Textile Research Center in Carson City with dinner to follow. Our annual meeting will feature a program by Susan Searcy, archivist at the Nevada State Archives, on discovering Nevada women's history resources at beautiful Thunder Canyon Country Club in Washoe Valley.

We will have two fundraisers in the Fall, an event at the home of Karen Benna for the Sarah Winnemucca Project in September, and a Santa Claus fundraiser for North projects in early December at the home of Mary Anne Convis. My thanks to both of these members for their generosity in sharing their homes with us.

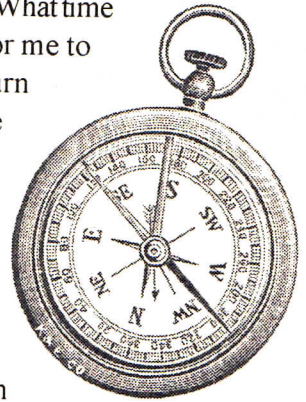
The Western History Association will be having their conference in Las Vegas this year on October 13th-16th. NWHP will be represented by a presentation on Nevada women given by Sally Zanjani, Carrie Porter, Cheryl Glottfely and myself. Hopefully, some of you members who are history buffs will join us for this exciting conference.

Plans are still being made for our conference and statue reception in Washington, D.C. next March for the culmination of the Sarah Winnemucca Project. Kathleen Clemence is working on securing the Women in Military Service for America Memorial Theater for our conference site. This Memorial contains among other things the stories of 250,000 women who served in the military including many Nevada women. Nevada contributed \$10,000 toward the building of this Memorial to honor our state women veterans.

Kathleen Clemence and Linda Wycoff have also spent

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News From The South



I'm afraid it's that time again. What time you ask? That would be time for me to take a well deserved rest and turn over the helm to another capable hand; actually, many, many capable hands. There are really no words to express what being chair of this wonderful organization, both State and Regional, has meant to me. I am a survivor of the early days when we all wondered if we could really get this thing off the ground. I had the blessing of working with Jean Ford and learning her vision of this project. I, along with many of you, endured the loss of Jean and other key members here in the South. Yet, every day we grow stronger in dedicated members. When I tell someone that I am Chair of the NWHP, they know about us and the projects we are involved in.

I have had the opportunity to work with many outstanding women: Mitsi Johnson who even through all her surgeries has never said no to a task and has even enlisted the help of her Girl Scouts on many occasions; Mary Gafford who sets up our luncheons and gets publicity out on all our functions; Jean Spiller who has kept our books in great order; Joan Dimmit and Rosie O'Grady who not only work in our organization, but enlist other organizations to assist in our vision; and Kaye Gray (who just joined the NWHP to get the Newsletter) and now does an incredible job with the membership roles and has agreed to stay in her position for another term. Kaye also chaired our Pink Tea along with Jeanne Greenawalt, which was such a huge success. There are so many more of you that have offered help and encouragement and I hope you know how much I appreciate you. Sometimes I sit back and wonder if I really did anything or does it just look that way because of the fantastic support I have had.

It seems like yesterday that Frankie Williams and Joan LeMere took me to lunch and asked me to take over as Southern Chair. (There is a lesson here, folks! No such thing as a free lunch.) That was almost three years ago and I have to admit the time has flown by. I look forward to staying involved and helping wherever I can. Sarah will be dedicated in Washington, D. C. next year and I want to be in the front row. Thanks to all of you for your enthusiasm and assistance.

*Joyce Marshall-Moore, President
Southern Region Executive Committee*

NWHP South Spring Luncheon



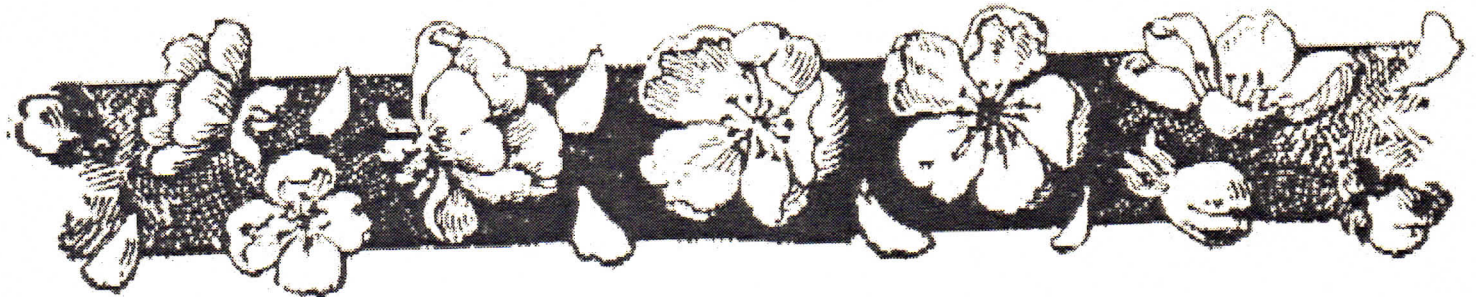
Marian Bollinger and Mary Gafford Enjoying the Southern Region Spring Luncheon.

The spring luncheon was held at 11:00am on April 24th at the Golden Steer Restaurant. Joyce Marshall-Moore greeted everyone and four members introduced their guests. Mary Gafford introduced Karen M. Foster who is the editor of Avista Magazine and hosts Avista Magazine Live, a local program on television and radio. Karen wants to spotlight the Sarah Winnemucca project in her magazine and become an active member in the NWHP. Joan Dimmit gave a short report on the DAR's involvement in the Sarah Project. They presented a check to Mitsi Johnson at their state convention for \$6,555 and are continuing to raise more. Joyce showed the group the beautiful glass award shaped in a flame motif that the NWHP Southern Region received from the City of Las Vegas, honoring our organization during Women's History Month.

Joan LeMere led the Pledge of Allegiance and Jean Baker read an inspirational thought. Claytee White, Director of the UNLV Oral History Research Center, gave a unique presentation where she interviewed herself. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed it and she received a standing ovation. It is comforting to know that oral histories, especially those of women, are now actively being sought, recorded and preserved here in the South.

After lunch, Joan LeMere talked about some upcoming Northern events in the fall and how we might attend as a group. She stressed the importance of becoming involved in our organization and taking part in all that you are able to. The new incoming slate of officers was announced and the ladies were introduced. Finally, there was a drawing for the door prize. Joan Vaughn won a set of three goblet candle holders. Joyce thanked everyone for coming. As usual, the food and the ambiance were outstanding.

Following the luncheon there was a short business meeting of the officers. The afternoon came to a close at 1:45pm.



News from the North

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hours doing an accounting of our books and report that they have successfully completed their audit. Our members are so generous with their time and devote so many hours to our project that I can't begin to thank you all enough.

I urge our members to join us for any of our activities that are of interest to you. I know that some of you need rides in order to attend our functions. I encourage you to call me personally, 853-8393, and I will arrange a ride for you.

We are always looking for fun and informative activities to offer our members. Please contact any of our board members if you have ideas or suggestions for programs.

*Kathleen Noneman
Chair, Northern Region Steering Committee*

Featured NWHP Member: Mary Anne Convis



Mary Anne Convis, who is NWHP co-chair of the Sarah Winnemucca Statue Project and Project Review Chair for the Northern Region, will be honored on May 11th at the Nevada Women's Fund Women of Achievement Luncheon in Reno. She will be recognized for her outstanding work in the Nevada Women's History Project, and in particular, her success in spearheading the fundraising for the statue. She worked closely with honorary chair, First Lady Dema Guinn, her co-chair Carrie Townley Porter, numerous organizations, schools, communities, and individuals.

Mary Anne, who grew up in Texas, will be 75 years young this year. She attended the University of Texas in Austin, graduating with a degree in Early Childhood Education. In graduate school she became interested in women's history. She transferred that interest to the history of Nevada women when she moved to Carson City.

Mary Anne is the mother of six and grandmother of 13. She also is an accomplished watercolorist and still has time to volunteer for many organizations and charities wherever she and Chuck, her husband of 55 years, have lived.

Always a woman who likes a challenge, she has sold real estate and owned a rare and used bookstore with her husband. At the age of 65 she rewired a house and it passed inspection! Mary Anne Convis is truly a Woman of Achievement for this organization and for this community.

Letter To Our Members

I had the opportunity to meet some of you this past year when I was researching my book, *More Than Petticoats: Remarkable Nevada Women*, and I would like to express my sincere thanks to everyone who selflessly offered me their time and knowledge. The work all of you put into the Nevada Women's History Project is amazing and a godsend to researchers like myself.

More Than Petticoats: Remarkable Nevada Women is the story of fourteen Nevada women, all born before 1900. Each one had an impact on the state, sometimes good, sometimes not so good, but they are all integral to Nevada's past. Publication by Globe Pequot Press is scheduled for this fall.

I especially want to thank Carrie Townley Porter who went out of her way to help me with this project. Even before I made my first trip to Reno, Carrie and I corresponded by email and phone as I went through the process of determining which women to include in the book. I certainly could not have completed the chapter on Helen J. Stewart without her assistance and expertise. When we finally met in person, she presented me with voluminous files on many of my ladies, saving me hours sorting through Historical Society and Special Collections records. I think we talked for two or three hours before I left with my head spinning with historical facts and my arms full of vital documents pertaining to my research.

Georgia Hedrick and I had a delightful time discussing the antics of the Daughters of Charity during their time on the Comstock. She emailed me many of her own unique sketches of the Daughters and we are both waiting on pins and needles to see if the publisher will use one of her drawings in the book.

Cherry Jones gave me new insight into the life of physician Eliza Cook and her comments made all the difference in Eliza's appearance in the book. I had the pleasure of meeting Cherry when she was vacationing in Arizona this past March.

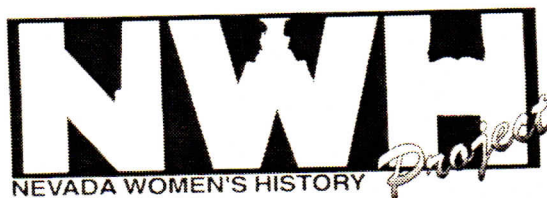
Tamera Buzick graciously stood outside Bowers Mansion and answered my unending questions about Alison Bowers even though the wind blew up a snowstorm. My teeth were certainly chattering.

Through the efforts of Sue Fawn Chung at the University of Nevada, I met the granddaughter of the first Chinese woman farmer in Nevada, Ah Cum Kee.

Dr. Sally Zanjani kindly allowed me to quote her in my chapter on Ferminia Sarraz.

I will let you know when *More Than Petticoats: Remarkable Nevada Women* finally hits the bookstores, and I look forward to meeting all you remarkable Nevada woman when I return to the state this fall to promote the book.

Jan Cleere



**2004 Ballot for NWHP State Executive Committee, Northern Region Steering Committee
and Southern Region Executive Committee**

The NWHP State Nominating Committee and the Nominating Committees from both the Northern and Southern Regions are pleased to present the following slates of nominees for the coming term commencing on July 1, 2004. These positions must be filled by election and it is your privilege as a member of the NWHP to actively let your vote count. You may either vote for the slates as they are or you have the opportunity to write in additional candidates. Please be advised that before you can add a name, you must have that person's written permission to do so.

NORTHERN REGION

Vice-President:	Cherry Jones
Treasurer:	Holly Van Valkenburgh

I accept this slate as nominated: _____

I propose the following alternatives: _____

NWHP STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President:	Joan LeMere
1st Vice-President:	Cherry Jones
2nd Vice-President:	Kaye Gray
3rd Vice-President:	Mary Anne Convis
Secretary:	Mary Gafford
Treasurer:	Mitsi Johnson

I accept this slate as nominated: _____

I propose the following alternatives: _____

SOUTHERN REGION

President:	Anne Reck
Vice-President:	Mary Gafford
Corresponding Secretary:	Jean Baker
Recording Secretary:	Pat McNutt
Treasurer:	Su Kim Chung

I accept this slate as nominated: _____

I propose the following alternatives: _____

MAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Northern Region: Mail completed ballot to: NWHP, 770 Smithridge Drive, Suite 300, Reno, NV 89502-0708

Southern Region: NWHP, P.O. Box 12184, Las Vegas, NV 89112-0184

The state ballot must be mailed to the state office. Use the Reno address.

Deadline for submission is June 1, 2004.

Two Interesting Weekend UNR Classes To Be Offered This Summer

Patrons, Builders, and Designers of Great Nevada Architecture

Two classes of interest to history buffs, advocates of historic preservation, and lifelong learners of various types will be offered in Carson City this summer. The first class meets on two Saturdays, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., June 19 and 26. HP 499/699 Special Topics: Patrons, Builders, and Designers of Great Nevada Architecture will include class lectures as well as walking tours of some of the historic structures in the Carson City area (participants will need to supply their own transportation from class to various starting points around Carson City). The people, organizations, and ideas that have shaped the historic buildings in Nevada will be emphasized. A brief research project, done outside of class time (and drawing upon local library and web-based resources) will be required. The instructor is Ron James, M.A., Nevada's State Historic Preservation Officer.

Historical Treasures of Nevada-Discovering Nevada Women's History Resources

Of particular interest to NHWP members is a second class, which also meets on two Saturdays, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on July 17 and 31, HP 499/699 Special Topics: Historical Treasures of Nevada-Discovering Nevada Women's History Resources. The class will feature an examination of many of the most notable documents and artifacts from the Nevada State Archives, each item reflecting an important person, idea, or event in the women's history of the state. As the story of each item is told, students will learn how they are preserved and maintained, and how research in government archives can be done. A brief research project, utilizing local library and web-based resources will be required to be done outside of class time. The instructor is Jeff Kintop, M.A., State Archives Manager at the Nevada State Library & Archives.

Both classes require Internet access and an email address. Both meet at the Nevada State Library & Archives, 100 Stewart Street, Classroom E (Lower Level). Both are available for either undergraduate or graduate credit. In addition to tuition and materials costs, a university application fee of \$60 is required (if applicable). Pre-registration is required. To pre-register, or for more information, please contact UNR Extended Studies at 784-4046 or 1-800-233-8928, or contact Reed Scull at the Carson City Extended Studies office at 687-6406.

Reed Scull
UNR Extended Studies

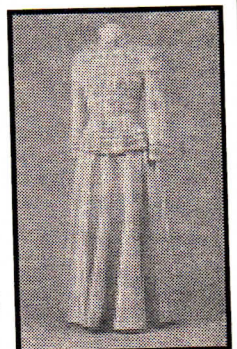
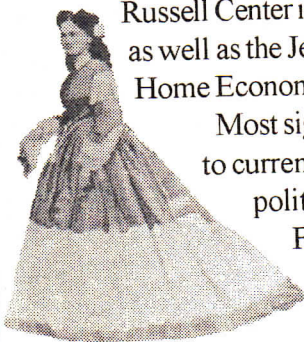
May 24: Marjorie Russell Clothing and Textile Research Center Tour

Join Curator Jan Loverin for a tour of the study center for understanding historic costumes and textiles. It was created in 1992 under the direction of the Nevada State Museum and Nevada Historical Society. The Marjorie

Russell Center is composed of the costume and textile collections of both founding institutions as well as the Jessie Pope costume collection from the University of Nevada, Reno School of Home Economics. The size of the collections is approximately 10,000 artifacts.

Most significant is the women's collection, which ranges from the eighteenth century to current day fashions. Other strengths are the quilt collection, hats, children's wear, political and ceremonial dress, flags banners, and military and men's wear. The First Ladies Inaugural Ball gowns will be displayed.

Contact Holly Van Valkenburgh at 884-4246 or 684-3322 or at hovava@juno.com.



Featured Historic Nevada Woman

Delphine Anderson Squires

At A Glance:

Born: January 8, 1868

Died: 1961

Maiden Name: Anderson

Race/nationality/ethnic background: Caucasian

Married: Charles Pember Squires 1899

Children: One daughter and three sons

Primary county and city of residence and work: Las Vegas, Clark County

Major fields of work: Newspaper Columnist

Other role identities: Civic leader, writer, women's advocate

Delphine Anderson Squires was born on January 8, 1868 in Portage City, Wisconsin. Through her memoirs, newspaper articles, and civic leadership she was to have a great impact on this city. She was known as a charming and hospitable hostess and an advocate for women and children. Her respect and love of the desert and the pioneering spirit of the people of Las Vegas were reflected in her endeavors to chronicle the period.

When her family moved to Austin, Minnesota she became a close friend of Charles Pember Squires. This young boy was to have a great influence on the rest of her life. Although she had prepared for a career as a music teacher and was awarded a contract with the Seattle Public schools, the Great Seattle Fire changed her direction and goals. She wrote to C.P. and told him she was ready to get married. He then proposed in a letter and they were married in August of 1899.

The panic of 1893 led C.P. to consider a venture to a new town that was to be established on the line extending the San Pedro and Los Angeles Railroad to Salt Lake City. He set off in 1905 for a little desert city known as Las Vegas.

Delphine moved to Las Vegas to join her husband on June 21st 1905. At the time she was living in Los Angeles with her children and had become quite attached to the

educational and cultural advantages offered there. In a column for the Las Vegas Age newspaper she explained, "But, there was "Pop", living in the terrible desert heat in very unsanitary surroundings trying to make a home for us in Nevada; so, we decided in favor of "Pop" on the contention that we needed him and that he needed us more than the children needed culture."

They boarded the train and did not look back. The next day she raised the shade in the berth to an early morning sunrise on the desert. "I shall never forget the beauty of it! The great expanse of the desert, rimmed by the mysterious blue of the mountains..."



So began her new life that was to be distinguished by her many contributions to the culture and spirit of Las Vegas. Her home became the center of hospitality in the new community and she was remembered as a "premier hostess". Fondly known as "Mom" and "Pop" Squires they continued to provide civic information and views with their newspaper The Las Vegas Age.

As a writer for her husband's newspaper, "Mom" Squires provided readers with reflections on the history of Nevada. In one such column she looks back on what life was like for the early women who resided there. "Life was not 'one grand sweet song' in those early years in Las Vegas. Everything was done the 'hard way.' Housewives of that period, 50 years ago, were not lazy – in fact, they were a set of hard working women." The summer heat was intense and not a shade tree in sight. Poorly ventilated tents were the norm. She recalled that there was no electricity and very few conveniences. Washing clothes and linens was a major chore.

The women of the town had founded the "Hostess Club" in 1905 and "Mom" was an active member. This organization of pioneer women let nothing stop them from their meetings. "Mom" fondly remembered that the houses were small and ill equipped for entertaining but the women brought their own

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Featured Historic Nevada Woman: Delphine Anderson Squires



plates and silverware and came armed with scissors, needles and thimbles as they prepared to sew for the hostess. Content to sit on boxes they exchanged friendly gossip and discussed the issues that were important to making the town a suitable place for bringing up children. This group was an informal Chamber of Commerce and became instrumental in obtaining churches, schools and enforcement of sanitary laws.

She continued to expand the opportunities for Nevada women by active participation in organizations such as the Mesquite Club and Nevada State Federated Women's Club.

"Mom" held a vital role in community leadership and established a branch of the Congress of Mothers in 1907. She was instrumental in the building of the Christ Church Episcopal and is credited as the founder of the Las Vegas Library.

Delphine sadly admitted to one problem, "Although I have loved Las Vegas from the first time I saw it, I soon discovered that with the coming of the hot weather I developed asthma." She was invited to spend time at the McFarland ranch in Indian Springs to see if the altitude might prove beneficial. She and her son Russell stayed in a little cottage there and she had no more breathing problems. The Squires later bought a cabin at Deer Creek on Mt. Charleston. She spent many happy summers there with her family and friends.

"Mr. Squires and I have often been asked why we came to Nevada to make our home. I hesitate to admit that the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow was the only reason because if it were, then our quest has failed. I prefer to think that the pot of gold we were seeking contained something finer and more precious and that we found it in the beauty, peace and contentment of our desert home and the companionship of the many friends we have made and of the happiness they have brought us."

"Mom" passed away in 1961. She left a true pioneer legacy and is remembered as one of the founding Mothers of Las Vegas.

Researched and written by Jill Stovall

Sources of information:

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Several Nevada Schools Donate to Sarah Winnemucca Fund



McDermitt Elementary School 4th grade class.

Students in the 4th grade class at the McDermitt Elementary School in Humboldt County raised \$140.00 for the Sarah Winnemucca Statue Fund by giving a bake sale. Their teacher Mrs. Whipple presented the check to the Sarah Winnemucca Statue Fund. During Sarah's lifetime, Ft. McDermitt played a major role in her struggle for Indian rights.

The Roberta Curry Cartwright Elementary School in Las Vegas raised \$600.00 for the fund. The Jim Thorpe Elementary School in Las Vegas donated \$20.00 and the Richard C. Priest Elementary School in North Las Vegas raised \$110.54 by holding a bake sale and staging a play. An article about their successful fundraiser was featured in the February 2004 issue of the newsletter.

In Reno, the Sarah Winnemucca Elementary School contributed \$536.86 towards the Statue Fund. In Carson City, the Carson Middle School raised \$500.00 for the project.

We thank the schools, their teachers and students for their hard work and contributions to the Sarah Winnemucca Statue Fund.

Northern Region Annual Meeting Announcement

North Annual meeting at Thunder Canyon Country Club, Washoe Valley, on July 10th, 2004 from 10:30 - 1:30. Menu choices are salmon caesar salad or tri-tip focaccia sandwich or smoked chicken penne pasta. Lunch is \$21.00 and will include bread and butter, coffee or tea and dessert.



Guest Speaker Susan Searcy

Susan Searcy, Archivist at the Nevada State Archives, will present the program for the July 10 Annual Meeting. The topic will be Discovering Nevada Women's History Resources, an examination of some of the most notable documents and artifacts from the Nevada State Archives, each item reflecting an important person, idea, or event in the women's history of the state. As the story of each item is told, listeners will learn how they are preserved and maintained, and how research in government archives can be done.

Please RSVP before Wednesday, July 7th with your menu choice by calling Kathy Noneman, 853-8393 or sending in your response to NWHP, 770 Smithridge Dr., Ste. 300, Reno, NV 89502.

Another Glorious Day at the Governor's Mansion for Our Fourth Annual Pink Tea



NWHP members Cherry Jones, Mary Anne Convis, Billie Brinkman, Holly Van Valkenburgh, and Carrie Porter came to the Pink Tea in period dress.

First Lady Dema Guinn hosted the Pink Tea on Saturday, April 24th. The weather was beautiful and the Mansion provided a wonderful setting for our Pink Tea. One young guest wondered whether we drink pink tea. No, we have the Pink Tea to celebrate women getting the right to vote. I hope you all share the history of that struggle with young people.

Guests were greeted by Kathleen Clemence, who took care of all the bookkeeping and made the name tags. She was assisted by Billie Brinkman and Isabel Espinoza. Thank you for all your help. The entry was decorated with lovely arrangements of pink roses and carnations. The mansion volunteers served champagne that was donated by Keith and Carrie Porter. We welcome those ladies who are such a big help. Thank you Keith and Carrie. The tea table was beautiful. Molly the caterer did a wonderful job. The presentation of our High Tea reminded

us all of those elegant teas of long ago.

Some of our members came in period dress adorned with "Votes for Women" ribbons and badges.

Two students from Carson Middle School presented the First Lady with a check for \$500.00 for the Project. We have had contributions from schools all over the state. Thank you Students!

Adam Baker, the artist who painted the oil painting that we have used in our fund raising, presented that painting to the First Lady. Mrs. Guinn has been a major supporter of the Sarah Winnemucca Statue Project. We are grateful for her hard work and continued support.

We raised over \$4,500 at the Tea, bringing our total to over \$140,000.

I cannot describe how proud I am of all of you who have worked so hard to make our dream a reality.

And last but not least, I want to thank Judy Brusa, Executive Assistant to the First Lady, and Judy Cox, Mansion Coordinator, for their continued support.

*Mary Anne Convis
Co-Chair, Sarah Winnemucca Statue Project*



Artist Adam Baker Presents His Portrait of Sarah Winnemucca to First Lady Dema Guinn.

Congratulations to:

- Carrie Townley Porter for being named the recipient of this year's Silver Thistle Award by the Northern Nevada Scottish Clan. The award is given to a person of Scottish descent who has made a contribution to the life of the community so significant that it qualifies that Scottish person for the "Silver Thistle" award.
- First Lady Dema Guinn for her role in publishing the booklet entitled, *State of Nevada – The Historical Governor's Mansion*. This beautifully done piece gives the history of the Governor's Mansion in Carson City, short biographies on the 28 governors of Nevada and their wives, and a history of the Nevada Day Celebration which is unique in our nation. The booklets are available for \$9.95 at the Nevada State Museum and the gift shop at the Legislative Building in Carson City.
- The P.E.O. Chapters in Nevada for their new publication, *P.E.O. Stars of the Battle Born State*, which contains biographies of 56 Nevada women. These biographies were compiled by The Legacy Committee of P.E.O. Chapter C in Ely, Nevada. This project is a valuable contribution to the recording and publication of the lives of women living in Nevada. Kay Sanders donated a copy to the Jean Ford Research Center library located in the state office in Reno.

Thanks to:

- Holly Van Valkenburgh for her hard work designing and helping to write the new Sarah Winnemucca trifold.

Heads Up:

- The Sarah Winnemucca Statue dedication ceremony to be held in Washington, D.C. in Statuary Hall in 2005 will be held in conjunction with the Annual Nevada Women's History Project Conference. It will be held in March, 2005, date to be announced. Look for details in the August 2004 issue of this newsletter.

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DAR Presents Check to NWHP

Daughters of American Revolution donated \$6,555.00 so far to the Sarah Winnemucca project. They gave Mitsi Johnson, the acting state treasurer, a check in that amount on March 13, 2004, during their state convention at the Golden Nugget in Las Vegas. This is the profit to date on the sale of the Sarah jewelry. Rosie O'Grady, DAR State President, and Joan Dimmitt, DAR state project coordinator, were the originators of this great fundraiser for Sarah. As the cost of producing the jewelry was also donated, the proceeds from the sales of the earrings, necklaces and key chains are pure profit for the Sarah statue.



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