

Carson City Historical Society



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Newsletter for September 2022

By Sue Ballew and Noni Hayes

Message from Sue Ballew, President



Hello! History literally came alive August 27, when Chautauquan Kim Harris premiered the persona of Annie Roberts at our recent event. It required a year's effort by Kim researching the matriarch of the family who lived in the Gothic Revival home at the intersection of Carson and Rice Streets. Fittingly enough, the performance was given in our Carriage House, a few steps away from Annie's home in the 1870's. "Annie" even revealed the story behind her puffing away on a cigar in one famous photograph. In addition to the astonishing experience of meeting a familiar historical person, the event featured a wonderful catered picnic by John Hurzel from "A Catered Affaire." Members and guests also enjoyed a 50-50 which included novel bonus prizes in addition to the money. The Silent Auction produced valuable information more than sales about what we will do for the next one.

If all this sounds interesting — it WAS, so really hope you join us for one of the next events we will be offering. *(Pictured to the left is Kim Harris who portrayed Annie Roberts, matriarch of the family.)*

Victorians Had Their Secrets—Sign-up Now!



Jan Loverin, curator of the Marjorie Russell Textile Museum, will present a program on "**Victorian Fashions and Dress Reform**" on Friday, September 9th from 6 pm to 8 pm. at the Carriage House. We will be offering a choice of

Kentucky Fried Chicken box dinner or a Cobb salad from Chick-fil-A. Cost is \$18.00 for members and \$20 for nonmembers. Please call Paula at (775) 887-8865. Deadline for reservations is

September 6. Space is limited. *Pictured to the left is Jan Loverin*) The Marjorie Russell Textile Museum is a Nevada State Museum facility dedicated to storing and preserving historic costume and textile collections. In addition to garments, its collection features quilts, flags and accessories. The center's offerings are comprehensive and focus on Nevada and the Great Basin. In addition to curating, Jan Loverin assists the public in identifying and dating historic costumes as well as preservation and display, The Museum is open to the public for research, programs and tours by appointment only by calling 775-687-6173.

Sutro Tunnel



A program about the history and local impact of the Sutro Tunnel will be presented Sunday, September 25 at the Carriage House by Chris Pattison, project

manager for the Friends of Sutro Tunnel, an organization that is working to restore the site as historically accurate as possible. Chris is one of our board members for the Carson City Historical Society.

We also will have the unique opportunity to meet and listen to several residents who lived in the area of the Sutro Tunnel, and offer some photos of that life.

This event is free to members and guests but advance reservations for seats will be required by calling Paula at (775) 887-8665.

Please help just once?



We really need some extra hands for our exciting and worthwhile ventures.

--**Just one** Saturday 9:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m. downtown, *Vintage Market* across from the Farmers Market — staffing the “Welcome Table.” Opportunities available through September:

--**Just one** Sunday from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the *Foreman-Roberts House*. We are open every Sunday all year.

If you can lend your kind support, please contact Donna McLaren at Dmclaren789@gmail.com.

AS ALWAYS, WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO MAKE THIS AN UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCE FOR EVERYONE.

Ongoing events:

The Foreman-Roberts house

- * The Foreman-Roberts House and Carriage house are open every Sunday from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
- * “If Gowns Could Talk” Victorian, Edwardian, 20’s dress display in Foreman-Roberts House.
- * The Vintage Market is open on Saturdays through September. Come and meet our Carson City Historical Society members and share some history.

In the Carriage House:

- * Notable women of Eagle Valley
- * Northern Nevada Children’s Home
- * Hats of the 30s and 40s—on loan from Jo Saulisberry

Downtown:

- * The Vintage Market open Saturdays 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. until the end of September. Come and meet Carson City Historical Society members and share some history.

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New events—please mark your calendars

September

- * Friday, September 9, 6 p.m. in the carriage house, Jan Loverin from the Marjorie Russell Textile Museum, on “Victorian Fashions and Dress Reform.” Box dinner from KFC or Cobb salad from Chic-Fil-A. \$18 for members, \$20 for nonmembers. Call Paula for reservations 775-887-8865.
- * CCHS Board meeting Monday, September 12, 3:45 p.m. Carriage House.

September (continued)

- * Sunday, September 25, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Chris Pattison on the Sutro Tunnel. To be held in the Carriage house. Free and open to the public. Must have reservation. Call Paula at 775-887-8865.

October

- * Walking tour of “Governors’ Mansions of the Past,” with Ron Roberts, starts at the Nevada State Museum 10:30 a.m., date TBA. Donations.
- * Monday, October 10, 3:45 p.m. CCHS Board Meeting in Carriage House
- * Saturday, October 22 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Silent auction—Ornaments and Antiques.

November

- * Arrival of Adele’s Doll House, members only, November 5, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Cash bar.
- * Open to the public November 6, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Cash bar. (11/5 & 6 Cash Bar, Royal Peacock Traveling Cocktail Coach)
- * November 14, 3:45 p.m. CCHS Board meeting, Carriage House

December

- * Sunday, December 4, Christmas party, Carriage House, Jazz band holiday music and Chautauqua. Light luncheon. Cost TBA. Time 1 to 3 p.m..
- * Sunday, December 10, Christmas Tour of Victorian Houses in Carson City, 6 locations. Cost and times TBA.
- * Board Meeting, Monday, December 12, 3:45 p.m.

Please double-check that your 2022 dues have been paid — we don’t want you to miss out on our membership-only special!

MEMBERS WHO HAVE PAID THEIR DUES. THANK YOU! IF YOUR NAME IS NOT ON THE LIST AND YOU HAVE PAID, PLEASE CALL ME. SUE (775) 220-6278

Paid Members: Sue and Gary Ballew, Sandra Bell, Joe and Michelle Bennett, Jed Block, Cindy and Steve Brenemen, Diane Grayson Bertram, David and Elinor Bugli, John and Bonnie Bullis, Paula Cannon, Barbara Cavanagh, Adam Cohen, Kathleen and Robert Colley, Shannon Cord, Mary and Angelo DeFelice, Noelle and Jay Dienken, Jenny Dodds, Jan Doescher, Stephen Drews, Karen and Rick Dustman, Guy Farmer, Kit Farwell, Francis Fields, Michael and Janet Fischer, *Laura Fusion*, Harvey and Terri Edwards, Julie Grady, Tom and Sherry Grundy, Francisca Hansen, Kim Harris, Ronni Hannaman, Noni and Larry Hayes, Martha Keating, John and Pat King, Travis Legatzke, Colleen Lyons, Rob McFadden, Donna McLaren, Lisa Meyer, Jeanette Miller, Monica Moriarty, Paula Morton/Kristen Weisenborn, Helen Allen Nerska, Bonnie and Kiyoshi Nishikawa, Debbe Nye, Anne Lee Oakes, D. D. Spencer, Dr. Ernie Rambo, Bruce and Lynn Scott, Jennifer and Greg Stedfield, Chris Pattison, *Emily Paul*, Carole Payne, Paula Peters, Jeannelle Pevey, Trent Pitsenbarger, Bob Quinn, Julie Rodolph, Rebecca Van Sickle, Ron and Thelma Roberts, Jo Saulisbury, Doug Sonneman, Nina Spradlin, Helen Stecker, Hope Sullivan, Gail and Jim Sutton, Rita Tessaro, Ralph Thomas, Matt and Teola Tremayne, and Loretta Williams



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Adele's Doll House

The Music Box/Adele's doll house brought to us by Diane Bertrum from Washington.



Pictured are Sue Ballew, Diane Bertrum, David Bugli and part of the doll house.

Diane worked at the "Music Box" aka "Adeles" in her teenage years and met her husband there. He had a replica made for her. The doll house remained in the box for 50 years until a few weeks ago. It was brought to us by Diane from Washington with the basic mansard house partially done, but the painting and finishing touches had not completed.

The Society is having the paint and finishing bric-a-brac put on by a



skilled wood worker and will be done in October. On November 5 and 6 we will be having an open house for our members and for the public to come see it. We hope to hear stories about the old days of the Music Box/Adeles.

Brief history: Adele's at 1112 North Carson Street was built in 1876 by Captain Porter. It has the mansard roof and dormer windows typical of a Victorian building style, also called "Second Empire." In 1880 it became the property of Benjamin F. Slater who moved out in March 1884. Judge Michael Augustus Murphy owned it in the 1890's. When Judge Murphy died in 1909, his son Frank Murphy continued to live in it until the 1920's. He worked for the Virginia and Truckee Railroad as a baggage handler. It was the home to several businesses, one as called "Porter's Music Box" and later became Adele's restaurant. It was torn down in April 2020.



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2022 Annual Membership Application

Name										
Mailing Address										
City										
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Phone										
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Annual Membership Levels:

Individual \$25	Household \$35	Patron \$50
Historian \$100	Curator \$250	Preservationist \$250 and above

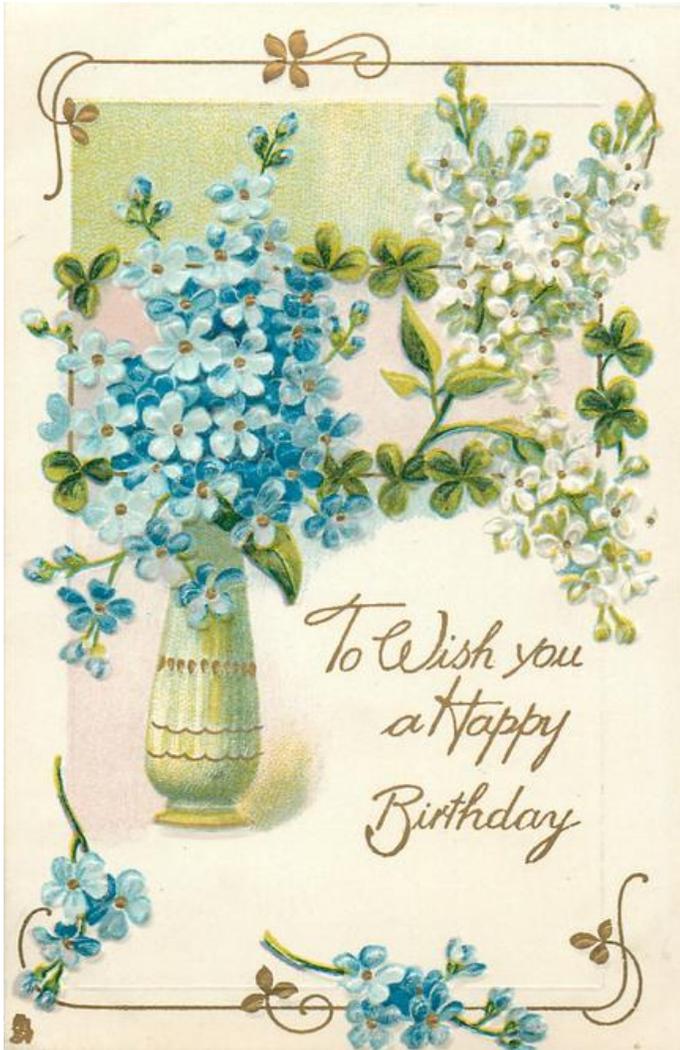
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Please mail your payment and this application form to:
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Upon receipt of your application and membership fees, you will begin receiving our electronic newsletter announcing society meetings and events

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**Happy 103rd Birthday
Thelma Roberts**



If you would like to send her
a birthday card, her address
is:

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