

Carson City Historical Society



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November 2022 Newsletter

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CHRISTMAS PARTY,

Sunday, December 4, 2022

**Let's party with joy — but guard Adele's
dollhouse!!**

We are throwing a party — and you are especially invited.
Don't say *no*, and don't say *snow*, just shout "GO".



**When you've already destroyed the
Christmas tree and now it's time to
take down Santa's village.**

The Carson City Historical Society is having their annual Christmas Party, Sunday, December 4, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the Carriage House (directly behind the Foreman-Roberts House), 1207 North Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada.

We are featuring live music, "Jazz and Christmas Music," by David Bugli and Friends. Michael Fischer will give a Chautauqua presentation on "Dominique Laxalt – An Iron Man that Started in a Wood Wagon: A Story of Basque Independence, Isolation and Success."

Appetizers are provided by "A Catered Affair." Wine, champagne, and beer will be available.

So, get your holiday celebrating started!

Tickets are \$35 per person. Reservations must be made in advance. Space is limited because this is a very special event. Please call Paula for reservations at [\(775\) 887-8865](tel:7758878865).



VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS TOUR, *Saturday, December 10*



An enchanting walk, magical company, historical buildings and homes and some seasonal happiness can all be yours with just a phone call for a ticket!

Come and join us as The Carson City Historical Society presents, “A Victorian Christmas Tour” on Saturday, December 10, 2022.

There will be seven locations on tour this year. Each location will provide history, entertainment and refreshments. You will be able to see inside most of these historic locations.

Tours start at three different times: 12:30 noon, 1:00 p.m., and 1:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$20.00 per person. Children under 12 are free. Tickets are limited and may be purchased by check or cash at Westwall Militaria Antiques, 412 North Curry, Carson City, from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Tickets are also available at the Foreman-Roberts House, 1207 North Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada on Sundays from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. **You can also purchase tickets on our website at: cchistorical.org**

To make a reservation, please call Liz at (775) 315-9111 or Westwall Militaria Antiques at (775) 885-7643.

CCHS Accomplishments 2022

We've come a long way since COVID. We're still not out of the woods. But, we are getting to know each other again, making progress with projects and programs, and we've doubled our membership. The future is looking good. Here are a few of our accomplishments:

- Even though we were unable to meet for a long time, CCHS Secretary David Bugli set up Zoom lectures on all kinds of local history. These were extremely popular, educational, and fascinating. Starting in January 2023, we will start to provide lectures that are in person, and David is hoping to add a Zoom feature for members who live far away or are unable to attend in person.
- "If These Gowns Could Talk" was a Victorian dress display, including Celtic entertainment by Kat MacMartin and a visit by Mayor Bagwell, the Daughters of the American Revolution, and many others. Loretta Williams, one of our members, made some of the dresses. Costumes were borrowed from Andi Fant, Andrea Hobbs, and Marge Dolan, and were displayed by Kat Long. Andrea Hobbs did all the labels and wall displays and provided art expertise. Jan Loverin loaned us dress forms from the Textile Museum and provided books and ideas on the proper way to display dresses. (In May 2023 we are having a display of Edwardian fashions.)
- Our exhibits in the Carriage House, "Notable Women of Eagle Valley," "Nevada State Orphans Home," and "Hats from the '30s and '40s," were on display (and still are). Andrea Hobbs did the design and display for all of these.
- We received a grant from Travel Nevada to help pay for entertainment, publicity, and printing for our many events for this fiscal year.
- A "Downton Abbey Tea," with catering by "A Catered Affair," was a great success. Becca Van Sickle did a Victorian presentation on how women dressed during the 1800s.
- In April 2022 we received an email from former Carson City resident Diane Bertrum wanting to know if we were interested in her 50-year-old Music Box / Adele's dollhouse. It was a gift to her and still in the box. She donated the Adele's dollhouse to the Society. Woodworking Specialties painted and added all the fancy woodwork to it, and we had a Great Reveal with many people who had worked in Adele's and with Charlie Abowd, who shared stories with everyone. It was amazing.
- We are finishing up 2022 with our Annual Christmas Party. I hope you can come! And we're starting up our Home Tours again with one on Saturday, December 10. In addition, there will be a Garden Tour in the spring!
- This year we had Kim Harris do a Chautauqua presentation. She researched and portrayed Annie Roberts, matriarch of the Roberts family. We had a "picnic" in the Carriage House with lunch and dessert from "A Catered Affair." Annie's life history had never been fully researched. Kim's portrayal was phenomenal.
- Each of our Board members have participated and helped make these events successful. A lot goes on between the scenes: maintaining facilities, shopping, being there when we need help (Donna McLaren); paying bills and keeping track of payments (Kiyoshi Nishikawa); running the Downtown Vintage Market (from which we receive a percentage of sales) and maintaining our Arlo security system (Travis Legatzke); and providing flowers, decorating for tours, rearranging offices, moving chairs, and setting up tables (Liz Cain).
- Three of our non-Board members have gone the extra 100 miles helping to make events happen, calling, helping with newsletters, taking guests on tours of the house, and choosing photos for the Children's Home display in the Carriage House. They are Noni Hayes, Paula Cannon, and Bonnie Nishikawa.
- The Downtown Vintage Market was new this summer and fall and was set up through the Hop and May Adams Foundation. CCHS receives a percentage of the profits from these weekly events. This also gave CCHS Board members an opportunity to share Carson City history. The market was set up and run by Travis Legatzke.
- Ubon Edwards, artist, currently has her artwork on display in the Community Center. She is also a new volunteer docent and joins us on Sundays at the Foreman-Roberts House to give tours.
- Kudos to Chris Pattison, our membership chairperson, for setting up Mail Chimp mailings, maintaining membership, setting up Square and to Pam Abercrombie for taking this task on now and in the new year.

Adele's Reveal

Our Adele's Dollhouse reveal was very successful on both Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 5 and 6. On Sunday Charlie Abowd and his family and restaurant workers came. Many City folks came too, and Mayor Lori Bagwell. We were packed. Charlotte LaCombe brought some framed remembrances she purchased at an Adele's auction. She donated them to the

Carson City Historical Society, and that made for interesting memories too. The Adele's Dollhouse is at its permanent home. In a few days will be on display in the Parlor of the Foreman-Roberts House. If you haven't seen it, come on over. We're open on Sundays from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

*The Best Things in Life Are People We Love,
The Places We've Been and
The Memories We've Made Along the Way.*



*Center middle: Adele's Dollhouse
To the left is Charlie Abowd sharing memories.
To the right is Lori Bagwell, Mayor.
Bottom middle is David Bugli, MC.
Bottom right is Charlie Abowd.
Far left is the Music Box/Adele's Dollhouse.*

