

Four full days of innovative training: Sept. 13-14 and 20-21

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Carson City, Nev—Get ready to fire up those brain cells! Mark your calendars for September 13-14 and 20-21—four fun-packed days of Volunteer Tour Guide Training at the Nevada State Museum (NSM). No prior experience necessary. Materials and training provided free of charge for ages 15 – 99. Topics include *The History of Coin Presses, Early Automobiles in the 20th Century, The Merci Train Project*, interpreting Native American culture, *Dinosaurs in Nevada*, and new nature program, *Funky Fungi*. For a complete agenda or to register, contact Deborah Stevenson, Curator of Education: dstevenson@nevadaculture.org or 777/687-4810, ext. 237.

Cliff Dunseth, Chair of Friends of the Nevada State Museum, loves being a tour guide. “It helps me stay in touch with young people, keeps me busy, and benefits the community,” he said. Dolores Jackson, NSM’s “best dressed gal on wheels,” adds, “I’m proud to be a part of the museum’s ongoing success. The programs are extremely well done; they keep the children’s interest and provide questions to build on. The interaction with other volunteers is also quite rewarding.”

“Most of our volunteers are seniors because they have the time and want to give back to the community.” Deborah Stevenson said. “However, we’ve had some delightful teens working as tour guides also.” In fact, one young man who started volunteering as a teen just entered graduate school and plans to specialize in Museum Education. Experience as a tour guide at NSM looks great on a resume. Volunteering helps young people develop confidence, skills in public speaking, and teamwork.”

The Nevada State Museum actively engages people in understanding and celebrating Nevada’s natural and cultural heritage. Due to mandatory state budget restrictions, the museum is closed Sunday – Tuesday, and open from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Wednesday – Saturday. See the

changing exhibits: *Nevada: The Photography of Cliff Segerblom, Slot Machines: the Fey Collection, and Selections from the Collections*, featuring historic fashions.

Admission: \$8 for adults and free for children 17 and under and museum members. For information, call (775) 687-4810.

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