



# June 2003 Newsletter

**Nevada County  
Depot & Museum**  
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## Exhibit Hall Now Open

The Nevada County Depot and Museum is open once again to the general public after undergoing a two-year period of being closed for the renovation and restoration of the depot building. The curator, Peggy Lloyd (see story on other page), has been working to clean, restore and recondition hundreds of artifacts.

The "Exhibit Hall", located on the north end of the building, was the first part of the Museum to open on Saturday May 31, 2003. While this is the same area that has been open to the public in the past, visitors now find uncluttered, clean, documented, and easy-to-view displays and exhibits. While some exhibits are permanent, others rotate for a period of months. The "Research and Meeting Room" will open later (see story on other page).



Exhibits include a presentation on the Louisiana Purchase of April 1803, Indian pottery, information about early settlements and settlers of Nevada County, and various collections pertaining to the Civil War, agriculture and railroads, electric meters, and fire fighting equipment.

The "Exhibit Hall" is open from 9:00 a.m. until noon and 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday, from 1:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, and from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. on Sunday. The Museum is closed on Wednesday. Appointments for groups or special circumstances are possible by contacting the curator.

The front entrance to the "Exhibit Hall" is now on the street side of the north end of the building (the doors on the railroad side of the building are locked). The brick sidewalk at the front door is sloped upward to provide accessibility. Our sign will be erected near the street and the front door.

The north parking lot is more convenient to this end of the building, but is *not* accessible and many persons will find it difficult to get from the parking space to the brick sidewalks surrounding the building. Therefore, most people will want to park on the south parking lot (adjacent to Olive Street) and walk along the street-side brick sidewalk to the entrance. The accessible path is along the fence on the railroad side about half way down, then through the breezeway to the street side.



## Grand Opening - Ribbon Cutting

A grand opening event is planned for Thursday, August 14, 2003 at 2:00 p.m. This will include the Chamber of Commerce-sponsored ribbon cutting, along with comments by several dignitaries. The public is welcome!

## RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Now that we have a renovated building and a professional on staff, we need about \$25,000 to operate the museum, preserve artifacts, catalog holdings, expand exhibits, and continue with our plan of work, so please give generously.

Please mail this form with your tax-deductible donation to:

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## Research and Meeting Room

The Research and Meeting Room made possible by the renovation almost doubles the space at the Museum. This is the former freight storage room on the south end of the building. Scheduled to open around July 1, the room will have tables and chairs, along with the "John Teeter Special Collections" of documents, photographs, and newspapers. This room may have sporadic or upon-request hours. There will be a research assistant on hand when this room is open. While some of the collection will be available when this room opens, most of our holdings require extensive work and several thousand dollars of funding to properly preserve, so please let us know if you would like to help.

The entrance to the "Research/Meeting Room" is on the south end of the building. On the street side, come from the building's brick sidewalk up the steps and into the doors. The accessibility ramp entrance is on the railroad side of the building just a few feet from the parking lot.

## New Curator

The Nevada County Depot and Museum has named Peggy S. Lloyd as the new curator. Lloyd and her husband, John, live in Hope. He works at Lowe's in Texarkana.

Ms. Lloyd recently obtained her second master's degree in history from the University of Arkansas, where she was a member of the Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society and taught Western Civilization and U.S. History survey courses. She has worked on several archeological digs and does historical consulting with the Arkansas Archeological Survey.



After obtaining her bachelor's degree from Southern State College and first master's degree from Southern Illinois University, Lloyd joined the Peace Corps and served in Malaysia training teachers. She taught English in Germany, France and England and at the U.S. Army Language School and has taught English as a Second Language at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock.

Lloyd has an extensive background in courthouse research, including real estate title searches, oil and gas lease searches, and map making.

One of Lloyd's works, "The Howard County Race Riot of 1883", has been published in the *Arkansas Historical Quarterly*.

Lloyd began work at the newly renovated Depot and Museum by returning many artifacts and holdings to the building. One of Lloyd's biggest challenges is to apply modern preservation techniques to the hundreds of historical artifacts, mostly from Nevada County, along with thousands of pages of documents, newspapers, and photographs.

Lloyd will train and coordinate the volunteers who will work with the museum in the many projects planned. Some volunteers are needed to help with displays and preservation, several for meeting visitors and conducting tours, and others who have interest in historical research for the continuation of the "History of Nevada County" project. Persons interested in volunteering their time are encouraged to contact the Depot and Museum.

Membership drives and fund-raising projects are planned to help raise money to purchase the preservation supplies and to fund the operations of the Depot and Museum.

Lloyd is only the second curator for the museum. Health reasons necessitated that John Teeter retire after serving for 25 years. Quoting the web site at [depotmuseum.org](http://depotmuseum.org), "No one can replace Mr. John, but the work continues."

### **"The History of Nevada County" CD-ROM**

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