

Carson City Historical Society

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March 2021

An Irish Blessing for St. Patrick's Day



May the road rise to meet you
May the wind be
always at your back
May the sun shine
warm upon your face,
the rains fall soft upon
your fields and,
until we meet again,
may God hold you
in the palm of his hand.

A Message from President Sue Ballew

On February 8, 2021, we received a message from Jeff Loflin resigning as President of the Carson City Historical Society. You have all heard the words – “We live in unprecedented times.” Well, managing work, a pandemic and the Society was just too much. Following his resignation, the Board voted that I take his place as President. I was President of the Society for nine/ten years 1997-2007, and now I’ll be giving it a go once again.

The months seem to be flying by again, and now it is March. We have been slowly climbing out of the pandemic, not quite yet though.

Meanwhile, our Board members have been working diligently ever since the pandemic began. Our Board has met via Zoom. Thanks to our Secretary, David Bugli, we have had many Zoom lectures, and our Exhibits Director Kat Long and Andrea Hobbs have been working on our newest exhibit, “Notable Women of Eagle Valley.” Nine women who have made a difference will showcased with an artist rendering of the woman and her “Notable” history. The results have been incredible.

Each month the newsletter features a woman who is part of the exhibit. This month it is Jo Ann Nevers, Washoe Tribal historian. Please see Page 3.

We have some exciting new events to share with you and look forward to the days when we can get together again. Sue Ballew

EXHIBIT OPENING SOON *Unveiling of a new display* “Notable Women of Eagle Valley”



Here is a sneak preview of three of the nine images of the Notable Women on display. We would like to thank the artists who took the time to research, provide history in their artwork and for going above and beyond in this exhibit: Loretta Williams, Cyndy Breneman, Matt Rose, Maggie Stillwell, Ronnie Rector, and Karen Kreyeski. Kudos to Kat Long, Exhibit Director CCHS, who loves history and wants to share it through her exhibits. Thank you to Andrea Hobbs for her artistic assistance.

EXHIBIT OPEN: Friday, March 19, 2021
from 7-8 p.m.

Soft opening, **For members only, Carriage House,**
1207 North Carson, Carson City, Nevada

Please RSVP to

Carsoncityhistoricalsociety@gmail.com

Please follow current COVID guidelines

EXHIBIT OPEN: Saturday, March 20, 2021
from 1-3 p.m.

Open to the public, Carriage House,
1207 N.Carson, Carson City, Nevada

The Exhibit will be open on Saturdays 1-3 p.m.
through Nevada Day!

Upcoming Zoom Lectures:

Please contact David Bugli at dbugli@aol.com or call him at (775) 883-4154 for the Zoom link.



March 18, 2021, 7:30 p.m.

Karen Dustman, "Lessons from the Cemetery."
(Genoa & Fredricksburg)

Karen Dustman is a multi-book author, and has penned hundreds of magazine articles on topics ranging from pet care to natural health. But her favorite topic is local history. Karen's books include a history of Silver Mountain City, a 3-volume set on Genoa Cemetery, and a walking tour guide of the Fredericksburg Cemetery. She also publishes a free monthly e-newsletter featuring Sierra history and other fascinating tales. For more information about Karen's publications visit <http://www.clairitage.com/>

Zoom Lecture April 15 at 7:30 p.m.
Contact David Bugli at dbugli@aol.com or call him at (775) 883-4154 for the Zoom link.



April 15, 7:30 p.m.

Steven Saylor
"The Donovan Mill and the Comstock Foundation"

(more information to come)

Past Zoom LECTURES

On the Carson City Historical Society YouTube channel. If you missed a lecture, they can be watched again. The link is listed below each lecture.



February 18, 2021 lecture by Garrett Barmore.
"The Cocktail & Alcohol Culture of Virginia City"
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ewPEwcNvr5E>
or at CCHistorical.org.

January 18 lecture by Jonah Blustain



"More than a Ghost Town; Cultural Resource Management in the Phantom City of Rhyolite, Nevada"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dc-P1L41ep4>

2021 Officers:

- Sue Ballew, President
- Open, 1st Vice President
- Travis Legatzke, 2nd Vice President
- David Bugli, Secretary
- Kiyoshi Nishikawa, Treasurer
- Andi Fant, Membership
- Kat Long, Exhibits
- Donayna McLaren, Facilities

Remembering those who have passed away...

- Sue A. Cook passed away 2-13-2021
- Ella May Boice Foulkes passed away 1-28-2021

New neighbors:

The Tap Shack on 112 Rice Street has been sold. New owners are Todd and Dixie Thomsen, with a new theme based on local sports.

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as your nonprofit and you're all set! A percentage of your purchases automatically comes back to help fund CCHS. Every little bit helps. Because of the COVID pandemic we have not been able to have fundraisers and have not had income other than dues.

I would like to thank our Treasurer Kiyoshi Nishikawa for making this happen.

**Notable Women of Eagle Valley—
Jo Ann Nevers, Washoe Indian**

Alida “Jo Ann” Nevers was born on December 17, 1936. She was a Washoe woman who attended Stewart Indian School for part of her elementary years. She attended Bacone College, graduated with a degree in Anthropology from the University of Nevada in Reno and was a historian and monitor for the Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California. Jo Ann Nevers died unexpectedly on February 17, 2020.



» Like many Washoe people, Jo Ann Nevers, elder and tribal historian, maintains a strong connection to Lake Tahoe as a cultural landmark, but also as the setting of family history. From Memorial Point, she gestures to a place where elders brought her to camp with relatives when she was a girl. Ancestors she can name, who were born before any Euroamerican had ever seen this lake, also camped here. Family members continue to collect water from a spring in this area.

(from Carson Now)

Jo Ann Nevers wrote a book on the Washoe called “Wa She Shu: A Washoe Tribal History.” In it she tells the story of Washoe families: “Washoe families came from all parts of their territory to meet at the lake and reaffirm tribal unity.”

In 2007 she participated in an oral history called “Continual Student and Ethnohistorian: An Interview with Jo Ann Nevers.” Her parents both worked at the Stewart Indian School. Her father spoke Washoe and her mother spoke Paiute. Jo Ann attended the Indian school from the fourth through sixth grades. She described it saying “...there was no love at all. It was strict. The girls, everyone had to march to school.... We had to make our bed. We had to put quarters on there and you could bounce a dime off the sheet. They cut my hair real short, and I had to wear the clothes that they issued... Real rigid. Cold. Unloving.”

After leaving the Stewart Indian School, she attended Carson City and Douglas County high schools. She lived with her father, John Nevers.



The Reno Gazette Journal has a picture of her as Star of “Puberty Dance.” She was the daughter of John Nevers, ranch foreman for the Washoe tribe. The caption says: “She will be the central figure in the famed Puberty Dance at the

Carson Indian pageant. She is 16 and attending Douglas high school.”

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Dues are due: \$25 one member, \$35 for family, etc. and can be mailed to the mailing address above.

Donations are also accepted.