Women's History and Culture Center December 2023 Newsletter



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Notes from the Editors

November and December are months of gratitude for our many blessings throughout the year. We want to thank our partners and everyone in the community for their support and being part of the outreach the Women's Center provides to help brighten the community we all love.

Here is a quick look on two new initiatives in the coming year. The first is a partnership with the elementary schools in Mesquite and Bunkerville where WHCC volunteers will share with students the stories of girls and women who have made significant impact in their communities and nation. This will be done with picture books hand-picked to spark the imagination of children and show them the opportunities that await them! This program will be ready to start in January as we have several Clark County School District approved volunteers now and have more openings available! To learn more or become a volunteer, please contact Shelly Davis at jsdavis5860@gmail.com.

The second initiative, a speaker program designed for middle and high school students, highlights women who have made inroads in male-dominated fields. This program is designed to help young women develop confidence in their abilities. Having access to role models and mentors is crucial to young women being successful and achieving their goals. In November, the first speaker in this program talked about her experience as a computer coder. Heather Hunter and Stephanie Cannon are reviewing student requests for speakers. More to follow in 2024.

We look forward to seeing you at the Women's Center. Have a wonderful holiday with loved ones.!

Jean Walkins Kathy Bakken Susan Schubert

Editorial Staff

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WHCC Event/Class Details for December 2023

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

<u>DEC 1, 15 & 22 & 29 (FRI) 9 to 11:30 AM:</u> 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!!

<u>DEC 1, 8, 15 & 22 & 29 (FRI) 12:30 to 4 PM:</u> *Hand Knee & Foot Card Game* / Gwen Dudrow / Closed group

DEC 4(MON) 2 PM: Wondering Words Book Club / WHCC Book Club

DEC 4(MON) 4 PM: PEO Chapter AP Meeting / Nancy Henrichsen

DEC 5 (TUE) 1 PM: Wyoming Snowbirds Reunion Planning / Kathy Larson / Room 18

DEC 5 (TUE) 3 PM: Decorating Party for The Magic of Christmas Party / Room 23

DEC 6 (WED) NOON: WHCC Volunteer Pot Luck Peggy Tuttle

DEC 6, 13, 20 & 27 (WED) 3 PM: Meditation and Wellness / Rei Romney

DEC 7 & 21 (THU) 2 PM: Consciousness Circle Book Club / Terrie McArthur

DEC 8 (FRI) 10 AM: **Desert Dames BUNCO** / Wendy Lauer / Closed group

DEC 9 (SAT) 10 AM: DAR Event Board Meeting /

DEC 10 (SUN) 11 AM: Love, Family Gathering / Room 18

DEC 10 (SUN) 1 PM: Holiday Celebration - The Magic of Christmas / Room 23

DEC 10 (SUN) 4 PM: Mesquite Outdoor Group / Room 18

DEC 12 (TUE) NOON: Gems in a Small City / Fine Arts Gallery Classroom

DEC 13 (WED) at 1:30 PM: Desert Dames Book Club / Kaye Hermie / Room 18

DEC 14 (THUR) at 12:30 PM: *PEO Canasta /* Bev Valencia / Closed group

DEC 14 & 28 (THUR) at 5 PM: Ms. Senior Mesquite Pageant Planning / Gail Laird

DEC 16 (SAT) at 5 PM: *R.A.I.S.E. Mesquite.* See their Facebook for announcements.

DEC 19 (TUE) at 4 PM: WHCC Board Meeting / Jean Watkins

<u>DEC 26 (TUE) at 1 PM</u>: *DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) Craft Gathering /* Amy Bradshaw / Closed group

DEC 28 (THUR) at 2 PM: Showgirls Orientation / Tea Room/Deb Parsley / Closed group

DEC 31 (SUN) 11 AM to 1 PM: Love, Family Board Meeting / Closed group

Look Ahead

Most classes and groups are on-going each month.

Check out flyers (attached to our newsletter at whichest whichest for more upcoming FUN. Facebook Group: @whichest whichest wh

DECEMBER 2023 Calendar

Women's History and Culture Center

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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Most events on this ca scheduled at the same	9 – 11:30 Artists Unite/Tammy W.					
as shown below in red. When WHCC events ar	12:30 – 4 PM Hand/Knee/Foot					
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	2 PM Wondering Words Book Club 4 PM PEO Chapter AP Meeting	ROOM 18 1 to 3 PM Wyoming Snowbirds Planning ROOM 23 3 to 5 PM Decorating Party	Noon WHCC Volunteer Pot Luck 3 PM Meditation & Wellness	2 PM Consciousness Circle Book Club	10 AM Desert Dames BUNCO Wendy Lauer 12:30 – 4 PM Hand/Knee/Foot	10 AM VV DAR Board Meeting
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
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		4 PM WHCC Board Meeting	3 PM Meditation & Wellness	2 PM Consciousness Circle Book Club	9 – 11:30 Artists Unite/Tammy W. 12:30 – 4 PM Hand/Knee/Foot	
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11 AM - 1 PM Love, Family Board Meeting						

Books at Our Center about Notable Women Born in December

Ella Baker (December 13, 1903 - 1986)

Civil rights leader in the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, the NAACP and the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party

We Who Believe in Freedom: The Life and Times of Ella Baker

Margaret Chase Smith (December 14, 1897 - 1995)

First woman elected to both houses of Congress, serving eight years in the House of Representative and twenty-four years in the Senate, representing the state of Maine.

No Place for a Woman: Margaret Chase Smith She Persisted: Margaret Chase Smith

Margaret Mead (December 16, 1901 - 1978)

Renowned cultural anthropologist, author and lecturer

To Cherish the Life of the World: The Selected Letters of Margaret Mead

Claudia "Lady Bird" Johnson (December 22, 1912 - 2007)

First Lady, civil rights advocate, National Chair of Head Start, focused on conservation, environmental, and anti-pollution efforts.

Lady Bird Johnson: Hiding in Plain Sight

Sarah "Madam C.J." Walker (December 23, 1867 - 1919)

The first woman and first African American woman self-made millionaire who revolutionized hair care and the cosmetics industry in early 20^{th} century.

Louisiana Belle: A Snippet of the Life of Madam C.J. Walker Self-Made: Inspired by the Life of Madam C.J. Walker

Clara Barton (December 25, 1821 - 1912)

 $Founder\ and\ president\ of\ the\ American\ Red\ Cross,\ 1881\ to\ 1904.$

Clara Barton: Founder of the American Red Cross Woman of Valor: Clara Barton and the Civil War Who was Clara Barton?



Happy Reading!

December Highlights in United States Women's History



- **December 1,** 1955: Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat on a bus to a white person; her arrest sparked the modern civil rights movement in the United States.
- **December 5,** 1935: Mary McLeod Bethune created the National Council of Negro Women.
- **December 7,** 1941: Capt. Annie Fox received the first Purple Heart awarded to a woman for her service while under attack at Pearl Harbor.
- **December 10,** 1869: Wyoming was the first territory to give women the right to vote.
- **December 10,** 1938: Pearl S. Buck received the Nobel Prize for Literature for *The Good Earth.*
- **December 13**, 1993: Susan A. Maxman became the first woman president of the American Institute of Architects in its 135-year history.
- **December 14,** 1961: The President's Commission on the Status of Women was established to examine discrimination against women and ways to eliminate it.
- **December 14,** 1985: Wilma Mankiller was sworn in as principal chief of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma, the first woman in modern history to lead a major Native American tribe.
- **December 17,** 1993: Judith Rodin was named president of the University of Pennsylvania, the first woman to head an Ivy League institution.
- **December 28,** 1967: Muriel Siebert became the first woman to own a seat on the N.Y. Stock Exchange.

Community Event Flyers in this Newsletter

Page	Date	DECEMBER EVENTS	Time	Location
7	Dec 1 Fri	Chair Aerobics Classes every Friday (Chair Boogie)	10 to 10:45 AM	Mesquite Senior Center 102 W Old Mill Rd
8	Dec 1 thru Dec 29	Lucky 13 National Art Exhibition	Mon-Sat 10 AM to 4 PM	Mesquite Fine Arts Center 15 W Mesquite
9	Dec 2 Sat	Jingle Bell Dash 5K and Fun Run	9 AM Check In	Mesquite Recreation Center 100 W Old Mill Rd
10	Dec 2 Sat	Rock'n Sing-along Christmas O'Feehan Productions	3 and 7 PM	Mesquite Community Theatre 150 Yucca St
11	Dec 6 Wed	Placement Test for Free ESL/HSE Classes	10 AM	College of Southern Nevada 140 N Yucca
12	Dec 7 Thu	The Parade of Lights Theme: Deck the Halls	5:30 PM	Mesquite Blvd between Arrowhead and Willow
13	Dec 8 & 9 Fri & Sat	A Merry & Bright Christmas Mesquite Toes Dance Troupe	1 PM	Mesquite Community Theatre 150 Yucca St
14	Dec 10 Sun	The Magic of Christmas Holiday Celebration	1 to 5 PM	Women's Center 225 N Willow, St, #23
15	Dec 12 Tue	Brown Bag Series: Learn about the Women's Center, Showgirls and Ms. Senior Mesquite Pageant	Noon – 1 PM	Mesquite Fine Arts Classrooom 15 W Mesquite
16	Dec 14 Thu	Rotary Monthly Book Sale	9 AM to 1 PM	College of Southern Nevada 140 Yucca Room 1
17	Dec 16 Sat	December Delights - Sun City Performers Music, Dance, Song, and Boomwhackers	2 PM	Mesquite Community Theatre 150 Yucca St
Page	Date	UPCOMING JANUARY EVENTS	Time	Location
18	Jan 4 Thu	The Edwards Twins Variety Show Vegas Top Impersonators	2 and 7 PM	Mesquite Community Theatre 150 Yucca St

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OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS (No Flyers)

Jan 26 -Feb 2 Haboob in the Hoodoo – 7 PM at the Mesquite Community Theater

CHAIR AEROBICS FRIDAY 10:00-10:45 AM



Located at the Community Room in the Mesquite Senior Center 102 W Old Mill Road Drop-in fee \$5 Instructor: Betty King

Chair boogie will lift your spirits and move your body to fun foot tapping music. This class is designed for those who want gentle aerobics without stress to the knees and ankles. It's a total body workout from a chair.

Are your ankles tight And your knees too weak Let's sit on a chair And move our feet

Move our shoulders Lift our knees Whoop and holler Sing and breathe













SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2ND [AT] 10:00AM

CHECK-IN AT 9:00AM DAY OF EVENT

5K: \$30

1 MILE FUN RUN: \$20

RACE WILL BEGIN AND END AT THE MESQUITE RECREATION CENTER WEST FIELD



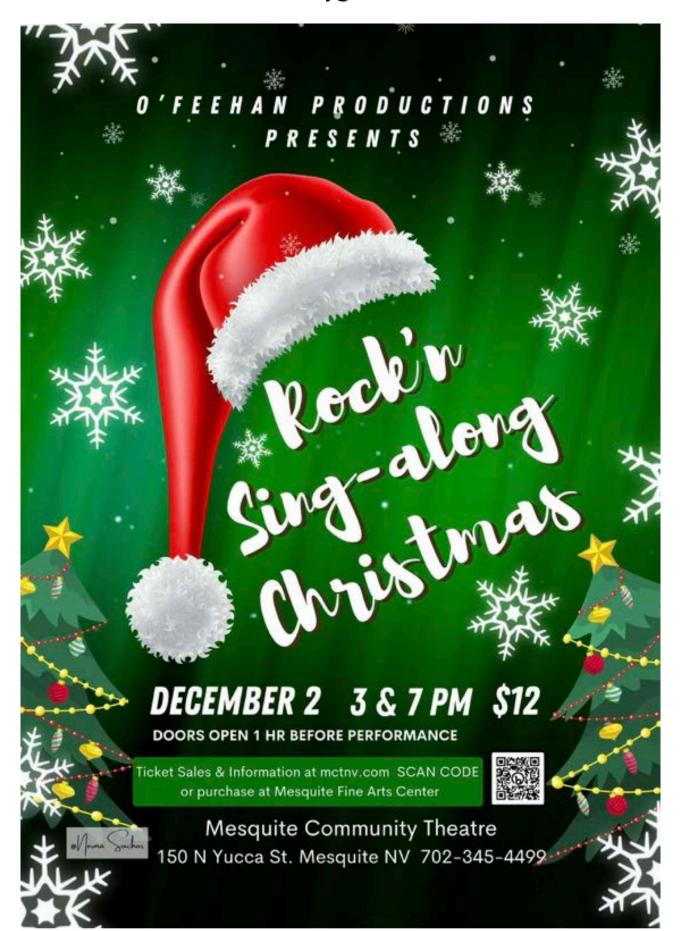
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JINGLE BELL DASH
MEMORABILIA MEDAL AND
SANTA HAT



A PORTION OF THE PROCEEDS WILL BE DONATED TO THE FRIENDS OF MESQUITE DESERT STARS



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OR IN-PERSON
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100 W OLD MILL RD
702-346-8732



ATTENTION MESQUITE STUDENTS!

ESL/HSE Classes

English as a Second Language (ESL) classes provide Intermediate to Advanced English literacy skills to non-native English speaking participants. High School Equivalency (HSE) classes provide participants the necessary education to complete their HiSET/GED by focusing on mathematics, reading & writing, science & social studies.

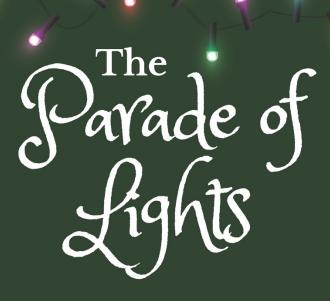
*CLASSES WILL BE ONLINE AND THEY ARE FREE!

TAKE THE PLACEMENT TEST

Wednesday , December 6th, 2023 at 10am
CSN Mesquite Center
140 N Yucca St
Mesquite, NV 89027

Call us at (702) 651-4487 or email us at ACES@csn.edu for more information





THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7TH @ 5:30PM

MESQUITE BOULEVARD
BETWEEN ARROWHEAD LN AND WILLOW ST

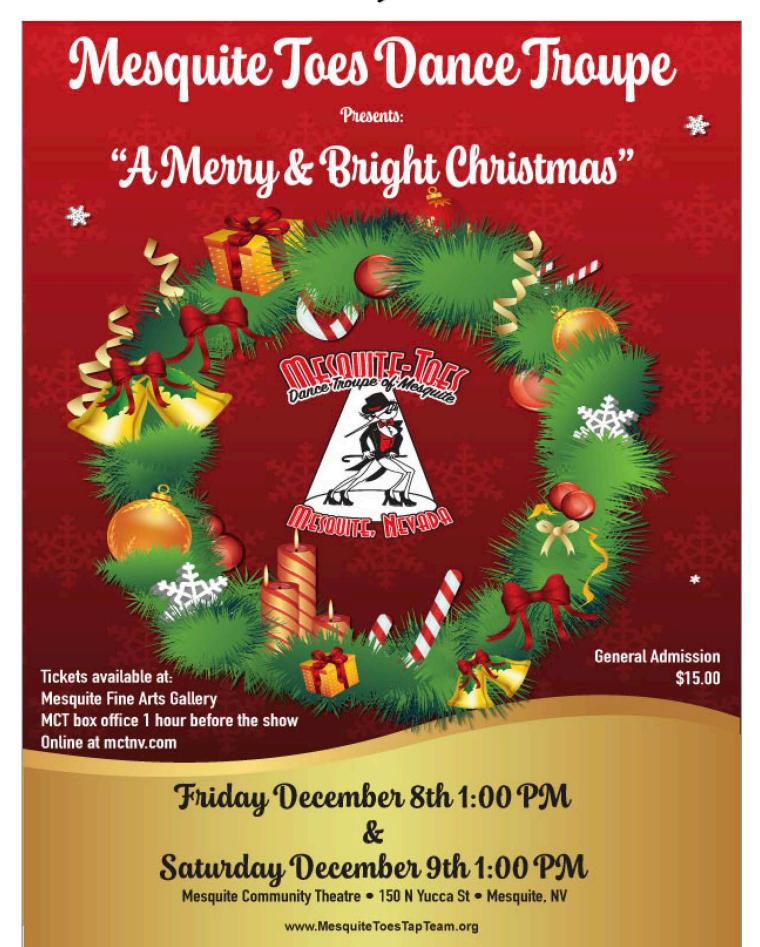
2023 THEME:



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Women's History and Culture Center of Mesquite 225 North Willow Street, Mesquite, NV 89027

Holiday Celebration **≉** 1pm → 5pm

Sunday, December 10th, 2023

- Ornament Crafting
- Holiday Fun and Games
- Complimentary Treats
- Cowboy Poetry
- Live Music
- Treat Bags for Kids

FREE ADMISSION



Brown Bag Cultural Series

December 12: Jean Watkins "Gems in a Small City"

The Women's History and Culture Center
The Mesquite Showgirls
The Ms. Senior Mesquite Pageant



Wesquite Thougirls



Speakers:

Reenie McFarland

Becky Boyd

Gail Laird

The Brown Bag Cultural Series is a monthly offering of the Virgin Valley Artists' Association (VVAA) providing educational lectures of interest to the local community. Topics include specific artistic mediums, specialized crafts, and historic and cultural information. Sessions are held in the Mesquite Fine Arts classroom, 15 W Mesquite Blvd., from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. For more information, please call the gallery at 702-346-1338 or email wvarts@gmail.com.





Me Welcome You the First Tuesday of Every Month



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MESQUITE NV SUNRISE ROTARY PRESENTS





MESQUITE READS

"MONTHLY" BOOK SALE

DECEMBER 14 9 AM - 1 PM

100% of proceeds benefits Mesquite Reads

CSN - 140 YUCCA STREET - ROOM 1 WWW.MESQUITENVSUNRISEROTARY.COM 1-725-253-0288







VIRGIN VALLEY THEATRE GROUP PRESENTS:

THE EDWARDS TWINS

Mesquite
Community
Theatre



JAN 4 2:00PM 7:00PM

TICKETS ON SALE NOV 20

mctnv.com
VVAA Art Center
Box Office 1 hour before
show



CELEBRITY LINEUP MAY VARY