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February 2025 Newsletter

President's Letter:

Happy New Year Dear CCHS Members!

My name is Liz Cain and I am serving as your newly elected CCHS President. Over the past 3 years I've served as vice president, and I learned a great deal about our wonderful members and our shared noble mission, which is dedication to preserving Carson City's history.



We have some fun and exciting events planned for this coming year and hope you will join us in the spirit of remembering and honoring the past and the future of our special town. We will continue to open our beloved Foreman-Roberts House to the public once a month and more often during the warm summer season. We will offer our popular Victorian Teas more often beginning in March and continuing through June, monthly lectures and special events, our popular Ice Cream Social and a spooky Halloween séance to delight the more paranormally-curious among you! CCHS will lead walking tours and host events during Nevada Day and Mark Twain Days as well. Please reach out with new ideas and suggestions and volunteer when you can, we will need your help and enthusiasm!

Again, thank you for your vote of confidence and I look forward to working with all of you to make 2025 our best year yet.

All the best,

Liz Cain

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CCHS Presents "Black Americans and Labor," a Lecture by Michael Smith Thursday, February 20, 2025



Carson City Historical Society presents guest speaker Michael J. Smith, who will deliver a talk on "Black Americans and Labor" on Thursday, February 20, 2025, a

lecture presentation which is part of Black History Month. The lecture reflects on Black people's work and their workplaces, and on key moments, themes, and events in Black history and culture in the U.S., Africa, and the Diaspora. Mr. Smith also presented a lecture last February on African Americans and the Arts and is back by popular demand.

The lecture will be at 6:30 p.m., in the Carriage House, behind the Foreman-Roberts Historic House at 1207 Carson Street, Carson City. It is free to the public, but space is limited, so RSVP to 775-315-9111 or carsoncityhistoricalsociety@gmail.com.

Michael J. Smith is currently serving as a member of the Carson City Cultural Commission. He has a Master of Education degree from the University of Mississippi, and is retired as a high school principal after 33 years in the field of education. He is Vice Chair of the Employee Management-Relations Board. He noted in an editorial in 2023 in the *Nevada Appeal*, "Black History Month is not a token. It is a special tribute - a time of acknowledgement, of reflection, and inspiration - that comes to life in real and ongoing activities throughout the year."

Other upcoming events:

Jed Block Presentation on March 9

Carson City native Jed Block will present "Then and Now," presentation on the history of Carson City, on Sunday, March 9, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Jed has an extensive collection of photos from Carson City's early days through the present day. The Foreman-Roberts House is open for tours after the presentation. Reservations recommended.

Elegant Victorian Teas Being Planned

Plans are being made for several elegant Teas in the coming months. We will welcome spring with our "**Spring Tea**" on Saturday, March 22. We will host an "**Easter Tea**" on the day before Easter, Saturday, April 19, followed by a "**Mothers Day Tea**" on Saturday, May 10, the day before Mothers Day. Finally, a "**Summer Solstice Tea**" is planned for Saturday, June 21. All these Teas will be from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the Carriage House. Mark your calendars. Check CCHistorical.org closer to the events for further details.



DBA Wine Walk Participation

CCHS will participate in several Carson City Downtown Business Association (DBA) Wine Walks on the first Saturday of each month from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. They bring to the public's attention to CCHS's exhibits and activities. They are your opportunity to learn about local businesses, enjoy some good wine, and discover the Carson City Historical Society. For information about participating in the Wine Walks, go to downtowncarson.org/carson-city-wine-walk, where tickets are available one week before each event. The next one is March 1st.

Open Houses on Select Sundays

We will have Open Houses on several Sundays in the coming months. This is your opportunity to tour the Foreman-Roberts House and the

Carriage House, where exhibits are displayed. They are planned for February 23, March 30, April 27 (with cowboy poetry), and June 29. The Open Houses will be from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., and they are free.

Exhibits in Our Buildings

Currently we have exhibits in our two buildings. In the Foreman-Roberts House, we have one on trains, one on the Roberts family, and soon one geared to the "young at heart," an exhibit of late 19th century toys. In the Carriage House we have some "Notable Women of Carson Valley" displays, and soon a Black History Month display. Exhibits in both buildings can be seen during Open Houses and Wine Walks and at the conclusion of lectures, and Victorian Teas. An exhibit about brothels is being planned to open in a few months.

Monthly Board Meetings

CCHS Board Meetings are generally on the second Monday of each month starting at 3:45 p.m. These are open to CCHS members. Contact us if you wish to attend.

Volunteers are needed

We are gearing up for more events, but we need volunteers. Please call President Liz Cain at 775-315-9111 if you can help on when we open the Foreman-Roberts House and Carriage House for tours. We are also looking for individuals to help us with exhibits.

Carriage House Rental

Do you need a place to meet that has a mini kitchen, Internet access, projector and screen, room for 44 people, and air conditioning? Yes? The Carriage House is available to you for a nominal donation. Call Liz Cain at 775-315-9111 for details.

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