

# Carson City Historical Society

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A Christmas quote--

“...He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle, And away they all flew like the down of a thistle. But I heard him exclaim as he drove out of sight, “*Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good night!*” Clement Clark Moore



## A Message from Acting President, Sue Ballew

Greetings and Happy Holidays! The year 2020 has been crazy. Almost every meeting and event in 2020 has been cancelled or zoomed. Who knew the Coronavirus would create such havoc and uncertainty in our lives, and change the way we do business. The Carson City Historical Society has been keeping busy behind the scenes looking into various ways to work with our

members on Zoom and other media sources. We will have some Zoom meetings coming up as history lectures and Board meetings. My phone number is (775) 220-6278 or e-mail me [carsoncityhistoricalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:carsoncityhistoricalsociety@gmail.com) if you have issues meeting via Zoom. If you call, please leave a message with your name and phone number, and I'll call you back.

Meanwhile, stay safe. *Sue Ballew*

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## A Birthday Celebration

Thelma Roberts, Member and Ron Roberts Mother, celebrated her 101<sup>st</sup> Birthday on November 13. **Happy Birthday Thelma!**

## Looking to the future, planning for today

### SECURITY ISSUES

The Carson City Historical Society has been busy fixing up and setting up. Earlier this year we were challenged with security issues. Thanks to Travis Legaske and Donna McLaren and others we were able to have security cameras set up to view inside and outside activity. This was made possible by the donation of security equipment. In addition, we

now have WiFi and will be more accessible to the public. The door locks have been also been reset restricting access to the buildings.

## INVITATION TO UPCOMING EVENTS

As mentioned earlier, although we haven't been able to meet publicly, we have held meetings via zoom.

\*A new exhibit is in the works called, "**The Petticoat Connection—Notable Women of Eagle Valley.**" Our exhibits chairperson Kat Long and Andrea Hobbs have been working on this display for many months along with many local artists. Each month one of the women in the exhibit will be featured in the newsletter. This month it will be Clara Crisler.

\***January 7 at 7 p.m.** we will have **Election of Officers Via Zoom.** The Carson City Historical Society will be maintaining the current officers for the January 2021 year.

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**Officers:**  
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Jeff Loflin, President  
Sue Ballew, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
Travis Legaske, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
Secretary, David Bugli  
Treasurer, Kiyoshi Nishikawa  
Andi Fant, Membership  
Kat Long, Exhibits  
Donna McLaren, Facilities

\***January 11, 2020 3:45 pm.** Via Zoom Carson City Historical Society Board Meeting. Members may attend as guests. Please let us know if you are interested.

\***January** (date to be announced) we will have a **ZOOM LECTURE by Jonah S. Blustian, Assistant Field Manager, BLM, on the "Ghost town of Rhyolite, Nevada"**.

\***February 18 at 7:30 p.m.** we will have a **ZOOM LECTURE by Garrett Barmore, Mackay School of Mines Endowed Curator, Keck Museum, UNR, on "The Cocktail and Alcohol Culture of Virginia City"**. The lecture will include 3 recipes and a bonus punch recipe. Recipes will be sent out in advance so you can purchase ingredients for the zoom meeting if you wish.

More information will be sent out in the January newsletter as well as information on attending via zoom.



## CLARA M. CRISLER, NEVADA'S 2<sup>nd</sup> FLAG

An exhibit is in the works called, "**The Petticoat Connection—Notable Women of Eagle Valley**" and will feature a number of notable women in the Carson Valley. One story will be told each month in the newsletter until the exhibit is ready. The project has been ongoing for many months. The first month's featured Notable Woman is Clara M. Crisler.

Clara Crisler (1882-1957) was one of three children born to Minnie and William Crisler. Their house was at 702 Minnesota Street in Carson City, Nevada and is on the Kit Carson Trail tour today. Her father was an engineer, and her mother owned a millinery shop at 306 North Carson where Clara worked and was later employed as a clerk. She was a Carson City High School graduate and attended Chico State College in California. In 1923 President Harding appointed her Registrar of the United States Land Office in Carson City,

Nevada. She held leadership positions in women's clubs including the Nevada Federation of Women's Clubs. (Information is from 1999 Survey of Historic Properties in Carson City, [www.Carson.org](http://www.Carson.org)).

Clara was known as a Carson City educator and historian, and in 1915 she designed the second Nevada State Flag. Her design was an attempt at having a state flag more representative of Nevada. She used the State Seal as the main basis because it depicted a Nevada that embraced mining, industry, agriculture and its history. The flag was beautiful but too expensive to reproduce. The printing of 27 or more colors on a flag was difficult and time-consuming. The flag had to be appliquéd, and painted by hand, and it was a two-sided flag making it very expensive to reproduce. (From [nevadatrivia.com](http://nevadatrivia.com))

Clara also spent much of her life chronicling the history of Nevada through scrapbooks. They were donated to the Nevada Historical Society after her passing in 1957.

## NEW ACQUISITIONS



This is a replica of a Carriage Stone Marker used to identify each historic landmark along the Kit Carson Trail. This one was recently placed in front of the Foreman-Roberts House which is one of 50 stops at landmarks that include 1800's era Victorian-style homes, museums and churches. A map and full list can be found at [visitcarsoncity.com](http://visitcarsoncity.com). This is part of a 2.5 mile walking tour.



A watercolor of the Virginia and Truckee Railroad has been donated to the Carson City Historical Society. Two paintings of depots were donated by David Shuh's mother and grandmother—one to the Churchill County Museum and the other to the Carson City Historical Society. In 1874 James Roberts had the Corbett and Roberts Saloon across the street from the V & T Depot.

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Dues are due January 1, 2021 and can be mailed to the above mailing address.