

item # 8B

**City of Carson City  
Agenda Report**

**Date Submitted:** April 28, 2009

**Agenda Date Requested:** May 07, 2009  
**Time Requested:** 5 minutes

**To:** Mayor and Board of Supervisors

**From:** Public Works - Planning Division

**Subject Title:** Action to designate the month of May as Historic Preservation month in Carson City.

**Staff Summary:** Historic Preservation Month was designed by the National Trust for Historic Preservation to raise awareness about the power historic preservation has to protect and enhance our homes, neighborhoods and communities. It provides an opportunity to celebrate the diverse and unique heritage of our country's cities and towns, and enables all of us to become involved in the growing preservation movement.

**Type of Action Requested:**

Resolution

Ordinance

Formal Action/Motion

Other

**Does This Action Require A Business Impact Statement?**  Yes  No

**Planning Commission Action:** None

**Historic Resources Commission Action:** None

**Recommended Board Action:** I move to designate the month of May as Historic Preservation month in Carson City.

**Explanation for Recommended Board Action:** Each year in May Nevada celebrates Historic Preservation Month. This celebration offers many opportunities to celebrate our community's history and heritage. All over the state, activities are held that remind us of the important historic resources that give meaning and a sense of place to our communities — and focus attention on how critical it is to make sure they are preserved. This recommendation is made by the Historic Resources Commission Chairman on behalf of the Historic Resources Commission of Carson City.

**Applicable Statute, Code, Policy, Rule or Regulation:** CCMC 18.06 (Historic District).

**Fiscal Impact:** N/A

**Explanation of Impact:** N/A

**Funding Source:** N/A

Alternatives: 1) Deny

Supporting Material: 1) Proclamation  
2) May 2009 Calendar of Events

Prepared By: Janice Brod, Management Assistant V

Reviewed By: *Janice Brod* Date: 4-28-09  
 (Planning Division Director)

*[Signature]* Date: 4-28-09  
 (Development Services Director)

*[Signature]* Date: 4/28/09  
 (City Manager)

*Marie Rukena* Date: 4-28-09  
 (District Attorney's Office)

**Board Action Taken:**

Motion: \_\_\_\_\_ 1) \_\_\_\_\_ Aye/Nay  
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(Vote Recorded By)

# PROCLAMATION

## “Archaeological Awareness and Historic Preservation Month”

May 1, 2009 through May 31, 2009

**WHEREAS**, to raise awareness about the power historic preservation has to protect and enhance our homes, neighborhoods and communities - the places that really matter to us; and

**WHEREAS**, Historic Preservation provides an opportunity to celebrate the diverse and unique heritage of our country's cities and towns; and

**WHEREAS**, enabling all of us to become involved in the growing preservation movement; and

**WHEREAS**, the full benefits of historic preservation require public officials and citizens who understand, support, and demand excellence in preservation and plan implementation; and

**WHEREAS**, the month of May is designated as National Historic Preservation Month throughout the United States of America and its territories, and

**WHEREAS**, this year's theme, Exploring Deep History in Nevada, includes the archaeology of caves and features lectures, events and tours celebrating the state of Nevada; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Robert Crowell, Mayor of Carson City, Nevada, do hereby proclaim May 1, 2009 through May 31, 2009 “Archaeological Awareness and Historic Preservation Month” in Carson City, Nevada, in conjunction with the celebration of National Historic Preservation Month.

Dated this May 7, 2009



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Robert Crowell, Mayor

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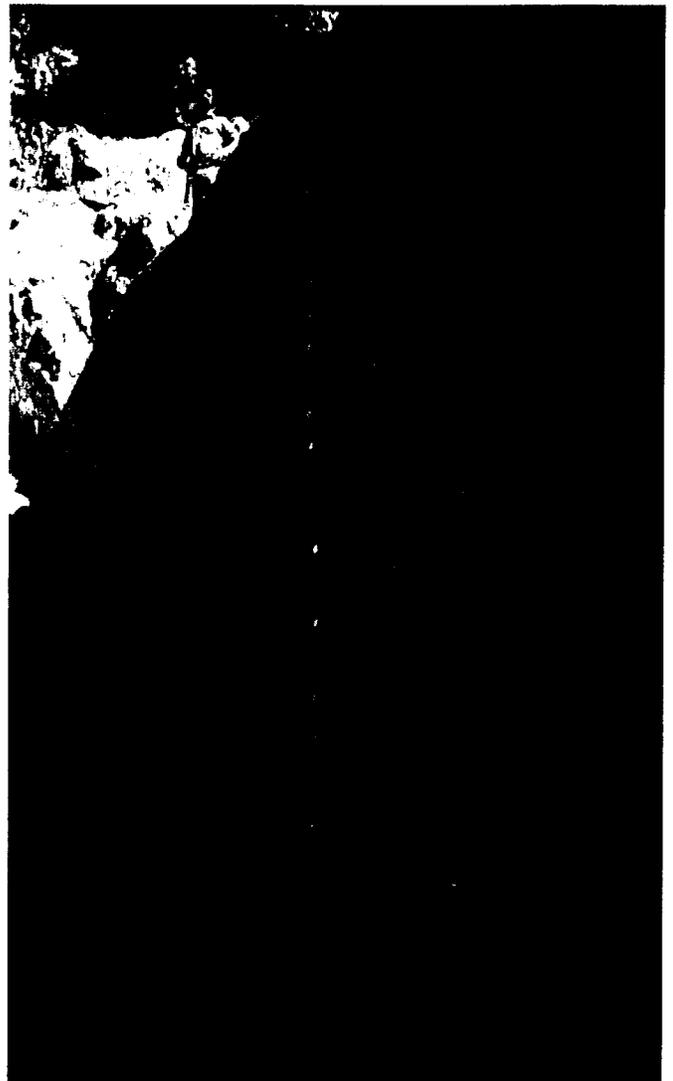
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# Exploring Deep History in Nevada

Archaeological Awareness and  
Historic Preservation Month  
May 2009



## Schedule of Events

This year's theme is "Exploring Deep History in Nevada" that includes the archaeology of caves and features lectures, rides and tours celebrating Nevada. Events are free unless otherwise noted.



Rock Shelter in Nevada

### Carson City

**May 26:** Eugene Hattori, Curator of Anthropology, will present "Secrets of the Dark Past: Prehistoric Cave Finds from the Nevada State Museum Collections" at 7:30 p.m. in the South Changing Gallery of the Nevada State Museum, Department of Cultural Affairs, 600 N. Carson St., Carson City. Cost: \$5 for adults, \$3 for seniors, free for members and persons under 18. Call Deborah Stevenson at 775-687-4810 X 237 for details.

**May 28:** John Lambert, president of Abstract Masonry Restoration, Inc. will present "The Proper Care and Treatment of Your Historic Masonry Building" at 5:30 p.m. in the Performance Hall at the Brewery Arts Center, 501 W. King St. The event is sponsored by the Historic Resources

Commission of Carson City. Call Jennifer Pruitt at 775-887-2180 X 30076 for details.

### Churchill County

**May 9 and 23:** Susan McCabe of the Bureau of Land Management will lead tours of Hidden Cave. Meet at the Churchill County Museum, 1050 Maine Street, Fallon at 9 a.m. to view a video and caravan to Hidden Cave 12 miles east of Fallon. The guided walking tour will include views of Picnic Cave and petroglyph panels before entering Hidden Cave. The ½ mile trek is up an incline so wear sturdy shoes, carry water and dress appropriately for the weather. Call Karen McNary at the Churchill County Museum 775-423-3677 for details.

**May 16:** The Nevada Rock Art Foundation will lead a guided walking tour of Grimes Point Rock Art from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wear sturdy shoes, carry water and dress appropriately for the weather. Call Kim Hopkinson at 775-323-6723 X 11 to reserve a place on the tour and for information on a meeting place.

### Clark County

**May 1-3:** Attend the Sixth Annual Meeting of the Nevada Rock Art Foundation at the Casablanca Hotel-Resort in Mesquite to hear lectures on Nevada and Great Basin rock art and issues in historic preservation. Cost: \$20 for NRAF members, \$25 for non-members. Call Kim Hopkinson at 775-323-6723 X 11 to register for the meeting.

**May 2:** Archaeologists from the Lost City Museum, Nevada Department of Cultural Affairs and the Lake Mead National Recreation Area will lead a tour of the St. Thomas Historic Ruins at 9:30 a.m. Cost: \$5 entrance fee to Lake Mead National Recreation Area. Wear good walking shoes (no sandals), bring water and wear sun protection. Call Eva Jensen at 702-397-2193 for meeting place.

**May 9:** Bring your unserviceable American Flag to a flag retirement ceremony sponsored by the Silver State Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution at 10 a.m. at the Southern Nevada Veteran's Memorial Cemetery, Adams Blvd, Boulder City. A no-host luncheon will follow. Call Mimi Rodden for details at 702-293-6935.

**May 9:** Nevada Rock Art Foundation will lead a tour of selected rock art localities in the Valley of Fire State Park from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wear sturdy shoes, carry water and wear a hat. Call Kim Hopkinson at 702-804-6723 X 11 for a meeting place.

**May 9:** Come to the Southern Nevada Culture and History Fair at the Springs Preserve, 333 S. Valley View Blvd., Las Vegas from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tour an archaeological excavation in progress and see the remains of ancient pithouses. Learn more about history and prehistory of Las Vegas Valley and about how local organizations are working to preserve the community's heritage. Call Annalisa Helm at 702-822-7742 for information on specific events.

**May 9:** The Junior League of Las Vegas will have a public open house tour of the restored mid-twentieth century Morelli House, 861 Bridger Ave., Las Vegas from 3 to 6 p.m. Make reservations by calling 702-822-6536 or contact [jrleagueoflv@aol.com](mailto:jrleagueoflv@aol.com)

**May 13:** Join the fun at the Helldorado Days Kick-Off Party at the Fremont Street Experience, Las Vegas from 7 to 9 p.m. to celebrate Clark County's past. For more information on events planned for Historic Preservation Month, visit [www.lasvegasnevada.gov/hp](http://www.lasvegasnevada.gov/hp) and click on the 2009 Events Calendar link.

**May 15:** Join the Preservation Association of Clark County (PACC) for a tour of the Fifth Street School at 6:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. Call Corinne Escobar at 702-255-3912 for details.

**May 16:** Will Reed from the U. S. Forest Service will demonstrate flint knapping and stone tool manufacturing from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Nevada State Museum, Dept. of Cultural Affairs, 700 Twin Lakes Drive, Las Vegas. The event is sponsored by the Nevada Archaeological Association, Nevada Site Stewardship Program and the Nevada State Museum, Las Vegas. Call Sali Underwood at 702-486-5011 for details.

**May 16:** Artist Anne Carter will display her photographs of native landscapes and rock art at the Lost City Museum, Department of Cultural Affairs, 721 S. Moapa Valley Blvd., Overton from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Ms. Carter will talk with visitors and sign her artwork for buyers. Cost \$3 for

adults; \$2 for seniors; free for children under age 18. Call Terri Wade at 702-397-2193 for more information.

**May 16:** Attend the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Hellsdorado Days at a parade from 7 to 9 p.m. on downtown Fourth Street between Charleston and Ogden Streets, Las Vegas. Fireworks will follow. Call Esther Boyter at 702-229-6776 for more information.

**May 16:** Sign up early for the Hoover Dam Outback Tour! Historian Kurt Schweigert and Bureau of Reclamation archaeologists Renee Kolvet and Pat Hicks will lead a tour down the portal road to spoil piles, original electric switchyards and the World War II pill box. The Bureau of Reclamation will provide transportation to these restricted areas but you must register early because the tour is limited to 30 participants. Wear good shoes, a hat and bring your own lunch and drinks. Tour runs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call Renee Kolvet at 702-293-8443 to reserve a place on the tour and information on a meeting place.

**May 23:** Celebrate Clark County Centennial Day at the Clark County Museum, 1830 S. Boulder Highway, Henderson from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be activities for the whole family, book signing and tours of the restored buildings on Heritage Street. Call 702-455-7955 or go to [www.accessclarkcounty.com/100](http://www.accessclarkcounty.com/100) for details.

**May 30:** At 1 p.m. Kelly Hayes Gilpin from the Museum of Northern Arizona will present insights into "Gender, Worldview and Rock Art" at the Lost City Museum, Department of Cultural

Affairs, 721 S. Moapa Valley Blvd., Overton. Cost: \$3 for adults, \$2 for seniors; free for children under 18. Call Terri Wade at 702-397-2193 for details.

## **Elko County**

**May 9:** Everyone is invited to the Archaeology Fair at the Northeastern Nevada Museum, 1515 Idaho Street, Elko from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Elko Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management, the Northeastern Nevada Museum and the Elko Chapter of the Nevada Archaeological Association will host this event with many hands on activities for children. Call Donna Murphy at 775-738-6269 or visit <http://www.elkoarchaeology.org> for more information.

## **Nye County**

**May 23:** Celebrate Jim Butler Days and the Nevada State Mining Championships in Tonopah. The annual Jim Butler Days Parade on Main Street begins at 10 a.m. Admission to the Tonopah Historic Mining Park will be free for the Nevada State Mining Championships that begins after the parade. Call Denise Nelson at 775-482-3859 or visit [www.tonopahhistoricminingpark.com](http://www.tonopahhistoricminingpark.com) for more information on events.

## Storey County

**May 15-17:** The 23<sup>rd</sup> annual Comstock Historic Preservation Weekend is celebrated at the Fourth Ward School in Virginia City. Events are funded in part by Nevada Humanities, Nevada Commission on Tourism, Storey County and members of the Historic Fourth Ward School. This year's theme is "More Precious than Silver." All events take place at the Fourth Ward School (FWS), 537 South C Street unless otherwise indicated. Cost: \$5 for adults; \$3 for children (ages 6-16). Call Barbara Mackey at 775-847-0975 or visit [www.fourthwardschool.org](http://www.fourthwardschool.org) for more information.

**May 15:** Fourth Ward School Changing Gallery Exhibit Opening of "More Precious than Silver: The Virginia City and Gold Hill Water System" from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**May 15:** Kick Off Party for "Parties of the Year" from 5:30 to 7 p.m. provides an opportunity to reserve your space for adventures, outings, activities and feasts with themed cuisine in unique locations throughout the year.

**May 16:** Letterpress Printing Workshop with Chic DiFrancia and Carol Clifford. Demonstration on the Chandler Press used to print the Fourth Ward School newspapers and annuals. Take home a printed souvenir. From 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**May 16:** Enjoy lunch with historians Ron and Susan James who will discuss the history and historic context of the Virginia City and Gold Hill Water

System from 12 to 1:30 p.m. Mike Nevin, Director of Public Works for Storey County and Mike Leahy, the manager of the Marlette Lake Water system will add the current perspective on the water system. Beverages are provided but bring a sack lunch.

**May 16:** Squeek LaVake directs the 15<sup>th</sup> annual Comstock Children's Chorus in a medley of songs from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

**May 17:** At 1:00 p.m., Ron James, State Historic Preservation Officer, will present the annual Nevada State Historic Preservation Awards to individuals and organizations that have made significant contributions to historic preservation in Nevada.

**May 17:** Enjoy a Victorian Fashion Show from 2 to 3 p.m. Paulette Grune will commentate on a show of authentic historic fashions and finery modeled by members of the Nevada Civil War Volunteers.

**May 17:** Preservation Weekend ends with the traditional Carol Morgan Page Memorial Silver Tea from 3 to 4 p.m. Tea and locally prepared treats will be served.

## Washoe County

The Historic Reno Preservation Society (HRPS) celebrates the month with 9 walking tours of historic Reno. Members of HRPS participate for free; non members pay \$10 per person. Walks generally last from 1 ½ to 2 hours. Wear good walking shoes. No dogs please. Reservations are required and space is limited. Please call 775-

747-4478 for information and reservations or go to [www.historicreno.org](http://www.historicreno.org).

**May 2:** Scott Gibson leads a tour of the Newlands Neighborhood at 10 a.m. Meet at My Favorite Muffin, 340 California Ave.

**May 5:** Take a stroll through the Wells Ave. Neighborhood with Mark Taxer. Meet at the Southside School Annex at Sinclair and Liberty Streets at 6 p.m.

**May 9:** Stroll along Monroe and Joaquin Miller Streets and view the Greystone Castle and the Patrick Ranch House with Elsie Newman and Anne Simone as your guides. Meet at 10 a.m. at the corner of Monroe and Manor Drives.

**May 12:** Jack Hursh will lead a tour of the University Historic District including the Mackey School of Mines and Morrill Hall at 6 p.m. Meet at Honor Court on 9<sup>th</sup> and Center Street at 6 p.m.

**May 16:** Enjoy a walk on Upper Ralston/Northern Little Italy. Join tour guides Jim and Sue Smith at 10 a.m. at the intersection of Washington Street, the Strand and College Ave.

**May 16:** The Thunderbird Lodge Preservation Society will lead tours of the historic Thunderbird Lodge, 5000 Hwy. 28, Incline Village from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tours will last an hour and good walking shoes are recommended. Parking is limited and reservations are required. Cost is \$20. Call Barbi Mooberry to reserve a spot on the tour at 775-828-3536 or [www.thunderbirdlodge.org](http://www.thunderbirdlodge.org)

**May 19:** Take a relaxing stroll with tour guide Joan Collins along the Historic Truckee River Walk. Meet at the McKinley Arts and Cultural Center, 925 Riverside Drive at 6 p.m.

**May 23:** Sharon Honig-Bear and Pat Klos will lead a tour of "Literary Reno" around the haunts of historic and contemporary writers. Meet at the Riverside Artist Lofts, 17 S. Virginia St. at 10 a.m.

**May 26:** See Inside Frederick DeLongchamps' Downtown. Sharon Honig-Bear and Pat Klos will lead tours through several artist lofts at the Riverside and other DeLongchamps' buildings from 4 to 6 p.m. Meet at the front steps of the Washoe County Courthouse.

**May 30:** Cindy Ainsworth and Debbie Hinman will lead a tour of the Western Addition and relate histories of the early movers and shakers of 19<sup>th</sup> century Reno. Meet at the northwest corner of 5<sup>th</sup> and Washington at 10 a.m.

**May 1-29:** Lake Mansion, 250 Court Street, Reno will be open Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. with tours and exhibits for Historic Preservation Month. The historic mansion was built in 1877 by the Marsh family and was once owned by Myron Lake, considered to be the founder of Reno. The mansion now houses the non-profit arts organization, Very Special Arts of Nevada. Call 775-826-6100 X 3 or [info@vsanevada.org](mailto:info@vsanevada.org) for more information.

**May 8:** Visit the Lake Mansion, 250 Court Street, Reno for an open house to celebrate the 141<sup>st</sup> birthday of the city of Reno from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Birthday cake will be served. Call 775-826-6100 X 3 for more information.

**May 13:** The City of Reno will present its annual Historic Preservation Awards at Reno City Hall, 1 East First Street, Reno. Event sponsored by the City of Reno and the AIA Northern Nevada Chapter. Call Don Naquin at 775-326-6675 for time of the event.

**May 16:** The Thunderbird Lodge Preservation Society will lead tours of the historic Thunderbird Lodge, 5000 Hwy. 28, Incline Village from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tours will last an hour and good walking shoes are recommended. Parking is limited and reservations are required. Cost is \$20. Call Barbi Mooberry to reserve a spot on the tour at 775-828-3536 or [www.thunderbirdlodge.org](http://www.thunderbirdlodge.org)

**May 16:** Join Very Special Arts at the Lake Mansion, 250 Court Street, Reno for the River Walk Merchant's Wine Walk from 2 to 5 p.m. Stroll through businesses in historic buildings and enjoy refreshments, wine and a commemorative wine glass. Cost is \$20. Call 775-826-6100 X 3 for details.

**May 17:** The Nevada Rock Art Foundation leads a clean up of the Court of Antiquity Petroglyph Site from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Call Kim Hopkinson 775-323-6723 X 11 for information on meeting place.

**May 20:** The Historic Reno Preservation Society (HRPS) will present the movie "5 Against the House" at the Sands Regency Casino and Hotel, 345 N. Arlington Ave., Reno. This 1955 movie about 4 friends who plan the perfect heist was filmed in Reno. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and film starts at 7 p.m. Cost: \$8. Call 775-747-0340 for details and reservations or check [www.historicreno.org](http://www.historicreno.org)

## **White Pine County**

**May 8-22:** The White Pine County will host a photo display of the historic Mineral City/Lane City mining town during regular library hours. For more information contact Lisa Gilbert of the Bureau of Land Management at 775-289-1862 or contact at [Lisa\\_gilbert@nv.blm.gov](mailto:Lisa_gilbert@nv.blm.gov).

**May 16:** Shawn Gibson, archaeologist for the Bureau of Land Management will lead a historic cemetery tour of the Ely cemetery and explain the symbolism of cemeteries. Tours start at 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. For more information and a meeting place call Shawn Gibson at 775-289-1884 or contact at [Shawn\\_gibson@nv.blm.gov](mailto:Shawn_gibson@nv.blm.gov)

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