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July 2017 Newsy Letter



Dear Members and Friends,



Foreman-Roberts House Repairs: Work is slowly progressing on the Foreman-Roberts House repairs. The chainlink fence was removed Wednesday, July 12, as you can see in the picture at left. The fire last August prompted a needed advancement in our museum's history, namely an acquisitions and collections policy. DEBBIE LANE is spearheading the highly-detailed work on this project.

Each item must be individually evaluated as to inclusion in the House. For instance, a slightly wobbly chair of Great-Aunt Sally's from Boston in 1803 is old, and perhaps interesting, but has no connection to Carson City. However, the rocks alongside the west side of the Carriage House are from the Children's Home here in Carson, so they are acceptable. The first meeting of the Collections Committee is Monday, July 17, at 9:00 a.m. in the Carriage House. You are cordially invited to join the meetings.

New Treasurer: D.D. SPENCER's health has unfortunately forced her to resign as Treasurer. D.D. took over the office when we needed her assistance. She has done a marvelous job in getting the records in order, presenting timely reports, and getting the office up to par. Thank you, D.D., for a tremendous job well done! Meanwhile, we welcome MIKE WILLIAMS, CPA, as our new Treasurer. He has even attended two Board meetings! MIKE sent the reinstatement papers for our 501(c)(3) status, has done some follow up, and is awaiting a response from the IRS. Be sure to welcome MIKE to CCHS whenever you see him.

Board meetings: Board meetings are usually held on the second Monday of each month at 1:30 p.m. in the Carriage House. We thank PAT HOLUB, BONNIE NISHIKAWA, JEANELL PEVEY, NINA SPRADLIN, and LORETTA WILLIAMS for frequently attending Board Meetings, even though they are not on the Board. They are most helpful. The public is invited to attend Board meetings.

The **EARTH DAY GARDEN FESTIVAL** committee met July 11 at the Carriage House. There were quite a few excellent suggestions made for the April 22, 2018, event. Unfortunately, Chairperson SUE COOK had to resign due to family health. SUE will remain as an advisor to the committee and will be greatly missed by all. Paula Cannon will assume the chair until someone volunteers to take on the project.

BEE CLUB to the rescue: In mid-July it came to our attention that a swarm of bees had settled in the broken limb of the cottonwood in southwest corner of the Foreman-Roberts yard. Within two days the newly-formed BEE CLUB had a box in the tree, trying to entice the Queen Bee into box for removal to a better site for the swarm. So far, the QUEEN BEE has not moved into the box.



The July 8th Yard Sale was too hot for comfort. Yard sale manager NINA SPRADLIN determined it was too hot for everyone - vendors and customers. The next sale is scheduled for August 5. The temperature will have to be lower for the next sale to take place, and we are considering moving it to September.



Ice Cream Social: August probably will not be too hot for ice cream! Don't forget the Ice Cream Social on Saturday, August 12, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. In preparation for the Social, a refrigerator has been purchased out of the Carriage House Challenge matching funds. If you contributed to this matching fundraiser, THANK YOU! Check out the refrigerator during the event; it's big, but not fussy. 



Jim Thorpe Video Collection: Many of Jim Thorpe's video tapes have a new home in the Carriage House starting this month. Over a span of many years, Jim video recorded numerous meetings, lectures, ceremonies, sporting events, Nevada Day parades, concerts, and other events in Carson City, mostly on VHS and Super VHS tapes. In an April 8, 2014, interview, Jim claimed to have about 4000 tapes, some of which were personal ones which he did not wish to share with the public. However, most of them were of Carson events,

and he kept an index of his recordings on a series of yellow legal pads. We are storing about 1072 of these tapes and the index that Jed Block acquired for CCHS from Jim before his death, and we hope to eventually obtain some of his other tapes related to Carson City history from his family. The tapes are not necessarily well organized at this time, but they reflect a wide range of interesting topics. A sample of tapes from one randomly selected box (see picture, at right) includes the following: **Nevada State Museum tapings** of "Slot Machine History by Marshall Fey" (1999), "Mammoths of the Black Rock Desert" (1999), "Native American Basket Collection" (1999), "Historic Archeology of the Carson City, US Branch Mint" (1999), "A Cowhand's Song: Crisis on the Range" (1999), "The Lives of Nevada's Women in History" (2000), "The Silver Service of the Battleship U.S.S. Nevada" (2000), and "200 Years of Doll Makers and Their Art" (2000); a **Leisure Hour Club taping** of "The School Bond Issue" (2002); a **Nevada State Railroad Museum tape** on "Snowbound Streamliner" (2000); and a **Carson Middle School tape** on "Flag Retiring Ceremony & Veteran Commemoration" (2002). It will not be an easy process to properly handle this legacy of Carson City history. The likely first phase of dealing with these tapes is to organize them and do a proper inventory. Because of the unstable nature of the VHS media, we eventually want to transfer many of these tapes to more modern and stable media, such as hard drives.



Newsy Letter Help Needed: The monthly Newsy Letter is written by PAULA CANNON and dressed up and replicated by DAVID BUGLI. DAVID e-mails it to various members and interested people; PAULA uses USPS for members who want a hard copy. PAULA's other CCHS duties are requiring her to resign this task. Writing/drafting the Newsy Letter needs a new volunteer! Please seriously consider  volunteering to do this extremely necessary communications position.

Sincerely,
Carson City Historical Society Board

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