

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING & AGENDA  
Board of Museums and History

Friday, March 6, 2026, at 9:00 AM

Meeting Location

The meeting will be held via TEAMS conference, accessible via electronic devices connected to the internet with listening and microphone capabilities. Video camera capability will also allow users to watch others in the meeting who are also using a video camera. The in-person option will be held starting at 9AM, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026:

Nevada State Railroad Museum Carson City  
2180 S. Carson St., Carson City, NV 89701

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- Action may be taken on those items denoted “For possible action.”
- At the discretion of the chair: items on the agenda may be taken out of order; two or more agenda items may be combined; agenda items may be removed from the agenda, or delay discussion relating to an item, at any time.

1. Call the meeting to order. Chair of the Nevada Board of Museums & History.
2. Call for the start of the recording of the meeting. Board Chair and staff.
3. Call for confirmation the meeting was properly posted. Board Chair and staff.
4. Call for the roll call of the Board and determination of quorum. Board Chair and staff.
5. Nominations and election of Chair and Vice-Chair for the Board of Museums and History. Terms upon election. Chair (For possible action.)
6. Public comment announcement. Board Chair.  
Public comment on both agenda and non-agenda items is welcomed by the Board. There are three periods of public comment during a meeting of the Nevada Board of Museums and History, at the beginning of meeting, at the end of meeting, and after discussion of each action item on the agenda, but before voting on the item. No action can be taken during the public comment period.

Because of time considerations, the period for public comment may be limited to 3 minutes at the discretion of the chair, and speakers are urged to avoid repetition of comments made by previous speakers. Speakers, including Board members, must identify themselves before speaking. Public comment options may include, without limitation, written public comment submitted to this public body via mail or email.

7. Acceptance of Minutes. Board Chair and Staff (All items for possible action.)
  - a. December 5, 2025, Meeting of the Board of Museums & History.+
  - b. January 23, 2026, Special Meeting of the Board of Museums & History.+
8. Board announcements and meeting dates. (All items for possible action.)
  - a. 2025 Board Meeting Dates
    1. June 4-5, 2026 (THU-FRI) – Nevada State Museum, Las Vegas
    2. September 11, 2026 (FRI) – Nevada State Museum, Carson City
    3. December 4, 2026 (FRI) – Nevada State Railroad Museum, Boulder City
9. Nevada Department of Tourism & Cultural Affairs (DTCA). Brenda Scolari, Director. (Informational)
  - a. Department Update. Brenda Scolari.
  - b. Marketing and Communications Report. Mary Ellen Kawchack, Chief Deputy Director, DTCA.+
10. Consent agenda. All items, a-i, for possible action. Items may be combined for a single vote. Board members may pull any item for discussion and/or separate vote. (All items for possible action unless otherwise noted.)
  - a. Restricted donation \$18,260 to NSMCC from the 2026 Annual Appeal drive+
  - b. Restricted donation \$2,000 to NSMCC from Fidelity Charitable Investments+
  - c. Restricted donation \$1,000 to NSMCC from Cora Johnson+
  - d. Restricted donation \$1,000 to NSMCC from Eugene Hattori+
  - e. Restricted donation \$20,000 to NHS from Community Foundation of Northern Nevada+
  - f. Restricted donation \$1,000 to NHS from Anne T. Simone+
  - g. Restricted donation \$500 to NHS from Janice C. Pine+
  - h. Nevada State Railroad Museum Boulder City request - Amtrack locomotive 315+
  - i. Nevada State Museum Carson City Proposed Pricing Structure+
11. Administrator’s Report. Daniel P. Thielen, Administrator. (All items for possible action unless otherwise noted.)
  - a. General Report
  - b. Admission and Train Fee Review +
  - c. Nevada State Railroad Museum Carson City, Facility Rental Fees+
  - d. NAGPRA
12. Nevada State Historic Preservation Office. Art Krupicz, Administrator / State Historic Preservation Officer. (All items for possible action unless otherwise noted.)
  - a. Staff Report +
  - b. National Register of Historic Places nomination: East Fourth Street Historic District, Reno, Washoe County, Nevada +
  - c. National Register of Historic Places nomination: Downtown Winnemucca Historic District, Winnemucca, Humboldt County, Nevada +
  - d. National Register of Historic Places nomination: Aitken House – Florence Crittenton Home, Reno, Washoe County, Nevada +
  - e. State Register of Historic Places nomination: Aitken House – Florence Crittenton Home, Reno, Washoe County, Nevada +
  - f. State Register of Historic Places nomination: Log Cabin, Hawthorne, Mineral County, Nevada. +
13. Chair’s Report. Board Chair. (All items for possible action unless otherwise noted.)

14. Board Committee Updates (All items for possible action.)
  - a. Finance Committee (Chair: Michelle Schmitter)
  - b. Buildings & Grounds Committee (Chair: Bert Bedeau)
  - c. Museum Store Committee (Chair: Jan Petersen)
  - d. Marketing & Technology Committee (Chair: Seth Schorr)
  
15. Museum Reports (All items for possible action unless otherwise noted.)
  - a. Nevada State Railroad Museum, Carson City +
  - b. Nevada State Railroad Museum, Boulder City +
  - c. Nevada State Railroad Museum, Ely +
  - d. Nevada State Museum, Las Vegas +
  - e. Nevada State Museum, Carson City +
  - f. Nevada Historical Society +
  - g. Lost City Museum +
  
16. Private funds budget adjustments – current year. (For possible action.)
  - a. Changes approved by the Division Administrator
  - b. Changes requested from the Board over \$5,000
  
17. Board member comments on non-agendized items. (Discussion only.)
  
18. Future Board agenda items (Discussion only).

Recommendations by Board members regarding topics for future agenda items for the Board can be made under this agenda item. Discussion on proposals for future Board items shall be limited to whether such proposed items are within the purview of the Board. No discussion regarding the substance of any proposed agenda item shall occur.
  
19. Public Comment Announcement.

Public comment is welcomed by the Board. Because of time considerations, the period for public comment by each speaker may be limited to 3 minutes at the discretion of the chair, and speakers are urged to avoid repetition of comments made by previous speakers. Public comment options may include, without limitation, written public comment submitted to the public body via mail or email. Speakers must identify themselves before speaking.

## 20. ADJOURNMENT

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412 E. Musser St., Suite 2, Carson Street, Carson City 89701

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# Board of Museums and History

Friday, December 5, 2025, at 9:00 AM

Summary of Minutes

This meeting was held online via TEAMS conference, and in person at the Moapa Valley Community Center, 320 North Moapa Valley Boulevard, Overton, Nevada 89040.

## BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Anthony Timmons, Chair  
Mercedes de la Garza, Vice Chair  
Rochanne Downs  
Nathan Harper  
Daniel Markoff  
Dora Martinez  
Jan Petersen  
Michelle Schmitter  
Seth Schorr  
Mark Slaughter  
Lou Ann Speulda-Drews

## ATTENDEES

Brenda Scolari, Director, Department of Tourism & Cultural Affairs  
Mary Ellen Kawchack, Deputy Director, Department of Tourism & Cultural Affairs  
Daniel Thielen, Administrator, Nevada Division of Museums & History  
Harry Ward, Deputy Attorney General  
Brian Deem, Administrative Services Officer, Nevada Division of Museums & History  
Jen Roger, Director, Nevada State Museum, Carson City  
Christopher MacMahon, Director, Nevada State Railroad Museum, Boulder City  
Catherine Magee, Director, Nevada Historical Society  
Sean Pitts, Director, Nevada State Railroad Museum, Ely  
Hollis Gillespie, Director, Nevada State Museum, Las Vegas  
Daphne DeLeon, Director, Nevada State Railroad Museum, Carson City  
Tracey Sprague, Director, Lost City Museum  
Kyle Shulz, Research Director, Department of Tourism & Cultural Affairs  
Kelly Brant, Membership Programs Manager, Division of Museums & History  
Anna Camp, Anthropology Tribal Liaison/NAGPRA Coordinator, Nevada State Museum Carson City  
SherylN Hayes-Zorn, Curator of History, Nevada Historical Society  
Kristina Hornback, Curator of Education, Nevada Historical Society  
Michael Malone, Administrative Assistant, Division of Museums & History  
Andrew Dunnigan, Executive Director, Government Entities, Morgan Stanley  
Art Krupicz, Administrator, Nevada State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO)  
Robin Reed, Deputy Administrator, SHPO  
Jean-Guy Dube, National & State Register of Historic Places Coordinator, SHPO  
Alicia Barber  
ZoAnn Campana  
Melissa Hafey  
Michelle Van Geel

1. Call the meeting to order. Chair of the Nevada Board of Museums & History.  
*Board Chair Anthony Timmons called the meeting to order.*
2. Call for the start of the recording of the meeting. Board Chair and staff.  
*Chair Timmons requested the recording of the meeting be started. AA Michael Malone started the recording.*
3. Call for confirmation the meeting was properly posted. Board Chair and staff.  
*Chair Timmons asked if the meeting was properly posted. AA Malone confirmed the meeting was posted in accordance with open meeting law.*
4. Call for the roll call of the Board and determination of quorum. Board Chair and staff.  
*AA Malone took roll and a quorum was confirmed.*
5. Public comment announcement. Board Chair.  
*No public comment was given.*
6. Acceptance of Minutes. Board Chair and Staff (All items for possible action.)
  - a. June 5, 2025 Board of Museums & History Meeting +  
*Member Petersen moved to accept the June 5, 2025 minutes; members [TWO SECONDS]. Motion carried with a majority of members present, including the chair.*
  - b. September 12, 2025 Board of Museums & History, Finance Committee Meeting +  
*Vice Chair de la Garza moved to approve; Member Martinez seconded. Motion carried with a majority of members in attendance, including the chair.*
  - c. November 20, 2025 Board of Museums & History Special Meeting +  
*Member Petersen moved to accept the November 20, 2025 minutes; Member Slaughter seconded. Motion carried with a majority of members present, including the chair.*
7. Board announcements and meeting dates. (All items for possible action.)
  - a. 2025 Board Meeting Dates
    1. March 5-6, 2026 (THU-FRI) – Nevada State Railroad Museum, Carson City  
*Member Petersen moved that, weather permitting, the board meeting March 5 and 6<sup>th</sup> be held in Ely, with the administrator’s ability to change the meeting location to the Nevada State Railroad Museum in Carson City, if needed. Vice Chair de la Garza seconded and the motion carried with a majority of members present, including the chair.*
    2. June 4-5, 2026 (THU-FRI) – Nevada State Museum, Las Vegas
    3. September 11, 2026 (FRI) – Nevada State Museum, Carson City
    4. December 4, 2026 (FRI) – Nevada State Railroad Museum, Boulder City*Member Petersen moved to approve meeting dates and locations for agenda items 7a2-7a4; Member seconded. Motion carried with a majority of members present, including the chair.*

8. Consent agenda. All items, a-m, for possible action. Items may be combined for a single vote. Board members may pull any item for discussion and/or separate vote.
- a. Restricted donation \$1,000 to the NHS from Eugene M. Hattori +
  - b. Restricted donation \$10,000 to the NHS from Neal Cobb +
  - c. Restricted donation \$500 to the NHS from Susan Holly Gallup +
  - d. Restricted donation \$575 to the NHS from Donald H. Brawley +
  - e. Restricted donation \$15,000 to the NSMCC from the John and Grace Nauman Foundation +
  - f. Restricted donation \$3,000 to the NSMCC from Eugene M. Hattori +
  - g. Restricted donation \$1,000 to NSMCC from George & Sherry McConnell +
  - h. Restricted donation \$200 to NSMCC from Nancy Valiquette +
  - i. Restricted donation \$250 to NSMCC from Fidelity Charitable Trust +
  - j. Restricted donation \$100 to NSMCC from Judith Harker +
  - k. Lost City Museum – Native American Heritage Day reduced admissions +
  - l. Nevada State Museum Las Vegas – Additional Museum Store Spending Authority \$5000 +
  - m. Lost City Museum – Additional Museum Store Consignment Authority +

*Member Petersen moved to approve consent agenda items 8a-8m; Vice Chair de la Garza seconded. Motion carried with a majority of members present, including the chair.*

9. Nevada Department of Tourism & Cultural Affairs. Brenda Scolari, Director. (Informational)
- a. Department Update. Brenda Scolari.
  - b. Marketing and Communications Report. Mary Ellen Kawchack, Chief Deputy Director, Nevada Department of Tourism & Cultural Affairs.

*Director Scolari and Chief Deputy Director Kawchack provide updates to members, including that marketing and communications would be overseen by Ms. Kawchack with Francine Burge leaving the agency.*

10. Administrator's Report. Daniel P. Thielen, Administrator. (Informational)

- a. General Report
- b. Nevada State Museum Carson City, Coin Press Purchase +
- c. Capital Improvement Project (CIP) Updates
- d. Nevada State Dedication Plaques
- e. NAGPRA
  - 1. EMU Request +

*Items 10b and 10e1 were inadvertently listed as informational and no action was taken.*

11. Nevada State Historic Preservation Office. Art Krupicz, Administrator / State Historic Preservation Officer. (All items for possible action unless otherwise noted.)

- a. Staff Report +
- b. National Register of Historic Places amended nomination: Las Vegas Mormon Fort (NRIS 72000764), 500 East Washington Avenue, Las Vegas, Clark County, Nevada +

*Members provided suggestions on the nomination and a determination was made to review for final approval in a special meeting to be scheduled, January 2026.*

- c. National Register of Historic Places nomination: Bethel AME Parsonage, 411 East Seventh Street, Reno, Washoe County, Nevada +

*Vice Chair de la Garza moved to approve the nomination as presented with the slight modification of the date; Member Markoff seconded. Motion carried with a majority of members present, including the chair.*

12. Chair's Report. Anthony Timmons, Board Chair. (All items for possible action unless otherwise noted.)
  - a. William K. Rowley Contract, Nevada Historical Society +
  - b. Apprise Board of the September special meeting on Nevada State Railroad Museum Ely  
*Chair Timmons apprised the Board of the contract approval and a determination by the Governor to have the Nevada State Railroad Museum Ely be transferred away from the Division of Museums & History; specifics of that transfer still to be confirmed.*
  
13. Board Committee Updates (All items for possible action.)
  - a. Finance Committee (Chair: Michelle Schmitter)  
*Mr. Andrew Dunnigan provided the Board with a status of the Morgan Stanley portfolio.*
  - b. East Ely Depot Committee (Chair: Anthony Timmons)
  - c. Buildings & Grounds Committee (Chair: Bert Bedeau)
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*Chair Timmons adjourned the meeting.*

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# MARKETING REPORT

**FY26 Q2 | October-December**

Presented by M.E. Kawchack, Dept. of Tourism & Cultural Affairs

# DMH INITIATIVES

# Email Performance Growth & Optimization

## Open Rate Growth

- October 9: 10.2%
- Late October (A/B test): 16.3% / 14.8%
- November: 26.31%
- December: 30.33% (Benchmark achieved)

## Engagement Quality

- October Read Rate: 58.6%
- Late October: 31%+
- December: 24.5% (380 full readers)
- Click rates aligned with campaign intent

## Strategic Wins

- Subject line A/B testing drove lift
- Alternating content strategy creates consistency
- 95% of December openers were new-network contacts
- Identified high-performing send windows

## Next Focus

- Replicate December framework
- Continue subject line testing
- Begin A/B testing send times

# October 9

# Intro General DMH

- Open Rate: 10.2%
- Subject: Fall into Nevada history
- Preview text: Discover upcoming events, must-see exhibits, and exciting news about each state museum!
- Click rate: 3.17%
- Read Rate: 58.6%



Welcome to the very first newsletter  
from the Nevada Division of Museums &  
History!

You may already know and love one of our museums, but did you know there are seven state museums across Nevada? Each one preserves and shares a distinct part of our state's rich, diverse history. We're excited to share what's happening across all of our museums, and we hope you'll enjoy discovering new stories, places, and experiences!



**Dan Thielen**  
Administrator, Nevada Division of Museums & History



## Upcoming Events



**Halloween Express**  
Nevada State Railroad Museum, Boulder City

October 11–12, 18–19, 25–26  
Trains depart at 5pm and 6:30pm

# October 22 Dedicated NSM,CC

- Version A
  - Subject: Rediscover Nevada's history, this time, bring the kids!
  - Preview: There's more to explore than you remember at the Nevada State Museum, Carson City
  - Open Rate: 16.31% (during test)
- Version B
  - Subject: Must-do fall family fun
  - Preview: From Datsolalee to Day of the Dead, here's what the season holds at the Nevada State Museum, Carson City
  - Open Rate 14.77% (during test)
- Average total open rate: 17.8%
- Click Rate: 1.79%
  - The goal was to keep people in the content, so the inclusion of minimum links was intentional
- Read Rate: 32%



One Amazing State, Seven  
Must-See Museums

Featuring: Nevada State Museum, Carson City

## Behind the Scenes of Our New Exhibit

Under One Sky  
**Basketry Gallery:**

**Waší·šiw Guwá?**  
The Work of the Washoe People



The Under One Sky Basketry Gallery showcases the artistry of famed Washoe weaver Louisa Keyser (Datsolalee) and other talented Washoe artists. For the first time in nearly two decades, these iconic baskets are on display, offering visitors a chance to experience Washoe heritage through exquisite craftsmanship, audio storytelling, and hands-on discovery.

So what does it take to bring an exhibition like this to life? Here's a peek behind the scenes.

# November 25 General DMH

- Version A
  - Subject: Holiday Events are Filling Fast!
  - Preview: From Santa Trains to exclusive gift shopping, reserve your spot today.
  - Open Rate: 23.86% (during test)
- Version B
  - Subject: This Thanksgiving, Help Us Preserve Nevada Stories
  - Preview: Learn how you can be part of our state's history.
  - Open Rate 24.15% (during test)
- Average total open rate: 25.92%
- Click Rate: 2.42%
- Read Rate: 22.6%



## History is Happening All Around Us

Spending each day surrounded by Nevada history has taught me many things. Two of my favorite lessons: history isn't just what we learn in books, it's in our everyday lives; few things have the power to bring people together like storytelling.

So a project that captures the everyday lives of Nevadans really excites me. Our Nevada Stories is an oral storytelling project, hosted by [America 250 Nevada](#) and sponsored by the Division of Museums and History. By collecting the voices, memories, and experiences of everyday Nevadans, it celebrates and preserves Nevada history as it's happening.

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, Our Nevada Stories created a new recording project. If you have a Thanksgiving story to share—whether it's a favorite tradition, recipe, or fond memory—I encourage you to [share it through Our Nevada Stories](#). After 2026, your story will live among others through a searchable digital archive, the Nevada Arts Council Folklife program, and as immersive exhibits inside the State Museums. Thank you for helping us preserve the stories that make our state so special. Wishing you and yours a joyful Thanksgiving.



**Dan Thielen**  
Administrator, Nevada Division of Museums & History

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dan Thielen".



# December 23

# Dedicated Lost City

- Open Rate: 31.12%
- Subject: Nevada's "Lost City" Is Still Telling Stories
- Preview text: From ancient ruins to a 90-year-old museum that continues to uncover the past.
- Click rate: 1.33% (optimized for reads)
- Read Rate: 24.6%
- 95% of openers came from lists not provided by Lost City-delivering on the overall goal of audience expansion



One Amazing State,  
Seven Must-See Museums  
Featuring: Lost City Museum

## From Forgotten Ruins: Origins of the Lost City Museum in Overton

Written by Ray Robbins, Curator

In 1924, brothers Fay and John Perkins of the Moapa Valley discovered evidence of ancient ruins and artifacts along the east side of the Muddy River near St. Thomas, Nevada. Upon receiving their report, Nevada Governor James Scrugham asked archaeologist Mark Harrington, who worked for the Heye Foundation's Museum of the American Indian, to examine the site.

Harrington recognized the artifacts and ruins to be of the Ancestral Puebloans, who were not thought to have lived west of the Colorado River. The collective sites were dubbed "Pueblo Grande de Nevada," although the newspapers and tabloids perpetuated the extravagant name "Lost City." Harrington's party excavated 46 pre-contact (before the arrival and significant influence of European cultures) structures from 1924 to 1926. Work continued sporadically into the early 1930s.



# MUSEUM INITIATIVES



### **Newsletter Open Rates**

- October: 26.36%
- November: 13.98%
- December: 15.04%
- January: 15.61%

### **Engagement Quality**

- 25%+ read-through rate across all campaigns
- Consistent evidence of an engaged core audience

### **Observations**

- Open rates fluctuating month-to-month
- Read behavior remains steady and strong

## **Happy Holidays!**

I always look forward to the museum entrance being decorated for the holidays, the little things that brighten up the space for the public and staff... I miss that this year!

It is hard to believe that it has been almost one year since the renovations began at the Nevada Historical Society. We are very grateful to the Washoe County Library system, Sierra View Library, Knights of Pythias, PBS, and Nevada Sunset Winery for allowing us to provide free programming off-site throughout 2025.

A highlight for staff and volunteers is visiting and catching up with you before and after our off-site programs. Don't forget we will have new program flyers available.

More volunteers have been able to return in the past few months to work with staff on specific projects and help with answering the front door. Our staff



- Website
  - 11,361 users
    - Up 898.3% quarter-over-quarter
  - 11,806 sessions
    - Up 909.9% quarter-over-quarter
- Facebook
  - 2,836 post views
  - down 65.2% quarter-over-quarter
- Instagram
  - 6,007 organic views
    - Up 113.8% quarter-over-quarter
  - 98 organic likes
    - Up 108.5% quarter-over-quarter

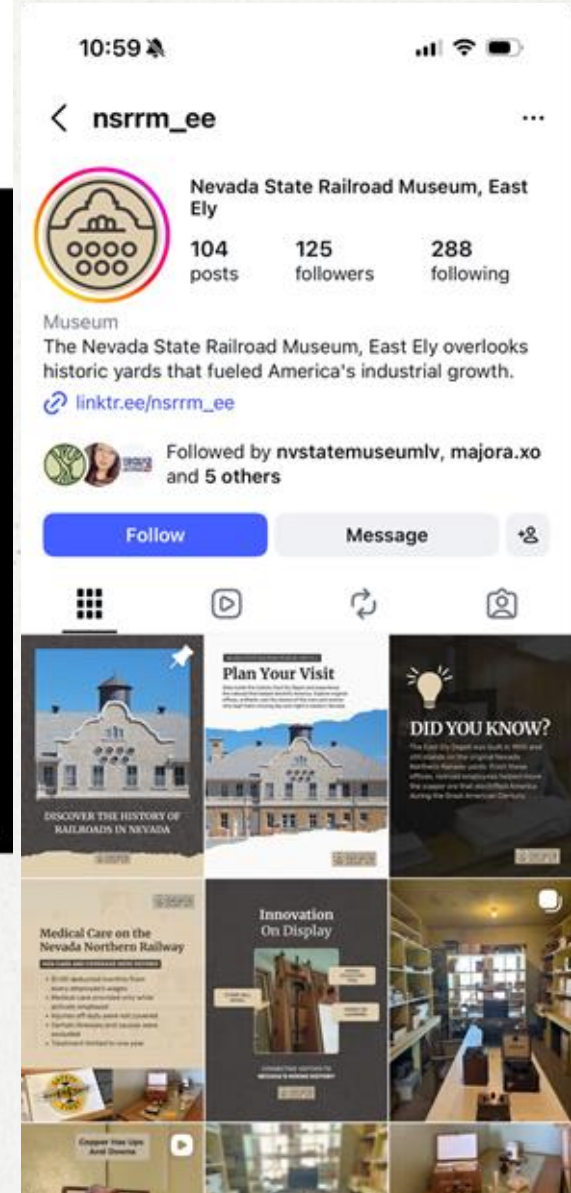
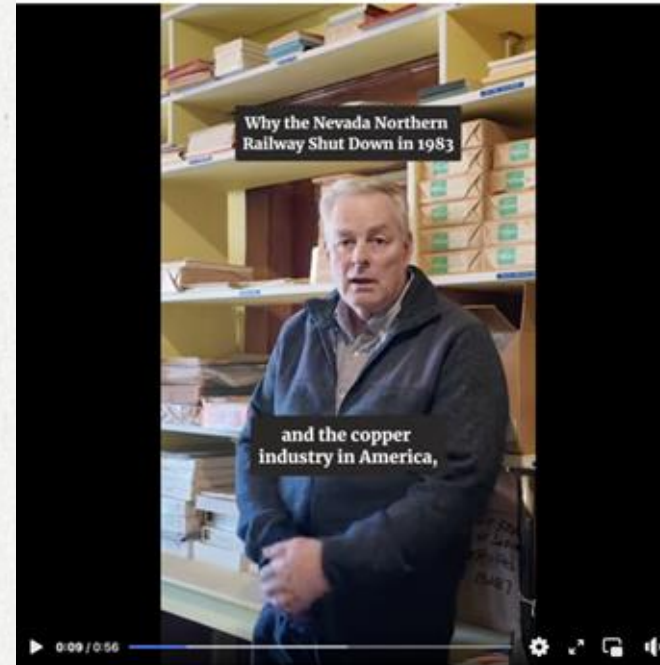
**Nevada State Railroad Museum, East Ely**  
December 11, 2025

Why did the Nevada Northern Railway close after 75 years of service? 🏠

As the global copper market shifted in the late 1970s and early 1980s, production moved overseas where copper could be mined more cheaply. When profits disappeared, the mine, smelter, and railroad operations in eastern Nevada shut down — transforming an entire region almost overnight.

Today, the Nevada State Railroad Museum, East Ely preserves what was left behind, including offices and workspaces frozen in time from 1983. Learn more:  
[LINK] <https://www.elyrailroadmuseum.org/.../nevada-northern.../>

#NSRRMEE #RailroadHeritage #RailroadHistory



# Greenspun – Las Vegas Sun, Las Vegas Weekly, Las Vegas Magazine

- In December, we began a regional buy that allows consistent advertising and promotion within Greenspun products
- December included seasonal events as well as evergreen content
- Digital ads with varying sizes and placement
- Print ads
- Email newsletter
- Native, in-publication content



## ONE-OF-A-KIND HOLIDAY SHOPPING & EVENTS AT NEVADA STATE MUSEUMS



Photo by: Courtesy

Skip the crowds and discover holiday magic with the Nevada State Museum stores, where every gift tells a story. Located across the state, these shops are stocked with one-of-a-kind finds—think stunning Native American jewelry, artful pieces inspired by new exhibits, and locally crafted treasures you simply won't spot at the mall. And for a truly special shopping moment, swing by the *Treasures of the Southwest Trunk Show* at the Nevada State Museum, Las Vegas, Dec. 12-13. You'll get exclusive access to curated items from the Lost City Museum, plus mini-talks that reveal the history and meaning behind select

## Discover Holiday Magic at Nevada State Museums

Bring something new to your holiday season—history! From festive train rides to family-friendly crafts, Nevada State Museums are the perfect place to make fun, cherished memories with loved ones and friends.

### Mark Your Calendars!



#### Santa Train

November 29 – December 21  
Saturdays and Sundays (Daytime)

Climb aboard a vintage railroad car for a holiday ride to Henderson and back. Sing along to your favorite holiday tunes while Santa and his helpers hand out candy canes and pause for photos.



#### Rail Bike Tours

Monday–Friday

Looking for a fun family outing this holiday break? Explore Nevada history by pedalling down Boulder City's historic railroad tracks.



#### Holidays Around the World

December 6

Explore holiday stories and traditions from around the world through hands-on crafts and live performances.



#### Treasures of the Southwest Trunk Show

December 12–13

Shop a curated collection of artisanal pieces from the Lost City Museum Store, from timeless turquoise jewelry to handcrafted pottery. This event will be held at the Nevada State Museum, Las Vegas.



#### Handmade Holidays

December 6

Enjoy holiday crafts, live music, refreshments, and a festive raffle. It's a fun, affordable way to make the season magical.



#### One-of-a-Kind Holiday Gifts

Each Museum store offers items rooted in Nevada history and culture. Explore them all for holiday gifts that are as unique and thoughtful as the stories they tell.



Event details and tickets at [NVmuseums.org/southern-museums](http://NVmuseums.org/southern-museums)

# Greenspun – Southern Museums



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SOUTHERN FOODS EMPHATIC PUPPY DINING DOWNTOWN AT MEMPHIS

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Over the years these places have changed owners, changed their shades and activities, even changed their location. But they hold true, and we can't help...

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**Date:** February 26, 2026

**To:** Anthony Timmons, Chair  
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**From:** Jen Roger, Director  
Nevada State Museum

**Through:** Daniel Thielen, Administrator-NDMH

**Re:** Restricted Donation – Education Fund

The Nevada State Museum, Carson City, has received \$18,260 to-date in restricted donations for the Fiscal Year 2026 Annual Appeal drive, benefiting the needs of the NSMCC Education Program. Funds were received in the form of checks, cash and debit/credit card transactions.

Most of these funds are deposited into B/A 5036, Category 55, Project Code 3611. However, \$200 was specified for Natural History (BA 5036, Cat 55, PC 3637) and \$300 specified for Anthropology (BA 5036, Cat 55, PC 3604). See attached pages for check images. No images available for cash or credit/debit card transactions.

Approval: \_\_\_\_\_

Anthony Timmons, Chair Board of Museums & History

Date



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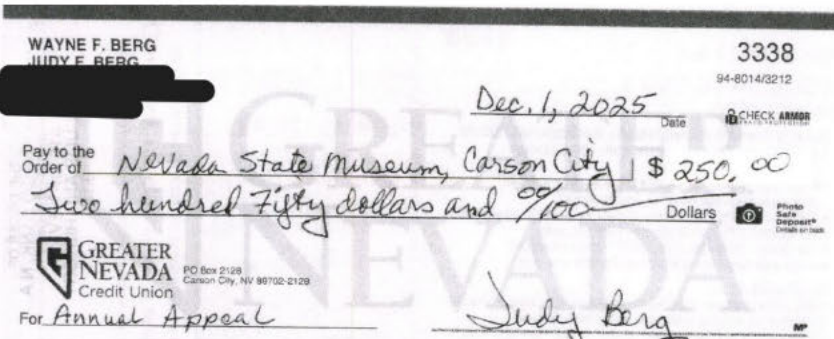
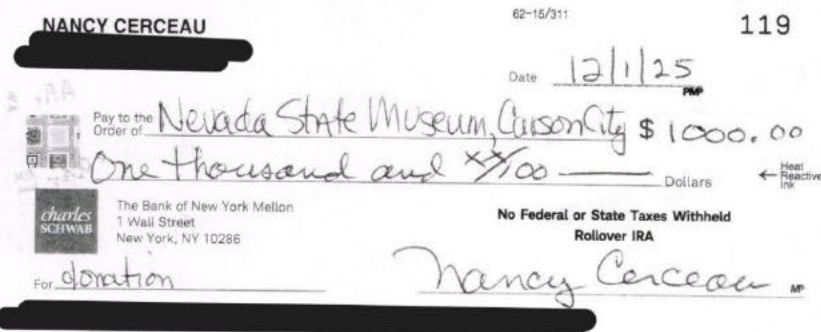
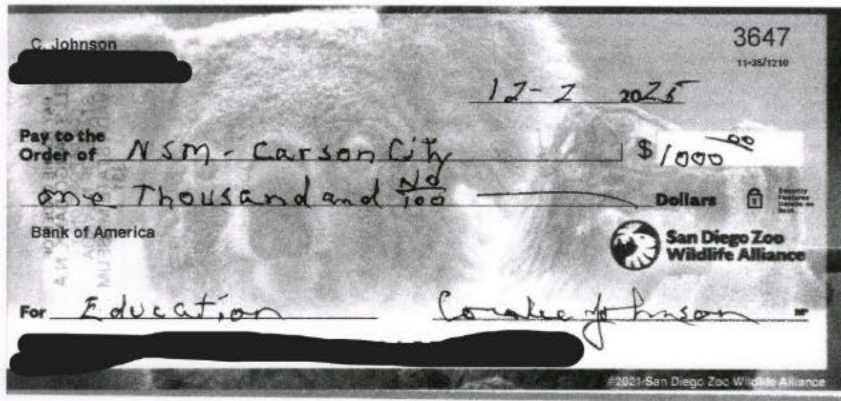


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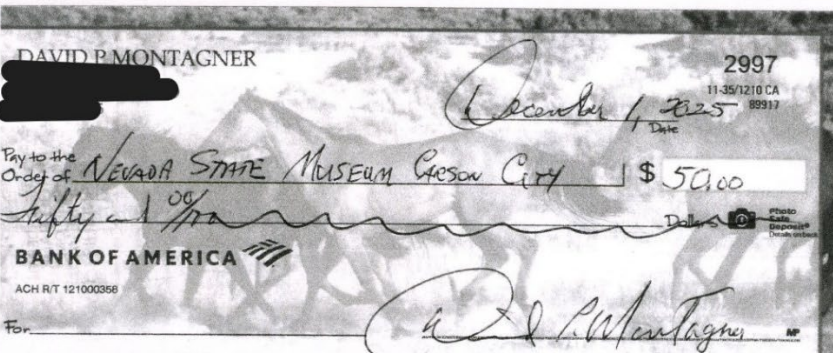
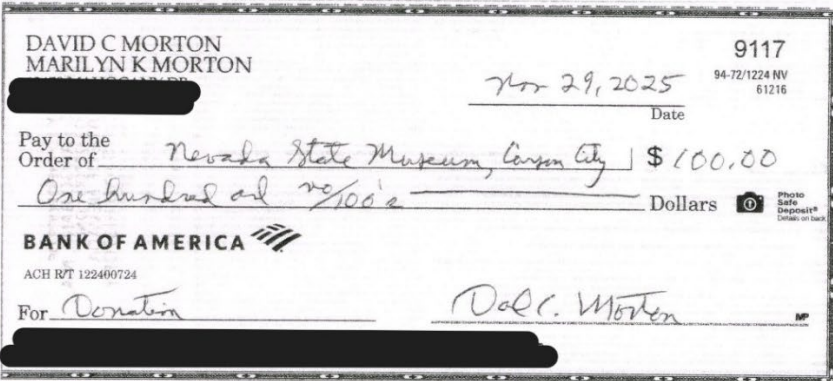
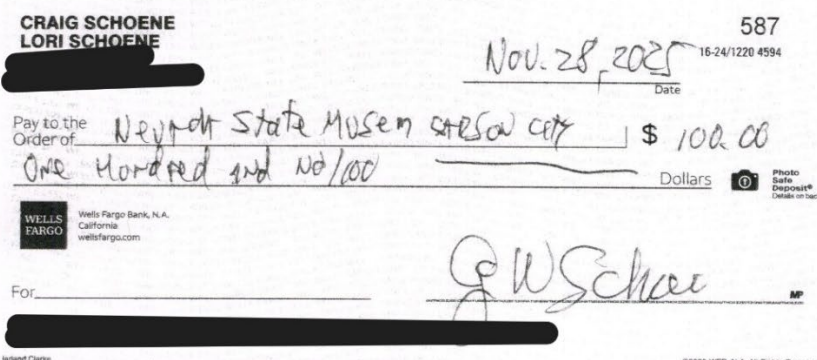
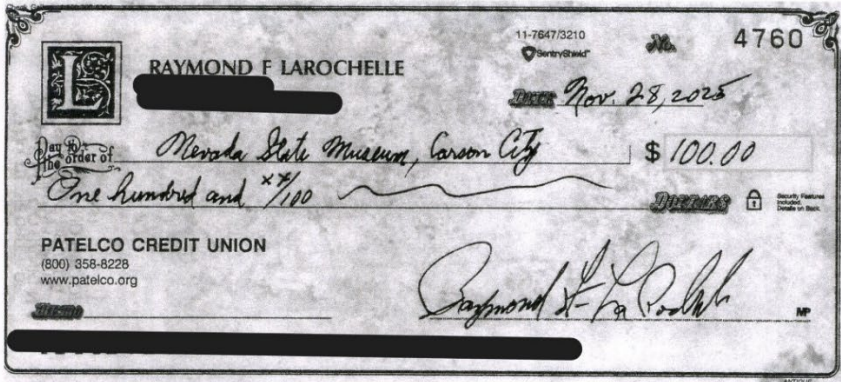


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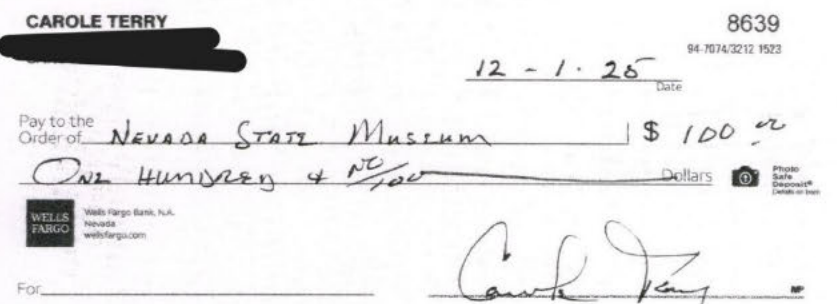
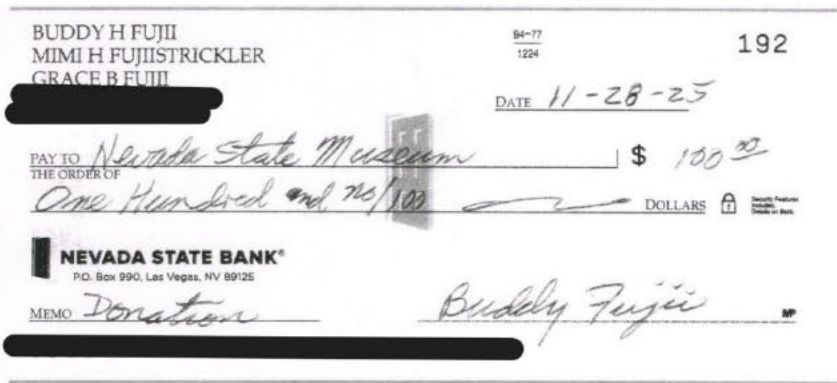
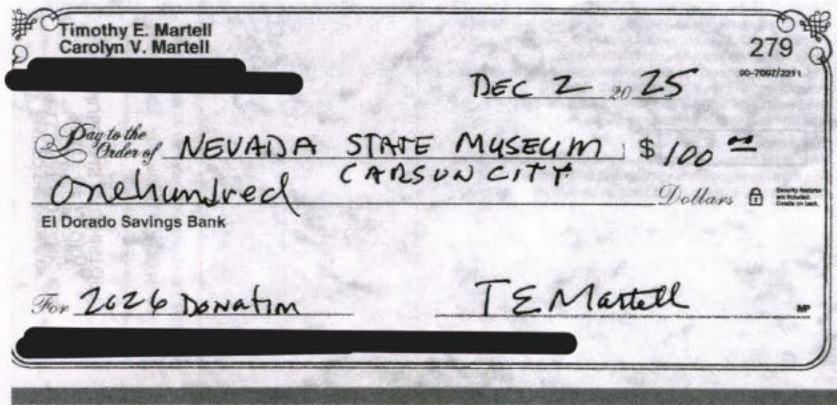


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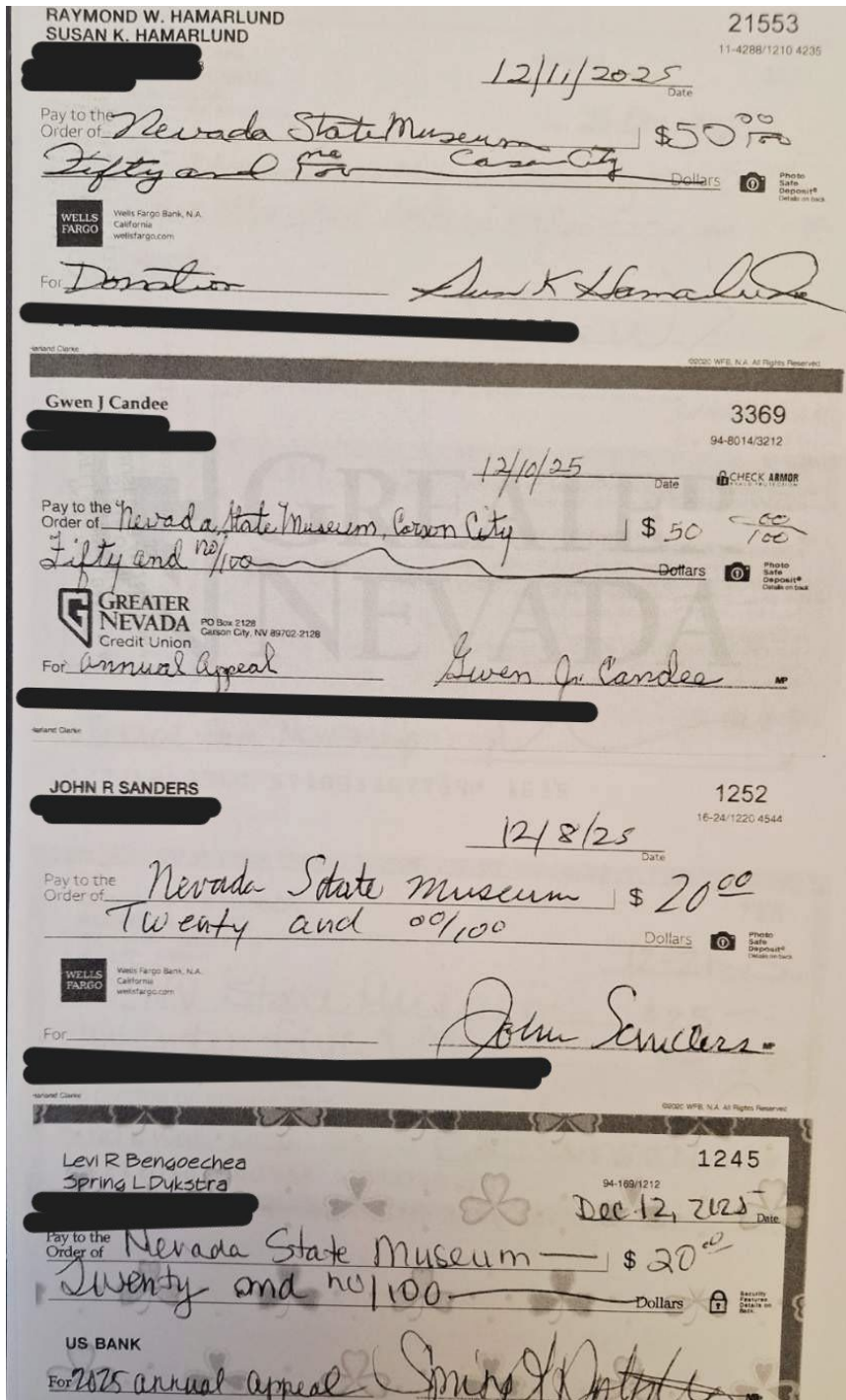


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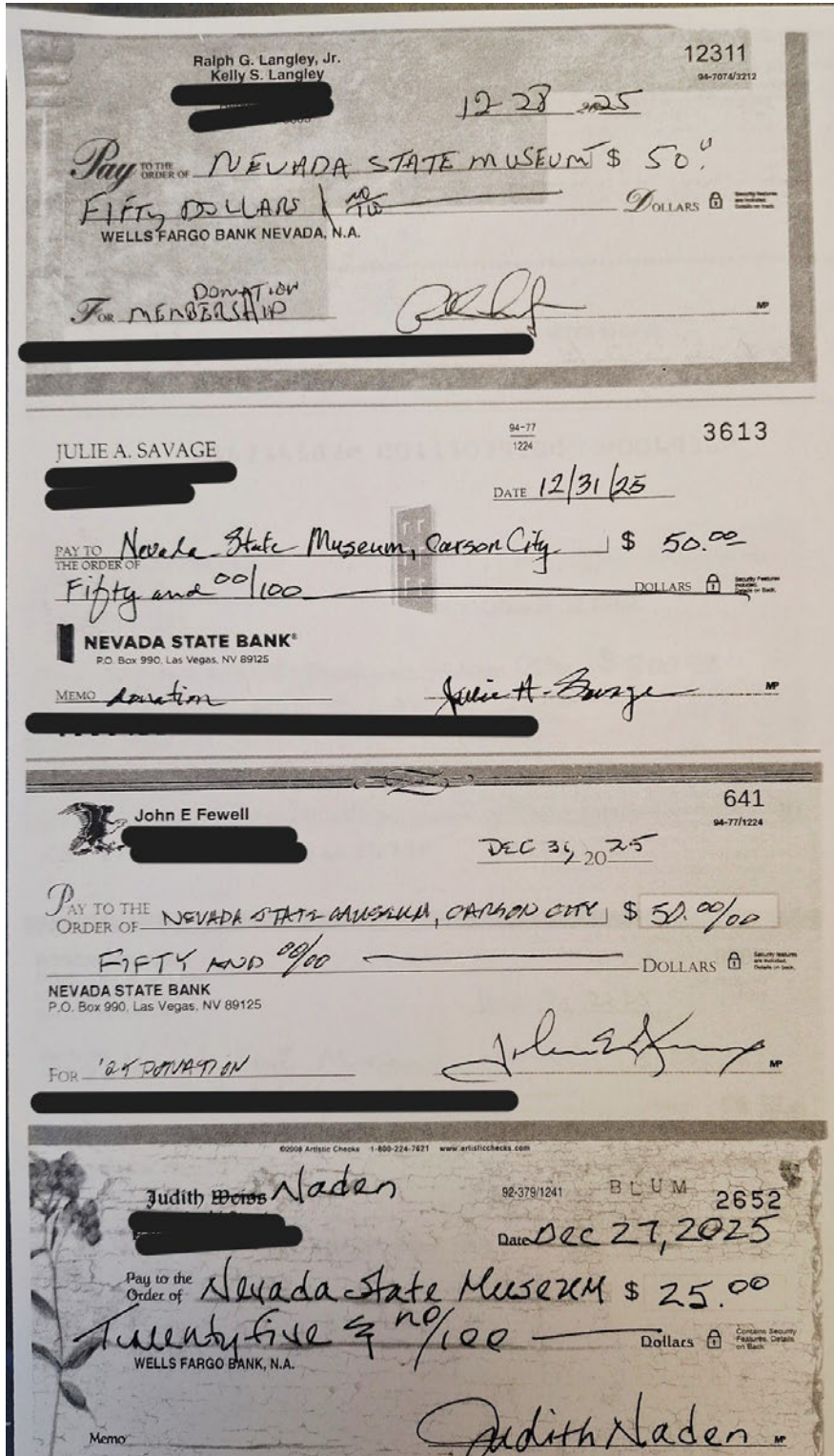


Figure 10 - Checks 12311, 3613, 641, 2652 totaling \$175



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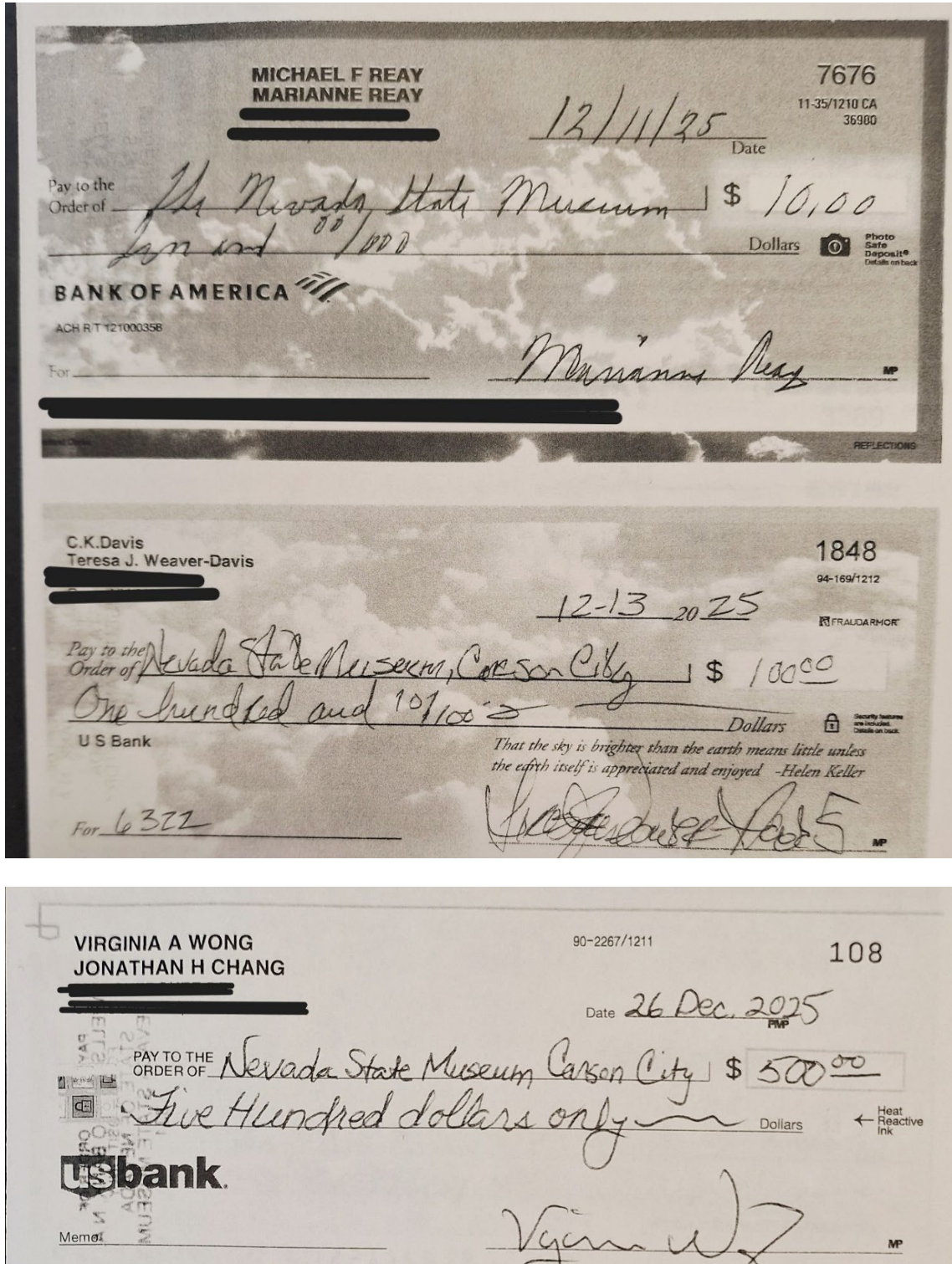


Figure 14 – Checks 7676, 1848, 108 totaling \$610



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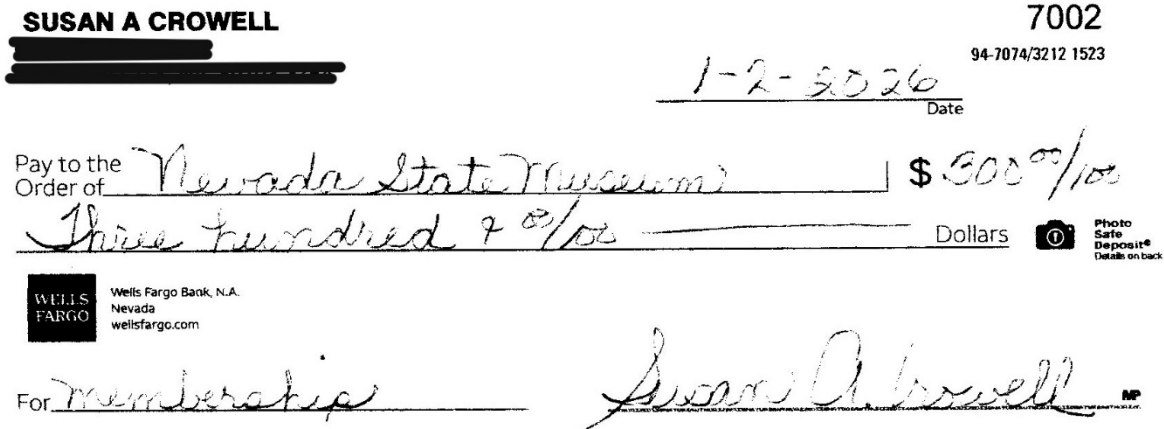
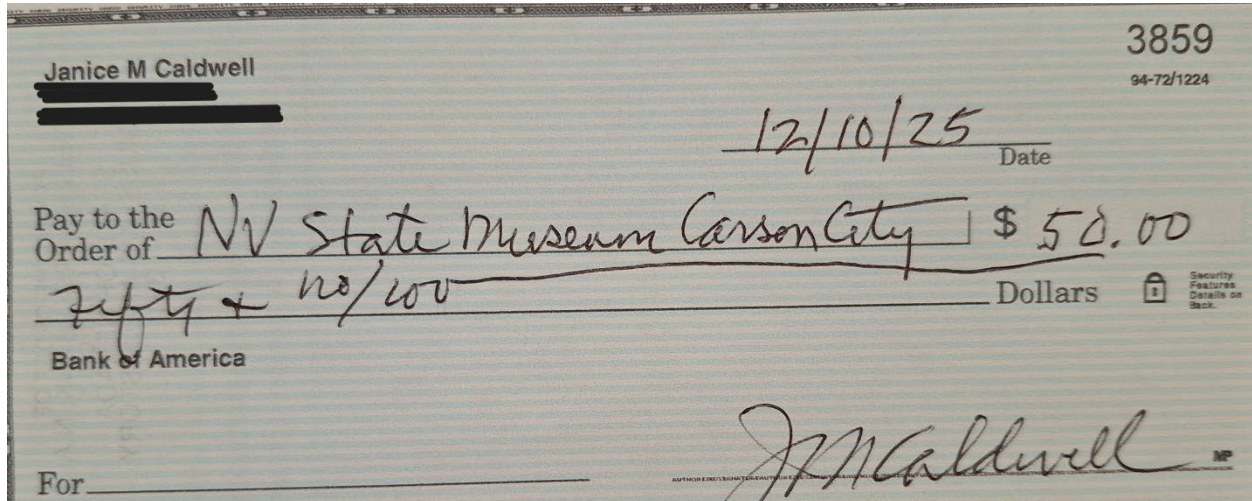


Figure 16 – Checks 3859, 7002 totaling \$350\* (check 7002 includes \$105 for senior sustaining membership and \$195 for annual appeal donation.)



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Figure 17 – Checks 1830, 3739, 1999\*, 2166 totaling \$1,000 (check 1999 specified for Natural History)



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ELAINE E HILL 90-3582/1222 8446  
 Date Dec 8, 2025  
 PAY TO THE ORDER OF Nevada State Museum \$ 1,000 <sup>XK</sup>/<sub>700</sub>  
One Thousand and no/100 Dollars Heat Reactive Ink  
 usbank.  
 Memo Elaine E Hill MP  
 LOOK FOR FRAUD-DETECTING FEATURES INCLUDING THE SECURITY SQUARE AND HEAT-REACTIVE INK. DETAILS ON BACK.

JANET H SWAN 19-7098/3250 12344  
 Date Dec 14, 2025  
 Pay to the Order of NV State Museum Carson City \$ 25.00  
Twenty five dollars only Dollars Heat Reactive Ink  
 WaFd Bank 800-324-9375 | wafdbank.com  
 For Donation Janet H Swan MP

Figure 18 - Checks 1258, 8446, 12344 totaling \$1,075



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DONNA J. BRAND, CDR, USN RET  
ERIC R. MOORMANN, LCDR, USN RET  
1344  
68-7497/2560  
DATE Dec. 9, 2025  
PAY TO THE ORDER OF Nevada State Museum, Carson City \$ 100.<sup>00</sup>/<sub>100</sub>  
One Hundred Dollars and no cents DOLLARS  
FOR Donation Donna J. Brand  
NAVY FEDERAL Credit Union

DANIEL J LIPSTEIN  
BARBARA J LIPSTEIN  
1092  
7-11 6479  
520  
DATE 12/15/25  
PAY TO THE ORDER OF Nevada State Museum Carson City \$ 100.<sup>00</sup>/<sub>100</sub>  
one hundred DOLLARS  
M&T Bank  
MEMO Daniel Lipstein

PAULA LYONS-RIGDON  
223  
94-169/1212 3762  
Date 12-8-25  
Pay to the Order of NY State Museum, Carson City \$ 100.00  
One hundred & <sup>00</sup>/<sub>100</sub> Dollars  
usbank All of us serving you  
For donat P. Lyons

Anne Bowen  
5594  
94-72/1224  
DATE Dec 8 2025  
Pay to the Order of Nevada State Museum, CC \$ 100.<sup>00</sup>  
One hundred and no/100 Dollars  
Bank of America  
For Love Anne Bowen

Figure 19 – Checks 1344, 1092, 223, 5594 totaling \$400



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**DONA D SPENCER** 6310  
[Redacted] 94-8014/3212  
Jan 13, 2026 CHECK NUMBER  
Date  
Pay to the Order of Nevada State Museum | \$ 100.00  
One hundred and no/100 Dollars Photo Safe Deposit® Details on back  
For Annual Donation Dona D Spencer  
[Redacted]

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**Lenoralee Vecchiarelli** 2084  
[Redacted] 94-8014/3212  
02-15-26 CHECK NUMBER  
Date  
Pay to the Order of NEV. STATE MUSEUM | \$ 25  
TWENTY-FIVE EVEN Dollars Photo Safe Deposit® Details on back  
For HELP Lenora Vecchi

Figure 20 - Checks 6310 and 2084 totaling \$125



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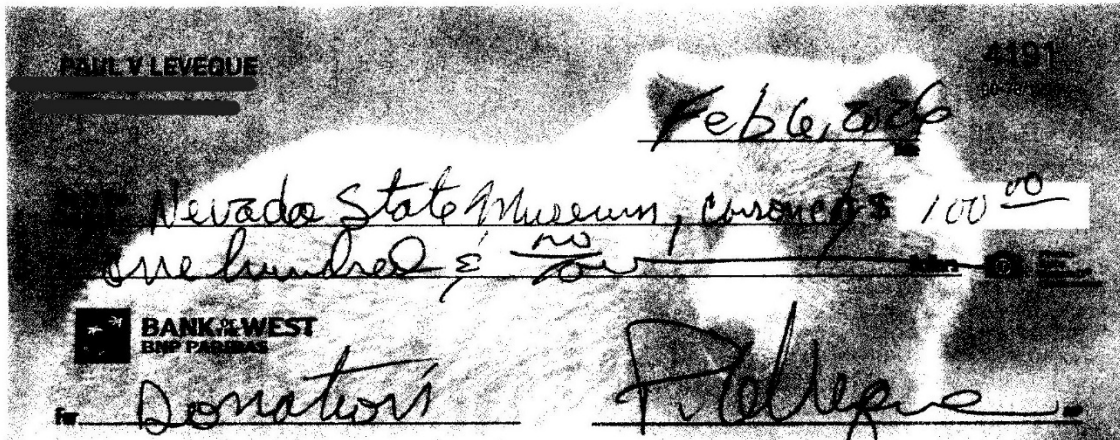
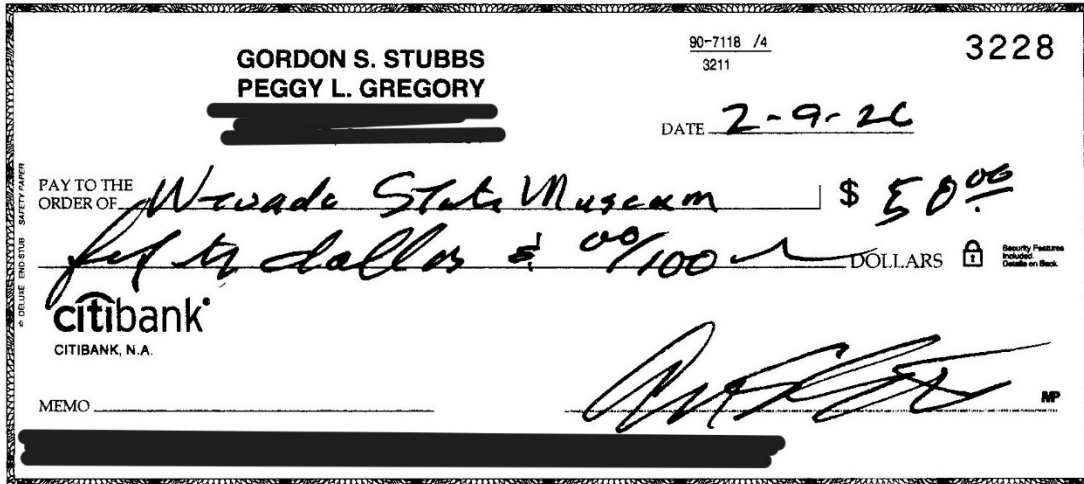


Figure 21 - Checks 3228 and 4191 totaling \$150



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## Donation Memo

**Date:** 2/9/2026  
**To:** Anthony Timmons, Chair  
Board of Museums & History  
**From:** Jen Roger, Director  
Nevada State Museum  
**Through:** Daniel Thielen, Administrator-NDMH  
**Re:** Restricted Donation – Special Events Fund

Fidelity Charitable Investments donated \$2,000 on behalf of Jirari Bachir “where it’s needed most.” Funds were deposited into Budget Account (BA) 5036, Category 55, Project Code 3629 (Special Events) per the NSMCC director.

Approval: \_\_\_\_\_

Anthony Timmons, Chair Board of Museums & History

Date



Figure 1 – check number 16214582 in the amount of \$2,000 made out to the Nevada State Museum









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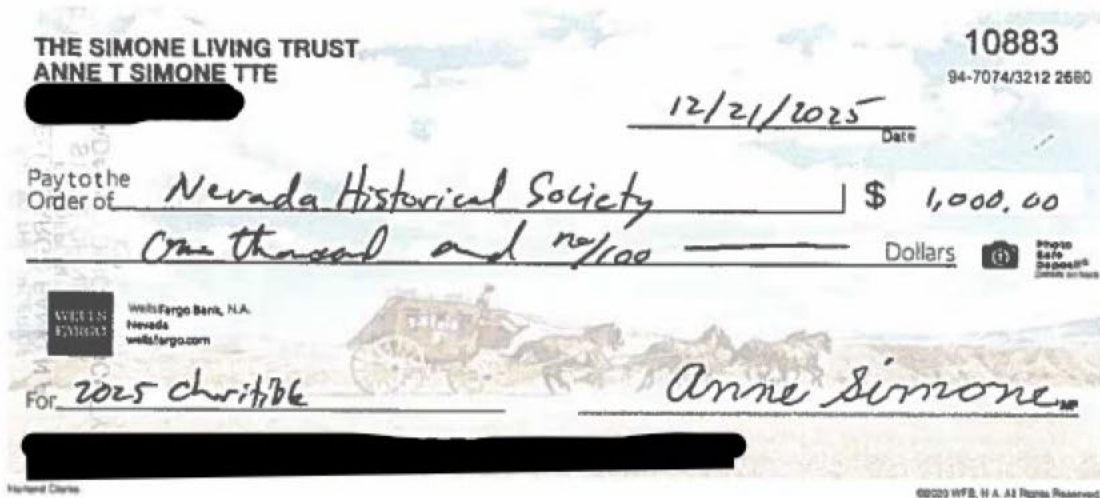
1904 – 2024 *Enriching Lives Through History For 120 Years*

## Donation Memo

**Date:** 12/29/25  
**To:** Anthony Timmons, Chairman  
Board of Museums & History  
**From:** Catherine Magee, Director  
Nevada Historical Society  
**Through:** Daniel Thielen, Administrator, DMH  
**Re:** Acceptance of Restricted Donation

Please, accept \$1000.00 from Anne T. Simone for the NHS Restricted Fund, BA 5035, CAT 55, Project Code 3522 (Collections).

Approval: \_\_\_\_\_  
Anthony Timmons, Chair Board of Museums & History Date





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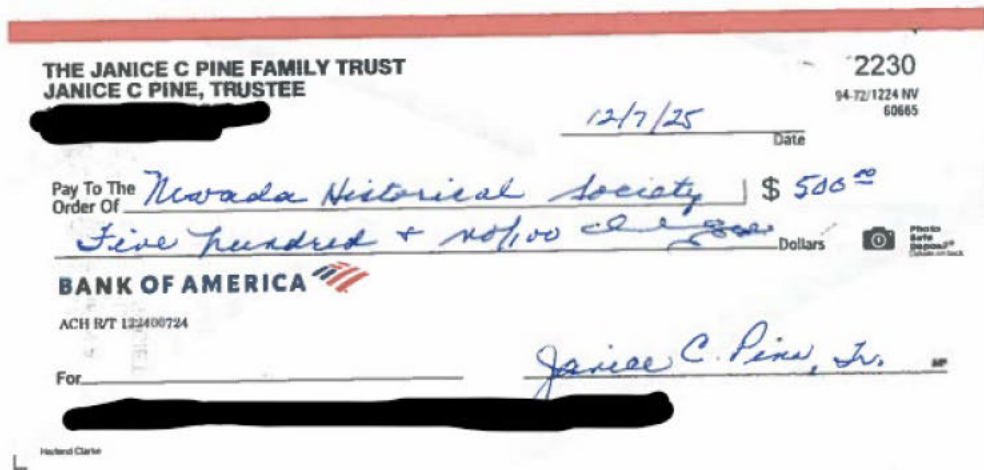
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## Donation Memo

**Date:** 12/17/25  
**To:** Anthony Timmons, Chairman  
Board of Museums & History  
**From:** Catherine Magee, Director  
Nevada Historical Society  
**Through:** Daniel Thielen, Administrator, DMH  
**Re:** Acceptance of Restricted Donation

Please, accept \$500.00 from Janice C. Pine for the NHS Restricted Fund, BA 5035, CAT 55, Project Code 3522 (Collections).

Approval: \_\_\_\_\_  
Anthony Timmons, Chair Board of Museums & History Date





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NEVADA STATE RAILROAD  
MUSEUM, BOULDER CITY  
601 Yucca St  
Boulder City, NV 89005

## MEMO

To: Chairperson TBD  
Board of Museums and History

From: Dr. Christopher MacMahon, Director  
Nevada State Railroad Museum, Boulder City

Date: February 4, 2026

Re: Interchange of Amtrak 315

Dear Board Members,

The Nevada State Railroad Museum Boulder City requests the Board authorize an amount not to exceed \$10,000 from the Magnusson Trust to facilitate the interchange of Amtrak locomotive 315 from the Western Rail corporate yard in Spokane, Washington to Boulder City, NV in calendar year 2026. Because railroads utilize dynamic pricing for interchange, we will not know exact pricing until a date is selected for the move. The estimate for this request is based on interchanges undertaken by the museum and our partners in the past two years.

Thank you for your consideration,

Christopher MacMahon, Ph.D.  
Museum Director



## **Proposed Pricing Structure for Educational and Public Programs**

This document outlines a proposed pricing structure for select educational, curatorial, and public-facing programs at the Nevada State Museum, Carson City. The goal of this proposal is to support program sustainability while maintaining accessibility and enhancing visitor experience.

### **1. Additional STEAM Programs**

STEAM programs provide hands-on, curriculum-aligned educational experiences for school groups. These programs are an optional add-on to all school tour groups. The proposed pricing reflects staffing, materials, and preparation costs while remaining competitive with comparable institutions.

- Up to 35 students: \$100 flat rate
- Over 35 students: Additional \$5 per student

### **2. Curatorial Tours**

Curatorial-led tours offer in-depth, expert perspectives on exhibitions and collections. These tours are designed for adult learners, academic groups, and special interest audiences. Options include Behind the Scenes, Basket Vault Tour, etc.

- \$20 per person

### **3. Weekend Public Programs**

Weekend public programs include workshops, Family Days, demonstrations, and interactive experiences designed for general museum visitors. Flexible pricing allows for variation based on program scope and materials.

- \$5–\$10 per person

### **4. NSM Saturday Tours**

Starting June 2026, the Nevada State Museum, Carson City will be offering 1-hour guided tours of the museum at 11 AM every Saturday. These will be offered to walk-in visitors, families, and tourists and considered an add-on to the general admission. Tiered pricing ensures affordability for families while supporting operational costs.

- Adults: \$5 per person
- Children: \$2 per person

## **5. Lectures**

Since 1993 the Nevada State Museum has honored educator and historian Frances Humphrey with a lecture series in her name. These evening talks on a Nevada history topic are held on the fourth Thursday of every month except December. To accommodate costs, we would like to implement the following pricing for these lectures/guest speakers:

- \$20 per person

## **6. School Fieldtrip Student/Chaperone Ratio**

- 1 Chaperone to 10 students. Chaperones that exceed the 1 to 10 ratio are subject to the regular adult \$10 admission

## **Conclusion**

The proposed pricing structure balances fiscal responsibility with the Nevada State Museum. These adjustments are designed to support the sustainability of educational and public programs while remaining affordable and competitive with similar cultural institutions. Implementing this pricing model will help offset staffing, materials, and operational costs, ensuring the continued delivery of high-quality programs for students, families, and the broader community.

**NEVADA STATE RAILROAD MUSEUMS  
BOARD FY26 FEE SCHEDULE  
PROPOSED MARCH 2025**

NEVADA STATE RAILROAD MUSEUM CARSON CITY		NEVADA STATE RAILROAD MUSEUM BOULDER CITY	
Rate Category	FY26 Rate	Rate Category	FY26 Rate
<b>Museum Admission</b>			
Adult	\$10.00	Adult	\$2.00
Children Under 18 [NRS 381.0045(2)]	No Charge	Children Under 18 [NRS 381.0045(2)]	No Charge
Adult: Special Event admission w/unlimited train rides	\$25.00		
Child 6-17: Special Event admission (free) w/unlimited train rides	\$20.00		
Child 5 & under: Special Event admission (free) w/unlimited train rides	\$8.00		
<b>Train Rides</b>			
Adults (age 12+)	\$12.00	Adults (age 12+)	\$10.00
Children (age 4-11)	\$6.00	Children (age 4-11)	\$5.00
Children (3 and under)	No Charge	Children (under 3)	No Charge
Caboose Ride	N/A	Caboose Ride	\$20.00
Locomotive Cab Ride	\$30.00	Locomotive Cab Ride	\$35.00
School Field Trip (minimum 30 persons)	N/A	School Field Trip (minimum 30 persons)	\$5.00
Group Rate (minimum 12+)	\$8.00	Group Rate (minimum 12+)	\$7.00
Santa Train (per seat)	\$10.00	Santa Train (per seat)	\$10.00
Military Blue Star Program	No Charge	Military Blue Star Program	No Charge
<b>Motor Car Rides</b>			
Adults (age 12+)	\$10.00		
Children (age 4-11)	\$5.00		
Children (3 and under)	No Charge		
	\$4.00		
School Field Trip Students (Edwards Motor Car Only)	\$3.00		
Group Rate (minimum 12+)	\$6.00		
Military Blue Star Program	No Charge		
<b>Charters</b>			
Steam Train (2 hours when open)	\$2,000	Steam Train (2 hours when open)	N/A
Steam Train (2 hours when closed)	\$3,000	Steam Train (2 hours when closed)	N/A
Diesel Train (2 hours, includes dining car)	N/A	Diesel Train (2 hours, includes dining car)	\$750.00
Diesel Train for Non-Profit (2 hours, includes dining car)	N/A	Diesel Train for Non-Profit (2 hours, includes dining car)	\$500.00
Dining Car Rental (2 runs in regular train)	N/A	Dining Car Rental (2 runs in regular train)	\$500.00
Wedding Train (1 trip and 4 hour site rental)	N/A	Wedding Train (1 trip and 4 hour site rental)	\$3,000
Edwards Motor Car (2 hours when open)	\$500	Edwards Motor Car (2 hours when open)	N/A
Edwards Motor Car (2 hours when closed)	\$600	Edwards Motor Car (2 hours when closed)	N/A
McKeen Motor Car	\$2,000	McKeen Motor Car	N/A
Engineer for an Hour/Hand on the Throttle	\$500	Engineer for an Hour	\$400.00
<b>Special Events</b>			
Iron Horse Rail Camp	\$2,195	Iron Horse Rail Camp	\$1,000
FNSRM Fundraisers (per seat)	\$0	FNSRY Fundraisers (per seat)	\$10.00
<b>Hand Car</b>			
Offsite 4 hour (For-profit)	\$250*		
Offsite 4 hour (Non-profit)	\$150*		
*plus \$1.00/mile			
<b>Rail Bikes</b>			
		Rail Bike Tour (per bike)	\$10
		Rail Bike Tour (group of 10 bikes)	\$100

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PROPOSED MARCH 2025**

<b>Nevada State Railroad Museum Carson City</b>		
Rate Category	FY25 Rate	FY26 Proposed
<b>Museum Admission</b>		
Adult	\$10.00	\$10.00
Children Under 18 [NRS 381.0045(2)]	No Charge	No Charge
Adult: Special Event admission w/unlimited train rides	\$20.00	\$25.00
Child 6-17: Special Event admission (free) w/unlimited train rides	\$15.00	\$20.00
Child 5 & under: Special Event admission (free) w/unlimited train rides	\$7.00	\$8.00
<b>Steam Train Rides</b>		
Adults (age 12+)	\$12.00	\$12.00
Children (age 4-11)	\$6.00	\$6.00
Children (3 and under)	No Charge	No Charge
Locomotive Cab Ride	\$30.00	\$30.00
Group Rate (12+)	\$8.00	\$8.00
Santa Train (per seat)	\$5.00	\$10.00
Military Blue Star Program (USA Uniformed Service)	No Charge	No Charge
<b>Motor Car Rides</b>		
Adults (age 12+)	\$8.00	\$10.00
Children (age 4-11)	\$4.00	\$5.00
Children (3 and under)	No Charge	No Charge
School Field Trip Adult Chaperones (Edwards Motor Car Only)	\$3.00	\$4.00
School Field Trip Students (Edwards Motor Car Only)	\$2.00	\$3.00
Group Rate (12+)	\$5.00	\$6.00
Military Blue Star Program (USA Uniformed Service)	No Charge	No Charge
<b>Charters</b>		
Steam Train (2 hours when open)	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Steam Train (2 hours when closed)	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Edwards Motor Car (2 hours when open)	\$500.00	\$500.00
Edwards Motor Car (2 hours when closed)	\$600.00	\$600.00
McKeen Motor Car	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Engineer for an Hour/Hand on the Throttle	\$500.00	\$500.00
<b>Special Events</b>		
Iron Horse Rail Camp	\$1,000.00	\$2,195.00
Fundraisers (per seat)	\$5.00	\$0.00
<b>Hand Car</b>		
Offsite 4 hour rental (For-Profit)	\$250.00	\$250.00+\$1.00/mi
Offsite 4 hour rental (Non-Profit)	\$150.00	\$150.00+\$1.00/mi

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**NEVADA STATE RAILROAD MUSEUMS  
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<b>Nevada State Railroad Museum Boulder City</b>		
Rate Category	FY25 Rate	FY26 Proposed
<b>Museum Admission</b>		
Adults	\$2.00	\$2
Children Under 18 [NRS 381.0045(2)]	No Charge	No Charge
<b>Train Rides</b>		
Adults (age 12+)	\$12.00	\$12.00
Children (age 4-11)	\$6.00	\$6.00
Children (3 and under)	No Charge	No Charge
Caboose Ride	\$25.00	\$25.00
Locomotive Cab Ride	\$40.00	\$40.00
School Field Trip (minimum 30 persons)	\$6.00	\$6.00
Group Rate (minimum 12+)	\$10.00	\$10.00
Santa Train (per seat)	\$12.00	\$12.00
Veterans	No Charge	No Charge
<b>Charters</b>		
Diesel Train (2 hours, includes dining car)	\$1,500.00	\$1,750
Diesel Train for Non-Profit (2 hours, includes dining car)	\$1,000.00	\$1,250
Dining Car Rental (2 runs in regular train)	\$500.00	\$750.00
Wedding Train (1 trip and 4 hour site rental)	\$3,000	\$4,000
Engineer for an Hour	\$500.00	\$500.00
<b>Special Events</b>		
Iron Horse Rail Camp	\$1,000	\$1,000
FNSRY Fundraisers (per seat)	\$10.00	\$10.00
<b>Rail Bikes</b>		
Rail Bike Tour (per bike)	N/A	\$10.00
Rail Bike Tour (group tour 10 bikes)	N/A	\$100.00

**Effective July 1, 2025**



**STATE OF NEVADA**  
**DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM & CULTURAL AFFAIRS**  
Division of Museums & History  
**NEVADA STATE RAILROAD MUSEUM**

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**Daniel Thielen**  
Administrator

**Daphne O. DeLeon**  
Museum Director

**PROPOSED FY26 NSRMCC FACILITY RENTAL RATES**

The following facility use rates assume compliance with the facility rental agreement, including required liability waivers.

**Facilities Overview**

The Nevada State Railroad Museum in Carson City is a campus of buildings spread over a 13-acre site on South Carson Street. Interior and exterior spaces are available for hosting a wide range of special events. Maximum capacity for events held in the Jacobsen Interpretive Center is 250; dinner can be served for 75 to 100; stand-up cocktail receptions for up to 250. On site parking is available for approximately 110 vehicles plus 6 oversize vehicles.

**Jacobsen Interpretive Center**

NSRM's main facility, the Jacobsen Interpretive Center is generally available for rent only during hours when the Museum is normally closed to the public (after 4:30 p.m. or all day on Tuesday and Wednesday).

Two-hour rental: \$500.00  
Over two and up to four hours rental: \$750.00  
Set-up and cleaning fee: \$200.00

- *Renter is responsible for arranging and providing catering services. NSRM reserves the right to approve or reject caterer.*
- *Renter is responsible for tables and chairs. (A limited number of tables (5) and chairs (up to 50) can be provided by NSRM for an additional fee of \$50.00.)*
- *Serving and consuming alcohol on the premises, in conjunction with a rental, will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.*

**Gibson Park**

The Marge and Jack Gibson Park on the grounds of the NSRM are available for rent both during regular Museum operating hours and after the Museum closes based on the following fee schedule. NSRM will make available the remote comfort station to renters of the Gibson Park facilities.

When Museum is open to the public:

Two-hour rental: \$100.00  
Over two and up to four-hour rental: \$150.00

When Museum is closed:

Two-hour rental: \$200.00  
Over two and up to four-hour rental: \$300.00

Non-profits are eligible for 10 percent off the above Gibson Park rental rates. No rentals permitted past 10p.m. Serving and consumption of alcohol to be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

### **Train Operations**

The steam train, V&T McKeen motor car and the TC&GB Edwards motor car are available for rental both during regular museum hours and after-hours. The following fees shall apply:

Steam Train (includes normal consist that allows for approximately 75 passengers):

Two-hour rental (museum open): \$2,000.00  
Two-hour rental (museum closed): \$3,000.00

McKeen motor car (accommodates approximately 70 passengers):

Two-hour rental: \$2,000.00

Edwards motor car (accommodates 26 passengers):

Two-hour rental (museum open): \$500.00  
Two-hour rental (museum closed): \$600.00

*Other limitations and conditions apply to all railroad equipment rentals; potential renters are encouraged to discuss their needs as soon as possible. A minimum of 30 days advance reservation is required for all train operations.*

### **Handcar**

The museum has a railroad handcar (pump car) available for off-site venues. The handcar, along with about 100 feet of temporary track can be brought out to events. Operation of the handcar requires a level, hard-surface on which to place the track. The handcar must be operated by personnel or volunteers of the Nevada State Railroad Museum.

Non-profit rate (maximum four hours): \$150.00 + \$1.00 per mile for haulage  
For profit rate (maximum four hours): \$250.00 + \$1.00 per mile for haulage

*The Museum reserves the right to deny off-site handcar operations if a safe and secure operation can not be assured.*



**NEVADA MUSEUMS & HISTORY**

**Joe Lombardo** | Governor

**Daniel P. Thielen** | Administrator

NEVADA STATE RAILROAD MUSEUM, CARSON CITY

Date: February 12, 2026  
To: Board of Museums & History  
From: Daphne DeLeon, Director  
Nevada State Railroad Museum, Carson City  
Through: Daniel Thielen, Administrator, Nevada Division of Museums & History  
Re: Quarterly Report for FY26 Q2 to the Board of Museums & History  
September 30, 2025 – December 31, 2025

GENERAL MUSEUM ACTIVITIES

**Building Projects**

Adventure Center project is in progress. Proposed completion date May 2026.

**Staff Activities**

Staff:

Process to make part-time Museum Attendant I full-time was started in September 2025 and is in progress.

Program Updates:

History:

In October, Curator of History Adam Michalski gave presentations on the Restoration Feasibility Assessment of Virginia & Truckee Combine No. 20 at Virginia & Truckee Railroad Historical Society Annual Conference in Carson City and the Great Basin Anthropological Conference in Reno. Work with the with NSM Carson City Registrar to transfer NSRM Carson City collections stored at NSM Carson City to NSRM Carson City continues. Curatorial staff and Museum Director Daphne DeLeon spent much of Q2 cleaning up entries in PastPerfect to prepare the files for transfer to the PastPerfect Web Edition. The PastPerfect Web Edition is expected to be available to staff in Q3.

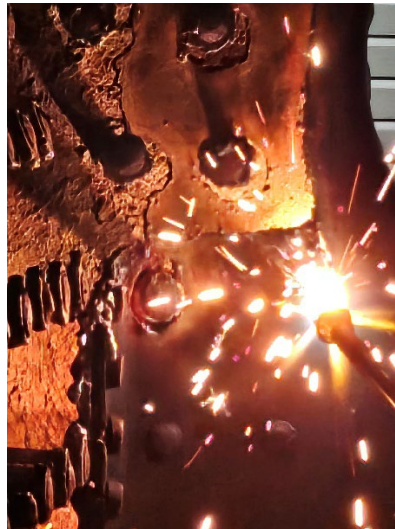
Education:

Chenay Pointer, Education Curator implemented an updated school field trip program. Field trips are available Tuesday-Thursday, focusing on Museum closed days (Tuesdays and Wednesdays) to better allow for programming. 369 students came to the Museum. Whistle Stop Stories (119 participants) and STEAM Sundays (68 participants) continue to attract new visitors. Behind the Rail Lecture Series highlights historical aspects of the Museum's collection with guest and staff presenters. Attendance at educational programs continue to increase. Some attendees have become members to facilitate regular attendance at programs.



Restoration Shop:

Restoration Shop staff continued restoration work on the Inyo Locomotive, V&T Transfer Car and Joe Dougalss Locomotive. Shop staff also provided equipment maintenance services ensuring that the last three months of the 2025 operating season ran smoothly.



*Figure 2: Work on the Inyo Locomotive Boiler.*

Outreach/Events:

2026 Operating Season (April 5, 2025 – December 31, 2025)

**October 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025, 9,914 tickets sold** (4,672 Admission + 5,242 train ride and special event tickets)

Number of Days Train and Motor Car Rides:

Train Rides: 15

Motor Car Rides: 6

Special Events:

October 18-29, 2025, Harvest Train

December 6-7, 13-14, 20-21 Santa Train

### BUDGET SUMMARY

FY26 Q2 visitation continued to see healthy numbers buoyed by the train rides, special events and corresponding revenue. The Museum is projecting that increased visitation will result in increased Museum Store revenues.

### MUSEUM STORE

The Museum Store had FY26 Q2 gross revenues of \$32,171 and an average transaction cost of \$33.63. While FY26 Q2 gross revenue is slightly less than FY25 Q2 gross revenue of \$32,717, plans for new event merchandise and promotional events are projected to make up this difference by the end of FY26.

### ATTENDANCE

The implementation of the online ticketing services for admission, train ride and special event tickets allows the Museum to better analyze the success of its events and programming; and identify opportunities for growth.

In FY26 Q2 a total of 9,914 tickets were sold, generating gross revenue of \$79,906. In comparison, in FY25 Q2 a total of 7,510 tickets were sold, generating gross revenue of \$48,656. This increase in gross revenue reflects increased admission, train rides and special event prices, and programming enhancements.

The Museum continues to enhance and refine programming to ensure that visitors see the Museum as a valuable proposition and encourage repeat and new visitors. Operating season 2026 events will reflect lessons learned.

### FUND RAISING:

The Museum continues to collaborate with the Friends of the Nevada State Railroad Museum Carson City to raise funds for restoration projects, programming and event sponsorship.



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NEVADA STATE RAILROAD MUSEUM, BOULDER CITY

Date: February 3, 2026

To: Board of Museums & History

From: Christopher MacMahon, Director  
Nevada State Railroad Museum, Boulder City

Through: Daniel Thielen, Administrator, Nevada Division of Museums & History

Re: Quarterly Report to the Board of Museums & History  
September 30, 2025 –December 31, 2026

#### GENERAL MUSEUM ACTIVITIES

##### **Building Projects:**

Construction of the museum's new visitor center is on-going. The building's exterior structure is largely complete with decorative finishes remaining. Interior walls have been textured and painted, with subway tiles in the restrooms. Utilities have been connected to the building, and it is now under permanent power. Concrete for the new passenger loading platform has been poured, and the canopy for the platform has been constructed, painted, with lighting and the public address system installed. Construction of the narrow- and standard-gauge tracks to access the new platform is underway and should be completed by the end of February 2026. High-density archival storage was installed in January. Completion is still anticipated for late April or early May with grand opening scheduled for Fall 2026.

In addition to the visitor center project, the museum also benefitted from two ADA projects facilitated by State Public Works during Q2. These projects included a remodel of the restroom in the museum's maintenance facility, bringing it into compliance with current standards along with the installation of truncated dome strips along the edge of the Yucca Street passenger loading platform. State Public Works has also indicated a third ADA project will be undertaken to facilitate upgrades to the museum's display pavilion. The design phase is scheduled to begin late February 2026.

##### **Museum Programs**

In October, the museum operated its annual Halloween Express in conjunction with the Friends of the Nevada Southern Railway. The event was highly successful with almost 80% of tickets, with 1,881 guests visiting for the event. Halloween Express is a 30-minute train ride followed by a 60-minute dance party with costume contest that occurs on Saturday and Sunday evening over the last three weeks in October.

The museum, with approval from the Board, offered free train rides for children over Nevada Day weekend for the third year in a row. This event is becoming one of our most successful weekends

reaching families who would not normally visit the museum. Extra trains had to be added to facilitate demand. Of the 1,614 guests who rode the train that weekend, 685 were children. Total attendance for Nevada Day weekend was 1,792 over the three days.

Our annual Santa Trains and North Pole Express event sold out for the second year in a row. Over 1,500 tickets were sold within the first 24 hours of tickets going on sale November 1. In total, 11,611 guests rode our holiday trains between Thanksgiving and Christmas. The North Pole Express utilized a newly built event space constructed collaboratively between the museum and the Friends of the Nevada Southern Railway. The events received overwhelmingly positive feedback from the public.

### **Staff Activities**

Director MacMahon and Railroad Restoration Specialist Braden Brickman worked with the Clark County Museum to assess moving the Harriman coach that has been on long-term loan to CCM for over 20 years. CCM was unable to utilize the car as they initially envisioned and are now in need of the space the car occupies. Because NSRMBC can utilize the car to expand capacity, especially during popular holiday events, we are happy to bring the car back to the museum. Amrize Southwest, Inc. has offered to move the equipment at no cost and attended an initial planning meeting. Transport is anticipated in Spring 2026.

Director MacMahon met with a representative from the U.S. Department of Energy who informed NSRMBC that donation of equipment from the Nevada National Security Site no longer aligns with administration priorities and DOE plans to preserve the equipment in place at the Test Site.

### **Donations**

In Fall 2025, Coast Rail Services of Anaheim, California donated a former Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe Railroad flatcar to the museum. The Friends of the Nevada Southern Railway paid to transport the car from Anaheim to Boulder City. The museum has needed a flatcar for maintenance-of-way work for many years and are grateful to Coast Rail Services and the Friends for making this happen.

Western Rail, Inc. approached the museum in late December about the donation of Amtrak 315. The locomotive is an F40PHR design built in 1979. Amtrak 315 saw regular service on the *California Zephyr* that operated through northern Nevada making it applicable to our mission and collection. The locomotive's diesel engine has been removed, so it will not be operational, but this provides a unique opportunity for the museum. Because the engine compartment will be a hollowed-out shell, the museum plans to utilize this as an exhibit space that explores Amtrak operations in Nevada as well as the history of the locomotive. We plan to have guests enter through the side doors of the former engine room, with access ramps on the exterior along with a small interior ramp into the cab of the locomotive where all the controls will remain. Once complete, this will be one of the only diesel-electric locomotives displayed in the country whose cab will be wheelchair accessible. Western Rail anticipates the locomotive will be ready by summer 2026 and can be interchanged via BNSF and UP to the museum.

The Clark County Museum has been in on-going discussions with the museum concerning the donation of Union Pacific 4442. This S-5 class 0-6-0 switcher was built by Baldwin Locomotive Works in 1918 for the Union Pacific Railroad and served much of its career as the passenger switcher in Omaha, Nebraska. The locomotive was donated to the City of Las Vegas for display in a park, then later moved to the Clark County Museum in Henderson where it has been displayed since. CCM agreed to undertake asbestos abatement prior to donation; the abatement project has been funded by the county and is awaiting contract. Final donation needs approval from the Clark County Commission but given that transfer will be made to the State of Nevada, the locomotive would remain in preservation, and Clark County

residents would still be able to visit and view the locomotive, neither CCM nor NSRMBC anticipate objections. Determinations about cosmetic versus operational restoration will be made in the future following an ultrasonic inspection of the locomotive's boiler and completion of a restoration feasibility study. Regardless of operating condition, the locomotive can help tell the story of the transition from steam to diesel technology as well as day-to-day operations on railroads such as the necessity of switching.

#### MUSEUM STORE

##### **Museum Store Sales Narrative:**

The holiday season is always a productive time in the museum store. 2025 was one of the best seasons we have had with \$9,817 in sales over 8 operating days. This is remarkable for a store with less than 70 square feet of space. Tiane recorded over \$2,000 in sales just on December 21.

We are beginning preparations to transfer the store to the visitor center over summer. The store will be closed between mid-July and the anticipated opening of the visitor center in early September. We are also planning new merchandise to fill the new store space (668 sq ft).

#### MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

##### **Membership Program Narrative:**

Membership is through the Friends of the Nevada Southern Railway. As of December 2025, the Friends have 115 Volunteer members, 11 Individual members, 33 Family members, and 7 honorary members for a total of 166.

#### ATTENDANCE

##### **Museum Attendance Narrative**

At the end of Q2 the museum had 22,413 train riders, 1,121 rail bike riders, and 13,752 visitors through the display pavilion. Additionally, we have provided school tours for 1,328 students.

**Appendix A: Photographs**



Amtrak 315 on the eastbound *California Zephyr* at Newcastle, California headed toward Reno, NV in 1995.



Union Pacific 4442 at the Clark County Museum.



Front view of Visitor Center construction February 3, 2026.



Archival storage as of January 28, 2026.



Passenger loading platform and narrow-gauge track as of January 28, 2026.



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#### EAST ELY RAILROAD DEPOT MUSEUM

Date: March 6, 2026  
To: Board of Museums & History  
From: Sean Pitts, Director  
East Ely Railroad Depot Museum  
Through: Daniel Thielen, Administrator, Nevada Division of Museums & History  
Re: Quarterly Report to the Board of Museums & History  
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#### GENERAL MUSEUM ACTIVITIES

##### **Building Projects**

The Ely staff are disappointed that we can't move forward on the Freight Building Renovation due to the lawsuit with the Foundation. It was a project we were all looking forward to and gearing up for. As of now we are completing regular building maintenance and looking to improve the alarm system in the next budget round.

##### **Staff Activities**

The Heritage Tours that we started last summer have continued to be a topic of local conversation. The one drawback to the tour is that the town of Treasure City (2 miles from Hamilton) is inaccessible to vehicles due to washed out roads. Due to the age and ability of those who attended, we haven't been able to take the group to hike there. We have started discussions with Sportsworld (a local sporting goods retailer) who approached us asking if we could lead a bike tour from Hamilton to Treasure City this summer. They are offering to rent e-bikes to tour participants if I will lead the bike tour to Treasure City. There are numerous benefits. This may reach an entirely new audience and increase the participation. It is a unique experience that will be available to all who want to visit. It also makes a significant historic site accessible. We will continue the planning for this summer.

Sean is preparing to speak at the NHS High Noon Lecture Series in March. It will be the first presentation from Ely in this series. The stakes are high and demands increased preparation, but the subject is well known. Barring any technical issues, we expect it to go well.

Museum staff have long heard rumors of an elusive aerial photograph that shows the entire copper operation of eastern Nevada. The recent passing of a former President of Kennecott Copper Corporation has not only confirmed the rumor but also resulted in a donation of the photo by his widow to NSRM-Ely. She stated this would be the only place her husband would have approved of.

The photo is remarkable. It is the only image staff have seen that shows the operations of the mine at Ruth, the railroad through Ely, and the Smelter in McGill in a single high-altitude photograph. We are pleased to be the recipient of this piece of eastern Nevada heritage.

As of this writing, there is no word on the Judge's ruling regarding the ownership of Avenue A. Similarly, we are unaware of any movement forward of giving the historic buildings back to the Foundation. Any and all Board efforts on this front are deeply appreciated.

As always, I welcome your comments, input, or concerns.

#### BUDGET SUMMARY

**Revenue/Expenditure Comparison Narrative: See Division provided information.**

#### ATTENDANCE

##### **Museum Attendance Narrative**

Museum attendance is close to previous years.

#### FUND RAISING

**Narrative No action in this area.**



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NEVADA STATE MUSEUM, LAS VEGAS

Date: 06 March 2026

To: Board of Museums & History

From: Hollis J. Gillespie, Director  
Nevada State Museum, Las Vegas

Through: Daniel Thielen, Administrator, Nevada Division of Museums & History

Re: Quarterly Report to the Board of Museums & History  
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#### GENERAL MUSEUM ACTIVITIES

##### **Building Projects**

None to report

##### **Staff Activities**

###### **History and Material Culture**

Josef Diaz, Curator

###### **Activities summary:**

- The current exhibition, *The New Deal in the New West: On the Road in Nevada with Arthur Rothstein* continues to draw visitors.
- Public programs associated with the exhibit for both adults and children are being developed.
- Research and exhibit development continues for the exhibit, *Setting the Stage: In the Footsteps of Dominguez and Escalante*.
- We continue to develop with the Centennial Commission to open an exhibit in City Hall. It will feature the museum's Paiute dictionary along with material culture.

## **Natural History**

Richard Gawne, Curator

### **Activities summary:**

- The natural history incubator project has been completed, and the facility is now fully operational. This space will play a crucial role in our natural history research, outreach, and collection-building efforts moving forward.
- Upgrades to the natural history working space were initiated. Once these are finished, staff, students, and visiting researchers will have a dedicated working space that will allow them to complete computational and empirical tasks associated with their individual specimen processing and research needs. These upgrades will help us to meet several mission-related goals, and in general, will greatly enhance the usability of our natural history working space.
- Internal natural history research projects continue to progress, and we hope to have our first undergraduate-led study completed by May or June.

## **Manuscripts, Photographs, Research Library**

Kassidy Whetstone, Curator

### **Activities summary:**

- Onboarded two new library volunteers to assist with photo cataloging and digitization
- Led a UNLV graduate class map workshop teaching students how to handle, humidify, store, and catalog maps. Discussed volunteer opportunities with the students
- Participated in the Nevada State Historical Records Advisory Board (NVSHRAB) job search committee for an archival consultant position to assist Nevada organizations with collections management
- Attended the annual in person NVSHRAB meeting in Incline Village, NV
- Met with the Nevada State Archivist to see the library, meet archival staff, and discuss potential collaborative projects
- Led a site visit and tour for the Nevada State Library, Archives, and Public Records Library Administrator and LSTA Grant Coordinator
- Finalized partnership with Nevada Public Radio and KNPR to host the 2026 Focus on Nevada Photography Showcase event. The event is scheduled for 4/30/2026 with an estimated attendance of three hundred people
- Met with the Executive Director of the Nevada Preservation Foundation to discuss collaboration in the archives and possible joint programming for the upcoming Home and History event series in April 2026
- Tabled for NSMLV at a Walking Box Ranch community event with the Clark County Museum and UNLV to showcase collection materials pertaining to the ranch and Clara Bow, Rex Bell, and Rex Bell Jr.
- Met with the Spring Mountain Republican Women organization to obtain descriptions for their donated photograph collection. The collection was updated with the descriptions and made publicly available
- Attended the quarterly Nevada Library Director's roundtable discussion led by the Nevada State Library, Archives, and Public Records
- Led a museum tour for the Spring Mountain Ranch State Park interpretive team and volunteers

- Participated in the Vegas Vic preservation steering committee led by the Neon Museum and Nevada Preservation Foundation
- Worked with designer Victoria Hart to submit historic photographs for display in the new West Las Vegas Library

### **Library Work Progress**

- Cataloged and digitized 1,100 historic photographs and published them for online public access. This was performed with the assistance of volunteers who are working through historic photograph collections
- Fulfilled more than twenty-one research requests via telephone, email, and in-person contact. Materials accessed involved manuscripts, microfilm, books, maps, photographs, and newspapers
- Processed two linear feet of manuscripts (One large ongoing collection)
- Updated online catalog records for copying into an ArchivesSpace import template. Began copying approximately 250 collections into the spreadsheet for Atlas to import and make publicly available.

### **Collections and Registration**

Holly Piper, Curator of Collections

#### **Activities summary:**

- One of the dominating projects of this Fall and Winter was the emergency handling of two leaks in a display case in the permanent gallery. There were also several outgoing loans prepared, the return of the last two incoming loans from the Old Spanish Trail exhibit, and internal loans to take objects out of the museum for display at events. Attending the Association of Registrars and Collections Specialists conference in November kickstarted an interest in improving and updating our environmental monitoring system.

#### **Exhibits**

- Dealt with water leaks from ceiling into slot machine case (Gaming Life) in Permanent Gallery on both Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> and Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>. Responded to the emergency by triaging objects in case, removing affected items, drying them and performing condition reports, removing other objects from case, assisting in cleaning of case, monitoring case for temperature/humidity and for further leaks or damage. Seventeen objects removed from case, 30+ manuscript items removed.

#### **Loans**

- Prepared outgoing loan to the Clark County Museum of six objects relating to the Rick Williams Soapbox Derby Car.
- Prepared the final Old Spanish Trail incoming loans for return to Mark Winter (23 objects) and Arizona State Museum (2 objects). Packaged for ground transport, including constructing a mount for a saddle cover.
- Loan of mannequins to UNLV Museum Studies class. (Seven mannequins)

#### **Collections**

- Prepared objects from Rex Bell collection for display at a Walking Box Ranch event (three items)
- Prepared camera related objects for display on Channel 8 and Channel 3 news broadcasts (four items).
- Prepared 8 bingo related objects for display at Battleborn Bingo event

- New acquisition of purchased Ute Saddle Bags, performed condition report, froze for pest control, presented saddle bags to Friends meeting.
- Met with Nevada Preservation Foundation representative and prepared hypothetical repository agreement estimate for them.
- Ongoing meetings with Tule Springs National Park Service employees to discuss potential Repository Agreements.

### **Conference**

- Attended the Association of Registrars and Collections Specialists annual conference (Nov 19-21)

### **Environmental Monitoring**

- Researched and proposed a plan to update environmental monitoring software and dataloggers. Current system is out of date and becoming unreliable and out of calibration. Researched alternative datalogger options, and data processing software options.

### **Permits**

- Submitted annual report for USFWS Scientific Collecting permit.

## **Learning and Community Engagement**

Jordan Canal, Curator

### **Activities summary:**

#### **Discovery Saturdays:**

This is a weekly, free drop-in program with interactive stations surrounding a theme tied to the museum or a special recognition day. This program offers theme-related educational resources, a hands-on activity, and a chance for guests to learn from our hands-on Education Collection.

**October:** 93 adults | 97 children | 190 total attendees. Themes included: Día de Muertos, Pumpkins, Las Vegas Fiber Arts Guild, Nevada Day

**November:** 95 adults | 101 children | 196 total attendees. Themes included: Día de Muertos, Turkeys, and Box Snowman Ornaments

**December:** 282 adults | 175 children | 480 total attendees. Themes included: Holidays Around the World event, Gingerbread Houses, St. Lucia Crowns, and Beaded Fireworks

**Calendar Year Totals:** 2,074 adults | 1,769 children | 3,927 total attendees.

Looking forward:

- Continuing to partner with individuals and organizations for future Discovery Saturday programs.
- Preparing special Discovery Saturdays: a new Ninth Island Day, Nevada Day, Día de Muertos, and Holidays Around the World in 2026.
- Adding more paid sessions on Discovery Saturdays for small workshop style activities. We hosted a few paid Discovery Saturday crafts in late 2025.

## Field Trips:

This year we are seeing higher quality field trip experiences and survey results. All thematic worksheets that guide the groups through the galleries on their field trips are aligned with the Nevada Academic Content Standards for Social Sciences and Science. Currently we have six different worksheets that teachers can select from. In addition, our volunteers often assist with gallery engagements by showing part of our Education Collection on our hands-on carts to enhance the visitor experience.

**October:** 89 adults | 684 students | 11 trips | 10 schools

**November:** 160 adults | 1,054 students | 14 trips | 11 schools

**December:** 94 adults | 820 children | 10 trips | 10 schools

**Fiscal Year Totals:** 397 adults | 2,811 children | 42 field trips from 35 schools, 12 of which are Title 1.

Looking forward:

- Continue providing an accessible space for students to learn about Nevada and the region.
- Building our Museum Guide program to enhance gallery interactions

## Museum in a Box:

All the current boxes were rebranded with the new fonts and logos over the summer months, resulting in the production of 39 refreshed Teacher Handbooks. The Civil Rights in Las Vegas Museum in a Box is currently being updated and will be available to teachers soon.

**October:** 71 adults | 2,526 children | 28 schools | 32 bookings

**November:** 4 adults | 96 children | 1 school | 1 booking

**December:** 38 adults | 1,402 children | 16 schools | 18 bookings

**Fiscal Year Totals:** 278 adults | 9,355 children | 9,633 total attendees | 109 bookings | 89 schools

Looking forward:

- Refurbishing our Lost City Museum in a Box.
- Planning for the creation of new boxes for two additional themes.
- Updating the resources and lessons in our Paleontology & Fossils Museum in a Box to better reflect Nevada's third grade curriculum.

## Volunteers:

We have recently begun to hold more regularly scheduled orientations, trainings and appreciations for our volunteer and Museum Guide programs.

**October:** 14 volunteers (5 in education, 2 in exhibits, 4 in library, 2 in natural history and 1 in museum store) | 148.10 hours

**November:** 20 volunteers (12 in education, 2 in exhibits, 3 in library, 2 in natural history and 1 in museum store) | 173.5 hours

**December:** 19 volunteers (10 in education, 2 in exhibits, 4 in library, 2 in natural history, and 1 in museum store) | 161.21 hours

**Calendar Year Totals:** 2,933.61 hours | 50 volunteers | 220 volunteer shifts

## Community Engagement:

We regularly attend festivals and events at the locations of the community organizations we partner with. We also accommodate schools when they request staff to present or speak with their students about our professions, a specific subject, or the museum in general.

**October:** 472 individuals interacted with

10/4: Walking Box Ranch  
10/19: Red Rock Fossil Day  
10/23: Kay Karl Elementary Nevada Day Celebration  
**November:** 510 individuals interacted with  
11/15: Discovery Children's Museum Native Heritage Day  
11/22: Neon STEAM Family Fest

**December:** no events

**Calendar Year Totals:** *\*not all headcounts list ages* 678 adults | 2,154 children | 7,226 total attendees | 33 events

### **Social Media:**

For the period of October 1 – December 31, 2025

#### **Instagram**

Followers: 4,848 (152 growth)  
Views: 62,471 (most on November 12th: 3,532)  
Average Reach: 390 (most on November 7th: 2,313)

#### **Facebook**

Page Followers: 18,972  
Page Media Views: 410,690 (most on December 28th: 15,433)  
Reach: 465,004 (most on October 2nd: 17,433)  
Page Views: 5,442 (most on October 2nd: 162)  
Reactions: 5,140 (most on October 2nd: 335)  
Engagement: 20,289 (most on October 2nd: 1,025)

### **Sensory-Friendly Exploration Hours and Group Tours:**

The museum offers group tours for a newly established fee and has just launched our new Sensory-Friendly Exploration Hours for those who would be better served by experiencing the museum without the dimmed lights, sound effects, or crowds experienced during regular museum hours.

**October:** 32 adults | 5 children | 37 total attendees | Two groups | \$10 in group tour fees *\*not all tour headcounts list ages*

**November:** 41 adults | 22 children | 63 total attendees. Four groups

**December:** 5 adults | 0 children | 5 total attendees | One group

**Calendar Year Totals:** *\*not all tour headcounts list ages.* 343 adults | 101 children | 590 total attendees across 23 groups | \$210 in group tour fees

Looking forward:

- Continue to build the Museum Guide program to better manage tour and Sensory-Friendly Exploration Hour visit requests.

## **Exhibits**

Wes Southerland, Exhibits Manager

### **Activities summary:**

- **The Western Museum Association Conference.** Jonelle from the exhibits team attended the Western Museum Association Conference. Jonelle went to several exhibit sessions and met with other museum professionals for professional development and training
- **Bug Blast.** Rick is working on the finishing touches for the Bug Blast machine. He finished the lab for specimens and given a few tours to the Friends of NSMLV, who were responsible for funding the project.
- **Enhancement money.** We installed all the new equipment that was purchased with the enhancement funds.
- This will be my final SAR as I am retiring Feb 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026. It has been an educational experience, and I have learned a lot in my 32 years here.

## **Facility Maintenance**

Raul Cuellar, Facilities Supervisor

### **Activities summary:**

#### **Construction Projects:**

- Shower to incubator room completed

## BUDGET SUMMARY

### **Revenue/Expenditure Comparison Narrative:**

The museum continues to be conservative with expenditures as it adds effort to increasing revenue goals.

## MUSEUM STORE

### **Museum Store Sales Narrative:**

- Store sales were down slightly this quarter. Lara attributes this mostly to decreased consumer purchasing power due to tariff induced inflation. In November, Lara received emails from several vendors warning of upcoming wholesale cost increases starting in January 2026. She is brainstorming on how to navigate the current economic situation without sacrificing profit margins while not losing sales due to price increases.
- Purchasing was steady this quarter, focusing mainly on re-stocking solid sellers. The custom items purchased last quarter arrived and are selling very well, especially a brass ornament featuring our Bristlecone tree and NSMLV branded lapel pins and patches.

## MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

### **Membership Program Narrative:**

This year we launched "Battle Born Bingo," a quarterly event to increase membership and promote new sales. Attendance was low but steady. The response has been positive, and we have received new memberships from those events. Next event is scheduled in March.

## ATTENDANCE

### **Museum Attendance Narrative**

Attendance at the museum continues to show year-over-year growth. During the last year, we had an historic increase in attendance from all recorded previous years. This year, attendance remains high, but a few months of lower-than-expected visitors may result in a slight decline over the early period. We anticipate keeping an upward trend as our programming, exhibits, and community partnership continue to be active and top quality.

## FUND RAISING

### **Narrative**

We began planning in earnest for our inaugural Gala Night at the Silver State Museum. Our goal was to earn over \$100,000 in pledges and sponsorships. The effort is at a pause as our Friends group is undergoing several leadership changes and the supportive effort from them would have required a substantial commitment of time and knowledge that may or may not be available with new directors. We will renew our efforts to host this gala in 2027.



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Date: March 6, 2026

To: Board of Museums & History

From: Jen Roger, Director  
Nevada State Museum Carson City

Through: Daniel Thielen, Administrator, Nevada Division of Museums & History

Re: Quarterly Report to the Board of Museums & History  
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#### Quarterly Reports

##### **Natural History**

During this period, he contributed to the development of the abandoned mine diorama located adjacent to the Historic Mine Exhibit by gathering reference photographs and site-specific objects such as habitat images, rocks, plants, and other materials for display, as well as refining the accompanying exhibit text and video content. He also received a salvaged owl specimen for museum use and assisted with the transfer of an injured owl to a wildlife rehabilitation facility. In his role as the NSM, CC Safety Coordinator, he carried out duties required by the Nevada Division of Risk Management, including processing paperwork for a staff injury claim, completing Accident Investigation training, conducting safety inspections of all NSM, CC offices and facilities, performing readiness checks of AED units, notifying managers and supervisors of required safety-related training, and compiling and submitting the annual NSM, CC Safety Report. He also responded to approximately five public information requests. Additionally, he presented a Curator's Corner program on Halloween-themed animals to an estimated 500 visitors during the Halloween Trunk-or-Treat event on October 24, 2025; documented museum activities by photographing Dia de los Muertos events on November 7 and 8 and the reception for the exhibit *THIS IS US* on November 20 for the NSM, CC archives; and led a Behind-the-Scenes tour of the Natural History facilities for ten state and federal biologists on December 10, 2025.

##### **Marjorie Russell Clothing and Textile Center Quarterly Report (August – October 2025):**

Public programs included behind-the-scenes access, tours, and specialized programming, along with consultations and collection-related requests and donations. These included a quilt from Gina Hamel, 1960s dresses from Jazmine, Knights Templar uniforms from Rodd, silk embroideries from Nola, hats from Mary Bell Moorhead, and a Swedish rug from Diane Buckman. Work also involved grants, loans, and exhibition assistance, including the removal of artifacts and mannequins from the Nevada State Archives exhibition and returning objects to the collections with associated documentation. Ongoing projects with the Nevada Historical Society included research and writing for the *Nevada Fashion and the People Who Wore Them* publication; meetings with Anne Wolfe of NMA regarding a loan of 19th-century dresses for the

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*Gilded Nevada* exhibition; collaboration with Mary Covington on departmental wish lists and PastPerfect issues; participation in HVAC planning meetings for the textile center; and providing comments for the America 250 innovation coin. Additional responsibilities included attending collections and management meetings, contributing to the development of the *Riveting America* exhibition, seeking confirmation for a Tracy Panek (Levi Strauss) lecture, and requesting a loan of Dangberg Levi's from Dangberg Ranch.

**Anthropology**

During Q2 of FY 2026, the Anthropology Department advanced collections management, public outreach, and administrative responsibilities while supporting research and Tribal collaboration. Anthropology staff and volunteers reorganized collections in the southwest corner of the warehouse by removing shelving and relocating materials to prepare for HVAC installation and palletization. Public outreach and Tribal relations were a major focus this quarter, highlighted by the Curator of Anthropology serving as chair for the 39th Great Basin Anthropological Conference in Reno. The conference theme, *Under One Sky*, was named after the NSMCC exhibit co-curated with Nevada's Tribal communities more than 20 years ago and emphasized collaborative anthropological work throughout the state. April played a key role in conference planning by organizing vendors, assisting with program graphics, and coordinating NSM sponsorship. Anthropology staff also provided several behind-the-scenes tours of the basketry vault, including visits by the Bridgeport Tribe and staff from the University of Utah Museum of Natural History, and coordinated with the Washoe Tribe to donate proceeds from the sale of the Datsolalee medallion to the Tribe's cultural program. In November, Anna met with the Native American Research Approval Committee and worked with Betty Aleck, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer for the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, to secure approval for research and the identification of human remains and associated objects from a Mormon cemetery located on Tribal land.

Exhibition support included coordinating and sponsoring *This Is Us*, an art exhibit curated by Melissa Melero Moose, founder of Great Basin Native Artists, with Anthropology staff assisting in ordering frames and reframing artwork. Business operations continued steadily, with April completing three archaeological and three paleontological record searches, Rachel processing multiple collections totaling over eleven cubic feet from Far Western Anthropological Research Group, SWCA, and Sub-Terra Heritage, and Anna issuing 13 Nevada Antiquities Permits and three curation agreements. Research support remained active, as staff collectively assisted Ann Schempp, Curator at the City of Moses Lake Museum & Art Center, with the return of Native American-made artifacts to Nevada. Additional research requests were addressed by Rachel for Heather Martin (California State Parks), Rechanda Lee (BIA), and Lucas Johnson (Nellis), and by Anna for John Dayberry (Washoe Tribe), Evan Pellegrini (NDOT), Eric Brooks (VCC), and Geoff Smith (UNR). Anna also finalized work with an independent study student from the University of Nevada, Reno.



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### **NAGPRA Report/Activities**

- Filed a Repatriation Statement with the National Park Service for the repatriation of ancestral remains to Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians (10/27/2025).
- Met with BLM, Nevada regarding NAGPRA holdings 10/23 (BLM State archaeologist resigned, and this was our first introduction to the staff now handling NAGPRA).
- Received collection from UNR containing ancestral remains to be repatriated. This site (Little High Rock site) was excavated in 1967 by Thomas Layton former NSMCC Director and was at one point moved to UNR.
- Sent Repatriation Statement
- Met with Laurie Thom from the Yerington Tribe regarding Wovoka pipe bag. Her plan is to discuss it with the Cultural Committee.
- Received ancestral remains from Falcon Hill collection that were housed at UNLV. These are BLM controlled and therefore will be repatriated by BLM Nevada.
- Met with BLM, Applegate office regarding collections from Nevada housed at San Francisco State University (including Dryden Cave).
- Updated NAGPRA files with copies of Federal letters sent out 1/9/2025.
- Research request for Heather Ulrich, Tribal Liaison and NAGPRA Coordinator, BLM Oregon/Washington regarding ancestral remains from Elephant Mountain Cave, Nevada (AHUR 6009 and 6010).

### **Registrar**

During this three-month period, we have updated 15,060 Past Perfect records, including scanning over 650 photographs and taking photographs of artifacts. Over 750 images have been attached to Past Perfect.

Researched and restored original provenance to over 41 artifacts!

Completed cleaning out racks in the Lower Middle Gallery.

Reviewed all accession from 1977 to 1985 researching material in the Indian Hills yard.

Continued researching and providing information for Jan Loverin for her textile project.

### **Gift Shop**

During Q2 reports show strong year-over-year growth across all key metrics. Total sales increased \$9,118.96. Items sold rose an additional 340 items compared to last year. Medallion sales also saw significant growth, increasing over \$5000. Special events played a major role in this success, beginning with the October 24 Trunk or Treat and October 25 Haunted Mint events, which welcomed over 275 paid guests and generated \$4,245 for special events, along with \$1,666.12 in combined in-store sales over the two days. Nevada Day on Saturday, November 1 brought in \$2,182.36, while Dia de los Muertos celebrations on Friday, November 7 and Saturday, November 8 generated \$1,022.84 and \$1,485.19 respectively, for a total of \$2,507.70. The quarter concluded with the Artesian Faire Past and Presents event held



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December 12–14, which produced \$2,393.79 in store sales, rounding out a highly successful and growth-driven quarter

**Coin Press No. 1 Program Report: FY26 Q2**

- Medallion sales continue at a blistering pace, thanks to phone sales generated by our website and the release of the US Capitol Christmas Tree medallion.
- We will produce 1871 Liberty Seated Replica medallions upon receipt of more planchets (limited series of 3,000).
- First payment received for profit sharing portion of outside project with AMS (December 2025 sales only-approximately half remaining to sell) already surpasses anticipated payment from all AMS project sales.
- Working on NSMCC 85<sup>th</sup> & USA 250 medallion designs for anticipated launches in May & June.
- Outside projects on the horizon: Mar. 26 - Sutro Tunnel mint additional for Donors (200 medallions); Apr. 26 - NV Elks 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (200 medallions); July 26 - Belmont Courthouse 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (400 medallions); Aug. 26 - Nevada State Prison Preservation Society (200-400 medallions)
- Electrical work bid for CP4 installation (DCS 250-ton hydraulic press purchased from Sunshine Mint). Other CP4 preparations continue.

**Membership Program Report: FY26 Q2**

- New Member enrollment up 29% total Memberships Paid up 38% & Reactivated Dormant Members up 71% over same quarter last year.
- Revenue of \$11,515 for the quarter is also up 41.5% over FY25 Q2; up 67.6% over FY24 Q2

**Exhibits**

During this period, work was completed across exhibit development, special exhibitions, public programs, and facility maintenance. Primary efforts included construction and continued development of the **Mine Adit Diorama**, including faux rockwork, interactive components, projection media, touchscreen application development in partnership with the Division of Minerals, and preparation of interpretive and structural elements. Video editing, kiosk fabrication, and exhibit detailing progressed with volunteer support.

The **This Is Us Art Show** was fully installed, including fabrication of mounts, preparation and installation of 2D and 3D artwork, casework, labels, text panels, and mural coordination. The exhibition opened to the public on November 20.

Seasonal programming included planning, fabrication, marketing, and execution of **Fright at the Museum, Trunk or Treat**, and **Día de los Muertos** events. Responsibilities covered prop and



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scene installation, volunteer and performer coordination, media promotion, on-site supervision, and post-event teardown and storage.

Support was provided for the **Modern Mining Exhibit** project, including scope development, planning assistance, and revision of final drawings for a \$30,000 contract.

Ongoing responsibilities included exhibits volunteer management, exhibit supply procurement, maintenance and repair of interactives, lighting upgrades, coin press servicing, equipment repairs, and monitoring off-site exhibits. Professional development activities included attendance at the NMA/WMA conference

## **Facilities**

### **NSM Facilities Department – Quarter 2 Report (October–December 2025)**

The Facilities Department experienced a busy and productive quarter focused on seasonal preparation, preventive maintenance, and operational support across all three NSM locations. All HVAC units were serviced in advance of winter, irrigation systems were shut down and winterized, and exterior grounds remained well maintained. Custodial staff continued to uphold high standards of cleanliness and disinfection in both public and staff areas.



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## NEVADA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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### NEVADA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Date: March 6, 2026

To: Board of Museums & History

From: Catherine Magee, Director  
Nevada Historical Society

Through: Daniel Thielen, Administrator, Nevada Division of Museums & History

Re: Quarterly Report to the Board of Museums & History  
October 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025

### GENERAL MUSEUM ACTIVITIES

#### **Building Projects**

- HVAC and Roof replacement CIP projects 21-M52 & 23-S01-4 continue. The projects began on October 7, 2024, and remain incomplete.
- The Security, Life Safety, Electrical, Seismic Retrofit, Envelope Maintenance, and ADA upgrades CIP projects (23-M10, M16 and S02) began May 12, 2025, and are projected to conclude May 2027.

Due to construction projects, the NHS closed to the public on January 1, 2025. The Research Library closed to the public on May 9, 2025.

#### **Nevada Historical Society On The Go! Off-site events**

While our building is closed, we continue to share the stories of Nevada through our Nevada Historical Society On The Go! Off-site events. In conjunction with community partners, NHS programs are hosted at venues throughout the community and virtually. Knights of Pythias host Writers' Wednesday, Washoe County Library System and the Sierra View Library host our Nevada History Lecture series and our American Gaming Archives Fireside Chat series, the ever-popular High Noon with Neal Cobb is hosted by Washoe County Library System, and Docent Council Lectures are hosted by KNPB.

#### **Construction Preparation and Monitoring**

All NHS team members moved and protected collections for construction. All NHS team members monitored construction workers working in NHS collection areas.

NHS Docents assisted staff with construction preparation projects including equipment assembly, collections cataloging, and rehousing.

#### **Collections Storage**

The NHS is no longer able to collect Nevada's history due to insufficient collections storage space. In addition to this, at the end of January 2025 the NHS lost over 3000 sq ft of free collection storage space. In an emergency collections move, all the collections were moved to temporary storage at the end of January 2025.

Catherine continues to look for 3000 sq ft collections storage for these collections, the price per square foot for leased space for collections is estimated to be between \$0.76 - 1.41/sf. When an appropriate location has been found, Catherine will be requesting funds from DMH Board controlled monies to pay for the yearly lease.

#### **WMA Conference attendance**

Shery, Kristina, and Debra attended Western Museums Associate conference as well as assisted with staffing the DMH and WMA information tables.

#### **Staff Activities**

##### History Curator Activities Summary:

- Shery interviewed on News Channel 4 about Lawton Hot Springs
- Shery continued to work on *Gilded Age* exhibit and plans for exhibit gallery reinstallation
- Shery continued to work on America 250 programming
- Shery continues to work on public engagement via social media, newsletters, and scheduling programming

##### Archivist and Collections Technician Activities Summary:

- Sarah continued working with docents and volunteers to process archival materials
- Sarah and Theresa fulfilled 50 research requests
- Sarah and Theresa continue to add data to Nevada Archives Navigator, an NEH grant-funded project in collaboration with the Nevada State Archives to create a discovery portal that enables the public to search for collections from multiple institutions
- Sarah and Theresa continued working with docents, other NHS staff and volunteers at off-site collections

##### Collections Manager/Registrar Activities Summary:

- Debra fulfilled 15 research requests
- Debra continued working with docents and volunteers to process artifact materials
- Debra continued working with docents, other NHS and DMH staff, and volunteers at off-site collections

##### Education Curator Activities Summary:

- Kristina continued to schedule off-site educational programming
- Kristina continued to coordinate docent programming and collections work
- Kristina continued working with docents, other NHS staff and volunteers at off-site collections

##### Administrative Assistant/Store Manager/Membership Coordinator Activities Summary:

- Ramit continued working at off-site events selling memberships and store merchandise
- Ramit continued working on membership, budgets, and store needs
- Ramit continued working with docents, other NHS staff and volunteers at off-site collections

##### Director Activities Summary:

- Catherine fulfilled 18 research requests
- Catherine continued to oversee two ongoing construction projects
- Catherine continued short-term to long-range planning and strategies

#### **BUDGET SUMMARY**

##### **Revenue/Expenditure Comparison Narrative:**

Ramit, Administrative Assistant and Store Manager, fulfils special orders for the Museum Store and sells memberships and merchandise at off-site events.

## MUSEUM STORE

### **Museum Store Sales Narrative:**

Ramit, Administrative Assistant and Store Manager, fulfils special orders for the Museum Store and sells memberships and merchandise at off-site events.

## MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

### **Membership Program Narrative:**

Due to construction projects, the NHS closed to the public on January 1, 2025. We typically increase membership during onsite events. We had 5 new memberships and 73 renewals. We also have institutional memberships with one renewal.

## ATTENDANCE

### **Museum Attendance Narrative**

Due to construction projects, the NHS closed to the public on January 1, 2025. We held 12 free offsite and virtual programs with a total of 431 attendees. We did not participate in any community events this quarter.

## FUND RAISING

### **Narrative**

We received a total of \$33,709.00 in donations this quarter

Docent hours: 1163 hours

Total volunteer hours donated this quarter: 4412.5 hours

Total value of donated time: \$34,831.85\*

\* based on accepted rate of \$29.95/hour



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Date: March 6, 2026  
 To: Board of Museums & History  
 From: Tracey Sprague, Director  
 Lost City Museum  
 Through: Daniel Thielen, Administrator, Nevada Division of Museums & History  
 Re: Quarterly Report to the Board of Museums & History  
 Oct. 1, 2025 to Dec. 31, 2025

GENERAL MUSEUM ACTIVITIES

**Building Projects:**

Lost City Museum finalized contract to rewire museum with new CAT6 and install new telephones. Project set for installation in Jan. 2026.

**Staff activities:**

Virginia Lucas (Archaeology):

- October 21 – Lego Robotics Team Zoom Call – 12 students.
- October 24 – Podcast Interview - The Past Macabre that is part of The Archaeology Podcast Network
- October 25 – Nevada Site Steward Potluck
- October 31 – Nevada Day event at NSMLV – not sure of the number of people, 3,000 in attendance
- November 15 – Native American Day event at Discovery Children’s Museum
- November 22 – Valley of Fire State Park opening, 1,000+ in attendance
- December 23 – meeting with Darren Daboda, THPO for Moapa Band of Paiutes

Raymond Robbins (Exhibits):

- Finish text, photos and artifacts for Lost City Pageant exhibit, install expected for April 2026
- Work on new text for mineral exhibit in 1973 gallery.
- Prepare crafts for Children's and Hand-Made Holidays events.
- Participate in opening of Valley of Fire State Park's new visitor center.
- Create social media posts.
- Create informative write-ups for social media and state journal.

BUDGET SUMMARY

**Comparison of Revenues Budgeted/Received:**

	<u>GL/CAT</u>	<u>SFY2025 Budget</u>	<u>Actual YTD</u>
Membership	4008	5000.00	3835.00
Merchandise Sales	4025	90000.00	92423.30
Gifts and Donations	4251	5000.00	2322.18
Treasurer’s Interest	4326	5924.00	4424.90
<b>TOTAL</b>		110924.00	102130.38

Comparison of Expenditures Budgeted/Expended:

	GL/CAT	SFY2025 Budget	Actual YTD
Administration	35	75348.00	71127.33
Arch Special Projects	36	2500.00	2210.91
Buildings and Grounds	37	2500.00	2373.25
Museum Store	41	79944.00	70998.29
Special Events	42	6950.00	5793.51
Board Appr Special Projects	48	96717.00	7997.38
TOTAL		268959.00	160500.67

MUSEUM STORE

Oct. - \$10,816.30, \$9.77 per customer

Nov. - \$9,976.75, \$10.89 per customer

Dec. - \$8,461.04, \$10.33 per customer

In FY26, the Museum Store is already averaging higher sales compared to the previous year.

The second quarter was \$3,394.45 higher than it was in FY2025.

MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

MEMBERSHIP	BREAKDOWN			NEW	RENEW
SENIOR	\$25.00	15	365.00	9	6
VETERAN	\$25.00	1	25.00	0	1
STUDENT	\$25.00	0	0.00	0	0
INDIVIDUAL	\$45.00	0	0.00	0	0
FAMILY	\$75.00	5	375.00	4	1
FAMILY SENIOR	\$55.00	0	0.00	0	0
FAMILY VETERAN	\$55.00	2	110.00	2	0
SUSTAINING	\$125.00	0	0.00	0	0
SUSTAIN SENIOR	\$105.00	0	0.00	0	0
SUSTAIN VETERAN	\$105.00	0	0.00	0	0
CONTRIBUTING	\$250.00	0	0.00	0	0
PATRON	\$500.00	0	0.00	0	0
BENEFACTOR	\$1,000.00	0	0.00	0	0
TOTAL		23	875.00	15	8

ATTENDANCE

Oct. - \$6811.00, 1107 total guests

Nov. - \$5262.00, 852 total guests

Dec. - \$4262.00, 819 total guests

Attendance was down a little bit during the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter, a total of about 59 less compared to last year.

Admission did change from \$6 to \$8 starting on July 1, 2025, so admission revenue is higher comparatively.

**EVENTS AT LOST CITY -**

**Kids Day, Oct. 18, 2025 – 30 children**

**Trunk Show Dec. 12 and 13, 2025- \$736.30 made at show**



**Handmade Holidays Dec. 6, 2025 – 87 attendees**



**FUND RAISING**

Currently no major fundraising is happening at Lost City Museum or with the Lost City Museum Docent Council