



Historic Photos Showcase Overton's Lost City Museum

Lost City Museum: A Hidden Gem on Southern Nevada's Arrowhead Trail Exhibition Opens December 1 at the Nevada Humanities Program Gallery in Las Vegas

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November 30, 2022—LAS VEGAS, NV—Nevada Humanities presents a new exhibition, [*Lost City Museum: A Hidden Gem on Southern Nevada's Arrowhead Trail*](#), that is curated by Virginia Lucas, archaeologist at the Lost City Museum in Overton, Nevada, and on display from December 1, 2022 - January 24, 2023, at the Nevada Humanities Program Gallery, which is located at 1017 South 1st Street, #190, Las Vegas. An **in-person reception** will take place on **Thursday, December 1, 2022, from 5 to 8 pm PST** with an [exhibition discussion](#) led by curator Virginia Lucas that will be held in Suite 150 adjacent to the gallery courtyard at **6 pm PST** on December 1. Space is limited and masks will be required regardless of vaccination status. Register for this event at nevadahumanities.org.

This exhibit showcases the founding and history of the Lost City Museum as well as the complex landscape that compelled its existence. Historic photographs will be displayed of the excavation of the Pueblo Grande de Nevada (also known as the Lost City) prehistoric archaeological sites and the building of the Lost City Museum in Overton, Nevada in 1935 by members of Company 573 Ohio of the Civilian Conservation Corps.

In 1924, former Nevada Governor James Graves Scrugham enlisted archaeologist M.R. Harrington, with the Museum of the American Indian, who directed excavations before Boulder Dam was completed and the area was flooded to create Lake Mead. Excavations continued off and on until 1938, unearthing the expansive complex of pueblos and evidence of the dynamic communities of Basketmaker people, ancestral Puebloans, and Paiute people. Vast amounts of baskets and pottery were revealed, demonstrating a complex and dynamic society that thrived for millennia. These objects tell important stories about Native American history and life in the region. *Lost City Museum: A Hidden Gem on Southern Nevada's Arrowhead Trail* will feature historic photographs that document the creation of the museum, the pueblo

sites, and the desert landscape of the southern Moapa Valley.

“The story of the Lost City Museum and the Moapa Valley are important contributions to our understanding of the Native people of our region, whose lives are woven together through this place,” said Christina Barr, Nevada Humanities Executive Director. “We hope that this exhibition will inspire people to visit the Moapa Valley and the Lost City Museum to learn more about our region’s Native history and culture.”

“This exhibition is a great opportunity for the Lost City Museum of Overton to celebrate our museum’s history with the larger local community of southern Nevada,” said Tracey Sprague, Museum Director. “We are excited to partner with Nevada Humanities in displaying Nevada’s hidden museum gem.”

Lost City Museum: A Hidden Gem on Southern Nevada’s Arrowhead Trail opens at the Nevada Humanities Program Gallery, in Las Vegas, on December 1, 2022, and will be on display as a virtual exhibition indefinitely at nevadahumanities.org. The exhibition will be open to the public for viewing by appointment only Tuesdays through Thursdays from 1 to 4 pm and until 9 pm the first Friday of the month for First Friday events at the Nevada Humanities Program Gallery, 1017 South 1st Street, #190 in Las Vegas. In-person viewing will close on January 24, 2023. Contact Bobbie Ann Howell at bahowell@nevadahumanities.org or 702-800-4670 to make a viewing appointment. For more information about the Lost City Museum, directions, and hours please visit: lostcitymuseum.org.

About Nevada Humanities: Nevada Humanities is one of 56 independent, nonprofit state and territorial humanities councils affiliated with the National Endowment for the Humanities. With offices in Reno and Las Vegas, Nevada Humanities creates public programs and supports public projects statewide that define the Nevada experience and facilitate the exploration of issues that matter to the people of Nevada and their communities. For more information about Nevada Humanities visit nevadahumanities.org.

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