

Carson City Historical Society

& Foundation for the Betterment of Carson City Parks and Recreation

Forman-Roberts House Museum & Wungnema House

February 2012 Newsletter - David Bugli, Interim Editor

Membership dues are due for 2012. Technically, the deadline was Jan. 30, but this notice is late, and you have a grace period. Members receive our newsletter announcing regular and special meetings, and all Society events. Annual dues are \$35.00 for a family and \$25.00 for an individual. Please send your check to Carson City Historical Society, P.O. Box 1864, Carson City, Nevada 89702. Please include your name, address, phone number, and e-mail address.

Mike Thomas to Speak on "George Washington, American Hero"



Mike Thomas will give a presentation titled "George Washington, American Hero" on Wednesday, Feb. 22 (Washington's birth date), from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., at the Carson City Library. The doors will open at 6:00

p.m. This slide-show lecture examines the life of the "Father of Our Country." It is the story of a gentleman farmer who stepped up and served his country when it needed him the most. You will see why his life demonstrates the true meaning of the phrase, "Duty, Honor, Country."

Mike Thomas is a popular lecturer who provides History & Science presentations in the Northern Nevada-Northern California region. He is the President of the Western Nevada Astronomical Society, which is the operating group for the Jack C. Davis Observatory at Western Nevada College. Mr. Thomas is known for his entertaining and educational programs.

The lecture is sponsored by the Carson City Historical Society and is free and open to the general public. For information, call 775-887-8865.

Victorian Fashion Show Sunday, March 11, 2012

Mark your calendars for Sunday, March 11, 3-6 p.m. to attend the third annual *Oh, My Bonnets*

and Bustles! Fashion Show held at the Nevada State Museum. Tickets are \$30 and are at the Nevada State Museum store. Only 90 tickets will be sold in order to maximize the experience for attendees, so make sure to get yours soon! Proceeds will benefit the Friends of the Nevada State Museum and the Carson City Historical Society.



The event will highlight women's fashions from the 1850s through the early 20th century, roughly the same time period that Queen Victoria reigned in Britain -- hence the "Victorian" Era. The fashions for the event come from the collection of Tina Davis-Hersey and Carolyn Davis. The collection includes original outfits as well as costumes created by the mother-daughter duo from historic patterns. The show will follow a series of vignettes of daily Victorian life, from dressing in the morning to dancing in the evening.

A reception with refreshments and raffle will follow the show. Music will be provided by the Silver Strings, a quartet of musicians from the Carson City Symphony. Guests are encouraged to dress in period costume for the event. Contact Tina Davis-Hersey at 775-671-2364 for further information.



The Carson City Historical Society (CCHS) is located at the Foreman-Roberts House Museum, 1207 North Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada. Our mailing address is P.O. Box 1864, Carson City, NV 89702-1864. The Carson City Historical Society and the Foundation for the Betterment of Carson City Parks and Recreation (Park Foundation) are 501(c)3 nonprofit organizations and maintain the Foreman-Roberts House Museum and the Wungnema House.

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President's Comments by Gary Cain

Fellow Members,

First let me thank all who attended the Christmas dinner at the Bliss Mansion on Dec. 11 and give a warm thank you to Steve and Cyndy Brenneman for sharing their wonderful home with us once again. Also I wish to welcome our new members to the group!

We do have some big news on the carriage house front in that Parks and Recreation has managed to cobble together another \$25,000 towards the project. This leaves us around \$3,000 short of the amount necessary to get the exterior completed. I am working with a major construction company to see if they would be willing to donate the foundation, which would put us over the hump.

The Friends of the Nevada State Museum are putting on their Victorian Fashion Show again this March and we will once again be putting our full support behind their event.

Thank you!

Gary Cain

House Tour

Mark your calendar. The Carson City Historical Society invites you to tour several historic properties on Sunday, June 17, 2012. Details are pending.

Carson City Research Group

The Carson City Research Group will meet on Saturday, Feb. 18, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. at the Carson City Library, 900 N. Roop St. They are also scheduled to meet March 17, April 21, and May 19 at the Library. The Research Group meetings are free and open to the public and are hosted by Sue Ballew, "Past Pages" writer, and Eleanor Kolbe, researcher. For information on future Research Group presentations, contact Sue at 775-841-1975.

The Research Group met on Saturday, Jan. 21, at White Cat Antiques, in the historic Smail House. The topic, "A Kid on the V&T," featured surprise guest speaker Bernie Allen, whose father worked on the Virginia & Truckee Railroad. Bernie described what Carson City was like in the 1950s, when a kid could ride on the V&T. He also talked about some of the buildings associated with the railroad and how some of the rolling stock ended up in the movies. The presentation concluded with a short guided tour of historic homes and locations on Curry St.

Allen Rowe Gave Talk on Numismatics



Allen Rowe, a member of the professional Numismatics Guild and a

columnist for the Nevada Appeal, gave a presentation at the Carson Public Library on Thursday, Jan. 19, called "Numismatic Talk." Mr. Rowe is the owner of the Northern Nevada Coin stores, both here in Carson City (across from the Nevada State Museum) and in Reno on Plumb Lane. He talked about the history of coin making and circulation in the United States, about the various mints in the country (including Carson City's), and the types of coins minted here. Major portions of his talk centered on the factors that make certain coins more valuable than others.

Mr. Rowe's Northern Nevada Coin's web site, <http://www.brokenc.com>, has links to pages with information on the Carson City Mint, its No. 1 press, and the coins minted there.

Remembering Pat Barrett

Pat Barrett, owner of Sierra Land Realty, passed away on Dec. 31, 2011. Pat had been instrumental in establishing the Landmarks Society (now Carson City Historical Society) and obtaining the Foreman-Roberts House for the Society. She had been as active as possible until the last few years. She had been a life member of the Carson City Historical Society. The following words were written by Pat and found near her typewriter. All who knew her

will understand: "I'm never going to give up, I'm not going to ease up, shut up or give up until I'm taken up. In fact, I'm just getting warmed up." Thank you, Pat, for your help, guidance, and time. We miss you.

Historical Lecture in Carson Valley

On Thursday, March 8, 2012, at 7:00 p.m., at the Carson Valley Museum and Cultural Center, Bob Ellison will be speaking. His topic is "The Search for Laura Dittenreider," one of the first white women in Nevada. General admission \$3.00 and free to Douglas County Historical Society members. For information, see <http://www.historicnevada.org>.

Park Foundation Awards

The Foundation for the Betterment of Carson City Parks and Recreation honored the 2011 recipients of its Special Recognition Awards at a brief ceremony on Nov. 11, 2011. Each recipient's name has been placed on the monument in Mills Park at the entrance to the Pony Express Pavilion, where the ceremony was held. Recipients are:

- *Organization of the Year, Kiwanis Clubs of Carson City*
- *Business of the Year, Vidler Water Co.*
- *Volunteer of the Years, Michael J. Fischer, M.D.*

- *Volunteer of the Year, Ilona Strull*

For further information, see the "Past Events" link at CCHistorical.org

Next Newsletter

The next newsletter is scheduled for publication May 1, 2012. Please submit your articles and announcements by April 15 (the 100th anniversary of the sinking of the Titanic!) to David Bugli at dcbugli@aol.com. Articles can also be sent to David at 191 Heidi Circle, Carson City, NV 89701-6532.

New Board Meeting Time

Future meetings of the board of the CCHS and the Park Foundation will be on the *second* Monday of each month at 1:30 p.m. at the Foreman-Roberts House Museum. (Meetings used to be held on the first Monday of each month at 1:00 p.m.)

CCHistorical.org Website and Facebook

Did you know that we post information about Carson City Historical Society events on our website? Just type CCHistorical.org into your web browser. We store information about past events there, also. Just click on the "Past Events" link. In addition, you can click on a link to our Facebook page, on the left hand side of our main page. Once there, you can "like" us, and you will get information about up-coming events through your Facebook "wall."

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Upcoming CCHS events:

Wed., Feb. 22 - Mike Thomas talk on "George Washington, American Hero"

Sun., March 11 - Victorian Fashion Show

Sun., June 17 - House Tour

**Application to join Carson City Historical Society
& Foundation for the Betterment of Carson City Parks & Recreation**

Membership for individual \$25, for Family \$35

Please fill out the attached application and send with check to:

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c/o Carson City Historical Society

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Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

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