

THE CELLHOUSE SNITCH



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The Snitch

“When does this “old enough to know better” kick in??”

TOURS/EVENTS

At the board meeting of March 14, the Board approved the policy of providing a free shirt and hat to each volunteer who puts in 6 hours of work on the tours. Who wouldn't want a shirt from prison?

The Paranormal Committee has set their Ghost Walk schedule for this coming season. These evening events are a BIG money maker for NSPPS. It's amazing the number of people who are interested in chasing ghosts around these weird, old buildings. Tickets for these walks are \$50 a person and the groups are up to 20 participants. If you are interested in helping the committee tour around a bunch of weirded out folks in the evening you can contact Susan Bernard at:

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The schedule for Ghost Walks is as follows:

August 10 & 31;
September 6, 16, 20, 21, 23, 28 & 29;
October 1, 7, 9, 12, 14, 17, 18, 19, 25, & 30.

A reminder that we have a major event scheduled for MAY 18, with F.I.S.H of Carson City. **We need volunteers** to help at the Parking Lot, Gatehouse, and each of the 13 locations on our regular tour route. You do not have to be a tour guide or a sweep to volunteer to man one of the tour locations. We will have an organization/training meeting in the theater of the Admin Building. At the meeting you will be given the information for your location so you can inform the visitors who will pass unaccompanied along the tour route. So, not a lot of study/prep will be involved. This is an important event for us and F.I.S.H. If you can help us in any way, give our President Maurice White a call or an email. He will then make sure that the appropriate committee chairperson contacts you.

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Several weeks ago Lee Perks and Terry Hubert toured a Boy Scout Troop through NSP. This was our first tour made up primarily of youngsters. They loved it. The kids loved the tour and their adult chaperones loved it even more than the kids.



**LEE REVIEWS THE MENU
IN THE CULINARY**



**TERRY HAD MORE SUCCESS CONTROLLING
INMATES THAN SCOUTS**

On Feb. 26, there was a small event with the Tribal Police using NSP as a training area for their drug dogs. There were dogs from Pyramid Lake, Lovelock, and Fallon. Up to that point the only dogs at NSAP had been our personal goofballs and all they do is run around and play.

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WAITING FOR DOPE



LOOKING FOR DOPE

In the last month we have had two active shooter training events for the Department of Public Safety. One was on Feb. 21st, and the second was on Mar. 6th. These training sessions are a bit different than the previous ones held at NSP. The sessions are for active Troopers, rather than trainees. Listening to the instructors who had experienced real shooting incidents was pretty sobering.

Karen Denning still needs to fill some volunteer slots for May. We need our experienced guides and sweeps to sign up and other members to volunteer. Doing the tours is the best way to learn about the prison. The old saying goes, "If you really want to learn a subject, teach it". Some people are nervous about public speaking, but the tours are relaxed and after training you will know more about the history of the prison than those who worked there. So, contact Karen Denning to schedule your participation dates. New Guides and Sweeps should also be scheduled, even if you have previously been to training.

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Our first training session will be on Saturday, April 13, at 1:00 pm in our theater in the Admin Building. Bring your zip drives so we can give you our training materials.

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PROJECTS

Lee has superintended a small repair project on the North wall of the North Wing's 4th floor. This included restoring some of the broken blocks of stone, repointing the mortar, and sealing the stone. This was necessary before any of our planned roof repairs could take place. It was carried out by the same technician that did the repointing of the State Capitol.

Lee has also turned on the electricity for the Visiting Room/Museum. He has scheduled a service call to connect the air conditioners in Visiting to this power circuit. This will make the museum much more comfortable for our visitors and especially for our store volunteers. The store was moved to the museum last week.

Lee has also had a contractor out to the Prison to evaluate our needs and the cost of running water to the Visiting Room/Museum. This project would allow us to activate the two restrooms in the museum. This would be much more convenient than the only restroom we now have, hidden away in the Courthouse.

Lee is still working hard to organize a State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) approval and contractors for the roof and stair projects. SHPO has approved the stair projects for the entrance to the Admin Building and the tunnel stairway. We will have to do some tweaking on the plan for the roof and the cellhouse stairs.

MUSEUM

It has been another quiet month for the museum as the committee has been pretty much engaged in developing the training for the tour guides and sweeps. This project is complete except for some editing. When people come to the training and bring a zip drive we will be able to give them que cards, a copy of the training PowerPoint, and Glen Whorton's complete tour dialogue.

HISTORY Nevada Appeal 3.22.1879

This is a small article, but it was a big deal for NSP. Except for the prison graveyard, all the NSP property as we now know it is under the ownership of the State. The lawsuit of Mr. Treadway who claimed he owned the property on which NSP sat was previously adjudicated by Federal Court in the favor of the State. It's not clear how the building was used as a part of the prison, but it remained intact until the construction of 1921 to 1925.

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Weird to think there was a hotel and bar immediately attached to the prison from 1862 till March, 1879.

The hotel was way gone when the Snitch arrived here in 1973, but there were still cars showing up in the parking lot at night thinking all the lights and the big buildings meant there was a hotel.

TRANSFER MADE.—The Warm Springs the scene of many a good time, of many a convivial night, passed into the hands of the State government yesterday, and will at an early day be utilized for State Prison purposes. The sum paid to Butts & George for the property was \$12,000.

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