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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - GRACE BOWER

January started out with a bang. We had the Carson Valley Museum all torn up for a week as the whole place was painted inside. It looks great! The Commission for Cultural Affairs gave us the money to pay for the painting. They have been very generous to us over the years. The exhibit committee and our handyman Dan did so much! I don't know what we would do without them.

The melodrama was a hit once more! Everyone really enjoyed it. Sue and John Smith did a great job for us again. The Tahoe/Douglas Elks #2670 Sunday lunch was really good. Many thanks are due them.

Chautauqua has begun. We do not have a great number of participants, but we do have a Calamity Jane and Annie Oakley! Our Carson group has not yet decided who they are going to be.

The Courthouse Museum Genoa opens May 1st. We always need volunteers for both museums. It's only three hours a couple of days a month and you meet some very nice people from all over the world.

Our number of memberships is moving up slowly but surely. We finally broke the 400 mark. Only 500 plus to go! We need all of you to talk to your friends and neighbors and get them to join. It is very reasonable and memberships go a long way in helping us keep our doors open.

We hope you all come out to our fundraisers and lectures. Stay warm!

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Women in History to be Celebrated

"Douglas County Women: "Preserving Their Legacy for the Future", is the theme chosen for the Douglas County Historical Society's 10th Annual Women's History Remembering Project.

This has been a very successful project in the preservation of Douglas County history and is held in March to celebrate National Women in History Month.

The Historical Society is asking you to nominate a woman that you feel has made a significant historical contribution to the quality of life in Douglas County. The woman nominated, living or deceased, must live or have lived in Douglas County. The women will be chosen from the nominees at the discretion of the Society's WHRP committee and honored at a public reception on March 20, 2010, at 2 pm.

Nominating packets may be picked up at the Carson Valley Museum and Cultural Center. Packets will be mailed upon request by calling the Society office (775) 782-2555 or Helen Chappell at (775) 721-7979.

Deadline to submit a nominee is 4 p.m., March 5, 2010.



Lecture for March

Jeff Kintop will be our speaker for the March 11 lecture. He has researched the location of the original Mormon Station and he will be telling us what conclusions he has come to.

Jeff is the State Archivist at the Nevada State Library and Archives. His main historical interests are the history of Nevada government and Nevada Territory.

The lecture is at 7 pm upstairs at the Carson Valley Museum and Cultural Center.

Members free - non-members \$3.00.

**Douglas County Historical Society
Wish List**

- Computers and accessories –
- Two computers with Windows 7
- Three 17-19 inch computer monitors
- One Scanner with 11x14 inch flatbed



HOTEL MINDEN II or DIVORCE MILL

Thanks to the combined efforts of you members, the melodrama/ farce written by member John W. Smith was again a huge success. For the fifth year many hours of volunteer efforts made this one of the most popular "theater" events of Carson Valley. We sold out more than two weeks before opening with very little publicity. The dress rehearsals, which were open to the public only after performance sales were closed, brought in even more revenue. Those who had not been to the museum were impressed. We had some new members and expect more. It is truly exciting to be able to show that a museum can be an "alive" place.

Thank you.





SECOND HAND ROSE FASHION SHOW MAY 8

Join the green, re-cycling movement and make money for DCHS. Clean out your closet and bring gently used, but stylish, wearable clothing to the museum. We will sell those jeans or shirt you love but have outgrown you or you have outgrown. How about that dress you just had to have, and found out it just isn't you--- it will be someone else! We are proud to announce SECOND HAND ROSE FASHION SHOW with salad and dessert on May 8, 2010 at 1:00pm at CVMCC.

Tickets go on sale for members on April 8 and for others April 15. \$15 for show and salad bar/dessert. Information Sue Smith (775) 782-6725 or Cindy Rogers (775) 782-2555.

DOUGLAS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S BARN TOUR

Plans are now underway for this year's "**Barn Tour Fundraiser**" to be held on Saturday, May 22nd, between 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. This year's Barn Tour will be along and near the Historic Emigrant Trail and will feature some of the oldest barns in Nevada. We are always looking for volunteers to help on the day of the tour (Approximately 3 hrs.). If you can volunteer please call (775) 782-2555 or (775) 782-2893, we would appreciate your help.

The Barn Tour is held in May as part of Historic Preservation Month. The Emigrant Trail and ranching played a vital role in the early history of Nevada and especially Carson Valley. These historic barns built along the Emigrant Trail represent the early families that created this beautiful place we enjoy today.

The Historical Society's goal is not just to raise funds, but also to educate and show the benefit and importance of preserving the history of those early settlers, and historic structures and what an asset they are to the community.

Please remember we receive no county or state funding and these fundraisers are how we keep both museums operating. Tickets will go on sale in April, \$15.00 for DCHS members and \$20.00 for non-members. Purchase a ticket and support your Historical Society.



PLACE AN AD!

Each quarter DCHS publishes a newsletter sent to society members and selected groups and businesses. To help support printing and postage costs, we are selling ad space.

Ad Size	Cost/Issue	Cost/Year
Business Card	\$10.00	\$ 35.00
Quarter page	\$20.00	\$ 75.00
Half page	\$30.00	\$110.00
Full page	\$40.00	\$150.00

Placing ads in the quarterly newsletter helps support the historical society and your business as well. Ads should be scan-ready and submitted in jpeg format, then emailed to Mary Jane Harding, Newsletter Editor, at maryjanepete@yahoo.com.

Checks to be made payable to DCHS and mailed to: DCHS, 1477 U.S. Hwy 395 N., Suite B, Gardnerville, NV 89410-5214.



The Carson Valley Museum and Cultural Center and The Court House Museum Book Stores

By: The Museums Bookstore Committee

Hello Spring! Welcome!

Women in History is a March event sponsored by the Douglas County Historical Society in celebration of National Women's History Month. In conjunction with this event, we would like to bring to your attention that the Main Street Bookstore and the Genoa Museum (opening April 28) have a selection of reading material filled with fascinating facts and stories about the involvement and contributions of women in the settling of the West and after. Two such books are Women Who Charmed the West by Anne Seagraves and Women and the Pony Express by Melba J. Ray-Leal. For the children and young adults, we have an informative coloring book, The Story of Sacajawea by Peter F. Copeland and the charming booklet, 19th Century Girls and Women by Bobbie Kalman. We have just mentioned a few of those available for your reading enjoyment on this subject.

The Genoa Cowboy Poetry and Music Festival is coming to Genoa April 29 thru May 2 and both Museums are stocked with entertaining books filled with cowboy poetry, cowboy recipes, cowboy legends and cowboy music. An example of cowboy poetry is Rick Richardson's Ballads of the Sierra, autographed, with fine line drawn illustrations by Larry Schuman. Range Riders Cookin' and American West Cookin', both created by Bob Kerby's Studio, contain recipes which range from old-time ranch cook standbys to modern dishes, and both booklets include breathtaking Western artwork by Robert E. Kerby. The very successful musical group, David John and the Comstock Cowboys, have recorded several outstanding CD albums, many of which are in our Bookstores.

Before the hot days of Summer arrive, the Great Basin National Park, located in Eastern Nevada, is an exciting geologic classroom to explore. In our Bookstores, the booklet, Great Basin, The Story Behind the Scenery by Michael L. Nicklas, offers a variety of information with outstanding photographs about the area, including the ice field on Wheeler Peak, ancient bristlecone pine forests and the decorated galleries of Lehman Caves. To explore and hike closer to home is the book, Afoot & Afield, Reno-Tahoe, A comprehensive hiking guide by Reno local Mike White. This book gives essential information for every trip with highlights, maps and complete directions.



We wish a joyful Spring to all!

Flea Market in June



The Douglas County Historical Society's only flea market will be June 19, at the Carson Valley Museum and Cultural Center from 8 am to 3 pm. Start getting your treasures together! Get rid of the clutter and make some extra spending money.

10'x10' spaces are \$10.00. Sign up sheets are available at the front desk.

The Gardnerville Main Street group is putting on a community sidewalk sale that day so there should be a lot of people out and about the area.

MISSION

The Douglas County Historical Society seeks to enrich lives by preserving local history and making it accessible to our communities and visitors.

MEMORIALS

Justin Kobe

Volunteer Scoop

In his own words!



Robert S. McMillan

I have lived in Minden for 30 years. I arrived in Minden from New York City, and prior to that, I lived in northern California, in the Bay Area, for many years. I love to volunteer here at the Museum. Most rewarding for me is meeting graduates of this building when it was Douglas County High School. I enjoy attending our local high school football games. My wife and I love to travel --visiting our families scattered all over the United States. We are looking forward to our next cross country trip in August.

Volunteering for DCHS is a great way to get involved in the community helps to keep both museums up and running, gives the opportunity to meet new and interesting people, not only within the community but visitors from around the world.

Committees are always looking for assistance and new ideas. Committees include: Fund Raising, Membership, Short-Long Term Planning, Accessions, Exhibits, and Newsletter/Publicity.

Contact the Historical Society at 775-782-2555 or via email at dchs@wpti.net to volunteer.

Douglas County Historical Society Trustees Meetings

Douglas County Historical Society Trustee meetings are the third Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Carson Valley Museum and Cultural Center in Gardnerville.

The Annual Membership Meeting is the third Thursday in May.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

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STUDENT / SENIOR DAY

The first Saturday of each month activity continues. Seniors and students with the required adult who accompanies them are admitted free. Donations are appreciated. Tours led by costumed museum volunteers are available on request.

MARCH 6 PORTRAIT of a PIONEER LADY

Repeat of the popular reading theater presentation of the dialogue written by Bea Feticc Jones and Grace Dangberg. This year will be memorial to the late Mrs. Jones. Presentations will be at 11am and 1pm at the **Carson Valley Museum and Cultural Center**.

APRIL 3 CANDLE WICKING

A demonstration of how CANDLE WICKING is done by Marilyn Elligot. This was an early American craft used to beautify the home. 11 am and 1pm at CVMCC.

MAY 1 GENOA OPENING DAY and SPINNING DEMONSTATION

Marilyn Elligot will be on the porch of the DCHS Museum in Genoa teaching spinning techniques at 11 am and 1pm. Costumed volunteers will be present throughout the day.

JUNE 5 PONY EXPRESS INFORMATION DAY

Tour of the Pony Express room in Genoa and information about the 150 year anniversary re-ride on June 8. Riders are scheduled to arrive in Genoa at 6:30 PM, yes PM.

Exhibit Committee Report

Submitted by Irene Marshall

December was Christmas time for the CVM&CC Museum. Our committee put up decorations throughout the Museum to enhance the Christmas Trees and Gingerbread Houses. Of course, Christmas does not last forever, therefore everything had to be taken down.

The Museum is now all freshly painted as of the first of January which meant that all our exhibits had to be taken down and then put back. The painters were only here for two and a half days, but it took us a couple of weeks putting everything back in place.

With the Melodrama at the end of January, the Main Gallery had to be cleared. Thank goodness our exhibit cases are on wheels. Well! You guessed it! Everything had to be put back into place again. We are celebrating the Olympics! A new exciting Olympic exhibit with pins and other memorabilia is now up in the changing gallery. All of the things in this exhibit were donated by Bill Baltz. We have been working on a new exhibit, "The Legend of the Pony Express Lives On", for the 150th Anniversary to be featured in the changing gallery room. We will also be putting the same exhibit in the Court House Museum Genoa before it opens in May.

We need to thank our new volunteer handy man, Dan Brong, for all the work that he has been doing for us and the CVM&CC. He can do all the things that a bunch of women can't do!!! So if you see him around, say thanks as we certainly do appreciate his generosity!



MARGE BAY FUNDRAISING PAINTING DRAWING **“WINDY” or the “WILD BUNCH”** **VALUED AT \$1,500.00**

This magnificent painting of the Nevada Desert with a band of Mustangs painted by Nevada artist Alice Cardelli Swett. This large framed painting was appraised several years ago for **\$1,500.00**.

Drawing Tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 tickets for \$20.00.

This beautiful painting was donated by Steve Bay and family from the estate of his mother Marge Bay. This painting and others from her collection were donated to the Douglas County Historical Society to be used to raise funds for the society. Marge Bay was a native Nevada who had a passion and love for Nevada and its History. The Douglas County Historical Society cannot thank the Bay's enough for their generous donations.

The Bay's have also donated several books about Nevada from Marge Bay's large library on Nevada History. The family also donated several artifacts which many are in the "Trail to the Promised Land Exhibit" located in the main Gallery.

About the artist Alice Cardelli Swett; Alice and her husband Bill lived in Dayton for many years. Alice operated a antique store in the "Old Braun" store building. The antique store also became Alice's studio where she painted between customers. Marge loved Alice's Nevada landscapes and helped her market them by displaying them, usually via area banks. Alice and her husband Bill moved to Imlay, Nevada around 1972, where Alice continued to paint Nevada. Drawing will be held Saturday December 4, 2010.

Annual Membership Meeting - May 20, 2010

Vote for Trustees

Attention DCHS Members:

The annual membership meeting will be May 20, 2010 at 7 p.m. at the Carson Valley Museum and Cultural Center in Gardnerville. All members are invited and encouraged to vote for new trustees. If you cannot attend the meeting, use the ballot provided to make your choices and drop it off or mail it to the DCHS at 1477 Hwy 395 N, Suite B. Gardnerville, NV. 89410, no later than May 20, 2010 at 4 p.m.

**Douglas County Historical Society
2010 Ballot for Trustees**

Vote for up to seven

<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Term Length</u>
Dorothy Scossa	1 year
Lois Brooks	3 years
Allen Lund	3 years
Pat Maebe	3 years
Richard Smith	3 years
John Stephans	3 years
Ted Tiffany	3 years

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DCHS 2010 EVENTS

Saturday March 6th - Student/Senior Day
Thursday March 11th - 7 p.m. Historical
Lecture - Jeff Kintop and original
Mormon Station. \$3 (Free to members)
Saturday March 20th - Women In History

Saturday April 3rd - Student/Senior Day
Thursday April 8th - 7 p.m. Historical
Lecture - David Toll speaker, topic
"Joe Conforte". \$3
(Free to members)

May 1-2 / Opening Day - Genoa Museum
Saturday May 8th - Student/Senior Day
Thursday May 13th - 7 p.m. Historical
Lecture - Laurie Hickey speaker,
topic "Immigrant Trail". \$3
(Free to members)

Saturday May 22nd - 'Great Barns of Carson
Valley'. Historical Timber Framed
Barn Tour. Self-guided Tour from 9
to 1. Tickets \$15 DCHS members,
\$20 non-members.

Saturday June 5th - Student/Senior Day
June 8 (Genoa) 'Pony Express Re-ride'. Call
(775) 782-4325 for approximate time
of Rider and Exchange.

Thursday June 10th - 7 p.m. Historical
Lecture \$3 (Free to members)
June 16 (Genoa) 'Chautauqua in the Park'
Mormon Station State Park -
5 to 8 p.m. - Free
June 19 - Flea Market - Carson Valley
Museum & Cultural Center