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August 1995 Board of Trustees at the Grand Opening of the Carson Valley Museum & Cultural Center



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DOUGLAS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY TRUSTEE MEETINGS

Trustee meetings are held on the third Thursday of every month at the Carson Valley Museum & Cultural Center at 3:00 p.m. Members and friends are always welcome to attend.
April 15, May 20, and June 17, 2021

This edition of the DCHS Newsletter is being mailed to all DCHS Members in good standing. It contains your ballot and voting instructions. See the insert for details.

"The Douglas County Historical Society seeks to enrich lives by preserving local history and making it accessible to our communities and visitors."

Candidates for Douglas County Historical Society Board of Trustees

Judy Farrell reports that she is thrilled with the idea of serving on the Board of the Douglas County Historical Society. She and her husband Tim moved to Northern Nevada in July 2017, and have loved exploring, and learning about the history of the area. Judy says “We’re both originally from New Jersey, and after a number of relocations, moved to Benicia in Northern California, and raised our family of 3 children for 30 years.”

She continues, “We knew we would love to retire in Carson Valley, but realized we wanted to be here, but didn’t want to be retired!” Judy landed a position as the Northern Nevada Sales Manager for Shelter Insurance which she says is “the best little insurance company you might not have heard of yet!” She started the territory with one agent in Reno, now has twelve agencies, including one in Minden, and two in Carson City. Judy and Tim have 2 grandchildren that live in Carson City, and enjoy skiing, hiking, biking, and kayaking. She is looking forward to giving back to the community they now call home.



Alicia Main is a long time resident of Carson Valley. Moving here when she was in elementary school, Alicia has remained in the Valley since graduating from Douglas High School. She has been at the Carson Valley Chamber of Commerce for 11 years, first as the Chamber Manager then moving into the Executive Director role just over a year ago. Prior to joining the Chamber Alicia worked in property management, sales, and athletic training. Her passion in life is her kids. She is mom and coach to not only her three, but many of their peers in the Valley, coaching their baseball, basketball, soccer, volleyball, softball, and flag football teams. Her office walls are adorned with team photos and gifts from the players. She loves the community where we live, participating in many non-profit boards in the past such as Family Support Council, MEFIY, Austin’s House, and Carson Valley Soroptimist. She is excited to join the Board of the Douglas County Historical Society and looks forward to many wonderful projects.

We are pleased to announce that **Dale Bolhman** will be running for a third term. Please see the enclosed ballot for voting instructions and bylaw updates.

DCHS Board of Trustees welcomes Clint Celio. In February, Clint was appointed by the board to fulfill a vacancy and will serve until June, 2022.



Clint Celio was born and raised in the Carson Valley. A member of the Celio family from the Upper Lake Valley in Tahoe, he has a keen interest in local history in both Carson Valley and Alpine County. After graduating Douglas High School, Clint collected degrees from Colorado State University before returning to the local area. He owns the Woodfords Station and is an IT consultant. His passion is the outdoors, often chasing his son around the ski hill at Kirkwood. He has served on the Alpine County Resource Conservation District, Alpine Fire Safe Council, Alpine Watershed Group, and has served on various youth sports boards. He is the Assistant Chief of the Eastern Alpine Fire Department. His daughter is graduating from Massachusetts Institute of Technology this semester with honors. Clint has been appointed to fill out a vacancy on the Board. He has already completed several projects around the museum and is poised to jump in and finish many more.

Happenings at the Museum



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We are asking all Amazon shoppers to choose us when making online purchases. There has been a significant impact on our normal fundraising activities, but this is one way you can still help.



Go to smile.amazon.com and find the drop-down box. Choose Douglas County Historical Society in Gardnerville, Nevada. Be sure it is us. Surprisingly, there are many other Douglas County Historical Societies, so double check the location. Bookmark it so it is always where you enter Amazon.

On eligible purchases 0.5% of your order comes in as a donation. The best part is that it costs you nothing, and helps keep the Carson Valley Museum & Cultural Center and the Genoa Courthouse Museum going on a consistent basis, no matter what the challenge. Then all of us really have something to smile about.

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DCHS Volunteer Judy Conrad



Her life has been filled with wondrous adventures and surprises. Judy Conrad is one of our longest continuous volunteers working at both museums for the last 23 years. When she moved to Douglas County in 1998, she knew no one and nothing about the area. Wanting to learn all she could, she joined DCHS and started welcoming visitors at the front desk. By 2010 Judy was running both bookstores, along with Pat Andrews and Sue Vandersmith's help. From 2005 she cataloged acquisitions, did inventories, and entered computer data. These were Judy's years spent "in the basement!" It is a good thing that she is such a detail-oriented person. She is an indispensable part of supporting the mission of preserving the history of Douglas County.

She was born and raised in Omaha, Nebraska, marrying her longtime boyfriend Paul at 19 years old. They were transferred with IBM to New York in 1966, on to Colorado in 1969, and finally (with four kids in tow) to San

Jose, CA in 1971. Judy says "I raised kids, ran scout troops, helped in church and school organizations, and worked in Jr. High until 1978." At age 40 she started a career in a semiconductor business in Silicon Valley. Judy worked and managed "planners", mainly in the production control area. Her last two years she worked in Hong Kong. During this time her husband retired from IBM and he drew up plans for their "dream house." They found the perfect place for their next chapter right here in Carson Valley.

Judy has composed two books of her family history dating back to the 1850s. Sewing and quilting have always been a part of her life, and she was an avid hiker, scaling 13 mountain peaks over time. She has traveled extensively in Europe, spent 8 weeks of car travel in Australia and New Zealand, several weeks in Iceland, and 6 weeks in a "caravan" of RV's in the Canadian Maritimes. An active member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, one of her favorite journeys was going to visit Revolutionary and Civil War sites.

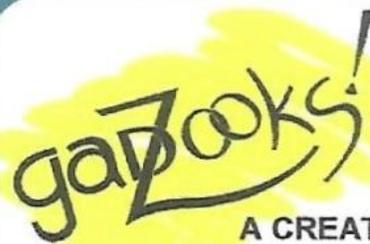
Judy writes the "From the Bookstore" column in our newsletter, and has put together the bulletin for her church for the last 23 years also. DCHS is extremely fortunate to have such a dedicated and loyal volunteer.



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- DCHS Newsletter & member updates
- Invitations to special events
- Discounts on special programs
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- Free admission to our DCHS Lecture Series

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- ___ \$ 30 Individual
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The Membership Committee

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V&T Exhibit Funding Campaign

Our new exhibit features the Virginia & Truckee Railroad. We are seeking related artifacts, ephemera, and paraphernalia in addition to cash donations to enhance the items already here. If you have a donation to contribute, please contact us at 775 782-2555 from Monday through Friday between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. You can also email DCHS@historicnv.org.

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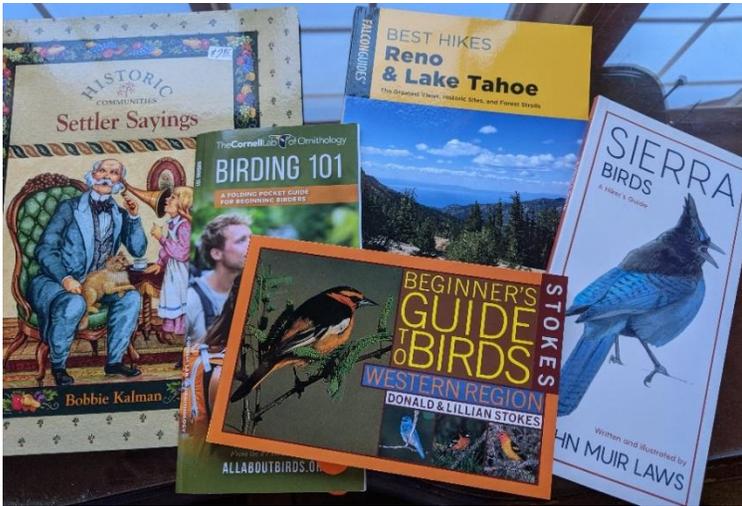


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It's Springtime! Time to enjoy the out of doors or look at books and dream of enjoying outdoors soon.

If you've never tried bird watching, take a look at our three offerings and get excited about learning and viewing our local birds, or by taking a hike and seeing the variety in our mountains. We have a folding guide created to inspire and support beginning bird watchers. Match it with the **Stokes Beginner's Guide to Western birds**, which features 100 species, information, and beautiful photos. A little more advanced and perfect for your backpack is **Our Sierra Birds, A Hiker's Guide**, featuring over 200 species. Above all, enjoy your hiking and birding experience!

Best Hikes, Reno and Lake Tahoe has great views, Historic Sites and Forest Strolls along with maps, miles and directions for many hikes. It is a beautiful book to enjoy at home while figuring out which hike to do first. For the children our **Bobbie Kalman books** are an informational, as well as a fun learning experience. This month we are featuring **Settlers Sayings**: old time sayings like "I'll be there with bells on". Learn the fun meanings behind lots of sayings. It has games to play, great pictures, and other fun activities suggested in the book.

DCHS Members receive 10% off their purchases from our bookstores.

The Return of the DCHS Community Flea Market

We're delighted to announce the return of the DCHS Community Flea Market at the Carson Valley Museum & Cultural Center on Saturday April 3 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.



Make the most of your spring cleaning and rent a 10' by 10' booth space for \$20.00 in advance or \$30.00 on day of event, if available. Applications are available at the museum office or contact us via email at DCHS@HistoricNV.org Friends of the DCHS will also be hosting a booth. If you have items you wish to donate for sale please call us at 775-782-2555.

Jack Za is creating a historical musical about the Carson Valley. For more information: jzmusic12@gmail.com www.JackZaMusic.com

TREASURES FROM THE VAULT

Fond Remembrances of a Perfect Gardnerville Parade



Every picture tells a story. DCHS received a donation of this black and white photo from Jackie Lindsay, along with his recounting of the fond memories of his adventurous time in Gardnerville:

Mr. Lindsay writes "I was a Corporal in the United States Marine Corp and just 20 years old when I rode in the Mounted Color Guard. The parade was in June or July of 1955 in Gardnerville, Nevada. I was the Personnel Administrator of a Battalion of U. S. Marine's Cold Weather Training Base located on Sonora Pass in the Sierra Nevada Mountains from January 1954 until July 1955. During the summer months, we Marines participated in parades in Carson Valley.

We arrived in Gardnerville on Marine Corp Buses midafternoon Friday with our

gear and horses. Pads were laid on a gym floor for sleeping. I remember a Marine told me I needed to go over to the corral and check on my horse. It was located not far behind the gym. Marines were strapping our horses and having a Rodeo. They wanted me to ride but I told them I would ride pickup so I spent the evening with them. I stayed near the gym that evening, ate chow and slept well.

Saturday morning was beautiful. The sun was shining and everyone was happy. I dressed wearing my Marine Corp uniform, and walked to my horse at the beginning of the parade. Everyone was squared away. The Marine Corp Mounted Color Guard was in front, our chuck wagon second, followed by a battalion of 60 Marines. Highway 395 ran thru the middle of town. The parade route was lined with people and highway 395 was closed for the parade.

I remember lots of entries being in these Carson Valley parades, therefore my memory tells me there were two different groups that rode horses. I remember seeing approximately twenty or so white horses, with riders dressed in white western outfits with black saddles and bridles with silver studs and engraving on them. There was another group of twenty or so black horses, with riders dressed in black western outfits with black saddles and bridles with silver studs and engraving on them. The riders were both women and men and they were beautiful. I've never seen anything like that before or after.

Being a 20-year-old young Marine with a girlfriend back home, I couldn't help but notice a young 17-year-old girl dressed in a colorful skirt and blouse that day. She seemed to show up around me during the day. I almost asked her for a date but then thought better of it. If I ended up marrying someone from Gardnerville and moving back home it would be a long distance away from her family. I only had about 3 months until I got discharged.

I remember someone telling me when I asked about Gardnerville that Clark Gable had gotten married there (the last time he got married!). My Marine Corp athletic coach lived in Gardnerville at the time of this parade. His name was Lt. Donald Harrison. After Donald got discharged, he and his wife moved to Bakersfield, California., where he became a legendary athletic coach at Bakersville High School. In a newspaper article from Bakersfield there is a picture of Donald sitting with Frank Gifford both being inducted into the hall of fame. I also remember playing Gardnerville in a baseball game or two. Some of this does not apply to the history but I thought maybe you would get a kick out of reading it. I included the young girl just in case she still lives there and maybe remembers the day as well. I suppose she could be the mystery lady!!!"

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If you have artifacts or documents that you would like to donate to DCHS that support our mission statement, please contact us at 775-782-2555 or Curator@HistoricNV.org.

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May 16
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