

# Carson City Historical Society

& Foundation for the Betterment of Carson City Parks and Recreation

Forman-Roberts House Museum & Wungnema House

May 2012 Newsletter - David Bugli, Interim Editor

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## Jed Block To Do "Now and Then" Slideshow Thursday, May 17, 2012



Jed Block will present a slideshow/talk on Thursday, May 17, 2012, at 6:00 p.m. at the Carson City Library. The title of the talk is "Now and Then: a Pictorial Analysis of Carson City Changes." Mr.

Block has collected numerous pictures of Carson City's Carson Street and downtown area from earlier periods, such as the 1950s and 1960s, and compares them to recent photos of the same locations. These comparisons reveal a lot about the history of Carson City and the colorful people who shaped its future. The event is free and open to the public. It is presented by the Carson City Historical Society in cooperation with the Carson City Library.

Jed Block, a third generation Nevadan, was born and raised in Carson City, graduated from Carson High School, and has a BA in Communication from the University of the Pacific in Stockton, CA. Currently he sits on the Board of Equalization and the Historic Resources Commission, is Vice President of the Brewery Arts Center, and chairs the Redevelopment Authority Citizen Committee. He is very interested in Carson City History and would one day like to have a City Museum or a wing of the Nevada State Museum. His family owned business, State Agent and Transfer Syndicate, Inc., was formed here in Carson in 1903.

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### Garden Tour

**Saturday, June 9, 2012**

The Carson City Historical Society invites you to visit private gardens, talk with their gardeners, and tour the new Greenhouse at Carson High School, on

Saturday, June 9, 2012, from 1:00 to 4:30 p.m. Talk with gardeners and purchase established plants and starts. At 4:30 p.m., be at 214 W. King Street garden to hear a talk with questions and answers called "Put the Garden to Bed" by JoAnne Skelly, Extension Educator for the UNR Cooperative Extension and enjoy wine and refreshments. In addition, artists' demonstrations will be at the Foreman-Roberts House Museum.



Tickets are only \$10 per person. Sites of ticket sales will be announced in May.

Tickets will go on sale as usual at the Foreman-Roberts House, 1207 N. Carson Street, from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. on June 9. For more information call Paula Cannon at 775-887-8865, Mary DeFelice at 775-882-0916, or Jan Perry at 775-884-1448. (Please note that this event replaces the June 17 House Tour mentioned in the February newsletter.)

The Mark Twain Garden Club will have for sale, at very reasonable prices, established plants and starts. The Garden Club has been in Carson City since 1949, planting around the Brewery Arts Center, Governor's Mansion, the old Carson-Tahoe Hospital, Mills Park, and other locations. In 2010 it was recognized as Organization of the Year by the Foundation for the Betterment of Carson City Parks and Recreation (The Park Foundation).

The Carson City Historical Society is sponsoring the gardens-only tour. The Society encourages members to attend the garden tour.

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### Ice Cream Social on Aug. 4

Mark your calendar for the annual Ice Cream Social at the Foreman-Roberts House Museum on Sat., Aug. 4, starting at 5:00 p.m. Music will be provided by The Millennium Bugs and is presented as part of Jazz & Beyond: Carson City Music Festival.



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,

Thanks to all who have renewed their memberships and, to those who haven't yet, please do so, as we need your continued support! "Support for what?," you may ask. Well, finally, after many years of fundraising, we started to witness the beginning of the construction of the Carriage House the last full week of April when the shed was removed in preparation for the foundation work to begin.

Many years of work will finally come to fruition, and when the Carriage House is complete, we can then begin the conversion of the Foreman-Roberts House from its current use as a meeting area, to its primary use as a county/city museum.

I would also like to thank everyone for their help at the Friends of the Nevada State Museum Victorian Fashion Show on March 11. They did their customary wonderful job of presenting the clothing of the Victorian era with style and verve.

### Gary Cain

### C.J. Birch Presents "Flintlock Rifles in Early America"

**Monday, June 11, 2012**

C.J. Birch will present "Flintlock Rifles in Early America" at the Carson City Library on Monday,

June 11, 2012, at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Birch makes reproductions of historical rifles. He will show and discuss his reproductions of flintlock rifles that have historic significance. Among these reproductions are the rifle given to George Washington when he retired from the presidency, the rifle that Edward Marshall used when he did the "Walking Purchase" of 1737 (claiming the land that is now Pennsylvania), Daniel Boone's gun, and the Lancaster rifle used by Natty Bumppo, the fictional hero of *Last of the Mohicans*. He will also display hunting bags and powder horns.



Mr. Birch is a former band director at Carson High School and has studied gun making with Jim

Chambers and Jim Klein. Although he is not a reenactor himself, he attends civil war reenactments. Several of his rifles reflect his Kentucky roots.

The event is free and open to the public. It is presented by the Carson City Historical Society in cooperation with the Carson City Library.

### May is Archaeology Awareness & Historic Preservation Month

The Nevada Archaeological Association is celebrating the 150th anniversary of the Homestead Act. For information about their activities in Nevada, see [www.nvarch.org/archaeology\\_month.html](http://www.nvarch.org/archaeology_month.html)

### **Flea Market/Yard Sale at Foreman-Roberts**

We are planning to have two flea markets/yard sales at the Foreman-Roberts House, on July 7 and August 11, 2012, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The vendor rent proceeds from these Saturday-only sales will be donated to the Carson City Historical Society. The vendors' items must be antique or collectible. The CCHS will also have a table to sell donated items.

If you have antiques or collectible items to be donated or if you are interested in setting up at these sales, call Mary DeFelice at 775-882-0916.

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### **"Windows To Our Past" by Ronni Hannaman Exec. Dir.**

#### **Carson City Chamber of Commerce**

The Carson City Chamber of Commerce is in the process of producing a new oral history series entitled "Windows To Our Past" to serve as a companion piece to their popular *Carson City in Focus* magazine published bi-annually. Each issue of the magazine features history of the City that is themed to the content. Six issues have been produced to date.

The first oral history production featured those in our community who were instrumental in building our sports programs. Interviewed were Coach Ron McNutt, the highly successful baseball coach from Carson High School; Dr. Michael Fischer, the most influential voice in building the aquatic center; Assemblyman Pete Livermore, the father of Youth Sports; and Steve Kastens, former director of the Carson City Parks & Recreation Department who, during his tenure, carried out the will of the people who wanted sports fields built after the passage of the landmark Question 18 vote in 1996.

The oral history videos will be shown on Carson's local TV access channel ACCTV and will be available for viewing on their website. DVDs will be available for sale to benefit the Brewery Arts Center, as well. The second production centers on our arts community and the third centers on City Mayors. These first three oral histories can be viewed at <http://www.acctv.org/programs/channel-10-programs/windows-to-our-past/>.

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#### **Carson City Research Group**

The Carson City Research Group will meet on Saturday, May 19, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. at the Carson City Library.

The Research Group meetings are free and open to the public. They are hosted by Sue Ballew, "Past Pages" writer, and Eleanor Kolbe, researcher.

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#### **The Shed is Dead**



The shed beside the Forman-Roberts House Museum was removed during the last full week of April. This will allow CCHS to start construction on the new Carriage House.

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#### **Historical Society of Dayton Valley Celebrates Its 25th (Silver) Anniversary**

The Historical Society of Dayton Valley invites you to celebrate its 25th (Silver) Anniversary on Saturday, May 5, 2012, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the Dayton Schoolhouse Museum, 135 Shady Lane, Dayton, NV. The program begins at 1:30 with a presentation of the Society's history: "How we got here from there." As we enjoy

refreshments and discuss our past, an informal historical fashion show will feature styles from the 1850s and beyond. Come and bring the family! Guests are invited to wear old-fashioned clothing. Free. For further information, contact Linda Adams at 775-246-8382. Their website is at <http://www.daytonnvhistory.org/>

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#### **Annual Meeting and Membership Status Update**

We are working on details of our annual meeting, which will be held in September, on a date to be determined. We would like to update the status records of our membership, and we are asking members to contact us with their membership status. In addition, we would like to know your e-mail address. This information can be sent to David Bugli ([ddebugli@aol.com](mailto:ddebugli@aol.com)) or the address on the return label. You may also call 775-883-4154.

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#### **Next Newsletter**

The next newsletter is scheduled for publication Aug. 1, 2012. Please submit your articles and announcements by July 15 to David Bugli at [ddebugli@aol.com](mailto:ddebugli@aol.com). Articles can also be sent to David at 191 Heidi Circle, Carson City, NV 89701-6532.

#### **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:

Thurs., May 17 - Jed Block "Now and Then" Slideshow

Sat., June 9 - Garden Tour

Mon., June 11 - C.J. Birch Presents "Flintlock Rifles in Early America"

**Application to join Carson City Historical Society  
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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

P.O. Box 1864

Carson City, NV 89702

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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