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Press Release –

## **Nevada State Museum-Las Vegas at Springs Preserve Graduates First Class of 55-plus Creative Writers**

The Nevada State Museum-Las Vegas is about to graduate the participants of “[Write The Story You Haven’t Told](#),” their first writing program for 55-plus creative writers. This event will be held on Thursday, August 18, from 5-7 p.m. at the Museum’s Springs Preserve location. This event honors those participants who have taken the bold step of learning to tell their own stories in writings, whether to help them become working professional writers or help them pass along their stories to their grandkids.

“This is the first time the museum has done a program for adults,” according to writers workshop facilitator, Joylynn M. Ross, CEO of Las Vegas-based Path To Publishing, an author assistance and literary services provider. “Traditionally, the museum has focused on programs for children – which continues to remain a strong focus. However, the museum recently determined that it was time to also acknowledge and serve the Las Vegas Valley’s fast-growing 55-plus community.

“We began this new program, allowing participants to share in writing some of their life stories,” Ross said, “either fictionally or as part of a larger memoir from their own personal histories.

“Each of our six class sessions ran for ninety minutes,” Ross explained. “The program was made available to all interested 55-plus writers, whether they are beginning writers, seasoned writers, authors of all genres and even self-proclaimed “non-writers!”

Guests and other attendees may arrive for the program as early as 4:45 p.m., allowing them time for a sneak peek at the museum gallery. The actual graduation program will begin at 5:15 p.m.

This course was made possible by support from the Nevada Arts Council, the National Endowment for the Arts, the National Assembly of State Arts Agencies and the E.A. Michelson Philanthropy. Each attendee was asked to pay a \$40 one-time fee to participate. These funds are set aside to assist the museum in creating other programs for members of the community.

The graduation event is to be held at the Springs Preserve location of the Nevada State Museum, 309 South Valley View Boulevard in Las Vegas, across from Meadows Mall. For more information, check out the museum’s adult programming [website here](#), or call the museum Curator of Learning and Public Engagement, Sarah J. Hulme, at 702 822 8746.

### **About the Program and its Instructor**

Program instructor Joylynn M. Ross, CEO and founder of Path To Publishing, a certified Black-owned/woman-owned business, has been a best-selling novelist in several genres, as well as a successful non-fiction author, a literary agent, and an editor and ghostwriter for major and independent publishers. She is committed to helping others learn to write their stories, which led to this first-ever program by the Nevada State Museum-Las Vegas. For more information about

the program or its instructor, Joylynn M. Ross, please contact Ned Barnett at 702-561-1167 or [nedbarnett51@gmail.com](mailto:nedbarnett51@gmail.com)

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