

THE CELLHOUSE SNITCH



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“When I came to NSP I had to give up smoking, drinking and women. I know this is supposed to make you live longer but it just seems to make my life feel longer.”

The Snitch

TOURS/EVENTS

Karen Denning has posted the tours for September on the interweb, and there are lots of opportunities to lead, sweep, or man the tower. September and October are going to be busy tour months so heat up the laptop and go to:

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/nsppsvolunteers?>

If you have any questions about volunteering you can contact Karen at: karendenning21@gmail.com
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We need everyone to engage to make this season a success. The Snitch will be in the Tower for most of the tour dates so I hope to see you there.

In addition to our regular tours, we have a week of training for the Department of Public Safety. This is ‘Active Shooter’ training for State Police, Parole & Probation, and Capitol Police cadets. The training dates are Sept. 18 through Sept. 22. The training lasts from 7am till 5pm. We schedule NSPPS staff for

half-day periods. If you are interested in representing NSPPS then you can contact Glen Whorton on his phone or email noted in the Board of Directors list to the left. Continued:

YARD LABOR CREW & PROJECTS

We have had some mowing done by the inmate crew from the Conservation Camp next to the Northern Nevada Correctional Center. These guys have been coming over regularly and have been a great help in moving our heavy artifacts around. This is thanks to John Meyer, the Maintenance Supervisor for NSP and WSCC.

Heat remains a problem so working in the yard is not a priority right now.

MUSEUM

Activities in the Museum are essentially fine tuning:

- The big picture of the Warm Springs hotel has been hung behind the eagle to show its original location.
- We've completed surrounding the eagle and covering the cart it sits on with rock.
- We have also removed the handle of the cart, so the display looks less makeshift.
- The shelves in our two glass display cabinets have been emplaced and covered with black fabric.
- One of the cabinets has been loaded with our collection of shanks and tattoo guns. If you have a shank/s you would like to donate to flesh out our collection, please call Glen Whorton.
- We have started our display of prison artists with our collection of Buck Nimy's postcards.
- We have moved a desk into the Warden's office to begin our staging of that room. Interesting possibility regarding this desk. The top is covered in leather and the perimeter of the top is decorated with large leather buttons. We have a picture of the family of Indian Johnny meeting with Governor Sparks in an attempt to stop his execution in 1906. Those of us who have been in the Governor's office will recognize the table around which they are sitting. Note the leather top and buttons. Just like the desk. Makes us truly wonder about the provenance of this desk.

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Indian Johnny's Family & Gov. Sparks, Dec. 7, 1906



The Governor's Desk? Aug. 17, 2023

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Geeez! There were giant men running all over the property.

MORE MAMMOTH FOOTPRINTS

The Fossil Wonders in the State Prison Quarry.

The Virginia Chronicle says "Since Professor Le Conte visited the State Prison at Carson to examine the fossil tracks on the floor of the quarry, Warden Garrard has developed three additional series of human footprints. He turned a stream of water on the quarry floor, at the western side, where the wall is about 30 feet high, and was rewarded by more than a dozen new footprints. One series shows tracks of the same mammoth proportions as those found at the eastern end of the quarry, while running parallel with them are the tracks of a smaller man. Coming west are the prints of the feet of a man who was apparently dragging a heavy load after him through the mud. The tracks are turned sideways, as if the man had sought the strongest purchase to pull along behind him his load—possibly an antediluvian Sharonian sack. Even in the smallest of the tracks the No. 9 of the Chronicle scientist looked like a baby shoe. On the east side of the quarry a little tunnel was run in about

quarry a little tunnel was run in about six feet in the presence of Professor Le Conte, and three fresh human footprints were disclosed. Evidently the owner of the feet was plunging through deep and thick mud, for around each track was forced up a ridge several inches in height. Unfortunately for the cause of science, it is no longer very profitable to work the quarry, the rock being so broken that about only one part in a hundred thrown down can be utilized. Last Winter Warden Garrard stopped work and employed the prisoners in the shoe shop and otherwise. As soon as this was known Carson began to growl, and about every other man awoke to the fact that he was in urgent need of a gravestone. To supply this enthusiastic demand for mortuary monuments work in the quarry was resumed. As soon as the fact became known Carson ceased to growl and the desire for tombstones ceased. If the ground were thoroughly explored for a year or two longer it is very probable that the fossil remains of the men and animals who made the tracks would be unearthed.

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