

Carson City Historical Society
1207 North Carson Street (location)
Curry Street (mailing address)
Carson City, Nevada
Newsletter, April 2022

**A Message from
Sue Ballew, President:**

Welcome to April! We've had some very successful events in the past few months. I want to thank all of our Carson City Historical Society Board members for all their hard work on pulling the "If Fashions Could Talk" exhibit together. You have gone above and beyond. Thank you so very much!

The Carson City Historical Society will be open from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. on Sundays. We are experimenting with being open again on a limited basis. If you show up, first report to the Carriage House, the yellow building with the double doors just east of the Foreman-Roberts House Museum. You may start your visit there, where you can see exhibits and parts of our collection. From there, the docent can escort guests to the [Foreman-Roberts House](#) itself, where you can experience a bit of early Carson City life and ambiance.

Guests, please comply with COVID guidelines. We reserve the right to limit the number of visitors at any one time. If you wish to contact us in advance, send an email to carsoncityhistoricalsociety@gmail.com. The two buildings are located at 1207 North Carson St., Carson City, NV. Parking is available on Corbett and Rice Streets.



"If These Fashions Could Talk" and "Find out why women dropped their corsets, and more..." will be Sunday, April 24, 2022 from 1 to 5 p.m. in the Foreman-Roberts House, 1207 North Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada. 89701. Donations are accepted and are \$5 for the tour. Kat MacMartin, Celtic fiddler, will be our entertainment. The tour will cover Edwardian and Victorian fashions--the how and why of fashion along with a photographic exhibit of early Carson City around 1900.

We are currently in need of volunteers to help with the exhibits. A tour training is available. Our phone number is (775) 882-2174, please leave a message, or call Sue at 775-220-6278.

The Carson City Historical Society is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that was formed in 1969 as The Nevada Landmarks Society to help save the Roberts House and other Landmarks from being demolished. Through volunteer efforts, the Foreman-Roberts House was saved. We changed our name in 2000 to become the Carson City Historical Society to better serve the public.

There are many other events too:

Zoom Lecture, Carson City's Chinatown, May 19, 2022, 7:30 p.m. This is an on-line event. You must make reservations to be able to join the lecture. There is no cost. More information follows:

"Downtown Vintage Market" is partnering with the Carson City Historical Society. The market is open every Saturday and Sunday from 9-4 p.m., June through September and is free to the public. It is located at 412 N. Stewart Street, eastside or contact Travis Legatske for more information.

"A Downton Abbey Afternoon Tea" will be held Sunday, June 12 from 1 to 3 p.m. on the grounds of the Foreman-Roberts House Park. If the weather is bad, it will be moved to the Carriage House. Entertainment and a Victorian Tea will be provided. Cost TBA. If you would like to sign up for this, please contact Sue at (775) 220-6278. This event is limited to 40 people.

Kim Harris, "Chautauqua of Annie Roberts" will be Saturday, August 27! from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Carriage House, 1207 North Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada. There will be a catered picnic. We are accepting reservations. Please call Sue at 775-220-6278 to sign up. Cost TBA.

Open Studios will be here again. Two days, Saturday, August 20, and Sunday, August 21, from 10 to 4 p.m. There is no cost for this event. It is held at various places in town and includes the Carson City Historical Society, Foreman-Roberts House Museum and Carriage House, 1207 North Carson, Carson City, Nevada 89701. Featured artists to be announced.

The Teddy Bear Club will have a Joint Meeting with the Carson City Historical Society at the Carriage House, 1207 North Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada on September 9, 2022. Our speaker will be Chris Pattison of the Sutro Tunnel Restoration Project. There will be a catered dinner. Cost and time TBA.

April 21-23, 2023 **"Mark Twain Days"** the Carson City Historical Society will be hosting vintage games in Foreman-Roberts Park for children. This event is scheduled for next year, 2023.

Donate Through AmazonSmile
Help fund the Carson City Historical Society through your purchases on Amazon.com. Simply type in the URL [smile.amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com/smile)

in the browser bar before you make an Amazon purchase, then search and/or

select **Carson City Historical Society** as your nonprofit, and you're all set! A percentage of your purchases automatically comes back to help fund CCHS. Every little bit helps. Because of the COVID pandemic we have not been able to do fundraisers and have not had income other than dues. I would like to thank our Treasurer Kiyoshi Nishikawa for setting up AmazonSmile for us.

Urgent Need for Volunteers

Volunteers are needed to help run events and/or be docents. If you are interested, please call Sue at (775) 220-6278.

**The Carson City Historical
Society Hosts
"The Comstock Chinese
& Other Chinese
Immigrant Communities
in Northern Nevada,"
A Zoom Lecture with Erica Hill
Thursday, May 19, 2022**

Carson City Historical Society (CCHS) is proud to host a lecture on "The Comstock Chinese & Other Chinese Immigrant Communities in Northern Nevada," on Thursday, May 19, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom. The guest speaker is Erica Hill. Around 1850, Chinese immigrants began arriving in the U.S. in record breaking numbers because of the California Gold Rush. Throughout the mid-19th century, Chinese people quickly formed Chinese settlements across the American West in places they could find work while protecting their traditions and being insulated from



racial violence. In Nevada, Chinese people lived and worked in mining communities, railroad camps, and other boomtowns across the Comstock Lode and surrounding area. This project discusses the Chinese who lived in Northern Nevada, how they were instrumental to the rapid expansion of the American West, and how they faced extreme racial violence which forced them to form Chinatowns and then abandon them.



Erica Hill is the Community Arts Development Specialist at the Nevada Arts Council in Carson City. She earned her MA in Anthropology From San Francisco State University in 2021 and wrote the thesis *Chinese Childhood Play: Deconstructing Hegemonic Narratives in Northern California Chinatowns*. Hill holds a BA in Anthropology (CSUC) and two AA degrees in Anthropology and Humanities (MJC). Highlights of her professional experience include Archaeological Technician at the Bureau of Land Management Carson City District Office, Cultural Landscapes Intern at the National Park Service Pacific West Regional Office in San Francisco, and Student Curator at the Valene L. Smith Museum of Anthropology at CSUC.

The lecture is free and open to the public. To sign up for Erica Hill's Zoom Lecture on May 19, 2022, at 7:30 p.m., go to <http://cchistorical.org/signup.htm>, where there is a link to use to sign up. You will be asked to fill out a Google Form with name, email address, phone number, and other questions. [*Note: If the appropriate lecture is not listed on the sign-up page, you may need to*

refresh that page in your browser.] If your request is accepted, we will send you a link to the Zoom session within about 3 days. If you need to make special arrangements, send an email to DCBugli@aol.com with "Erica Hill Lecture" in the subject line or call David Bugli at 775-883-4154.

After a hiatus of several years, the CCHS resumed a monthly lecture series in January 2021. Most lectures are presented on Zoom on the third Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Some past lectures are also available on the Carson City Historical Society's YouTube.com page. Additional information about the CCHS is available on its webpage, CCHistorical.org.