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### March 2017 Newsy Letter

Dear Members and Friends,

**Thanks for the donations:** After the February Newsy Letter was "in production," SANDY McFARREN's donation was received. SANDY and TIM are not members of CCHS, but it is more gratifying to receive a donation from concerned citizens. At the same time, a generous donation from SUE COOK was received. Continuing membership dues from PAT and JOHN KING and from ED and JACQUELYN SPACEK were received, with a donation from each.

*Thank you,  
Members!!*

We received membership renewals from JOHN & BONNIE BULLIS (along with a very generous donation), SUSAN BUNKER-NILES, BLAIR VANVLIET, JOAN BYERLY, and STEPHEN DREW, and another generous donation from SUE COOK. These were received at the Board Meeting on March 13.

**A moving experience:** A "moving furniture" party was held on March 16 when members JOE LUSHINA, GARY YOAKUM, DEBBIE LANE, and LORETTA WILLIAMS moved some of our furniture into the Carriage House. The air in the Foreman-Roberts House seemed a bit cleaner, but the hour of lugging furniture was more than enough.



**Update on coins:** The eleven silver coins, which we recently received from the estate of the late LINDA CHRISTIE, were on display at the March Board Meeting. Ten were CC coins. All were immediately sold to Northern Nevada Coin for the impressive sum of \$3,763. ALLEN ROWE gave us a little better price because of our fires, our being a Historical Society, and his realization of our community importance in saving history.

JUDY HANKS gave us a little history on the coins. LINDA CHRISTIE had an uncle serving in the Air Force at Stead Air Base in the mid-1950s. When he visited LINDA, he would take her a coin as a memento of his affection with the proviso the coins were not to be spent, but to be used in her retirement for something special. LINDA and her partner JUDY HANKS decided the coins should be returned to their home - Carson City. We are extremely grateful to LINDA and JUDY for their unselfish decision.

**Arbor Day Capital Tree Walk:** In 2013 the Carson City Historical Society presented a "walking lecture" on the "History of Trees in Carson City" by arborist Tom Henderson of Healthy Trees. (He is pictured below, leading that tour.) We encourage you to join with Tom Henderson for a fascinating tour of these legacy trees on **Arbor Day, Friday, April 28th.**



Nevada's Capitol grounds include some of the oldest and largest trees in Carson City. According to historical records, trees for planting on the Capitol grounds were purchased in 1876 by George Washington Ferris, who had them shipped from his prior residence near Galesburg, Illinois. The trees were apparently shipped by rail to Sacramento and then to Carson

City. Among the trees selected were sugar maple, honey locust, mountain ash and American elms. Mr. Ferris was instrumental in populating frontier Carson City residences with trees. Prior existing cottonwood trees on the Capitol grounds were taken down in favor of more desirable species. It is likely that some of the trees on the Capital grounds today were among those planted in 1876.

The walking tour will begin on the north steps of the Capitol in the afternoon (time to be determined). As parking is limited, attendees may wish to carpool, walk, bike or use public transport. For further information, contact Tom at 775-224-3827.



Now that spring is here, watch out for snow, rain, ice, and the sudden brilliance of sunshine!

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