



THE PRESERVATION PULSE

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From NPF's Executive Director Dr. Annie Delgado

September 15 marks the beginning of Hispanic Heritage Month, a time to celebrate the histories, cultures, and contributions of Latino communities across the United States.

Since moving to Las Vegas, I've occasionally heard people say that there simply "isn't much Latino history" here. As a Mexican American woman and a historian, that idea has always struck me as strange. After all, how could a place called *Las Vegas* not have a Latino history?

When I was in graduate school, I met one of my dear friends, Alejandra, whose research focuses on lowrider culture in Las Vegas. When I mentioned the idea that Latino history could be difficult to find here, her response was essentially: *Girl, Latino history is everywhere in Las Vegas. Look at my mom.*

And she was right.

Latino history in Southern Nevada does not begin with the recent growth of the valley's Latino population. It stretches

back generations and is woven throughout the story of Las Vegas itself.

I've seen that history while attending cultural events at the Winchester Dondero Cultural Center, hearing the stories of longtime Las Vegas families, and even looking through my own family photographs. Among them are photographs of my Latino grandparents



visiting Las Vegas in the 1940s, dressed up, gambling, and enjoying the city with their friends.

Those photographs remind me that Latino people were not simply visitors to the history of Las Vegas. They worked here, raised families here, created businesses and communities here, celebrated here, and helped shape the city around them.

The Las Vegas we recognize today, the neon, tourism, hospitality, entertainment, food, art, and culture, was built through the labor and creativity of many communities. Latino Las Vegas have long been part of that story.

Historic preservation gives us an opportunity to make those stories more visible. It asks us not only to preserve buildings, but also to consider whose memories, neighborhoods, businesses, traditions, and experiences those places represent.

This Hispanic Heritage Month, I hope we continue looking a little more closely at the places around us. Latino history is not absent from Las Vegas.

It has been here all along.

Water Street Art & Architecture Walk

Saturday, October 24 at 10am

In partnership with

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The Water Street District is one of the few truly walkable corridors in the Las Vegas Valley featuring small businesses, classic casinos, and places to eat and drink—set against a background of historic buildings, vibrant murals, and meaningful sculptures. Join NPF and the **Henderson Historical Society** for a walk through the art and history of this invigorated historic district.



Get tickets [here](#).

Photo: April Mench

FOUNDER SPOTLIGHT

Jack LeVine has spent decades championing the homes, neighborhoods, and architecture that tell the story of Las Vegas.

As the first member and first board member of the Nevada Preservation Foundation, Jack brought to the organization a passion for preservation that began long before NPF was founded. That passion has also shaped his career as owner-broker of Very Vintage Vegas Realty, where he has specialized in Las Vegas' historic and mid-century neighborhoods and advocated for preserving the character that makes them unique.

Jack founded the Southridge Neighborhood Association in 2001, an organization that later led to the creation of the Beverly Green Neighborhood Association. He was also a founding member of the 2007 "Save the Huntridge" coalition, working with other



preservation advocates to bring attention to one of Las Vegas' most recognizable historic landmarks.

His commitment to preservation eventually led to his appointment to the City of Las Vegas Historic Preservation Commission, where he continues to serve the community and advocate for historically and architecturally significant places.

For Jack, preservation has never been simply about saving old buildings. It is about protecting the neighborhoods, stories, architecture, and sense of place that make Las Vegas home.

Check out Jack's website at www.VeryVintageVegas.com. This site includes his neighborhood blog which helped launch interest in these historic areas.

UPCOMING PROGRAMMING



Get in the spirit!

Saturdays in October, you'll find us roaming between the tombstones. 🪦 Buried deep with Woodlawn's residents are the stories of trailblazers and ne'er-do-wells. Our two tours tell their tales.

👻 Tombstone Tales

- Oct. 3, 9am
- Oct. 17, 4pm

💀 The Darker Side of Woodlawn

- Oct. 10, 4pm
- Oct. 24, 4pm

Tickets at nevadapreservation.org

PRESERVATION SPOTLIGHT

Downtown Winnemucca Historic District Listed in the National Register

Nevada recently celebrated a major preservation achievement with the listing of the Downtown Winnemucca Historic District in the National Register of Historic Places. Located in the heart of Winnemucca, the district encompasses approximately 25 acres and includes 60 buildings that reflect nearly a century of the community's history, growth, and character.

From the arrival of the railroad to the rise of automobile travel, downtown

Winnemucca developed into an important commercial and civic center for northern Nevada. Today, visitors can still see that history reflected in the district's architecture, which includes Classical Revival, Streamline Moderne, and early twentieth-century commercial buildings.

What makes this designation especially meaningful is that it recognizes not just individual buildings, but an entire downtown landscape that tells the story of how Winnemucca evolved over generations. Historic districts like this help preserve a community's unique

sense of place while celebrating the businesses, buildings, and people that shaped it.

One of the best ways to learn about Nevada's historic places is by reading their National Register nominations. Available online through the Nevada State Historic Preservation Office, these listings provide fascinating insights into the people, events, architecture, and communities that have shaped the Silver State. <https://shpo.nv.gov/uploads/documents/100012980.pdf>



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Love Nevada History? Join the NPF Family at our NEW membership tiers! ✨

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 at these **new levels** is the best way to get involved, and your benefits start immediately!

I have an older NPF membership. Can I switch to one of the new membership tiers?

Yes! You can switch to a new tier at any time. Your remaining membership value will be applied toward the new tier, and your benefits will update immediately.

Here is a taste of what you'll get with a NEW membership:

- 15% off our monthly programming
- Early access to Home + History (HHLV) tickets + exclusive merch
- Invitations to special membership-only events throughout the year

New 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!