

# Carson City Historical Society



The Foreman-Roberts House is located at  
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Carson City Historical Society

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**Carson City, NV 89703**  
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## Newsletter for March 2023

by Sue Ballew, President



*Historic Foreman-Roberts House: Charlie Daniels, Wil Wieprecht, and an unidentified woman pose in front of the Foreman-Roberts House in the early 1970s when the first stage of restoration was completed. The House was blue, a gothic door instead of 3 gothic windows appear on the front of the second floor, and yes, the old fence is still there. Charlie Daniels owned a shop front in downtown Dayton. Wil Wieprecht was employed by the State and did the big Nevada plaques at historic locations throughout the state. (Bill Dolan collection)*

Letter from President Sue Ballew,

I apologize for not sending out a newsletter sooner. We've had the worst weather in years, and we've had some unfortunate happenings as well.

In this newsletter I'll tell you about some exciting things that are coming up.

Carson City Culture and Tourism Authority has decided to have Mark Twain Days April 21-23. The Carson City Historical Society is having Mark Twain Games and Earth Day events Saturday, April 22, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The Carson City Historical Society will be having all kinds of fun games such as fence painting, corn hole games, frog jumping contests and prizes, antiques tables with items for sale another with Earth Day items and a craft table for kids. Tours of the Foreman-Roberts House will be available. I'm hoping for an Earth Day art display in the Carriage House—and music. We have plans for an Ice Cream Social on Saturday, August 12 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. and Victorian Garden Tour on Sunday, August 13. There's a more detailed schedule on the last page of this newsletter.



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HELP, HELP! WE NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR TOURS  
IN THE FOREMAN-ROBERTS HOUSE AND AT THE  
MARK TWAIN AND EARTH DAY EVENTS!

CALL SUE AT 775-220-6278  
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Dear Carson City Historical Society members:

CCHS received an email earlier this week from a lady who had a Corbett-Fitzsimmons souvenir. It is about 1.5" wide and 2.5" long and depicts the famous fight that took place in Carson City on St. Patrick's Day of 1897 at the racetrack. (There is a monument at the Sheriff's office). This fight was

significant in our history, as fights were frowned upon anywhere. A woman, Nellie Mighels Davis, reported on the fight for a Chicago paper. It is significant because women weren't allowed at fights. People climbed trees to get a good look at the match, and it was one of the first films made. If you would like to see the film, it is available on the Library of Congress website or go to [loc.gov/item/mbrs00064432/](http://loc.gov/item/mbrs00064432/)

I have taken the liberty of accepting this donation. It is small and will be a nice addition to our Carson City history section. I received it March 16 and will bring it to the next Board meeting, and we will discuss where to place it for display. Comments are welcome.

Here is the part of the newsletter dear readers that I need your help with. On February 07, 2023, we lost one of our long-time members, Paula Cannon. Up to the last days of her time with us she was busy making plans and giving orders. And now it is quiet, too quiet. For me, she was a partner in crime, a perfectionist, a pusher and a planner. And she got it done. I need help from our members to continue on with the programs. If you want to help more, this would be a great time to join us. Call me at (775) 220-6278 Sue.

### CELEBRATION OF LIFE

In honor of Paula Cannon we are having a **“Celebration of Life”** and pot luck on **Sunday, May 13, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.** Please bring enough food to share. Here is a list of what is needed. If your last name begins with **A-H**, please bring a salad. If your last name begins with **I-N**, please bring a main course and **M-Z**, please bring dessert. Drinks and utensils will be

### DUES ARE DUE

If you have not done so, please send in your 2023 dues in NOW. We have such a fabulous year planned, and we don't want you missing out on anything, including discounts for your membership during the year. *Payment for those who paid late in 2022, your dues are not due again until 2024.* A membership form is available in this newsletter or renewal may be done online at [cchistorical.org](http://cchistorical.org) **Those paid are:** Debbie Lane, Gary Yoakum; Ron and Thelma Roberts, Paula and Nathan Rakestraw, D. D. Spencer, Kim Harris, Steve and Marian Panter, Donna McLaren, John and Pat King, Stephen Drew, Barbara Cavanaugh, Jan Doescher, Gail and James Sutton, Doug

**provided. If you have memories, photos or stories to tell, bring them with you. If you have questions, I can be reached at (775) 220-6278. Here is a notice that was sent out earlier. Paula would have been 89 on May 13. The event will be in the Carriage House.**



PRETTY KITTY

You will be happy to know that Paula's cat, "Pretty Kitty," has a new home and is doing well, and remains with one of her beloved family members.

Sonnemann, David and Elinor Bugli, Helen Stecker, Jed and Susie Block, Gina Vecchio and Will Hickman; Bonnie and Kiykoshi Nishikawa, Sandra and Charles Bell, Rhonda G. Bivens and Jimmy D. Bivens, Sue and Gary Ballew, Margaret and Carter Twedt, Donna Fortune, Mary DeFelice, Beth and Bruce Scott and Washoe Zephyr Chapter NSDAR. Thank you subscriptions to Andi Fant, Liz and Gary Cain, Cindy and Steve Brennamen, Father Jeff Paul at St. Peters Episcopal Church; Jeff Dotts, Pastor, First Methodist Church and Katie at the Bank Saloon. If you have paid, but are not on the list, please call. Sue (775) 220-6278.



**COME CELEBRATE!  
LORETTA  
IS TURNING  
90!**

**April 15, 2023, 1pm – 4pm  
Foreman-Roberts House  
1207 N Carson St**

Join us for cake and coffee.  
We are wishing Loretta a very happy birthday!  
Please, no presents.

RSVP: [yvonnerutter@yahoo.com](mailto:yvonnerutter@yahoo.com)

**New events 2023—  
Please mark your calendars**

- The Carson City Historical Society Board meets the second Monday of each month at 4:30 p.m. in the Carriage House. Members are always welcome to attend.
- The Foreman-Roberts and Carriage House:
- We will be open again on Sunday, April 2 from 1 to 3 p.m. and continue to be open on Sundays depending on the weather. In the Carriage House are paintings, scenes, and stories on “Notable Women of Eagle Valley,” the “Northern Nevada Children’s Home” display, and “Hats of the ‘30s and ‘40s”—on loan from Jo Saulisberry.
- The Vintage Market will be open the Summer of 2023. Come and meet Carson City Historical Society members and share some history. Call (775) 400-1166 for more information.
- Monthly Historic Lectures at the Carriage House, free and open to the public. Dates and speakers TBA.
  - Glen Whorton on the Nevada State Prison, Sunday, April 16, 1:00 p.m. Carriage House.
  - Jan Loverin on Victorian Undergarments, May 19, 2023, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
- Classes—painting, genealogy, line dance, etc. Carriage House. Cost and time TBA.
- **Loretta Williams 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday, April 15 from 1:00 to 4:00 pm, 1207 North Carson, Carriage House. Come help us celebrate. RSVP to Yvonne Rutter at yvonnerutter@yahoo.com**

- April 2023--Mark Twain Days Festival, Carson City Historical Society sponsoring “Adventures of Huckleberry Finn” games: jumping frogs, fence painting, corn hole and croquet games in conjunction with Earth Day, Saturday, April 22, at the Foreman-Roberts Park and Carriage House, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- May 2023--Part 2 of “If These Gowns Could Talk,” May 19. Time TBA.
- August 2023—Ice Cream Social, August 12 and Victorian Garden Tour, August 13.
- December 2023—Christmas Party and Victorian Christmas Tour.

**VINTAGE ITEMS FOR SALE**

***We are offering vintage items for sale, some of which remained after the August 27<sup>th</sup> Silent Auction. If you are interested, you can see them firsthand at the Foreman-Roberts House on Sunday afternoons starting in April from 1-3 p.m. Payment by check or cash, please. Call me if you have an interest in any of the items listed below. (775) 220-6278 Sue***

- Crystal Punchbowl Lamp. One of a kind. Fashioned from Victorian-inspired punch bowls. \$55.00.
- Oak rocking chair. \$75.00.
- Black iron bird cages and seed cups, dating from the thirties. Small cage is \$50.00. Larger is \$70.00. Both stand over five feet tall.
- Haviland Fine China set. 20 pieces made in Bavaria, Germany, in the “Forever Spring” floral pattern. \$75.00.
- Brown faux-fur length coat. Label is by White Bear of St. Paul, MN. \$35.00.

The Victorian bookcase and chest of drawers have been sold. Yay!



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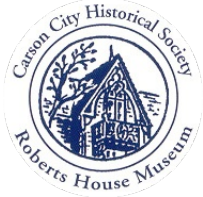
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Individual \$25	Household \$35	Patron \$50
Historian \$100	Curator \$250	Preservationist \$250 and above
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- o Please mail your payment and this application form to:  
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- o Payment can also be made on line on our website:  
<http://CCHistorical.org>

Upon receipt of your application and membership fees, you will begin receiving our electronic newsletter announcing society meetings and events. The Carson City Historical Society is a Nevada nonprofit organization. It is recognized as a nonprofit, tax-exempt corporation (EIN 94-2565777) under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Donations are tax deductible pursuant to section 170(c) of the Internal Revenue Code.

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