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## Statewide Events in May celebrate Historic Preservation and Archaeology

CARSON CITY, NV – Since the early 1980s, May has been a month for celebrating historic preservation and archaeology in Nevada. Nevada agencies and organizations have worked hard to spread awareness of archaeological and historic preservation efforts throughout the State, encouraging both residents and visitors to explore and learn about Nevada's significant archaeological and historical treasures.

### CLARK COUNTY

- **Archaeological Presentation: Earth Roasting Ovens on Mormon Mesa: *An Expansive Winding Mariposa Lily Bulb Roasting Site at the Virgin-Muddy River Divide by James Kangas, Bureau of Reclamation.***

In 2015, an archaeological survey conducted on Mormon Mesa (Mesa) near Overton, Nevada, discovered thousands of earth roasting ovens used to cook bulbs from the Winding Mariposa Lily that were harvested on the Mesa. Sites related to the harvesting and roasting of lily bulbs are found elsewhere in the southern deserts, but was not known to have occurred on the Mesa until the survey. Such extensive harvesting and use of lily bulbs above Virgin Anasazi settlements in the adjacent Virgin and Muddy river basins has important implications for understanding the transition from wild to domesticated plant foods in the area. This lecture is part of the Southern Nevada Archaeological Speaker Series.

**Where:** Nevada State Museum, Las Vegas, 309 S. Valley View Blvd., Las Vegas, NV 89107

**When:** May 5, from 2-4 p.m.

**More information:** Sali Underwood, 702-822-8737, [sunderwood@nevadaculture.org](mailto:sunderwood@nevadaculture.org)

**Link:** <http://nvculture.org/nevadastatemuseumlasvegas/>

**Cost/Admission:** Free with the price of admission to the Springs Preserve, Free for Museum and Springs members.

**Sponsor:** Southern Nevada Agency Partnership Cultural Resources Team

- **Morelli House Tours**

In celebration of Nevada's Historic Preservation and Archaeological Awareness Month, the Junior League of Las Vegas is offering docent-led tours of the Morelli House, a classic example of mid-century modern residential architecture and the former home of the Sands Hotel Copa Showroom Orchestra Leader, Antonio Morelli.

**Where:** 861 East Bridger, Las Vegas

**When:** May 5. Public docent-led tours begin at 10:30a.m., 11:30 a.m., and 1:00 p.m.

**More information:** Junior League of Las Vegas Office, 702-822-6536, [info@jllv.org](mailto:info@jllv.org)

**Link:** [morellihouse.org](http://morellihouse.org)

**Cost/Admission:** \$5.00 per person

- **Alan Hess Lecture: Can't Stop Learning from Las Vegas**  
A half-century after three Yale professors famously brought their students west to learn from Las Vegas, the city remains an object of scholarly curiosity, ambivalence, and infatuation. Architect and historian Alan Hess marks the 50th anniversary of the *Learning from Las Vegas* survey by reviewing what they learned in 1968, how Las Vegas has evolved, and why it is even more important today to the evolution of modern architecture and planning.  
**Where:** Ne10 Studio, 1001 West Bonanza Road, Las Vegas, NV 89106  
**When:** May 9, 6:00 p.m. reception and 7:00 p.m. lecture  
**More information:** Derek Weis, 702-387-6366, [dweis@neonmuseum.org](mailto:dweis@neonmuseum.org)  
**Link:** <http://www.neonmuseum.org/happenings>  
**Cost/Admission:** Free; registration required; <https://bit.ly/2pYU9Pn>  
**Sponsor:** Presented by the Neon Museum and Nevada Preservation Foundation, and funded in part by a grant from the Nevada Arts Council, a state agency, and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency.
- **Helldorado Days Parade**  
Annual parade celebrating Nevada's western heritage since the 1930s.  
**Where:** Downtown Las Vegas from Charleston north to Stewart Avenue on Fourth St.  
**When:** Saturday, May 12. 10:00 a.m. start time  
**More information:** Esther Reincke, 702-229-6672, [ereincke@lasvegasnevada.gov](mailto:ereincke@lasvegasnevada.gov)  
**Cost/Admission:** Free to watch and free to join.  
**Sponsor:** Commission for the Las Vegas Centennial
- **Flint Knapping: An Introduction and Demonstration of How Stone Tools are Made**  
Stone tool use is the oldest form of technology used by humans. During this live demonstration, see and learn about the materials and processes that go into creating stone tools, and why this understanding is so important to archaeologists.  
**Where:** Lost City Museum, 721 S. Moapa Valley Blvd., Overton, NV 89040  
**When:** May 14 at 2:00 p.m.  
**More information:** Mary Beth Timm, 702-397-2193 x26, [mبتimm@nevadaculture.org](mailto:mبتimm@nevadaculture.org)  
**Link:** <http://nvculture.org/lostcitymuseum>  
**Cost/Admission:** Free for members or with paid admission  
**Sponsor:** Southern Nevada Agency Partnership Cultural Resources Team

## ELKO COUNTY

- **Archaeology Fair**  
This family-friendly event will feature archaeological exhibits, flint knapping and other demonstrations, a native plant foods display, hunting tools display, diorama exhibits and hands-on activities for kids.  
**Where:** Northeastern Nevada Museum, 1515 Idaho Street, Elko, NV 89801  
**When:** May 5.  
**More information:** Donna Murphy, 775-738-6269, [murphys@citlink.net](mailto:murphys@citlink.net)  
**Link:** <http://elkoarchaeology.org>, or <http://museumelko.org>  
**Cost/Admission:** Free

**LYON COUNTY**

- **The Dayton Schoolhouse Museum: The Making of *Misfits***  
The museum will be open every day in May. See the latest exhibit about the Making of the *Misfits* in Dayton. The 1961 American drama film, written by Arthur Miller, starred Clark Gable, Marilyn Monroe and Montgomery Clift, as they spend time in the western Nevada desert in the 1960s.  
**Where:** 135 Shady Lane, Dayton  
**When:** 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. weekdays  
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Saturdays  
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Sundays  
**More information:** 775-246-6316 and 775-246-3256  
**Cost/Admission:** Free.  
**Sponsor:** Historical Society of Dayton Valley
- **“Life at the Union Hotel: The Memoirs of Iva Gruber”**  
Katie and Glenn Hasbrouck present “Life at the Union Hotel: The Memoirs of Iva Gruber.” Iva lived at the Union Hotel in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century. This lecture is part of the Historical Society of Dayton Valley’s annual May Lecture series that is underway to recognize Nevada Historic Preservation month.  
**Where:** Dayton Valley Community Center, 170 Pike Street, Dayton  
**When:** May 2, at 7:30 p.m. - a meet and greet begins at 7 p.m. with light refreshments  
**More information:** Laura Tennant, 775-246-3256, [110ant38@gmail.com](mailto:110ant38@gmail.com)  
**Cost/Admission:** Free.  
**Sponsor:** Historical Society of Dayton Valley
- **“The Nevada Women’s Project” Patti Bernard and Mona Reno**  
Founded in 1994, the group’s mission is "to provide visibility and support for the gathering and dissemination of history about the roles and contributions of Nevada women of every race, class, and ethnic background."  
**Where:** Dayton Valley Community Center, 170 Pike Street, Dayton  
**When:** May 9 at 7:30 p.m. - a meet and greet begins at 7 p.m. with light refreshments  
**More information:** Laura Tennant, 775-246-3256, [110ant38@gmail.com](mailto:110ant38@gmail.com)  
**Cost/Admission:** Free.  
**Sponsor:** Historical Society of Dayton Valley
- **“Dayton: Nevada’s First Chinatown” by Laura Tennant**  
Chinese workers were hired and brought to Dayton from San Francisco in 1857 to dig a four-mile water ditch from the Carson River to the prospectors at the mouth of Gold Canyon. They built a community and Dayton was known as Chinatown in 1859. Come learn about this important period in Dayton’s history.  
**Where:** Dayton Valley Community Center, 170 Pike Street, Dayton  
**When:** May 16 at 7:30 p.m. - a meet and greet begins at 7 p.m. with light refreshments  
**More information:** Laura Tennant, 775-246-3256, [110ant38@gmail.com](mailto:110ant38@gmail.com)

**Cost/Admission:** Free.

**Sponsor:** Historical Society of Dayton Valley

- **“The Carson & Colorado Railroad” by Dr. Linda Clements**  
“Dayton’s Place in the Carson & Colorado Railroad history.” The C&C RR served Dayton and spurred its economy from 1881 to 1934. What an era!  
**Where:** Dayton Valley Community Center, 170 Pike Street, Dayton  
**When:** May 23 at 7:30 p.m. - a meet and greet begins at 7 p.m. with light refreshments  
**More information:** Laura Tennant, (775) 246-3256, [110ant38@gmail.com](mailto:110ant38@gmail.com)  
**Cost/Admission:** Free.  
**Sponsor:** Historical Society of Dayton Valley
- **“Exploring the Dayton Cemetery” by Karen Howe.**  
Fascinating: Some facts, its history and an overview of the souls that lie within its bounds. Karen has spent three years meticulously researching who is buried at the 1861 Dayton Cemetery and documented the people, their history and ancestors.  
**Where:** Dayton Valley Community Center, 170 Pike Street, Dayton  
**When:** May 30 at 7:30 p.m. — a meet and greet begins at 7 p.m. with light refreshments  
**More information:** Laura Tennant, 775-246-3256, [110ant38@gmail.com](mailto:110ant38@gmail.com)  
**Cost/Admission:** Free.  
**Sponsor:** Historical Society of Dayton Valley

## STOREY COUNTY

- **Display of an Archaeological Project in Grass Valley at Silver City Post Office**  
A display illustrating progress on a multi-year archaeological project. In August of 2016, several archaeologists received a National Science Foundation grant for a multi-year archaeological project in Grass Valley, Nevada. Their research is focused on the Late Pleistocene between about 14,000 and 9,000 years ago after people first began to enter interior North America, and began to live here in the Great Basin. Archaeologists know least about this period and its people because the great time depth works against preservation and because the folks lived in small, highly mobile groups and didn't leave a lot behind.  
**Where:** Silver City Post Office, 270 Main Street  
**When:** May 1- May 31, 2018, during business hours  
**More information:** Quest Lakes, (775) 847-0742, [Quest@theodata.com](mailto:Quest@theodata.com)  
**Cost/Admission:** Free.  
**Sponsor:** U.S. National Science Foundation

## WASHOE COUNTY

- **Lake Mansion Lives! Guided Tours**  
See, touch, and hear about Reno’s Lake Mansion’s history! Built in 1877, this stately building is closely tied to the City of Reno’s life story. Formerly located at the corner of S. Virginia and California Ave., the mansion was purchased by Myron C. Lake, the founder

of Reno, in 1879. After two moves, the mansion is an example of successful adaptive reuse. Now owned and operated by the non-profit organization, Arts for All Nevada, the mansion is used for art classes/camps, art exhibits, art festivals, and fundraisers. The facility is also available for the public to rent for special events and meetings. There are several family pieces on exhibit and period furnishings throughout the main floor.

**Where:** Lake Mansion, 250 Court St. at Arlington Ave., Reno

**When:** May 4, May 11, May 18, and May 25, (doors open at 11:45 am), tours start at noon

**More information:** Arts for All Staff, 775-826-6100, 2#, [info@artsforallnevada.org](mailto:info@artsforallnevada.org)

**Link:** [www.artsforallnevada.org](http://www.artsforallnevada.org)

**Cost/Admission:** Free, although donations are always appreciated to help preserve and maintain the mansion.

- **Reno's 150th Birthday at the Lake Mansion**

It's Reno's 150th birthday at "Reno's First Address," the Lake Mansion! Reno was founded by Myron C. Lake who owned the historic Lake Mansion built in 1877. The mansion is now owned and operated by the non-profit organization, Arts for All Nevada. The mansion has been moved twice (see a photo exhibit from both moves) and is now located at 250 Court St. at Arlington Ave and Flint St. The main floor is furnished with several family pieces and donated period furnishings. Enjoy birthday cake and lemonade – birthday candles will be lit at High Noon! Festivities include Reno 150 themed art stations for all ages, free postcards of a painting depicting Lake's Crossing in 1862, a free book for each child, a Myron Lake impersonator and Patty Cafferata, historian and author will be available to answer questions and to sign her many historical building books including *Lake Mansion: Home to Reno's Founding Families*. A representative from the Historic Reno Preservation Society will be on hand with information about historic walking tours in May and June.

**Where:** Lake Mansion, 250 Court St. at Arlington Ave., Reno

**When:** May 9, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., Guided tours at 11 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

**More information:** Arts for All Staff, 775-826-6100, 2#, [info@artsforallnevada.org](mailto:info@artsforallnevada.org)

**Link:** <https://www.artsforallnevada.org>

**Cost/Admission:** Free, although donations are always appreciated to help preserve and maintain the mansion.

**Sponsor:** Arts for All Nevada with support from the Union Pacific Foundation.

- **Historical Presentation: The Truckee River in Sparks**

The Sparks Heritage Museum in conjunction with One Truckee River will be offering a free historical presentation about the Truckee River in Sparks. Join us for an interesting look into how the river has impacted the development and history of Sparks. Topics include the use of the river by the Washoe and Northern Paiute peoples, Stone and Gates crossing, the town of Glendale, the historic floods of 1958 and 1997, and much more. The presentation will be led by Sparks Heritage Museum Board of Trustee Members, Dick Dreiling and Scott Carey.

**Where:** Sparks Heritage Museum, 814 Victorian Avenue. Sparks, NV 89531

**When:** May 26 at 1:00 p.m.

**More information:** Tandy Gach, 775-355-1144, [info@sparksmuseum.org](mailto:info@sparksmuseum.org)

**Link:** [www.sparksmuseum.org](http://www.sparksmuseum.org)

**Cost/Admission:** Free

**Sponsor:** Sparks Heritage Museum

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The Nevada State Historic Preservation Office encourages the preservation of Nevada's historic and prehistoric heritage through federal and state programs. It provides federal grants from the National Park Service to fund historic preservation activities in Nevada. The Office assists federal and state agencies, local governments, private non-profit organizations, and private citizens to preserve buildings and archaeological sites.