



THE PRESERVATION PULSE

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From NPF's Executive Director Dr. Figanbaum

One of my favorite parts of preservation work is hearing the stories people attach to places. Sometimes it's a neighborhood someone grew up in, a favorite family business, a roadside motel, or even just a street that still feels like "old Vegas." Those

personal connections are what make preservation meaningful.

This month, I'm excited to see Nevada SHPO's **Your Nevada, Your History** campaign encouraging people across the state to share the places that matter most to them. At NPF, we've also been continuing those conversations locally through programs like **Preservation 101**, where community members gathered to learn

more about historic neighborhoods, designation, and caring for older homes.

As always, thank you for being part of this work. Every tour attended, story shared, volunteer hour, and conversation helps build a stronger appreciation for Southern Nevada's history and the places that continue to shape our communities.

PRESERVATION SPOTLIGHT

Your Nevada, Your History

This May, the Nevada State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) launched *Your Nevada, Your History*, a new statewide campaign encouraging Nevadans to share the places that matter most to them and why those places deserve to be preserved.

Created in celebration of Historic Preservation Month and as part of the nationwide America 250 commemoration, the campaign highlights how preservation is about more than buildings—it is about the memories, stories, and communities connected to them. From historic main streets and family businesses to neighborhoods, landscapes, and cultural landmarks, every place tells part of Nevada's story.

Nevadans are invited to participate by leaving a short

A SPECIAL AMERICA 250 NEVADA
EDITION OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION MONTH

YOUR NEVADA HISTORY

SHARE YOUR NEVADA STORY!

Call 775-684-3427

TO RECORD A SHORT MESSAGE ABOUT A PLACE
IN NEVADA THAT MATTERS TO YOU AND WHY
IT'S WORTH PRESERVING
OR SUBMIT YOUR STORY ONLINE AT SHPO.NV.GOV/YOURNEVADA

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PRESERVE NEVADA,
ONE STORY AT A TIME

YOUR NEVADA, YOUR HISTORY

recorded message describing a meaningful place in the Silver State and why it is important to them. Stories can be shared through the "Your Nevada, Your History" hotline or submitted online through the Nevada SHPO website.

The campaign serves as an important reminder that preservation begins with community voices and personal connections to place. By sharing these stories, Nevadans help document and celebrate the people, places, and experiences that continue to help shape our state.

Learn more or participate at the [Nevada SHPO website](#) and help preserve Nevada—one story at a time.

HERITAGE HIGHLIGHTS: PRESERVATION 101

We recently hosted **Preservation 101**, an educational program created to help community members better understand what historic designation means and how preservation works in Southern Nevada. Held at the Historic Westside School, the event brought together local preservation officials, architectural historians, and preservation advocates for an open and informative conversation about protecting historic places.

The program explored the differences between national, state, and local historic designation, while also breaking down the review processes involved in listing a historic site on the Las Vegas register. Attendees learned about the steps required to designate a historic property or neighborhood, what protections and opportunities designation can provide, and



how preservation guidelines may impact changes to older homes and buildings.

Just as importantly, the event gave homeowners and community members the chance to ask practical questions about living in and caring for historic properties. Conversations ranged from researching a home's history and understanding design

standards to navigating renovations within historic neighborhoods.

Programs like Preservation 101 are part of NPF's ongoing commitment to making preservation approachable, educational, and community driven. We look forward to hosting another Preservation 101 to continue building awareness and appreciation for Southern Nevada's historic places and stories.

UPCOMING PROGRAMMING

McNeil Estates: A Sunset Sip & Stroll Walking Tour Thursday, June 25, 6:30pm



Take a shady stroll through on this sunset walking tour that brings the charming facades of McNeil Estates to life!

Once a quiet mesquite forest, McNeil Estates remains one of the lushest green neighborhoods in town. Explore the historic core of this neighborhood, uncover stories of its fascinating residents—from doctors and musicians to entertainers, business owners, and even a mysterious hitman.

Bring your favorite Happy Hour beverage and we'll bring the ice for this summer ramble through this gorgeous revitalized vintage Vegas neighborhood.

Please note: this tour does not include entry inside the homes.

Get tickets [here](#).

BOARD MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Christopher brings over 25 years of real estate experience and a deep passion for historic and vintage homes and neighborhoods to the Nevada Preservation Foundation. Raised in the Inland Empire of Southern California, Christopher pursued a major in history at the prestigious University of California, Berkeley, before making his way to the vibrant Las Vegas area.

His appreciation for homes with charm and character, such as classic ranch, craftsman, wood shingle, and mid-century modern houses, began in Southern California and continued to grow after moving to the San Francisco Bay Area and starting his real estate career. Upon relocating to Las Vegas, Christopher sought out neighborhoods where vintage homes featured prominently, such as McNeil, the Equestrian streets, John S Park, and Paradise Palms.

Christopher's commitment to preserving and revitalizing historic buildings and communities led him to volunteer with the

Nevada Preservation Foundation early on. In 2023, he joined the Board of Directors and was elected Treasurer in 2025. His dedication to the foundation's mission of preserving Nevada's cultural legacy is evident in his active involvement with various stakeholders, including property owners, residents, developers, and public officials.

In addition to his role at the Nevada Preservation Foundation, Christopher serves on several other boards, including the Las Vegas Realtors MLS, Cal Alumni Chapter of Southern Nevada, and the Whitney Town Advisory Board. He is deeply committed to his community and believes that the retention and restoration of the built environment fosters a sense of place and helps build an engaged community.

In his leisure time, Christopher enjoys dining out with friends, playing golf, focusing on health and fitness, traveling, and spending quality time with his beloved dogs, Beauregard and Madden.



A LOOK AHEAD



Get ready for **Old Home 911** 🏠🔧—a behind-the-scenes look at one homeowner's journey from catastrophic flood damage to a beautifully restored Mid-Century Modern dream home. Join Lawrence as he shares restoration lessons, insurance challenges, design tips, and an exclusive tour of his stunning Palmer & Krisel home transformed back to its MCM roots. ✨