

**CARSON CITY, Nev.** – From 1933 to 1942, the U.S. Civilian Conservation Corps was designed to salvage two of the nation’s most threatened assets –more than 2 million young, unmarried men on relief, and millions of acres of neglected, drought-stricken federal lands. Author Renée Corona Kolvet will celebrate the famous public works project from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, May 24 at the Nevada State Museum in Carson City.

Kolvet, who wrote *The Civilian Conservation Corps: From Boys to Men*, will sign books at the event. Doors open at 6 p.m. for the book signing with a lecture at 7 p.m. Lecture seating is limited to 80 persons on a first-come basis.

The Civilian Conservation Corps was also known as the Emergency Conservation Work until 1937. Today, surviving remnants of the camps and CCC projects are more than 50 years old and are treated as historical archaeological sites.

“It was by far the most popular of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt’s New Deal Programs,” Kolvet said. “Controversial to this day, historians and politicians still question whether FDR’s relief measures helped to end the Great Depression in the early 1940s. While the impasse lives on, most scholars agree that the New Deal programs that provided jobs were the most successful.”

Kolvet’s presentation, in celebration of Archaeological Awareness and Historic Preservation Month, will explain how Nevada benefitted from the program that lasted until 1942.

The Nevada State Museum is open at 600 N. Carson St. in Carson City Wednesday through Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Changing exhibits include: *Dress and Designer*, showcasing Kathleen Sandoval’s inaugural gowns, *Exquisite Miniatures*, featuring the intricate paintings of Wes and Rachelle Siegrist, *French Travel Posters from the Merci Train Collection*, and *Slot Machines: the Fey Collection*

. Admission is \$8 for adults and free for museum members and children 17 and under. For information, call (775) 687-4810. The Nevada State Museum is one of seven managed by the state Division of Museums and History, an agency of the Nevada Department Tourism and

Cultural Affairs.