

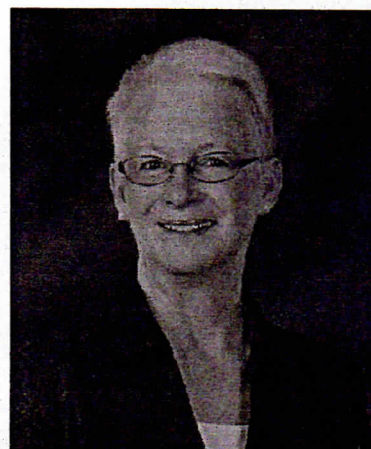
## Our Mission

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.

## Nevada Women's History Project 2011 Honoree: Grace Davis

Grace worked in the accounting and auditing fields before retiring. A second 'career' began when she joined the NWHP to help collect women's histories. The realization that so much valuable and fascinating history has not been preserved for future generations makes being a part of this organization a very rewarding experience. Grace is a third-generation Nevadan. She and her husband Ken live in Reno, and are fortunate to have their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren residing in the Reno area.

Grace Davis



## Nevada Women's Fund Women of Achievement Luncheon

Monday June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2011 was the annual Women of Achievement Luncheon where 62 local women were honored for their contributions to the community. I was honored that the NWHP thought my accomplishments worthy to be included with so many accomplished women who have contributed so much to our community.

When the NWHP asked for a brief statement from each honoree, I realized that after retiring, I really began a second "career" with the NWHP in helping with the collecting and preserving of women's histories. The realization that so much valuable and fascinating history has not been preserved for future generations makes being a part of the Nevada Women's

History Project a very rewarding experience.

The morning began with a breakfast at the Sparks Nugget where there was an opportunity to interact with so many interesting women who are deeply involved in numerous activities that support women's issues in Northern Nevada. Both the breakfast event and the luncheon for Women of Achievement were wonderful reflections on the contributions the Nevada Women's Fund makes to our community. This is accomplished through their scholarship program and the support they provide to many organizations such as the Committee to Aid Abused Women, Access to Healthcare Network, Care Chest, Step2, Inc., Crisis Call, Safe Embrace to

name just a few. Some of the guest speakers at both the breakfast and the luncheon were previous scholarship recipients and their achievements were a testimonial to the success of the program.

Over 1,000 people attended the luncheon to support the

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Nevada Women's Fund and to welcome some of the previous scholarship recipients.

The luncheon's keynote speaker was Barbara Corcoran, who is a well known real estate mogul, a nationally known television personality as well as a successful author. She spoke eloquently to the subject of how women must be prepared mentally to take advantage of any opportunity that might present

itself in the pursuit of a career. Barbara described how she transcended her early years of poor grades and dyslexia and the 29 jobs that she passed through before she took stock of her strengths and weaknesses, and where she was at that point in her life. Her story of taking \$1,000 of seed money and turning it into a real estate business that ultimately sold for \$66,000,000 was captivating.

Congratulations to the Nevada Women's Fund for

another successful event. And thank you to the Nevada Women's History Project for this honor. This day will stand out in my memory for years to come!

Grace Davis

## *"How To Do Research" Workshop Planned*

"NWHP members and friends are invited to attend a workshop scheduled for September 17<sup>th</sup> at the Nevada Historical Society in Reno. This two-hour event will include talks by Nevada Historical Society staff members on what is available and how to access the holdings in their facility. Also, NWHP members will share their experiences in doing research. Speakers will take questions from the audience following their presentations. The session will begin at 9:00 a.m. at the Nevada Historical Society, 1650 North Virginia Street, Reno. Following the workshop, participants will have a chance to talk informally. Lists and information on Nevada women who have been identified as possible candidates for research and writing of their biographies will be available.

The Research Library opens at noon and anyone who wants to begin working on their historical woman's biography could start immediately.

Co-Directors of the Jean Ford Research Center Kay Sanders and Carrie Porter will act as moderators. Helpful information on research websites, lists of publications, local and national resources, instructions and forms for submission of biographies will be handed out.

Detailed information on the workshop will be available in August. The cost of admission is \$10.00 for NWHP members and non-members and \$5.00 for students. Deadline for signing up for this event is September 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please RSVP to Kay Sanders at [kay.sanders@live.com](mailto:kay.sanders@live.com) or 775-747-1740.

Kay Sanders

## *Nevada Women's History Project Women of Achievement*

- 1999 – Carrie Townley Porter
- 2000 – Betty Glass
- 2001 – Alice Gottschalk Downer
- 2004 – Mary Anne Convis
- 2005 – Kathleen D. Clemence
- 2006 – Kathleen Noneman
- 2007 – Kay Sanders
- 2008 – Isabel Espinoza
- 2009 – Lisa-Marie Lightfoot
- 2010 – Holly Van Valkenburgh
- 2011 – Grace Davis

## Nevada Women's History Project - Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting was held Saturday, June 4, 2011 at the Tamarack Junction in Reno, NV. Thirty members attended. Annette Whittemore, Founder and CEO of the Whittemore Peterson Institute for Neuro-Immune Disease was our guest speaker. This institute was founded after Ms. Whittemore and her husband were unable to find appropriate answers and treatment for their daughter's neuro-immune disease. This institute "is the first of its kind in the world" and exists to "bring discovery, knowledge and effective treatments to patients with illnesses that are caused by

acquired dysregulation of both the immune system and the nervous system, often resulting in life long disease and disability". Many questions from our members were addressed by Ms. Whittemore.

Our group was invited to tour the institute at UNR and a trip will be scheduled in the near future. If you are interested in participating in this tour, please contact Marcia Cuccaro at 775-8831454 or by email at [vergato1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:vergato1@sbcglobal.net). More information will follow once we know how many members are interested in taking this tour.

Marcia Cuccaro

## New Editor of NWHP Newsletter

Holly Van Valkenburgh has assumed responsibility for collecting materials for the quarterly issues of the NWHP newsletter.

The next issue is planned for September. If you have information you would like to share, programs you are planning, or information you would like to see included, contact Holly at [hovava@juno.com](mailto:hovava@juno.com).

The deadline for submission will be August 31. Holly will be out of town during August, so it is imperative that she be contacted via e-mail and can respond at that time. Holly Van Valkenburgh, [hovava@juno.com](mailto:hovava@juno.com)



## Save the Dates

**Save Saturday, August 13, for our annual Wildflower Hike.** Depending on trail conditions and wildflower locations, we will either hike north on the Tahoe Rim Trail from Tahoe Meadows or in the

Carson Pass area to Lake Margaret. We would carpool to either location. Time of departure from Reno: 8:30 a.m. If you are interested in joining us or need more information, contact Kay Sanders before August 10th. [kay.sanders@live.com](mailto:kay.sanders@live.com) or 775-747-1740.

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