

Women's History and Culture Center

May 2023 Newsletter



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Notes from the Editors

April marked the close of the Inspiring women display in the Mesquite Library Lobby. Thank you to the volunteers who selected the honorees, then set up and took down the display. We appreciate you!!

Those who attended last month's theater production of Dastardly Desert Desperados, will remember at the end, the Ladies Aid Society presented a check to the Sheriff. The Ladies Aid Societies in the 1800s were an important element in the 100-year struggle women waged to get the right to vote. See Page 6 for details and don't forget to check out page 7, honoring Mother's Day with a fun quiz.

Great news for artists, young and old, near and far away - the 2023 "Decorate Saxon the Suffrage Cat" Contest officially starts this month!! Last year for the first time, we had group participation - six entries from the budding artists at Mesa Valley Estates Assisted Living Center - it was a community project they set up for their residents.

You can pick up your Saxon and enter by stopping by the Women's Center on Tues, Weds & Thurs from 11 am - 3 pm through May. Call 801-628-1849 for a drop-off appointment after that. Remember, anyone can enter and no limits on age or where you live. One entry last year was from Oregon. It's a lot of fun and there is plenty of time to do your magic. Cutoff for entering and picking up your cat cut-out is July 13. The cutoff date to submit decorated Saxons is July 27 and the winners will be announced on August 8, International Cat Day.

Jean Watkins
President

Carol Saldivar
General Manager

To receive this newsletter by email, or make comments, please mail whccmesquitenv@gmail.com.

WHCC Event/Class Details for May 2023

WHCC, 225 N. Willow St., Mesquite, NV Room 23

Center is open for walk-ins on Tues, Weds, Thurs from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

May 1 (MON) at 2 PM: *Wondering Words Book Club* / West With Giraffes: A Novel by Lynda Rutledge

May 3 (WED) 5 – 8:30 AM: *Family Fun Night* / Open call to help at Women's Center booth

May 5, 19 & 26 (FRI) 9 AM – 11:30 AM: *Artists Unite* / A group of diverse artists that meet to do their art! Led By Tammy ~~Weese~~ / Open Group, stop by and see if it's a fit for you!!

May 5, 12, 19 & 26 (FRI) at 12:30 PM: *Hand Knee & Foot (CARD GAME)* / Gwen ~~Dudrow~~ / til 4 PM / Closed group

May 6 (SAT) at 10 AM: *PEO Chapter AP Meeting* / Nancy ~~Henrichsen~~ / Closed group

May 8 (MON) at 1:30 PM: *Desert Dames BUNCO* / Louise Willis / Closed group

May 9 (TUE) at 2 PM: *Mesa Valley Estates Ladies' Visit to WHCC* / **2ND Tues. Mesa Valley Estates Ladies PAUSED until September. See you THEN!!** ~~Rosealee~~ & Carol host

May 10 (WED) at 1:30 PM: *Desert Dames Book Club* / Kaye Hermie / Closed group

May 11 (THUR) at 10:30 AM: *Jewelry Making with Victoria* / **TEXT** reservation request to Victoria at 702-376-9627

May 11 (THUR) at 12:30 PM: *PEO Canasta* / Bev Valencia / Closed group

May 12 (FRI) at 10 AM: *Desert Dames BUNCO* / Wendy Lauer / Closed group

May 13 (SAT) at 9:30 AM: *DAR Board Meeting* / Vicki Clift / Closed group

May 14 (SUN) at 11 AM: *Love, Family Gathering* / Dana Long / to learn more about Love, Family, find them on Facebook or visit lovefamilynv.com for contact information

May 14 (SUN) at 4 PM: *Mesquite Outdoor Group* / Ron & Debbie Carpenter / Closed group

May 20 (SAT) at 5 PM: (tentative May 21 5 PM also) *R.A.I.S.E. Mesquite events*, see their Facebook for announcements.

May 25 (THUR) at 2 PM: *Showgirls Orientation* / Tea Room / Reenie McFarland / Closed group

May 27 (SAT) at 10 AM: *VV DAR Event planning Meeting* / Cindy Conti / Closed group

May 28 (SUN) 11 AM to 1 PM: *Love, Family Board Meeting* (Closed group)

May 29 (MON) at 2 PM: *Women's Center Board Meets* / Jean Watkins / Meet in Rm. 18

May 30 (TUES) at 1 PM: reserved for *DAR Craft Gathering* / Amy Bradshaw / Closed group

May 31 (WED) at 12:30 PM: *Women's Center Volunteer Updates*. We'll meet in room 18 across the courtyard from Room 23/ Carol Sue Saldivar, Vol. Coordinator (Love our Volunteers!!!)

Look Ahead

Most classes and groups are on-going each month. Here are a few other events/gatherings.

Check Out flyers (attached to our newsletter at whccmesquitenv.org) for more upcoming FUN!

and Facebook Group: @whccmesquitenv
Connect with us at whccmesquitenv@gmail.com

MAY 2023 Calendar

Women's History and Culture Center

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 2 PM Wondering Words Book Club	2 Saxon the Suffrage Cat contest opens!!	3 5:00 – 8:00 Need volunteers for Mesquite Fun Night!	4	5 9 – 11:30 Artists Unite/Tammy W. 12:30 – 4PM Hand/Knee/Foot Gwen Dudrow	6 10 AM PEO Nancy Henrichsen
7	8 1:30 PM Desert Dames BUNCO Louise Willis	9 2 PM Mesa Valley Estates Ladies (PAUSED UNTIL SEPTEMBER)	10 1:30 PM Desert Dames Book Club Kaye Hermie	11 10:30AM Jewelry Making Victoria Hafen 12:30 – 4 PEO Canasta, Bev Valencia	12 10 AM Desert Dames BUNCO Wendy Lauer 12:30 – 4PM Hand/Knee/Foot Gwen Dudrow	13 9:30 – Noon VV DAR Vicki Clift
14 11 AM-1 PM Love, Family Gathering 4 PM Mesquite Outdoor Group	15	16	17	18	19 9 – 11:30 Artists Unite/Tammy W. 12:30 – 4PM Hand/Knee/Foot Gwen Dudrow	20 5 PM R.A.I.S.E. Mesquite (Reserved Monthly)
21 5 PM R.A.I.S.E. Mesquite (tentative)	22	23	24	25 2 PM Showgirls Orientation (Tea Room)	26 9 – 11:30 Artists Unite/Tammy W. 12:30 – 4PM Hand/Knee/Foot Gwen Dudrow	27 10-12 VV DAR (VETERANS DAY event planning) Cindy Conti
28 11 AM - 1 PM Love, Family Board Meeting	29 2 PM / Rm 18 WHCC Board	30 1 PM DAR Craft Gathering (reserved)	31 12:30 PM / Rm 18 Volunteer Updates			

*Items in red depict events involving WHCC at locations off premises.

Volunteer Updates Gathering: Last Wednesday of each month.
The WHCC Board will meet the Monday prior to the Volunteer Meeting each month.

Community Event Flyers in this Newsletter

Page	Date	MAY 2023	Time	Location
8	May 1-26	Fine Arts Center May Exhibit "From the Eyes of the Photographer"	10 AM to 4 PM	Fine Arts Center
9	May 3 Wed	Family Fun Night	5:30 to 8:30 PM	50 West Old Mill Rd Mesquite Old Mill Ballparks
10	May 4-7	2023 Mesquite Days Event Schedule		
	May 4 Thu	Historic Walking Tour Founders Forum		V V Historical Museum City Council Chambers
	May 5 Fri	Carnival		Mesquite Old Mill Ballparks
	May 6 Sat	Pancake Breakfast Parade & Carnival		Mesquite Old Mill Ballparks
	May 7 Sun	Carnival		Mesquite Old Mill Ballparks
11	May 6 Sat	Mesquite Reads Book Sale	9 AM to 3 PM	College of Southern Nevada 140 N Yucca
12	May 6-8	Beaver Dam Jam Schedule	Various times, 401 Old Highway 91, Littlefield AZ	
	May 4 Thu	Dealt-a-Straight Kick Off Party – 7 PM		
	May 5 Fri	Reciprocity - 2 PM, Vinyl Fusion - 4 PM, Crossroads - 6 PM, Time Machine - 8 PM		
	May 6 Sat	Lawnmower races at 11 AM Meinfield - 1 PM, Shelby Cunningham - 3 PM, Riverhouse Band - 5 PM, Fast Eddie - 6:30 PM		
	May 7 Sun	South Band - 10 AM, Ed Tracy Band - 1 PM, Aaron Christenson - 3 PM, Rick Wall - 2:30 PM		
13	May 10	Virgin Valley History Series – Techniques to Beat the Heat	5:30 PM	Mesquite Library
14	May 11 Thu	Jewelry Making with Victoria	10:30 AM and 1 PM	225 N Willow, Room 23
15	May 13 Sat	Chamber of Commerce Ribbon Cutting	9 AM	At their NEW Location 840 Pinnacle Ct, Bldg 11 #101
8	May 18	May Art Exhibit Award Ceremony	4 to 6 PM	Fine Arts Center

Other Community Events

(No Flyer in Newsletter)

MAY 2023

May 2, Tue	Brown Bag Cultural Series VVAA Classroom. Starts at 12 PM
May 5, Fri	Senior Expo 10 AM to 2 PM at the Virgin River
May 5, Fri	American Cornhole Organization Tournament 11:30 AM at the Mesquite Library
May 6, Sat	Beaver Dam Jam 8 to 10 PM at the Beaver Dam Station, 402 Co Hwy 91, Littlefield
Each Sunday May 7-28	Mesquite Library Outdoor Plaza Concert Series Concert runs from 3 to 4:30 PM. Bring a chair to relax and enjoy the concert. If the weather is bad, the concert will be moved to the Library main meeting room.
May 11, Thu	Salvation Army CARE Chest 8-9 AM to 1 PM at 742 Pioneer #D
May 12, Fri	Envy Nightclub Mixer Mesquite Chamber of Commerce Dance and Mixer with Mesquite Café Blues Band Starts at 4 PM
May 24, Wed	Armed Forces Chamber Business, Career & Veteran Expo 3 to 5 PM at the Mesquite Library
May 29 – Jun 2, Mon- Fri	Mesquite Amateur Championship at the CasaBlanca Golf Club
June 16-17, Fri & Sat	Little Mermaid Starts Fri at 7 PM and Sat at 1 PM at the Mesquite Community Theatre
June 23-24, Fri & Sat	Annie Starts Fri at 7 PM and Sat at 1 PM at the Mesquite Community Theatre

Ladies' Aid Societies

At a time when women were not allowed to participate in public life without challenging the social and legal boundaries imposed on them, it was acceptable to make charity work their “career” because society saw that as an outgrowth of being a wife or a mother.

Throughout the 1800s, women used this as leverage to form female benevolent societies and other voluntary associations where they were able to network, form partnerships and develop valuable skills that they used to advocate for meaningful change, including participating in a 100-year struggle to secure the right to vote for women, which happened in 1920. A legacy they passed on to future generations of women.

The American Civil War years (1861-1865) saw a marked increase in ladies' aid societies and soldiers' aid societies, growing from 7,000 to 20,000. These women provided supplies to soldiers on the battlefield and cared for sick and wounded soldiers. By providing sanitary supplies and blankets, they helped lessen the spread of diseases. In the North, their work was supported by the U.S. Sanitary Commission.

At the end of the Civil War, many ladies' aid societies in the South transformed into memorial associations. Free black women often formed their own ladies' aid societies, like the Colored Ladies Soldiers' Aid Society of St. Louis, Missouri, headed by Mary Meachum, which tended to black Union soldiers at the local hospital.

The Sanitary Commission

Of the war casualties, for every one man that died during the Civil War, two people died from disease. Dysentery, diarrhea, typhoid and malaria were all diseases caused by overcrowding and unsanitary conditions during the war.

People began addressing the importance of having clean water, clean food, and fresh air to breathe. Women took the initiative. They began collecting food, clothing, medicine, or anything usable for the soldiers in need. But there was one problem. How they would be able to deliver the supplies to the soldiers?

To address that need, women held a conference in New York for doctors, lawyers, and clergymen interested in helping the soldiers. The result of this was the formation of the Sanitary Commission, organized, run, and supplied by the civilians.

After the Civil War

When the war was over, soldiers who came home were still in need of medical care, so many ladies' aid societies continued to support hospitals and war veterans. As they volunteered, women picked up nursing skills which enabled them to pursue a career in nursing.

Quiz: When did Mother's Day Begin?

- A. In 1872, when Boston poet, pacifist and women's suffragist Julia Ward Howe established a special day for mothers –and for peace– not long after the bloody Franco-Prussian War.
- B. In 1858, when Ann Jarvis, a young Appalachian homemaker, organized “Mother’s Work Days” to improve the sanitation and avert deaths from disease-bearing insects and seepage of polluted water.
- C. In 1905, when Ann Jarvis died. Her daughter, Anna, decided to memorialize her mother’s lifelong activism, and began a campaign that culminated in 1914 when Congress passed a Mother’s Day resolution.

The answer is: ALL OF THE ABOVE. Each woman and each of these events contributed to this special occasion we celebrate on the second Sunday in May!!

A. The cause of world peace was the impetus for **Julia Ward Howe** to establish, over a century ago, a special day for mothers. Following unsuccessful efforts to pull together an international pacifist conference after the Franco-Prussian War, Howe began to think of a global appeal to women.

“While the war was still in progress,” she wrote, she keenly felt the “cruel and unnecessary character of the contest.” She believed, as woman did, that it could be settled without bloodshed. And, she wondered, “Why do not the mothers of mankind interfere in these matters to prevent the waste of that human life of which they alone bear and know the cost?”

Howe’s version of Mother’s Day, an occasion for advocating peace, was held successfully in Boston and elsewhere for several years, but eventually disappeared from public notice in the years preceding World War I.

B. For Ann Jarvis, also known as “**Mother Jarvis**,” community improvement by mothers was only a beginning. Throughout the Civil War she organized women’s brigades, asking her workers to do all they could without regard for which side their men had chosen. In 1868, she took the initiative to heal the bitter rifts between her Confederate and Union neighbors.

In 1878, when the younger Anna Jarvis was only twelve years old, she heard her mother teach a Sunday school lesson on mothers in the Bible. In Mother Jarvis’ own words: “I hope and pray that someone, sometime, will found a memorial mother’s day. There are many days for men, but none for mothers.”

C. Following her mother’s death, **Anna Jarvis** started a remarkable campaign. She sent a constant stream of letters to men of prominence, like President William Taft and former President Theodore Roosevelt, and enlisted considerable help from Philadelphia merchant John Wannamaker.

In May 1907, she arranged for a Mother’s Day service on the second Sunday in May at the Methodist Church in Grafton, WV, where Mother Jarvis had taught. That same day a special service was held at the Wannamaker Auditorium in Philadelphia, which had only 5,000 seats for the 15,000 people who showed up.

After that, the custom spread to churches in 45 states and in Puerto Rico, Hawaii, Mexico and Canada. The Governor of West Virginia proclaimed Mother’s Day in 1912; followed by the Pennsylvania’s governor in 1913. In 1914, the Congressional Resolution was passed and signed by President Woodrow Wilson.

Mother’s Day has endured and serves now, as it originally did, to recognize the contributions of women. Mother’s Day, like the job of “mothering,” is varied and diverse. It is only appropriate to have a day honoring the multiple ways women nurture their families, and the multiple ways they nurture their communities, their countries, and the larger world.



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10am to 4pm Monday - Saturday



**A WALK
IN THE PARK**
May 1 - 26

FEATURE EXHIBITIONS:

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**"FROM THE EYE OF
THE PHOTOGRAPHER"**

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Reception and Awards Ceremony

May 18, 2023 4:00pm-6:00pm






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- Police Cars Race
- Foot Races
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- Baseball Throw
- Soccer Challenge
- Bucket Ball
- Cornhole
- FREE RAFFLE

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A night filled with activities, food, and fun.
Best of all... It's free to the community!

WHEN?
Wednesday, May 3, 2023, 5:30-8:30 p.m.

WHERE?
Mesquite Old Mill Ballparks
(50 West Old Mill Rd)

WHO'S INVITED?
Everyone... Fun for all ages!

FOOD TRUCKS?
The Corndog Company
Great Basin Cooking will be selling
cotton candy, kettle corn, and lemonade
Tacos and Salsa
Fizz Bizz

- Bounce Houses
- Mechanical Bull
- Ring Toss
- Ladder golf
- Food trucks
- Live Band
- Pong
- PRIZES!
- & SO much More!



2023 Mesquite Days Events

May 3 - May 7, 2023



2023 Schedule of Events

April 25-27, 2023

1st Annual Historical Society Benefit PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT
Register NOW! Go online to www.mesquitenv.gov or register in person at the Mesquite Recreation Center, 100 West Old Mill Rd.

Wednesday, May 3, 2023

Family Fun Night (Old Mill Baseball Park)
5:30PM - 8:30PM

Thursday, May 4, 2023

Star Wars Day at Mesquite Recreation Center (Free admission to those who wear Star Wars apparel)

Historical Walking Tour (Meet at the Virgin Valley Museum)
9:00AM - 10:00AM

Founder's Forum (City Council Chambers)
5:30PM - 6:30PM

Friday, May 5, 2023

Mesquite Days Vendor Booths 4:00PM - 10:00PM
Mesquite Days Carnival Noon - Midnight
Live Music 6:00PM - 8:30PM

Saturday, May 6, 2023

Mayor's Pancake Breakfast 7:00AM - 8:30AM
Mesquite Days Parade 10:00AM (Staging 8:00AM)
Mesquite Days Carnival Noon - Midnight
Mesquite Days Vendor Booths 10:00AM - 10:00PM
Live Music 6:00PM - 8:30PM

Sunday, May 7, 2023

Mesquite Days Carnival Noon - 5:00PM
Mesquite Days Vendor Booths 10:00AM - 3:00PM

Carnival will be held at the Mesquite Recreation Center West Field,
100 W Old Mill Rd



FAMILY FUN NIGHT (FREE EVENT)

Wednesday, May 3, 2023 | 5:30PM-8:30PM

Bring the whole family for a fun filled night of games, prizes, live bands and our tasty local food trucks!

Games and events include: Bounce Houses, Mechanical Bull, Cornhole, Water Games, Dunk Tank, Sports Games, Carnival Games, Free Raffle & Prizes, Live Bands, Our Local First Responders & much more!



50 W. Old
Mill Rd.
Old Mill Ball Fields



MAYOR'S PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Saturday, May 6th / 7:00am-9:00am
Family Heritage Park / 100 N. Arrowhead Lane

Bring your friends & family!
Enjoy breakfast right before
the Mesquite Day's Parade!!
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day



ANNUAL MESQUITE DAYS PARADE

Saturday May 6, 2023
Parade Starts 10:00 AM
Staging time 8:00 AM



*Staging is at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day
Saints Parking lot at 100 North Arrowhead Ln.

CARNIVAL TICKET PRE-SALE

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2023

Here's the line-up !!!

Thursday, May 4, 2023

PRE-JAM NIGHT

7pm to 10:00pm

Dealt-A-Straight Band

Indoor Stage

Friday, May 5, 2023

2pm to 3:30pm

Reciprocity

Main Outdoor Stage

4pm to 5:30pm

Vinyl Fusion

Main Outdoor Stage

6pm to 7:30

Crossroads

Main Outdoor Stage

8pm to 10pm

Time Machine

Main Outdoor Stage

10pm to 11:30

Distortion

Indoor Stage

Saturday, May 6, 2023

11am to 12:30pm

Main Outdoor Stage

1pm to 2:30

Mienfield

Main Outdoor Stage

3pm to 4:30pm

Shelby Cunningham

Main Outdoor Stage

5pm to 6:30

Riverhouse Band

Main Outdoor Stage

6:30 to 8pm

Fast Eddie

Main Outdoor Stage

8:30pm to 10pm

Jeff Orr & Brown Chicken Brown Cow

Main Outdoor Stage

10:30pm to 12 midnight

Insanity Stew

Indoor Stage

Sunday, May 7, 2023

10am to 12 noon

South Bound

Indoor Stage

1pm to 2:30

Ed Tracey Band

Main Outdoor Stage

3pm to 4:30pm

Aaron Christensen

Main Outdoor Stage

4:30pm to 7pm

Rick Wall

Main Outdoor Stage

In partnership with the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District,
the **Virgin Valley Heritage Museum** presents...

Virgin Valley History Series

This monthly program explores different historical aspects of the area, including photographs, artifacts, stories, anecdotes, and personal memories from local residents and historians.

MONTHLY on the second WEDNESDAY of each month
5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

May 10

Surviving Summer

Techniques to Beat the Heat

Free and open to the public.

For more information, please call 702-346-5224.





JEWELRY MAKING

with Victoria

Thurs, May 11, 2023

10:30 AM
or
1:00 PM

Women's History
and Culture Center
225 N. Willow St.
Room 23
Mesquite, NV

Class sizes limited
Text Victoria: 702-376-9627
or Email
whccmesquitenv@gmail.com
to reserve your spot



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GRAND OPENING/RIBBON CUTTING

*840 Pinnacle Court Bldg 11 Unit #101
Mesquite, NV 89027*

*Saturday, May 13th - 9AM - 11AM
Members Only - RSVP - 702-346-2902
Ribbon Cutting at 9AM*



*Come and help us celebrate
our brand new office! We will be
serving breakfast burritos and
mimosas while they last!
RSVP Required - Members Only*