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SIGNATURE EVENTS RETURN AT THE MUSEUM



Giant Bubbles on the Green

The start of the third year of the pandemic proved to be awkward at best, but as we move into warmer weather more stable patterns and norms are beginning to return. We have seen a huge interest in bringing back many of our programs. This will prove to be a challenging year as we have more program requests and recommendations than we have staffing.

Though not on the books for 2022 we are already planning on the return of the Young Chautauqua Program and our Melodrama in 2023. In addition, we plan to relaunch our Agricultural Heritage Day on August 6.

Our staff and crew have been hard at work getting the Courthouse Museum in shape for our seasonal opening in time for Genoa's Western Heritage Days celebration (April 29 – May 1). We hope you will stop by and see all the improvements we've made at the museum.

We can't thank our members, friends and supporters enough for all the work they have done to keep us going through the mayhem of the last two years. We could never have done it without you!

Dennis at the Museum

DCHS Membership Meeting 5:00 p.m. May 19 Candidate bios and voting instructions are inside

DOUGLAS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY TRUSTEE MEETINGS

Trustee meetings are held 3:00 p.m. on the third Thursday of every month at the Carson Valley Museum & Cultural Center.

Members and friends are always welcome to attend.

April 20, May 19, and June 16, 2022

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

Candidates for DCHS Board of Trustees

The annual DCHS Membership Meeting and election of trustees will be held at 5:00 p.m. May 19, 2022, at the Carson Valley Museum & Cultural Center (CVM&CC). The Nominating Committee has confirmed two candidates to fill the two open positions on the 2021-2023 Board of Trustees. Only members in good standing are eligible to vote. Note, there were no proposed revisions to the current bylaws. All ballots must be returned to the CVM&CC by 4:45p.m., Thursday May 19. If you have lost or misplaced your ballot you can pick one up at the Front Office of the Carson Valley Museum & Cultural Center.

Ways to vote:

1. You can drop off your ballot at the Front Office (NOT THE FRONT DESK) of the CVM&CC. The Front Office will mark off your name on the list of eligible voters.

2. You may mail your ballot to the museum. Place your ballot in an unmarked envelope and insert it in a mailing envelope. Be sure your membership name is clearly indicated in the return mailing address. Mail your ballot to:

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3. You can bring your ballot to the May 19 membership meeting.



Daphne Hillyer

Daphne began her Carson Valley life in 2001, moving here from Tahoe. She started her career with Carson Valley Medical Center in 2004, working part-time in the kitchen. Cut to the present day where she is the Outreach Coordinator, bringing the Hydration Station and her sunny disposition and constant smile to the community. When she is not working hard, she loves spending time with her family, crafting, hiking, and playing with her cat and three dogs.

Joining the Historical Society gives her the opportunity to learn more about the history of the valley she loves so much, and to contribute when she can. Daphne loves this community, where everyone here steps up for each other like family. She would never want to be anywhere else.



Glenn Rick

For much of my adult life I have been a volunteer in one capacity or another. After graduation from college (Tulane University, class of 1973, Economics) I moved back home to San Diego. A few years later I joined the San Diego County Sheriff's Department in the search and rescue bureau as a reserve deputy. It is a volunteer function which all of us maintained in addition to our day jobs. Received the Sheriff's Commendation for service to the department. Retired as a sergeant after 11 years. Next, I volunteered with the National Forest Service Laguna Mountain Volunteer Association, a group of about 150 members. I am past president of the LMVA and

remain a life member. Then, I volunteered with San Diego County Parks and Recreation Department. Diane and I rode patrol on our horses. Lastly, I rejoined the Sheriff's Department with my amateur radio license (Ham) in the Auxiliary Communication Service.

I strongly support the Douglas County Historical Society in its mission to enrich lives by preserving and collecting local history and making it accessible to our community and visitors. I humbly rephrase the mission to include preservation, education and outreach. Our objectives include accreditation by the American Association of Museums, having a significant community involvement, and achieving financial stability. These objectives I strongly support.

I have plenty to learn. I am told by others on the board that it takes a year to find one's place in the organization. To that end I am committed to the responsibilities of a historical society trustee. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve.

Charles Muench Fine Art Show & Sale

We are pleased to welcome back artist Charles Muench for an exhibit of his fine art. Both originals and giclée prints will also be available for purchase. The exhibit runs from May 25 through June 4 at the Carson Valley Museum & Cultural Center. Visit <https://www.charlesmuench.com> to view Charles' collection.

Meet the Artist Saturday, May 28

Join us for a special reception at the Carson Valley Museum & Cultural Center. Artist Charles Muench will be on hand to share his work, stories and inspiration behind his painting. Program runs from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Free Admission.



ABOUT THE ARTIST

Charles Muench - Biography

Charles Muench is an artist living in between the Sierra Mountains and the high plains desert of Nevada. He received a Bachelor of Fine Arts-with great distinction degree from San Jose State University. He studied primarily under Maynard D. Stewart, a student of Frank Vincent DuMonds and the son of renowned Utah landscape painter, LeConte Stewart. After receiving his degree, Charles attended classes at the Art Students League with David Leffel, Michael Burban, Jack Faragasso, and others. In 1992, Charles moved to Madrid, Spain, where he

Painted the city and countryside, studied Velasquez, copied master works in the Prado, and attended classes at the Circulo Bellas Artes.

Charles was featured in Tahoe Quarterly Mountain Home 2017 and the Nov/Dec 2016 issue of Art of the West- Celebrating Our National Parks. He was the featured cover artist in the April 2013 issue of Southwest Art magazine. He has been included in the July 2012 issue of Art of the West magazine and has been featured in the June 2010 American Art Collector, June 2007 and the June 2003 issue of Southwest Art, as well as the December 2011 and May 2005 issue of Plein Air magazine.

In 2021, Charles' painting, Icon of Yosemite, was purchased by the historic California Club. In 2018, Charles' monumental 50" x 60" Sierra painting, Trail's Reward, was purchased by the Hilbert Museum of California Art. Charles' artwork was featured in the 2017 Small Works- Great Wonders Exhibit at the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum. His work was included in the prestigious Coeur d'Alene Art Auction in Reno, NV. His painting, Crystal Cove Patterns, is now in the Irvine Museum's permanent collection. Charles received the Patron's Choice Award at the 2013, 2008, and 2005 Maynard Dixon Country Invitational. In 2012, Charles was honored to receive the Irvine Museum Gold Medal Award at the California Art Club's 101st Annual Exhibition., in Los Angeles, CA, and hangs in their permanent collection. Charles also received the Southwest Art Award of Excellence at the 100th Annual Exhibition in 2010 and the Edgar Payne Award for Best Landscape at the 99th Annual Exhibition in 2009. He was unanimously elected a Signature Member of the California Art Club. Charles received the First Place Award at the 2008 Heritage Art Exhibition presented by Joan Irvine. Charles was awarded the First Place Award and Best Painting of the Cove Award at the 2007 and 2005 Crystal Cove Alliance Invitational in Laguna Beach, CA. He also was honored with the Best of Show/Artist's Choice Award at the 2006 Telluride Plein Air Show.

Happenings at the Museum

Our Courthouse Museum in Genoa opens for the season on Monday, April 25. This is just in time for us to be ready for Genoa Western Heritage Day which runs from Friday, April 29 through Sunday May 1. The town will be filled with cowboy poetry, authentic western music, Chautauqua actors portraying Legendary Nevadans, American Indian demonstrations, Dutch oven cooking, and family fun. We hope you mark this on your calendar and visit us. Also be sure to note the retraction and repair of our new front balcony. This project was funded with assistance of the Nevada Commission for Cultural Centers and Historic Preservation.



Ladies Tea: Sunday May 1

Tickets are now on sale for our annual Ladies Tea. \$35 per person. This is a fancy dress, fun couture party. We encourage guests to wear period costumes, color coordinated attire, hats – stylish or outlandish, fascinators, bring theme table decorations or such. Certificates of Award will be presented! Don't delay! Get your tickets today. Doors Open at Noon, and tea will be served by "The Men of the Museum."

Community Garage Sale, Saturday May 7 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Support your museums and come find that perfect treasure from amongst the many member donated items.

Family Day, Saturday, May 7, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Join us for an Old Fashion Mother's Day full of games, craft, and activities for the whole family. Free Admission!



Art & Wine on the Green

Saturday & Sunday, May 14 & 15, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Enjoy a day on the green as you peruse a selection of quality art. Enjoy a glass of wine and find the perfect gift for your family and friends.

No host wine and beer.

Free admission to the show.

Giant Bubbles on the Lawn: Saturday, June 4 10:00 to 1:00 p.m.

Join us for some fun in the sun. DCHS Staff will help you create giant bubbles.

Bubble Chase and more. Free Admission



Barn Tour: Saturday, June 18 - TICKETS GO ON SALE MAY 2

Spend a day going back in time in beautiful Carson Valley, the birthplace of Nevada. The Douglas County Historical Society will be hosting the "Historic Barns of Carson Valley" tour on June 18, 2022, between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$25.00 per person and include tours of six historic barns. Also included in the price is free admission to the Courthouse Museum Genoa and the Carson Valley Museum & Cultural Center at any time during that day. A free Ice Cream Social will be offered at the Carson Valley Museum & Cultural Center following the Barn Tour at 1:00 p.m.

Save the Dates:

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| 1 st Saturday of the Month | Family Day at the Museum |
| 2 nd Thursday of the month: | Heritage Lecture Series |
| 3 rd Thursday of the Month | Main Street Gardnerville Wine Walk |

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Volunteer's Corner

By Linda Lechien, President, DCHS Board of Trustees



Virginia, aka Virg or Virgie, has been a museum member and volunteer since 2015. Virg says, "I cannot believe I lived in Gardnerville for 10 years before I discovered our wonderful museum. I used to drive by and say, 'one of these days I just have to go there and check it out.' And I'm so glad I finally did. I've so enjoyed volunteering at both the Gardnerville and Genoa museums." Besides being involved in and helping with the many activities the museum has to offer, she also is the official "keeper of the museum scrapbook" and is the little elf who replies to letters deposited in our Santa Mailbox during the holidays. But the best part, she says, "is all the other wonderful volunteers I meet and work with and having the opportunity to interact with our museum visitors. Everyone always compliments and has such nice comments about our museums."

Virg grew up in Southern California where she spent the first 40 years of her life. After raising her family of three children and moving to the Central Coast of California, she found herself divorced and ready to start all over. She and husband Rick, who is a past museum volunteer and trustee, met at a divorce support group. They got married in December of 1995 and moved to Northern Nevada in 1996. Between them they have 5 adult children and share Virg's 6 grandchildren. Rick and Virg moved to Gardnerville 17 years ago. They love the friendly small-town atmosphere, all the people they have met here and all the activities they're involved in.

Volunteers' Coffee Carson Valley Museum & Cultural Center

The DCHS hosts a coffee social for our volunteers and those wishing to learn more about volunteer opportunities at our museums. Held 9:00 a.m. on the first Monday of every month (unless preempted by a public holiday) museum staff presents the latest information on the operation of our museums and upcoming programs. No need to RSVP. Join us on May 2, and June 6 to learn all about our operations and upcoming volunteer opportunities.

CALLING ALL "MEN OF THE MUSEUM"

Keeping with tradition, we are looking for gentlemen to wait on our guests attending the Ladies' Sunday Tea to be held on May 1. If you would like to join the "Men of the Museum" give us a call at 775-782-2555.

DCHS TEAMS & COMMITTEES – MEMBERS WANTED

In addition to the overview and administration of the museum by our board of trustees, there are eight "Standing Committees" prescribe by our bylaws. Each Standing Committee is charged with various aspects of keeping our museums up and running. Many of the Standing Committees have subcommittees or teams to help them in their fulfillment of duties and we could use your help! Contact us if you would like to serve on any of these teams.

Family Day Program Assistants: Work with the development and presentation of Family Day programs.

Museum Docents: Lead youth and adult tours of our museums. We'll train.

Young Chautauqua Classroom Assistants: Works with our Youth Educators in the administration of our Young Chautauqua Program and the development of other youth curriculums.

Fundraising Programs: Serve on our fundraising committee, assist with programming and coordinating events.

Marketing & Publicity: Help write copy, design flyers, and photograph our events.

Grants: Assist with research and preparation of grant applications.

Building & Grounds: Help with the routine maintenance and repair of our museums, including landscaping.

Call our Front Office at 775-782-255, for more information

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

**Help keep your history alive!
Join the Douglas County Historical Society**

Membership Benefits:

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

Annual Membership Dues:

- ___ \$ 20 Student
- ___ \$ 30 Individual
- ___ \$ 40 Couple
- ___ \$ 40 Family - Parents & Children under 17
- ___ \$ 20 Senior Individual (60+)
- ___ \$ 30 Senior Couple (60+)
- ___ \$500 Lifetime Individual
- ___ \$750 Lifetime Couple

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Please call me.

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the Courthouse Museum in Genoa. From Armed Forces Day to Labor Day every summer, both museums are happy to participate in the Blue Star Museums initiative, a program that provides free admission to currently serving US military personnel and their families.

Wish List:

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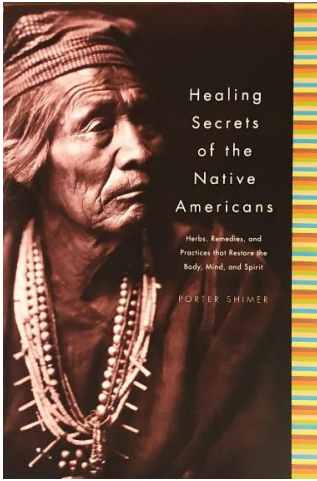
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From the Bookstore

By Judy Conrad, Bookstore Manager



Being healthy is something that we all work towards. To that end, one of our longtime, popular books is in our Native American section of both bookstores, in Gardnerville and Genoa. It is *Healing Secrets of the Native Americans ...subtitle...Herbs, Remedies and Practices that Restore the Body, Refresh the Mind and Rebuild the Spirit*, by Porter Shimer. The story of Native American healing is fascinating and practical. Chapter 3 is *The Native American Pharmacy*, which describes many herbs and healing practices, and Chapter 4 tells how to apply information from Chapter 3 to different health concerns.

On a lighter note, have fun with *Nevada Trivia – Trivia – Stories – Facts –History* by Martin Smith in the Nevada Books section of our stores, in both Gardnerville and Genoa. Enjoyable reading, even during a ten-minute break, in your busy day. Find out about Dat-So-La-Lee and her famous baskets or read Mining stories that happened near here and have fun with the section that has lots of Questions, of course, with answers!

And for the children we love Bobbie Kalman books. They are colorful and have so many fun facts. This series of *Historic Communities* is a look at living on a farm two hundred years ago. In *The Barn* describes early farming and farm activities. Parents and Grandparents will enjoy right along with the kids. (Children’s books are on two stands just outside our bookstore in Gardnerville and a part of our “big room” of books in Genoa.)

Our Courthouse Museum Bookstore opens April 25.

Looking for the perfect gift but you don’t know what your history enthusiast wants? Consider getting them a DCHS Gift Certificate. DCHS Members receive a 10% discount on bookstore merchandise. Become a member and save!

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DCHS Monthly Program

Don't miss a moment of the fun!

Family Day at the Museum

1st Saturday of the Month

Doors Open at 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Programs, games, puzzles for kids.

Volunteer Coffee

1st Monday of the Month

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Come learn about our volunteer opportunities

Heritage Lecture Series

2nd Thursday of the Month

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