

Reno Author Maggy Anthony's mystery series "Death is a Crapshoot" focuses on Hank Faro, a Reno area private investigator embroiled in divorce, inscrutable characters and daily life in the Truckee Meadows around 1950. Anthony will discuss what life was like when she arrived in the region as a child and how her memories influenced her writings as part of the Nevada Historical Society's Unearthing Nevada's Past Series, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 17.



"Reno in 1949 was a hot town, with legal gambling, quickie divorces, legal prostitution just up the road — and gangsters, too, who kept a low profile," Anthony said. Now a retired family therapist, Anthony has written several books and the one-woman play, "Impossibly Blonde: Marilyn at 80," about what Marilyn Monroe might have been like had she not died at age 36.

"Death is a Crapshoot" tells of the disappearance of a young woman, followed shortly by the attempted mob hit on a Nevada casino owner. "Are they connected? It is a mixture of history, mystery, and imagination," she said. Anthony's work is based on research she did at the Historical Society. The book is available in paperback in the society's store, with a portion of the book's sales going to support the society.

The Nevada Historical Society is at 1650 N. Virginia St., in Reno. Parking passes are available. For more information, call (775) 688-1191 ext. 0, or visit [www.nevadaculture.org](http://www.nevadaculture.org). The book's website is <http://www.maggyanthony.com/book-launch-death-is-a-crapshoot-2/>

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