



THE PRESERVATION PULSE

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From NPF's Executive Director Dr. Figanbaum

As we close out a year filled with meaningful preservation victories and inspiring community partnerships, I am excited to share one of NPF's biggest milestones yet: the relaunch of our membership program. Membership has always been the heartbeat of our work, and this refreshed version offers

new benefits, more ways to engage, and expanded opportunities to directly support preservation across Nevada.

Your membership makes a real difference. It fuels our research, strengthens advocacy efforts, and helps us protect the historic neighborhoods, neon, and stories that shape our state's identity. It also allows us to support partners like the **Henderson Historical Society** and

expand programs that bring history to life for our community.

We are thrilled to debut the new membership program during **Atomic Ranch On The Road** this winter—a celebration of mid-century style and a perfect moment to welcome both longtime supporters and new preservation friends into the NPF family. I hope you will join us and help build a stronger future for Nevada's history.

PRESERVATION SPOTLIGHT

Preserving Goldfield High School

For the people of Goldfield, preserving their historic high school is far more than a construction project. It represents decades of dedication, advocacy, and deep pride in their town's heritage. Built in 1907 at the height of Goldfield's boom, the three-story Romanesque building survived the fires of the 1920s and served as a community anchor until its closure in 1953. After that, the vacant school deteriorated as broken windows, a failing roof, and buckling walls exposed the structure to the harsh desert climate.



Momentum shifted when the building was deeded to a state nonprofit, launching the long-awaited stabilization effort. Goldfield High School was listed on Preserve Nevada's 11 Most Endangered Places in 2021, highlighting both its significance and the urgent need for action. Volunteers, craftspeople, and history enthusiasts have since contributed thousands of hours to rebuild exterior walls, secure openings, and reclaim the structure from decades of neglect.

A recent grant from the Commission for Cultural Centers and Historic Preservation is now funding the crucial roof restoration. For Goldfield residents, this project preserves not only an important landmark but also the aspirations and daily lives of those who once filled its halls.

To learn more about the work being done to preserve Goldfield High School, listen to Jack Sutton's report on 2 News Nevada.



NPF Board President Amy Raymer, third from right, visiting Goldfield High School with local historian John Eckman, fourth from right.

Archival photo: UNLV Special Collections

HERITAGE HIGHLIGHTS: NPF'S PROJECTS & RESEARCH

Advocacy remains central to NPF's mission, and our partnerships across Nevada demonstrate how vital this work is to protecting the state's historic places and communities. One key example is NPF's collaboration with the [Henderson Historical Society](#), a nonprofit dedicated to preserving and sharing Henderson's rich heritage. Drawing inspiration from the innovation that once powered the BMI plant and its 13,000 wartime workers, HHS uses digital tools to make local history accessible while also offering fundraising events, walking tours, and public programs that bring the city's stories to life.



NPF supports HHS through strategic planning, program development, and outreach guidance that strengthens the organization's long-term capacity. HHS's mission to foster public awareness, civic pride, and the preservation of Henderson's history aligns closely with NPF's broader commitment to supporting preservation partners throughout the state.



Photo: Las Vegas News Bureau

UPCOMING PROGRAMMING

Cocktails & True Tales: An Oral History Happy Hour HOLIDAY EDITION

**Sunday, December 14th 5:30pm- 7pm
Balkan Bar & Grill \$25**

Our Cocktails & True Tales series continues with a special seasonal edition where we'll shake up Las Vegas history with firsthand memories and a cup of good cheer!!

In December, we're getting festive for the season and remembering celebrating the holidays in Vegas. Your ticket includes one complimentary drink, and Happy Hour food and cocktails will be available for purchase.

We'll end the night with an open mic—so bring your best seasonal Vegas memory to share—then stick around for cocktails, conversation, and community.

Tickets at nevadapreservation.org





VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Melanie is proud to be a Las Vegas native, born at Sunrise Hospital shortly after the nursery expanded to 10 cribs. She has watched Las Vegas grow from a relatively small desert community into the world-renowned city it is today.

Her roots stretch across Nevada. After graduating high school in Las Vegas, Melanie earned her degree from UNR, worked as a Deputy Public Defender in central Nevada,

Melanie was a panelist on a recent NPF Oral History Happy Hour.



started her family in Minden, and collaborated with multiple Tribal Councils and Courts throughout western and central Nevada before returning home in 1999.

A friend from Las Vegas first introduced Melanie to NPF, and after attending a few tours together, she was instantly hooked. She is passionate about helping others understand what makes Nevada unique and how the people who call it home shape each community's character. Melanie's dedication, knowledge, and enthusiasm make her an invaluable part of the NPF volunteer family.

A LOOK AHEAD

JANUARY
24 + 25

**atomic
ranch**
ON THE ROAD

Get ready, Las Vegas. NPF is thrilled to partner with **Atomic Ranch on The Road: Viva Mod Vegas** for a two-day celebration of mid-century style and city history. The weekend features a lively bike tour through iconic neighborhoods and the glamorous **Ring-A-Ding Ball**, a **Black and White Winter Soiree** capturing classic Vegas flair. It is also the perfect moment for NPF to relaunch our membership program with new benefits and fresh ways to get involved. Memberships directly support our research, advocacy, tours, and preservation projects. Join us, explore stunning mid-century homes, and help protect the stories that make Las Vegas unforgettable.

Tickets at <https://www.atomic-ranch.com/event/mod-vegas/>

