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**May 2018 Newsy Letter**  
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Greetings, Historical members and friends,

Although it has been awhile since we sent a general “newsy letter,” our April Earth Day Garden Festival was front and center for quite awhile and I know you all received several mailings about that event. We are now returning to our regular activities, so I will update you on a few things.

**Garden Festival Results** - The weather was perfect for our Earth Day Garden Festival on Sunday, April 22, and we were delighted with the turnout for this special event, which replaced our Garden Tour from years past. Three Garden clubs (Mark Twain Garden Club, Desert Gardeners, and Sierra Desert Garden Club) worked with us to create a festival of yard/garden and craft vendors. We had almost 40 beautiful baskets to raffle and over 100 people signed in, plus many more who slipped in and weren’t counted, to tour the newly reopened Foreman-Roberts House. Our exhibits were beautiful, including the 1876 Lake Tahoe area topographical map newly framed and on display, and the recently completed Leisure Hour Club exhibit in the Carriage House. A happy group of children created artistic placemats in our kitchen during the event under the helpful hand of Cindy Brenneman. We netted \$1,365 from donations and raffle ticket sales the day of the event. So many people helped make this event a success that I will probably miss a few, so will only mention three names of key people who did yeoman work to bring the event together: Paula Cannon, Event Coordinator, and Jean Cartier and Andrea Hobbs who worked endless hours collecting, creating, displaying and organizing the basket raffle. Thank you to everyone who helped make this a wonderful, memorable and profitable event! A press release letter of thanks will be issued very soon.

**Collection Inventory** - CCHS member and historic collections specialist, Sherry Grundy, is currently working with a team of CCHS volunteers to review and catalog the historic collection in the Foreman-Roberts House. As you know, prior to our arson fires in 2016, numerous items had been in the house for many years but belonged to the Nevada State Museum, as well as to individual members, and have since been returned to NSM or individual members. So, we are now going item by item to update our inventory and we sincerely thank Sherry for leading us through this detailed and sometime tedious process. Those of us participating are learning so much about museum practices as well as about the many interesting items, big and small, in our possession. We hope to have this inventory completed by mid to late June.

**Helpers needed** - We are trying to ramp up our various activities for the summer and into the fall. However, due to “semi-retirements” of key leaders, we need some new enthusiastic, dependable volunteers to fill several roles for the Society. These include a **Publicity Chair, a summer Yard Sale Coordinator, a Newsy Letter Editor, and a Building Rental Coordinator**. Without some extra help, we will have to cut back on our summer Yard Sales,

reduce some ongoing Programs or Special Events as well as member communications, or lose income from renting the meeting room in the Carriage House. Please call me (775-841-4456) if you are willing to help with any of these tasks! Training, support and endless appreciation will also be provided.

**Strategic Planning/Visioning** - Where do we want to go as a Historical Society? On **Sunday, June 3 from 1-5 in the Carriage House**, we will be conducting a long-term visioning session that is open to all members and interested friends of CCHS. We will be under the leadership of consultant Michelle Schmitter as we look at our Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats (SWOT) and create a vision of the future for the organization. The arson fires and subsequent changes with the Foreman-Roberts House, as well as the completion of the Carriage House, have offered us a chance to review and reshape or retain our current focus. Please let me know if you would like to join us for this working session on our future direction so we can be prepared for how many will participate.

We continue working to set up the office in the Carriage House, create additional exhibit signage in the F-R House, make plans to open the House with docent tours for the public on a regular basis beginning this summer, get phone coverage for the CCHS published number, update our CCHS brochure, and numerous other “behind the scenes” issues like storage for un-exhibited artifacts and archives. Many thanks to all of you who support and encourage our efforts! Please come help us achieve these goals. Thank you!

Sincerely,  
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