

# Museum Matters



## Carson Valley Museum & Cultural Center

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## Edwin L. Wiegand Ranching and Agricultural Heritage Exhibit Carson Valley Museum & Cultural Center

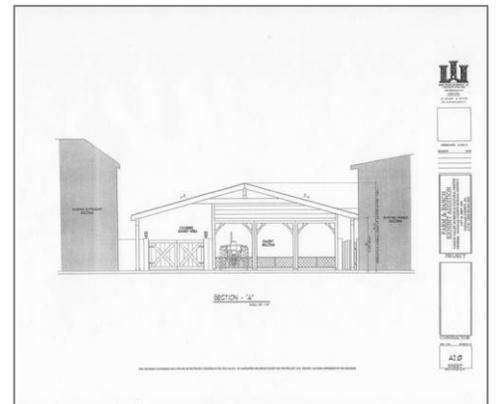


Ever since the opening of the Carson Valley Museum & Cultural Center in 1995, our collection of artifacts dedicated to the agricultural and ranching heritage of the Carson Valley has been broken into several smaller exhibits shown about the museum where

space would allow. In addition, our larger ranch artifacts and buggies have been forced to be stored in a state of arrested decay.

It has been our goal to create an exterior ranching and agricultural heritage exhibit to allow us the exhibit space needed for the safe and secure presentation of our artifacts including room to grow our collection while fulfilling our mission statement, "... to enrich lives by preserving local history and making it accessible to our communities and visitors."

We are pleased to announce that we are closer than ever to achieving this goal. In recognition of the rich cultural heritage that ranching has played in shaping the Carson Valley, the Douglas County Historical Society has been offered a matching grant from the Edwin L. Wiegand Trust to build an outdoor ranching heritage exhibit. The Douglas County Historical Society must raise \$100,000 to be eligible for a grant of \$229,500.00.



### DOUGLAS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY TRUSTEE MEETINGS

Trustee meetings are held on the third Thursday of every month at the Carson Valley Museum & Cultural Center, Gardnerville.  
Members and friends are always welcome to attend.

4:00 p.m. April 19, 2018

3:00 p.m. May 18, 2018

5:00 May 18 Membership Meeting: Elections and Bylaws

# Evening Soiree Gowns of the Governors' Wives Friday, April 27



Sit-down Dinner  
No host wine bar  
Presentation by  
Jan Loverin, Curator,  
Marjorie Russell Clothing and Textile  
Research Center

Suggested Attire:  
Period Clothing or  
Black Tie Optional

Doors Open: 5:30 p.m.  
Program: 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.  
Tickets: \$40 General  
\$35 DCHS Members  
Table of six for \$200.00

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## Happenings at the Museum

### DCHS Young Chautauqua

Meet & Greet, Saturday, 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. April 28  
Courthouse Museum, Genoa

Final Performance, Saturday 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. May 5  
Carson Valley Museum & Cultural Center

Special Performance, Wednesday, June 25  
Dangberg Home Ranch

### ☞☞☞ An Elegant Evening at the Museum

Friday, April 27

### Western Heritage Day - Genoa

Special programs throughout the Town of Genoa  
Saturday, April 28

### Family Day - Saturday, May 5, FREE ADMISSION

Carson Valley Museum & Cultural Center

10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Saturday May 5

10:00 a.m. to Noon, Main Hall - History Geared for Kids!

1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Young Chautauqua Performance - Main Hall

1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Story Telling "The Golden Years" with Nancy Raven

### Heritage Lecture Series - Thursday, May 10, 2018

Guest Speaker Ann Wolfe from the Nevada Museum of Art will speak  
on the exhibits and curating of the NV Museum of Art collections.

Doors Open 6:00 p.m. / Lecture Begins 6:30 p.m.

\$3 at the door, DCHS Members Free

### Hans Meyer-Kassel Monument Dedication

Courthouse Museum in Genoa

1:00 p.m. Saturday, May 19

Special Proclamations / Light Refreshments

*A selection of our collection featuring the works of  
Hans Meyer-Kassel is on exhibit at the Nevada Museum of Art in Reno  
through September 2. Visit [www.nevadaart.org](http://www.nevadaart.org)*

### Family Day - Saturday, June 2

Lions Club Pancake Breakfast!

### Fine Art Exhibit - Charles Muench

Exhibit Runs June 19 through June 30

Friday, June 22 Formal Artist's Reception 6-8 p.m.

Saturday June 30, Meet the Artist 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

### Wine & Art on the Green

Carson Valley Museum & Cultural Center

10:00 to 5:00 p.m. Saturday & Sunday July 7-8

*If you would like to serve as a DCHS volunteer, please contact our  
front office at 775-782-2555 or stop by the museum.*

# DCHS Membership Meeting

## Trustee Elections & Bylaws Changes

Carson Valley Museum & Cultural Center

5:00 p.m. Thursday, May 17

### Agenda:

NOTE: All ballots (trustees and bylaws) must be cast by 5:15 p.m. May 17, 2018

#### 5:00 p.m. Door Open – Main Hall

Meet & Greet with your fellow members and the DCHS Board of Trustees.

#### 5:15 p.m. Meeting Begins

Recap of Happenings at the Museum  
Member Questions & Answers  
Final Tally of Votes for Trustees

Light Refreshments will be served during the meeting.

### DCHS Summary of Key Bylaw Changes

1. All references to Trustee term Limits have been removed.
2. A quorum is required for all Historical Society Business.
3. Requirement that the bookkeeper be bonded has been removed as the Historical Society has fraud insurance.
4. Curator now reports to the President's Cabinet.
5. Status reports from Standing Committees will be presented to the Board of Trustees rather than the President's Cabinet

A full copy of the bylaws may be picked in person at the Front Office of the Carson Valley Museum & Cultural Center. You can also request an electronic version via email.

### Trustee Elections 2018

The Nominating Committee has put forth four nominations to fill the four vacancies on the 2018-2020 Douglas County Historical Society's Board of Trustees. The new nominees are Mary Orr and Mary Glass

### BIOS

Mary Orr – I was born and raised in California. I have 3 years of College where I majored in Life Sciences and Minored in History and English. My husband Bob and I have three grown children, seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren. My husband and I moved to Minden when we retired. I love volunteering at the museum and think the history of the area or any area should be preserved whenever possible.

Mary Glass – After retiring eight years ago from an aerospace company in S. CA., my husband and I traveled around the U.S. visiting national parks. We decided to relocate here in Carson Valley. I have been a volunteer for the historical society for two years, a position that I have thoroughly enjoyed.

Dennis Little – Running for Third Term –I hope to continue to serve the DCHS and promote the many fine programs that we have initiated. I have been active with the historical society since 2005. Each year I gain a greater perspective and importance of the historical society's roll in preserving our community's history.

Linda Lechien – Running for Second Term - I have lived in the Carson Valley since 2001 and consider myself a "people person." Since joining the historical society, I have helped with many special activities and lectures series along with the coordination and training of our Front Desk Volunteers.

### BALLOT: 2018/2020

#### DCHS Board of Trustees

Vote for four:

- Mary Orr
- Mary Glass
- Linda Lechien
- Dennis Little

#### Voting Instructions:

You may use this page, a copy of this page, or you may pick-up a ballot at the Carson Valley Museum & Cultural Center. Fill out your ballot and seal it in an envelope. We have blank envelopes at the museum office. When you bring your ballot in your name must be marked off the list of active members. You may return your ballot during normal office hours 10:00 to noon and 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Anonymous ballots will not be accepted. All ballots are due before 5:15 p.m. Thursday, May 17. Should you choose to mail your ballot to the museum, be sure the name on the return address matches your membership name.

# “More” Happenings at the Museum



We have two special drawings in progress at the museum. First is for an original painting by OPA Master Artist Joyce Pike. In addition, the artist is willing to do an embellishment of you or a loved one walking down this Sierra path. The second drawing is for a fabulous private Tri-Tip barbecue for six at the “HOOKER LAZY H RANCH” in Hope Valley complete with Picon, Wine and Beer. Stop by the Carson Valley Museum to check out these wonderful items and support your museum.

We hope you had a chance to visit Joyce Pike’s presentation of Twelve Parables of the Bible. If you missed this exhibit, you can view some of the paintings on our Facebook Page.

Here is a recap of just a few of the many things that have happened at the museum.

- ★ We started with the dedication of the Tahoe Room and now we are in the process of transferring the Van Sickle Research Library to the new location.
- ★ As always, it is hard to tell who enjoyed the melodrama more, the cast or crew. We understand that provisions are under way to return your favorite characters back to the stage in 2019.
- ★ Women in History, our annual event recognizing the women who made a difference in the life and times of our community was a huge success. We saw a great interaction by the community with our thirty-day campaign on Facebook. Shown are the Smokey Sisters. Please follow us on Facebook to see all the activities happening at our museums.

*I would like to thank all of our volunteers who donated food, money, and their time, which made the fare at the melodrama such a success. We received many compliments on our food for all three nights. Thank-you so much for all your help and donations. We could not do it without our volunteers. – Mary Orr*



## Edwin L. Wiegand Ranching and Agricultural Heritage Exhibit

Don’t forget, we are now in our largest fundraising campaign since the 1995 opening of the Carson Valley Museum & Cultural Center. Please stop by the museum and see the scope of this huge undertaking as we prepare for the construction of the Edwin L. Wiegand Ranching and Agricultural Heritage Exhibit. We are counting on your participation to help ensure the agricultural and rich ranching history of the Carson Valley is preserved. The exhibit will be located between the Carson Valley Museum & Cultural Center and the Old Gym Playhouse. This approximate 4,000 square foot exhibit will include a 2820 square foot metal-roof pole barn, a 540 square foot Machine and Equipment (M&E) shed, and a grand western style entry. This exhibit will provide an area for the secure presentation of our larger pieces of ranching equipment, an outdoor classroom and event space, plus the much-needed expanded exhibit space allowing us to bring many of our artifacts out of storage.

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**MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS:**

- Free admission to both our museums
- 10% discount at Museum Bookstores
- Bimonthly DCHS Newsletter & member updates
- Invitations to special events
- Discounts on special programs
- Volunteer opportunities
- Free admission to our DCHS Lecture Series

**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES:**

- \_\_\_ \$30 Individual
- \_\_\_ \$40 Family, Parents & Children under 17
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- \_\_\_ \$500 Lifetime Individual
- \_\_\_ \$750 Lifetime Couple

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## Gifts & Memorials

We gratefully acknowledge memorial donations made in the names of:

**Marcella Oxoby  
Barbara Indiano  
Chris Cordes**

The Douglas County Historical Society gratefully accepts monetary gifts and memorials in honor of loved ones. Please earmark your donation for a specific purpose or for our Endowment Fund. To make or discuss a donation please visit our front office. Donations may also be mailed to:

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# GREETINGS FROM THE BOOKSTORE

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It's always time to curl up with a good book. Here are several suggestions for both adults and children that are available in our museum bookstore. ***Morgan's Tahoe, A Look Back in Time*** is part memoir of William Morgan's twenty years working in the public arena of the Lake Tahoe Basin, nine of those years as Forest Supervisor for U.S. Forest Service. He tells stories behind many events of the '70s and '80s in Lake Tahoe such as a fatal plane crash, planning the Tahoe Rim Trail, nabbing an arsonist and dealing with a case of fraud. This part memoir, part fascinating history is a fun, factual read. Are you interested in natural medicines, or just reading about them? If so, here is information available in our bookstore. Herbs, remedies and practices that restore the body, mind and spirit are available in one of our best-selling books, ***Healing Secrets of the Native Americans***. Combine that book with ***Healing Medicinal Plants of the West*** and a small backpack guide to carry on a hike, called ***Medicinal Plants***, (traditional wilderness remedies using familiar widespread plants) and you are sure to find some new information to put to use in your own life. Enjoy!

One of our Historic books for Children is ***Girls and Women of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century***. Wonderful color pictures and short explanations about topics such as education, employment, clothing and children's activities, this is definitely an enjoyable, educational book. ***Cowboy Camp*** is a fun story about little Avery who goes to Cowboy Camp and is afraid he won't fit in. Wonderful, colorful illustrations to read to your little one.

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# TREASURES FROM THE VAULT



Almost every month of the year, our Collections Committee meets on the first Thursday to review and consider items brought to us for possible acquisition. We never know from month-to-month what we will have on the agenda. Last fall, we received a substantial group of items from a donor who was raised here in Carson Valley and who attended Douglas County Schools.

These items are from a time of which we have very few artifacts: 1961 through 1974. There were school and class photographs from 1962 primary grades all the way through to 1974 with photographs of a high school homecoming float to pennants, school newspapers, and commencement programs. It is a time capsule of school life here in Carson Valley saved by the donor and in wonderful condition.

To our volunteers, however, the most intriguing artifact was a small, tiger stripe printed terry cloth item. It consists of three pieces: headpiece, top and skirt. We were told that the donor had worn this costume in 1961 as a 'Tiger Mascot' and that her photograph was in the 1961 Douglas High School yearbook wearing the costume. Of course, we went straight to that yearbook and there she was, age four, wearing the costume and helping the high school cheerleaders. What a treat to see the donated costume actually being worn in an activity and by our donor.

After accessioning the items, plans were made to exhibit this costume. The ideal exhibit location was our permanent Douglas County High School located in the Carson Valley Museum & Cultural Center downstairs on Main Street. We didn't have an appropriate child-sized form on which to place the costume but never fear, we were offered a donation to cover a form specifically for the exhibit of this artifact. What generous people we have in our organization! So, as soon as the form arrived, on to it went the costume and straight into the high school exhibit. There, exhibited with the costume, is copy of the 1961 yearbook page showing the littlest 'Tiger' cheering on her team. It has become a great conversation starter with many visitors to our museum since it placed on exhibit.

***We are always on the look out for new acquisitions. If you have an artifact or an item of interest with a provenance to Nevada, please call and schedule an appointment to consult with our curator, 775-782-2555.***



## Hans Meyer-Kassel on Exhibit

Be sure to visit our Hans Meyer-Kassel Exhibit at the Carson Valley Museum & Cultural Center.

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