



THE PRESERVATION PULSE

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Farewell from Dr. Figanbaum

As many of you know, this will be my final newsletter as Executive Director of Nevada Preservation Foundation. As I prepare for my next chapter, I wanted to take a moment to simply say thank you.

When I first became involved with NPF, I could never have imagined the incredible people I would meet, the stories I would hear, and the places I would have the privilege of helping share with the community. From historic neighborhoods and mid-century homes to oral histories and preservation projects, every experience

has deepened my appreciation for Nevada and the people who care about its history.

What I will remember most, however, are the relationships. The volunteers who gave their time, the homeowners who opened their doors, the board members who offered guidance, the community partners who believed in our mission, and the thousands of attendees who showed up eager to learn something new about Southern Nevada.

NPF has a bright future ahead, and I am excited to see where the organization goes next. Thank you for

welcoming me into this community and allowing me to be a small part of preserving Nevada's stories.

With gratitude,
Dr. Figanbaum

THANK YOU!

The NPF Board of Directors owes a debt of gratitude to Dr. Paige Figanbaum for serving as our Executive Director for the past two years. Dr. Figanbaum accepted a job with the Iowa Department of Transportation to be closer to family in her home state of Iowa; the Board wishes Dr. Figanbaum the best of luck in her new endeavor.

Dr. Figanbaum helped restore much needed order and consistency to NPF, as well as reestablish our organization's reputation as a well-performing preservation nonprofit. Helping to guide NPF to our next chapter by creating partnerships with other nonprofits and statewide preservation efforts, Dr. Figanbaum has gone above and beyond in ensuring that NPF both endures and thrives in our mission to educate, advocate, and preserve Nevada's history and built environment. Paige will be greatly missed by the NPF Board, but we owe her a deep debt of gratitude for her outstanding work for the Nevada Preservation Foundation.

– NPF Board of Directors

WELCOME DR. DELGADO!

Dear Friends of the Nevada Preservation Foundation,

Hello! My name is Dr. Analiesa (Annie) Delgado, and it is both an honor and a privilege to introduce myself as the Interim Executive Director of the Nevada Preservation Foundation.

Nevada is a place of remarkable history, shaped by diverse communities, bold ideas, and resilient people. I am passionate about preserving the places, stories, and communities that make our state unique. I recently earned my Ph.D. in History with a specialization in Native American History from UNLV, and I look forward to working alongside our members, partners, volunteers, and supporters to continue advancing NPF's mission across the state.

Thank you for your continued support of the NPF. Together, we can ensure Nevada's history is preserved and celebrated for generations to come.



Warmly,

Dr. Analiesa (Annie) Delgado
Interim Executive Director



the incredible work of volunteer Tina and many longtime residents, these tours became much more than a neighborhood history lesson. They created a space for former and

generosity of homeowners who open their doors to strangers in the name of education and preservation never ceases to amaze me. Through their homes and stories, attendees learn about architecture, design, neighborhood history, and what it means to be a steward of an older home. Thank you to everyone who has shared their stories, memories, and passion for Nevada's history with me along the way.

By Dr. Paige Figanbaum

As I prepare to leave Nevada Preservation Foundation, I've been reflecting on some of my favorite experiences over the past couple years. One of the greatest gifts of this work has been the opportunity to learn more about Nevada's history—not just through research and historic places, but through the people who care so deeply about them.

One of my favorite programs has always been our bike tours, especially the Paradise Crest Bike Tour. Thanks to

current residents to gather, share stories, and celebrate the community they helped build.

Watching those conversations unfold was a reminder that preservation is ultimately about people and the connections they have to place.

I also have a special appreciation for NPF's evening events hosted in historic homes. The



UPCOMING PROGRAMMING

**Thursday August 21 5:30 pm,
Balkan Bar and Grill \$20**

Long before downtown Las Vegas became a destination for restaurants, arts, and revitalization, a handful of adventurous homeowners saw the potential in its historic neighborhoods. Join us for an evening of stories, cocktails, and conversation with the early residents who took a chance on vintage Vegas homes, restored historic properties, and helped spark downtown's revival. Hear why they moved downtown, what it was like to be among the first, and the unforgettable moments that shaped their neighborhoods.

Get tickets [here](#).



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SUPPORTER SPOTLIGHT

Lawrence Grecco is a preservation advocate, creative entrepreneur, and homeowner with a passion for historic architecture, design, and restoration. Originally from New York City, he owned property in Manhattan's historic West Village, one of the city's most celebrated landmarked neighborhoods, where he developed a deep appreciation for the stewardship of historic homes and communities.

He holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Photography and has long been interested in the relationship between architecture, design, and the built environment. In 2012, Lawrence was ordained as a Zen monk in Las Vegas, a city whose distinctive history, architecture, and spirit of reinvention resonated deeply with him. Over time, that connection evolved into a lasting commitment to Southern



Nevada and its architectural heritage.

Today, Lawrence is the owner and steward of "Stardust Gold," a 1962 William Krisel-

designed home in Las Vegas's historic Paradise Palms neighborhood. Through a multi-year restoration, he has worked to preserve the home's original mid-century modern character while thoughtfully adapting it for contemporary living.

In addition to his interests in preservation and design, Lawrence has a background in fitness, martial arts, and coaching. He enjoys sharing the lessons, challenges, and rewards of restoring

historic properties and encouraging others to appreciate and preserve the architectural treasures within their own communities.

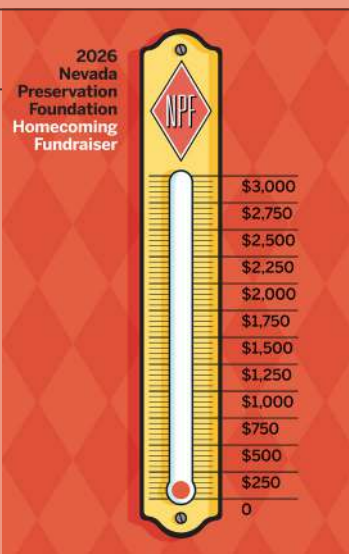
Goldfield Days 2026 July 31, August 1 & 2

Goldfield's annual celebration brings the community together for a weekend filled with small-town fun, western heritage, and the rich mining history that helped shape Goldfield, NV. Visitors can look forward to a lively parade, land auction, vendors, food, raffles, family-friendly activities, and plenty of Goldfield charm.

<https://goldfieldnevadachamber.org/goldfield-days/>

A LOOK AHEAD

Dust off your dancing shoes and get ready to relive your high school glory days at NPF's **Homecoming Dance and Fundraiser on Sept. 11!** Whether you were prom king, class clown, band geek, or just there for the snacks, this nostalgic evening will be packed with music, memories, and plenty of fun. Have a blast as you help us hit our fundraising goal! Get tickets [here](#).



Love Nevada History? Join the NPF Family! ✨

Did you know that as a member-supported organization, annual dues are the absolute heartbeat of our mission to preserve, educate, and advocate for our community's incredible architectural heritage?

Whether you are a historic home fanatic or just love vintage Vegas,

becoming a member is the best way to get involved, and your benefits start immediately!

Here is a taste of what you'll get:

- 15% off our monthly programming
- Early access to Home + History (HHLV) tickets + exclusive merch

- Invitations to special membership-only events throughout the year

Memberships start at just \$55 a year for our Contributor level!

Click Here to Become a Member Today! Or give us a call at **(800) 881-5824** to join!

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