

Ghost stories

Madame Curry and her Spirit Wranglers—Bailey and her three young children, who all bring up the rear of the tour and treat participants to drinks and conversation—impart fascinating stories of the intriguing and so-crazy-they-must-be-true original residents of Carson City, from visionary Curry himself to George Ferris, Jr., inventor of the Ferris Wheel; to Orion Clemens, first and only territorial secretary of Nevada and brother of author Samuel Clemens (Mark Twain); to Major William Matthew Ormsby, who was killed leading a vigilante force against Paiute Indians in the Pyramid Lake War; to Alfred Chartz, a local attorney convicted of murder whose house is the stuff of nightmares; and many more.

“It truly is 27 years’ worth of story gathering,” Bennett says about the origins of the wealth of information and storytelling. “A lot of it is from the library. I used to go do a summer trip every year and spend a full day at the Nevada State Library, looking through old newspapers—old copies of the Nevada Appeal and Territorial Enterprise. I also use books found at the Nevada State Museum and the Visitors Center. I’m constantly picking up new books. I try to read as much as I can so I have a base of history, but also, depending on the group or day, the ability to keep it fresh and tie in new information.”

Woven into the historic anecdotes are numerous tales of ghost sightings and unexplained encounters, which Madame Curry relates with relish and which are enough, on this breezy, darkening summer evening, to raise the hairs on the back of my neck and cause my 10-year-old daughter to snuggle up next to me as she listens and whisper in my ear, “Is that real?”

Well, is it? Bennett says many of the ghost stories come from residents who have stayed or lived there, and others come from peculiar

encounters she herself had while working at the Rinckel Mansion, which is now home to the Nevada Press Association, or when she lived in an apartment near the Washoe Club in Virginia City.

One of Bennett’s favorite things about the walks is afterward, when she bids her guests goodnight and they linger to relate their own stories of mysterious happenings.

“I think we’ve all had things that feel like coincidences, or like someone’s trying to remind us that they’re there,” she reflects. “It’s the senses being awakened. Maybe pictures are falling down, or there’s a smell. A spirit won’t tap us on the shoulder and say, ‘Hey, I want to talk to you,’ but we have those reminders, that energy around us. ... I think it’s up to the individual person to determine what that is. So it’s really important at the ghost walks for us to share memories and think about experiences—not to create bizarre illusions, but to open people’s hearts and minds.” □

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