

Carson City Historical Society

& Foundation for the Betterment of Carson City Parks and Recreation

Forman-Roberts House Museum & Wungnema House

August 2012 Newsletter - David Bugli, Interim Editor

Ice Cream Social August 4

An Ice Cream Social will be held at the Foreman-Roberts House Museum on Sat., Aug. 4th, from 6 to 8 p.m. Out on the cool lawn you can enjoy the music by the Millennium Bugs (jazz quintet pictured below) and see the demonstrations of "How it Was" (and still is). Visit with the demonstrators portraying "Mountain Men and Women," a quilter, tatter, rug braider and leather tanner. The money raised will go towards the building of our new Carriage House. Have you noticed that the "little old building out back" is now gone, making room for the Carriage House foundation and the start of the building process?



This event will be on the first Saturday of the "Jazz & Beyond" music festival (Aug. 3-19), which has been celebrated in Carson City in one form or another each August since 2004. For more information on the festival, go to JazzCarsonCity.com. Come join us and stay cool with a nice dish of ice cream!

Saturday, August 11, 2012

Flea Market/Yard Sale at Foreman-Roberts

We are having a flea market/yard sale at the Foreman-Roberts House on August 11, 2012, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The vendor rent proceeds from this Saturday-only sale will be donated to the Carson City Historical Society. The vendors for this sale must have items for sale that are considered antique or collectible. The CCHS will also have a table to sell donated items. This is the second of two Flea Markets held this summer; the first was on July 7.

If you have antiques or collectible items to be donated or if you are interested in setting up at this sale, call Mary DeFelice at 775-882-0916. Space rental is \$25 and benefits Carson City Historical Society.

Garden Tour a Success

The Carson City Historical Society's Garden Tour on June 9 was a popular and financial success. People taking the tour had the opportunity to talk with homeowners about their gardens and purchase established plants and other starts.



JoAnne Skelly, Extension Educator for the UNR Cooperative Extension, gave a talk at the end of the tour called

"Put the Garden Tour to Bed." Besides touring several beautiful home gardens, people had the opportunity to tour the impressive, new Greenhouse Project greenhouse at Carson High School, where educational and vocational training takes place. One of the goals of the Project is to eventually serve as a source of fresh produce for local food banks and school programs. Part of the proceeds from the Garden Tour has been donated to the Greenhouse Project.

Annual Meeting Scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 16, 2012

The Carson City Historical Society will have its annual meeting on Sunday, Sept. 16, 2012, starting at 3:00 p.m. It will be a potluck event. The meeting will be at the Foreman-Roberts House Museum. There will be a discussion of the Carriage House project.



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

Hello Friends,

First off, let me take this opportunity to thank Paula Cannon, Nina Spradlin, Mary DeFelice, Jan Perry, Loretta Williams (creator of all the painted rock gifts!), my wife Jennifer, Nanci Adams, and Darlene Larkin for their involvement in the Garden Tour on June 9. It was a truly great event and was enjoyed by all. Furthermore we were able to give 20% of the proceeds to the Greenhouse Project at Carson High School to further that worthy project. The check was presented at the benefit concert by Pablo Cruise on June 9th at Adele's!

In general news, we are very close to groundbreaking for the Carriage House project. We need around \$10,000 to get us over the hump, so that will hopefully begin soon. Also the Ice Cream Social is coming on August 4th at 6 p.m., though many folks will be there earlier! Our own David Bugli will be performing with the Millennium Bugs, and there will be many exhibits of old world crafts such as weaving, candle making (possibly), tatting and other displays.

Also, in flea market news, Mary DeFelice and Nina Spradlin put on the first flea market of this year on July 7th. Everyone had fun, and we even made some money

(almost \$250) thanks to their efforts! The next flea market will be August 11th, and I am so sure that it too will be a great event, I will have a space!

Finally I wish to thank David Bugli for his amazing energy in getting this newsletter out in addition to all of his other duties. I would hazard a guess he's busier now that he's retired than he ever was while actually working!

I look forward to seeing you at the Social!

Gary Cain

Recent Lectures

Over fifty people showed up for Jeb Block's slideshow/talk on Thursday, May 17, at the Carson City Library. The title of the talk was "**Now and Then: a Pictorial Analysis of Carson City Changes.**" Mr. Block's slideshow, for this occasion, was made up of 333 slides. He has collected numerous pictures of Carson City's Carson Street and downtown area from earlier periods, such as the 1950s and 1960s. He compared them to recently taken photos of the same locations. Many in the audience were familiar with Carson City downtown in former years. The comparison of the old photos with the more modern photos helped reveal quite a bit about our town's history.

C. J. Birch did a presentation called "**Flintlock Rifles in Early America**" at the Carson City Library on Monday, June 11. Mr. Birch makes reproductions of historical rifles. He brought along nine rifles,

some powder horns, a "possibles bag," and a small library of books on flintlock rifles. A small but enthusiastic audience of 12 showed up. Along with the rifles, Mr. Birch discussed the significance of these rifles in everyday life, not just in war. For example, a frontier man might use the same rifle for 50 years and use it on an almost daily basis for hunting.

Both events were free and open to the public. They were presented by the Carson City Historical Society in cooperation with the Carson City Library. We hope to start lining up a regular lecture series, possibly on the third Thursday of every month starting in September or October. Check our website for updates.

Letter Concerning Edna Henner

In April 2011, shortly before longtime member Edna Henner died, her children wrote a letter to their mother's friends. It



detailed the courage and optimism with which their mother faced her last days. Several members of the Historical Society asked that we share this letter.

In the letter Edna's children write, "Mom has had so many wonderful memories with each of you that have touched her life and ours also. In her professional life and in her personal life...it was actually difficult to differentiate, as everyone has been her friend. Mom has never met a stranger!!...My brother and I would like to thank each of you for being such very good friends and making it possible for her to feel of your love and appreciation for her. Each one of you has added to the total sum of who she is and what she has become. We love who she is!!"

Because of space limitations, we cannot produce the whole letter here. If you wish to read the full text of the letter, go to CCHistorical.org/hennerletter.htm.

Membership Status Update

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 (debugli@aol.com) or the address on the return label. You may also call 775-883-4154.

New members are always welcome

We encourage members to invite their friend to join the Historical Society. The more, the merrier. Carson City has a colorful history, and we need your help to keep it alive.

Feel free to duplicate the membership form found elsewhere in this newsletter and pass it on to a friend or two.

Wungnema House

The Wungnema House, the "other" house we own, at the east end of Mills Park and across from Carson High School, is being put to good

use. Some of you may recall how this once proud, little building was neglected for several years, relegated to the role of ghost house at Halloween. Well, it's in great shape now, and Jo Saulisbury reports that it gets used on a regular, daily basis for meetings. Our renters have been good about keeping the building clean and paying rental fees. If you are interested in using Wungnema House for a small meeting or event, contact Jo Saulisbury or David Bugli.



Next Newsletter

The next newsletter is scheduled for publication Nov. 1, 2012. Please submit your articles and announcements by Oct. 15 to David Bugli at dbugli@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:

Saturday, August 4 - Ice Cream Social
Saturday, August 11, 2012 - Flea Market/Yard Sale
Sunday, Sept. 16, 2012 - Annual Meeting

**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
P.O. Box 1864
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Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____