

# Museum Matters

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## *The Two Worlds of Sarah Winnemucca*

On May 18th the Courthouse Museum, Genoa, celebrated the Opening of our new Sarah Winnemucca Exhibit. We would like to thank everyone who contributed to this exhibit, including the collective efforts of Kat Long, Paul Quails and Carson City Millwork.

Sarah Winnemucca Hopkins (1844 - 1891) was a Northern Paiute caught between two worlds. Originally, she worked to encourage her people to conduct friendly relations with the arriving immigrants.

For a short period, she and part of her family moved to San Francisco. But while they were away members of the Paiute Tribe were attacked by the US Cavalry, who killed 29 Paiutes, including Sarah's mother and several members of her extended family. It was at this point Sarah became an advocate for the rights of Native Americans.

Sarah Winnemucca published *Life Among the Paiutes: Their Wrongs and Claims* (1884), a book that is both a memoir and history of her people during their first 40 years of contact with European Americans. This book is considered the first known autobiography written by a Native American woman. This publication is in our bookstore and we hope you will read about the life of this extraordinary person.

### DOUGLAS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY TRUSTEE MEETINGS

Trustee meetings are held on the third Thursday of every month at the Carson Valley Museum & Cultural Center  
1477 US Highway 395 North, Gardnerville.

Members and friends are always welcome to attend.

3:00 p.m. Thursday, July 18, 2019 – DCHS Trustees' Meeting

3:00 p.m. Thursday, August 15, 2019 DCHS Trustees' Meeting

# Happenings at the Museums



## Heritage Lecture Series – July 11

The Douglas County Historical Society will be continuing its Heritage Lecture Series with a history presentation titled, *“A Sentimental Journey Along Highway 395.”* Using seldom seen photographs, Eastern Sierra historian, author and DCHS member David Woodruff will take a nostalgic look back at the people and places that have helped shape the Eastern Sierra into more than just a vacation wonderland, but a blissful state of mind and memories that inspire most everyone from visitors to longtime residents.

Three-ninety-five, this magical ribbon of blacktop, has been taking people on a sentimental journey for over 100 years. Rarely does a roadway invoke such powerful, nostalgic memories as “The Mountain Highway.” Woodruff will also be introducing his new book, *Tales Along El Camino Sierra, Two!*, a sequel to the popular Eastern Sierra history book he has written with his wife Gayle. The Woodruffs have lived, worked and vacationed in the Eastern Sierra for over 50 years and have conducted extensive research using a variety of educational and cultural resources to publish their 6th book on Eastern California history. The Carson Valley Historical Society bookstore will be open during the program and have Woodruff’s books for sale and signing.

The history program and book-signing event will be held on Thursday evening July 11th at the Carson Valley Museum and Cultural Center, 1477 US-395, in Gardnerville. The program starts at 6:30 p.m., doors open at 6:00. Admission is \$3.00 and DCHS members are free. For more information call 775-782-2555.

**August 8: Heritage Lecture Series will feature Carlo Luri speaking on Bently Heritage**  
Doors Open 6:00 p.m., lecture begins 6:30 p.m.

**August 3 CVM&CC 24<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party**

Come help the Carson Valley Museum & Cultural Center celebrate its 24<sup>th</sup> year of operation. Doors open at 10:00. Cake and light refreshments served at noon. Free Admission 10:00 to 1:00 p.m.

**November 2: The return of our Pie Baking Competition**

**December 7: Holiday Gala 10:00 to 5:00 p.m.**

Gallery of Trees, Gingerbread Houses, Selfies with Santa, Santa’s Cookie Shop, Letters to Santa Parade of Lights Viewing Party on the Front Lawn of the Carson Valley Museum & Cultural Center

## Community Exhibit Case

Do you have a collection you wish to share? We are looking for parties who would like to share their photos, collections or memorabilia associated with the history and culture of the Carson Valley vicinity. If you have something to share from casino swizzle sticks, antique mouse traps to old family photos, please contact our front office at 775-782-2555 to reserve a place in our Community Exhibit Case. Each exhibit runs for two months.

Currently on display the Daughters of the American Revolution, John C. Fremont Chapter, has provide a tribute to the patriots of the American Revolution.

# Happenings at the Museum



## Boy Scouts to the Rescue!

Our sincerest thanks go to Boy Scout Troop 495. Under the leadership of Jordan Price, who is working towards becoming an Eagle Scout, he organized the repair and painting of our shade shelters and pergola. This has been a long outstanding item on our Buildings & Grounds checklist. It was a monumental effort. We're pleased to see the tradition of community service, hard work and organizational skills of our youth is still at work.



## Ladies Sunday Tea

The tradition of the Ladies Sunday Tea returned to the museum. It was certainly a "say something hat day." Bella Vita Bistro Catering provided the traditional Sunday Tea of scones with jam, salad and finger sandwiches and specialty desserts. The event included certificates of award for best tea setting, best hat, best color coordinated outfits and many more. Already on the books to repeat in 2020 we're counting on seeing even more elaborate period clothing, plus we'll be looking for more men to help serve the ladies.



## Kids' Old Time Carnival

Giant Bubbles and Grandma's Trunk captivated the attention of both the kids and young of heart at our Kids' Old Time Carnival. Along with a Rope Maze, old style board games and hotdogs made for a great day on our front lawn. We received many compliments from the friends and family attending the event. We will be sure to host this fun old past time again in 2020.



## Carson Valley Day Parade

Once again, we were delighted with the creative float design of our Youth Education Program. They truly captured the theme of this year's parade, "*Carson Valley Goes to The Movies*".

We're trying something new for the 2019 Parade of Lights Parade. Rather than the Youth Group's parade entry, the DHCS will host a Parade Viewing Party on the front lawn of the Carson Valley Museum & Cultural Center. We have some of the best seats in town and hope everyone will visit us December 7.



## Pony Express Re-Ride

What a great day of living history. The Pony Express Re-ride made their mail swap in the front yard of our Courthouse Museum in Genoa. We were pleased to see such a huge turnout for this signature event. Though only in operation for eighteen months, the Pony Express is a signature event that has caught the imagination of all fans of western life, culture and lore.

# DCHS Volunteers



## Volunteering at the Museums

By Kathy Lee

As soon as I arrived in the Carson Valley three years ago, I knew that I wanted to volunteer in the community. This spot immediately grabbed our hearts. Aviation is what brought my husband Jim and I here to Nevada, but the history, geography, and wonderful people are what made us feel instantly at home. We had moved from Florida, where we had been living for a dozen years; but this change was not really as drastic as it seemed because prior to Florida, we had lived in the mountains of Northern New Mexico for nearly thirty years.

My new friends, Vicki Hargrove and Dave Thomas, are the ones who pointed the way to volunteering in the Genoa Courthouse Museum. I had met them at the Genoa Community Church, and they were already longtime enthusiastic volunteers. With their training, as well as Linda Lechien's help, I became comfortable and knowledgeable in both museums.

What makes volunteering in the museums so much fun? My background as a teacher for thirty-five years helps, but truly it is a combination of the genuine exhibits and the visitors who come to see them. Both museums enjoy a relaxed pace, and this allows us volunteers to engage with our visitors, being able to point them to the areas of their interests and being able to answer their questions (or have the time to look up the information). Best of all is being able to echo the Blacksmith from the Courthouse Museum, "Have the kind of day you'd like to have".

## DCHS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

### Gardnerville Wine Walks:

Join us for Main Street Gardnerville's Third Thursday Wine walks and help staff our information booth. The wine walks run from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Each wine walk has its own theme. This is a fantastic evening and fun for everyone. If you can help with any of these dates, please give us a call.



July 18: Sip 'N' Show  
August 15: Sip 'N' Sounds  
September 19: Sip 'N' Show

### Special Events:

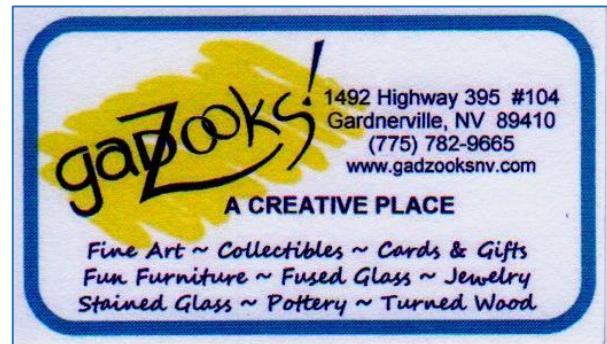
We are always looking for people who enjoy interacting with our members and guests. We can always use an extra hand with Bartending, Kitchen Assistants, Kid's Programs, Clerical Assistance and much more. To help with any of these tasks, call 775-782-2555

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- Free admission to both 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

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I am interested in volunteering at the museums. Please call me.

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**Noel Manoukian  
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## **V&T Exhibit Funding Campaign**

DCHS is seeking V & T related artifacts, ephemera and paraphernalia in addition to cash donations for our new exhibit. If you have an item or donation to contribute, please contact our front desk.

## **DCHS Wish List – Can You Help?**

- White Printer Paper
- Forever Postage Stamps
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# From the Bookstore

## Summer Reading – Road Trips!



Summertime! Relax with two great books – one just newly published by local authors David and Gayle Woodruff. ***Tales along El Camino Sierra – Books 1 and 2***. There is a special offer at the bookstore for buying both books for \$20. If you want just one the price is \$10.95.

El Camino Sierra “*The Mountain Highway*” became Highway 395. Fun and heartwarming tales along this route will make your next 395 trip even more interesting. Did you know a Ranger from Death Valley wrote the song “Ghost Riders in the Sky”? Read Chapter 38 in Volume 2 – it’s a really interesting story! Or go to Chapter 7 in Volume 1 and learn how the Tule Elk were saved from extinction. You’ll love these books!

For the children, two excellent summer books are ***Constellation Activity Book***, with 26 of the most well-known constellations. Dot-to-dot, mazes, and word finds are all in this book! Do your children/grandchildren like ***Nature Search-A-Word***? Our children’s ***Nature Search-A-Word*** should be great fun on a summer day. Enjoy!

***Remember! Members of the Douglas County Historical Society receive 10% off their purchases from our bookstores.***

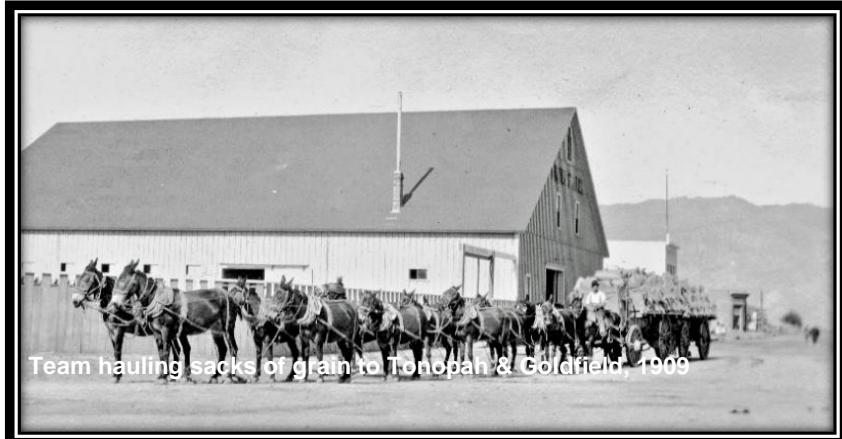
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# TREASURES FROM THE VAULT



Team hauling sacks of grain to Tonopah & Goldfield, 1909

an appropriate facility. This new exhibit area will allow us to give these artifacts a proper home and better tell the history of agriculture in our county and surrounding areas.

With your donations, we continue our commitment to our organizational Mission Statement, which reads, "The Douglas County Historical Society seeks to enrich lives by preserving local history and making it accessible to our communities and visitors."

If you have an artifact or an item of interest with a provenance or connection to Douglas County or Nevada, please call 775-782-2555 and schedule an appointment to consult with our curator.

We are now in the midst of celebrating Douglas County's agricultural history as we begin creating the outdoor agriculture exhibit at the Carson Valley Museum & Cultural Center. Through the many generous donations of local people and businesses and a grant from the Edwin L. Wiegand Trust, this long imaged exhibit is now coming to fruition.

We have many artifacts and pieces of agricultural equipment, which we have not been able to exhibit or interpret due to lack of



Threshing crew at work in Carson Valley

## On Exhibit:

We are pleased with the many special exhibits we currently have at our museums. We hope you will take time to visit us and see these new offerings.

***Juanita Schubert, Rediscovered 'Images of the West'*** - Carson Valley Museum & Cultural Center

***Roy Thran 1925- 1935 'Legacy of a Boy'*** - Carson Valley Museum & Cultural Center

***The Two Worlds of Sarah Winnemucca*** - Courthouse Museum, Genoa

## In the Works:



The Douglas County Historical Society is developing a new Virginia & Truckee Railway exhibit to be installed at the Carson Valley Museum & Cultural Center. Artist/Historian Wayne Scarpaci has donated two paintings and the exhibit committee is busy collecting artifacts related to the V & T. If you have any V & T related artifacts that you would like to donate to this future exhibit, please contact the museum curator, Gail Allen.

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## DCHS Highlights

*Don't miss a moment of fun*

July 6 – 10:00 to 1:00 p.m.

Family Day at the CVM&CC / Free Admission

July 11 – 6:00 p.m.

Heritage Lecture Series

David Woodruff on the El Camino Sierra Highway

July 18 - 4:30 p.m.

Main Street Gardnerville Wine Walk

Join us on our Front Lawn

August 3 - 10:00 to 1:00 p.m.

DCHS Anniversary Celebration Open House

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