

The 2025 Will James Society Gather Was a Big Success!

By Sharon DeCarlo

The cowboy author and artist Will James was remembered and honored with a good old fashion party and fund raiser that lasted three and a half days. From Thursday to Sunday morning the Will James Society celebrated his life with a Chautauqua, Movie, documentary, a visit to his cabin in Washoe Valley and a wonderful banquet in the historical small town of Minden, Nevada.



Harold Miller cowboy Poet

Everyone who attended was treated to a great time and some wonderful history that spans over a hundred years and 25 books, complete with amazing western art and illustrations.

This is who Will James was, a treasure and a contributor, a legend and a true working cowboy that left his mark on our western heritage and in our hearts. He never disappointed when it came to sharing his experiences and his love for cowboys and cowgirls, horses and wild life. He knew the subject well as he lived it and embraced it and loved it.

COD Casino Meeting Room

Gwendolyn Clancy started the Gather schedule off with her knowledge and her great documentary called “The Man They Call Will James”, after which she answered many questions from a packed room of a very interested audience; Then Kim Harris and Mike Olsen became Will and Alice James as they portrayed the couple and their time spent here in Nevada and then in Montana. Again the audience couldn’t wait to start the conversation and ask as many questions as possible, yes popcorn was served! Gwen, Kim and Mike, you rocked the house, I heard so many great compliments about the show!

There were folks from Texas, California and Eastern Nevada as well as many locals, the interest was intense and they all enjoyed the Carson Valley museum visit and then a trip out to Washoe Valley to see the Cabin that Will and Alice James lived in while James wrote many of his great books. A big thank you to the folks that own the property they were amazing and had the Cabin looking great with



Carol Garrett WJS member from Texas: Winning bidder of the Will James Paint box auction item.

the walls filled with Will James Art and his books on the shelf, the cabin is in wonderful condition and we stayed for a substantial amount of time.

Pilgrimage to Will & Alice's Cabin



Top Row left to right: Cliff and Candace Conradt, Sharon DeCarlo, Gwendolyn Clancy, Carol Garrett and Tammy McGlynn. Bottom row left to right: Roy Mac Leod, Mr. & Mrs. Gommer, Keith and Nadine Bodeen, Cecil Patton and Kit Haddock.