

VHC Meeting notes from Friday, August 25th, 10am, MCML110

—Meeting schedule for the term: looking at monthly meetings on Fridays at 1030am (schedule requests will be sent out via Google Calendar tomorrow). We'll augment this with sustained conversations via Canvas to make sure we're all on the same page and have a good sandbox to work in as ideas come up.

—Programming: Looking at what we've done in the past, and with us absorbing black and white movie night, there's an opportunity this year to really establish a regular array of programming. For this year, this would kick off with the soil art presentation and workshop coming in October. If we then have a movie night in November, we would have a great time in early December for a lecture or seminar from a faculty member. That seemed to be well-received last year. A couple of things come up with this: do we ditch the notion that the film has to be black and white? Now that we know funding the film doesn't cost us an arm and a leg, we have a wide array of options available. Also, the VRC is interested in working with us perhaps once per year on a regular veterans event and war-related film. This is a great opportunity for us as well, both as an event, but also for what can be added to our archives.

—On a related note, we should consider working with middle or high school teachers throughout the service area in the spring to work on a photography collection for 2018–19. Rather than having it necessarily be a contest, it would more be the chance to help build an image catalog for life in rural Nevada as they see it. We'll talk more on this next meeting.

—There was also talk if we should take some of the opportunity to be involved with Poe and Pints.

—Scope of collection: It would be good for us to have our scope of collection outlined right there in the front of our webpage. Tuning that will be a project for this term.

—ADA: Frank is working with tools to figure out what is what.

—Equipment: Let's look at what our programming and archive goals are, figure out how our current equipment inventory fits in, and see what else we might need to get where we want to be.

—Other Events: We should get the centers very directly involved in some of our events. One thing that came up was with films, like the film festival or an Oscars party. Could we have volunteers and experts at each site and have an interactive discussion on these things, especially with something like the Oscars, when we could talk during commercial breaks? The same comes up with lectures and symposiums: rather than just us sending stuff out, let's see if we can make a gameplan for getting the centers—and their communities—more involved.

—Digital Signage: Getting a message board system around campus would do a great deal for general outreach, especially if we could strategically place some around town as well.

Next meeting is Friday, September 22nd at 1030am