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### July 2016 Newsy Letter

Dear Members and Friends,



**The Carriage House** has a working restroom as of July 20! That's progress! There's hope we can legally use the building in 2016. If you look at the picture, at left, you can see one of the new sets of blinds that was recently installed.

The **Board meeting** on July 11 didn't have a quorum - we need four Board members to make the quorum. But instead we had a good, general discussion. Topics included social events; Carriage House usage; obtaining our 501(c)(3) status from the IRS; the annual house and garden tour (changes needed to

make it even more successful); the need for new, active members; the successful vintage clothing display (viewed by more than 60 people); and perhaps a few more topics. You are always welcome to attend the monthly Board meetings on the second Monday of the month starting at 1:30 p.m. in the Foreman-Roberts House Museum.

**HOWARD BENNETT** finished the repairs on our Smith American pump organ. A little dowel had broken and caused the sound problems; **HOWARD** said it was a very good organ. We can be proud of this instrument and sincerely thank **HOWARD** for his 3-hour donation. Parlor organs such as this were once very popular. The organ pictured at right is similar to ours (photo credit: [new.liveauctioneers.com](http://new.liveauctioneers.com)). By 1870, after only 20 years of Smith American being in business, 30,000 of their organs were in use, as well as thousands by other parlor organ manufacturers. Many of these were elegantly decorated. By the end of the 19th century, the Smith American company changed its focus to piano production, but by the beginning of 20th century the company was no longer in business.



On a sad note, **DARLENE LARKIN** passed on July 10, 2016. You may remember **DARLENE** handling the CCHS table at our yard sales. Or if your membership goes back far enough,

President Charles Larkin and DARLENE were the force behind getting the kitchen completed in the Roberts House, as it was then known. DARLENE was a dedicated member of the Historical Society, and we will miss her participation.

The last **YARD SALE** of the summer is scheduled for Saturday, August 6, from 9:00 to 4:00 p.m., and the space fee is \$25 for the day. Please call MARY DeFELICE at 882-0916 for your space reservation. The **VINTAGE CLOTHING DISPLAY** will be available the same day.



Remember, the **Ice Cream Social** is on Saturday, the 13th of August, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. The Millennium Bugs will be playing for your listening pleasure, and the **VINTAGE CLOTHING DISPLAY** will be available for your viewing. Also, get a look-see of the Carriage House. The cost is a mere \$3 for everything.

And while you're at the Ice Cream Social, be sure to admire the rebuilt balcony on the south side of the Foreman-Roberts House Museum. It looks nice up there.

We're on the downhill slide to Christmas - mark **Dec. 11th** on your calendar for good food and fun entertainment!

Paula Cannon, author of this newsy letter, wishes to thank David Bugli for "jazzing up" the letter with some graphics and additional content.



Sincerely,

Carson City Historical Society

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*Join us for the Ice Cream Social on Sat., Aug. 13.*