

# Museum Matters

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## 2019 Will Be a Fantastic Year!



Not since the 1995 opening of the Carson Valley Museum & Cultural Center have we undertaken such an ambitious project. It had always been the museum's desire to create an outdoor exhibit showcasing the rich ranching and agricultural heritage of our community, but it hasn't been until now that we've had the funding to undertake this exciting project. Thanks to the generous support of the Edwin L. Wiegand Trust and the dedicated support of our members this project is now a reality. We are pleased to announce that construction of the Edwin L. Wiegand Ranching and Agricultural Heritage Exhibit has commenced!



Three Castel Engineering of Gardnerville is finishing up the final drawings and DCHS staff is rapidly working to clear the construction zone between the museum and the Old Gym Playhouse. A key element of this work is finding temporary housing to safely secure our larger ranching equipment during construction. The major portion of this work will occur in early June after the Carson Valley

Middle School closes for the summer. This will allow us safe access to the work site without interrupting school buses or the school's pick-up and drop-off zone for the kids.

On behalf of the Douglas County Historical Society's Board of Trustees we wish to thank everyone for their help in fulfilling our mission statement:

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



### 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.

3:00 p.m. March 21, 2019

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# Happenings at the Museum

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Our DCHS Young Chautauqua Class was greeted by Lillian Virgin Finnegan (Chautauqua performer Kim Harris) on the opening day of class. Lillian talked about her efforts and goals in creating the now famous Genoa Candy Dance. Our youth education program, led by Dianna Borges, will run through April. You will be able to see the class perform on three separate occasions: Genoa Heritage Days at the old Genoa Town Church April 27; CVM&CC May 4 and at the Dangberg Home Ranch on June 26. You can learn more about Kim's work at [westernhistoryalive.com](http://westernhistoryalive.com)

What a treat! The historical society is pleased to provide the Carson Valley Pops with a back-up rehearsal space. Shown here the group is in preparation for their Spring Scholarship Concert. The concert will be held March 9 at the CVI Hall, Minden. Visit [carsonvalleypops.wordpress.com](http://carsonvalleypops.wordpress.com) for full details.



Thanks to Wayne Scarpaci's generous donation of an original oil painting we have the start of a V & T Railroad Exhibit. Despite the history and cultural impact, the V & T has made on our community, we have very few artifacts from the railroad. But now that we have a focal point, our Exhibit Team is working on pulling the artifacts we have and will be preparing a new exhibit in March. We are always on the lookout for items related to the "Queen of the Short Lines." If you have an item to donate, please contact us.



Wayne will be continuing his lectures on Battleships of WWII. Join us Saturday, March 2, for the first of a two-part lecture by author / historian Wayne Scarpaci on the slow Battleships of World War II: New Mexico, Tennessee & Colorado Class. Program begins at 1:00 p.m. at the Carson Valley Museum & Cultural Center, 1477 US Highway 395 N, Gardnerville. Info at 775-782-2555. Free Admission, but donations are always appreciated. Part two will be held on Saturday, April 6: Arkansas, New York, Nevada & Pennsylvania Class.

## DO YOU KNOW WHAT AN AED MACHINE DOES?

Several months ago, a group of five museum volunteers were working on a project at the Gardnerville Museum when one of the group had a heart attack and passed out. The other 4 volunteers sprang into action. One called 911 from her cell phone, one caught the man's head so it wouldn't hit the floor while the other two did CPR on their friend. 1 of the volunteers remembered that we have an AED machine upstairs in the museum and ran up the stairs to get it. Once the AED pads were placed on the man's chest, the machine began registering the vital statistics and prompted them when to step back from the patient while it sent an electric shock to the heart. The machine took over and restarted his heart. In just a few minutes DCSO arrived on the scene along with paramedics who transported him to the hospital. Several days later the fire department told us that the quick thinking of our volunteers and the fact that they knew how to use a AED machine saved the life of their fellow volunteer.



**History Geared for Kids!** Join us for Family Day held the first Saturday of every month. The Carson Valley Museum & Cultural Center is open from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and is offering special activities and games geared for Children. Free Admission! This is a good time to bring your friends and family down to the museum to see what you have been supporting through your membership.



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## Women in History!

Nevada Women in History Project came to Douglas County in the form of Women in History Remembrance Project sponsored by Douglas County Historical Society. The event is not a contest but a sharing of stories of women who live or have lived in Douglas County and helped to shape the community. This year the program will be held in the Main Hall room at the Carson Valley Museum & Cultural Center on March 23, at 2:00 p.m. The public is encouraged to attend.

Leading up to this event will be an exhibit of four women from the past which will open at the Douglas County Library, Minden Branch, on March 1, 2019. Take the time to get acquainted with these ladies and see some of the artifacts connected with each.

Native American, Susie Dick, was a basket maker, worked on the Dangberg Ranch and came to town when John Dangberg moved his family to Minden. She was a most interesting and friendly lady about town for years.

Anna Neddenriep Dressler, is a native of Carson Valley and well-known Rancher along with her husband Fred. She was instrumental in organizing the Cow Belles in Douglas County and was National president of the organization.

Anna Norgaard Harris Berhman, was born in Denmark came to America to escape from a father she did not like. She married Maurice (Mose) Harris and settled in Genoa for a time. Mose failed in his business venture of General Merchandising but Anna began the business on her own and eventually owned her own store in Gardnerville.

Lois Brooks Hailey was a beloved Music Teacher at the Minden School. She influenced many young minds. Music and flying were her passion and became a WAC to ferry completed WW11 airplanes for the United States Army. This is quite a story and Douglas County children experienced it with her.



## Bed Turning – A Great American Tradition

Held in honor of National Quilting Day a “Bed Turning” is a creative way for artisans to display and share the stories of their quilts and its design. Bed Turnings will be held March 16 at 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. and a demonstration of tips and tricks of quilting techniques will run throughout the day. Doors Open at 10:00 a.m. Free Admission.

## Evening Soirée – A Night to Be Spiffy.

We’re in the process of formalizing our annual Evening Soirée. Set to be held on Friday, April 5 the evening will include a dinner provide by Bella Vita Catering of Carson City and entertainment by C.W. Bayer. From past experiences we’ve learned our group loves to be “Spiffy.” A fun time to peruse you wardrobe and sport those fashions that were so stylish just a few “short” years ago.

## Ladies Sunday Tea

A tradition from long ago is returning to the museum, The Ladies Sunday Tea. Once again, the museum will host an elegant tea set in our Main Hall. Each group, as before, will bring their own card table, tablecloth and setting for four while the museum will provide a selection of tradition fare suitable for a High Teas. And what could be better than having the Men of the Museum do the serving. Be sure to mark Sunday, May 19 on your calendar.



# Save the Date!

*We know you won't want to miss a moment of fun!*

- ☐ **Family Day:** Saturday, March 2, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
Free Admission – History Geared for Kids: Kid's Coloring Pages and Scavenger Hunt
- ☐ Special Presentation by author Wayne Space: **Battleships of WWII** – Part One of Two  
CVM&CC, Saturday, March 2, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., Free Admission
- ☐ **Heritage Lecture Series:** Thursday, March 14, Doors Open at 6:00 p.m. Lecture 6:30 p.m.  
Guest speaker, author Karen Dustman will relate "Ten Tales from Genoa"  
\$3.00 at the door, DCHS and Alpine Co. Historical Society members free
- ☐ **Bed Turning:** Hosted by the Carson Valley Quilt Guild, Saturday, March 16,  
Doors Open 10:00 a.m. First Turning at 11:00 a.m., Second Turning at 1:00 p.m. Free Admission
- ☐ **Women in History:** Saturday, March 23, Doors Open 1:00 p.m. Program begins 2:00 p.m.  
Light refreshments will be served after the program. Free Admission
- ☐ **Evening Soirée:** Friday, April 5, 5:30 p.m. Doors Open, 6:00 p.m. Sit-down Catered Dinner Begins  
7:00 p.m. Entertainment by CW Bayer Tickets go on sale March 4.
- ☐ **Family Day:** Saturday, April 6, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
Free Admission – History Geared for Kids: Kid's Coloring Pages and Scavenger Hunt
- ☐ Special Presentation by author Wayne Space: **Battleships of WWII** – Part Two of Two  
CVM&CC, Saturday, April 6, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., Free Admission
- ☐ **Heritage Lecture Series:** Guest Speaker TBD, Thursday, April 11  
Doors Open at 6:00 p.m. Lecture 6:30, \$3.00 at the door, DCHS & Alpine Historical members free
- ☐ **Genoa Heritage Days:** April 26 -28, Music, programs, food and fun throughout the entire town.  
DCHS Young Chautauqua Performers at the old town church, adult Chautauqua in the town hall
- ☐ **Family Day:** Saturday, May 4, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
Free Admission – History Geared for Kids: Kid's Coloring Pages and Scavenger Hunt
- ☐ **Spring Art & Wine on the Green:** Saturday & Sunday: May 4 & 5, 10:00 to 3:00 p.m.  
No Host Wine Bar – Outside
- ☐ **Special Presentation – Young Chautauqua:** 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Saturday, May 2  
Free Admission. Great for the whole family.
- ☐ **Ladies' Spring Tea:** Sunday, May 19  
Doors Open 12:30 1:00 p.m. High Tea
- ☐ **Old Time Kid's Carnival (Family Day)** Saturday, June 1  
Games, Booths, Food and Fun for the whole Family



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## Funding Campaign: Sarah Winnemucca Exhibit in Genoa

Though Sarah Winnemucca was from the Paiute Tribe, she had strong ties to Genoa and spent part of her life in our community. We are pleased that the Historical Society will be able to present her story and contributions to our valley. The exhibit will be part of our permanent collection and will be housed in the upstairs in the Courthouse Museum. If you wish to make a donation to help underwrite the cost of the exhibit, please contact our Main Office.

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- 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:**

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

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We gratefully acknowledge memorial donations made in the name of:

**Evelyn Callahan**

**Betty Hussman**

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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*Your consideration helps keep the rich legacy of  
Our community alive.*

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## Volunteer Opportunities

Attention all DCHS members, we are gearing up and making big plans in preparation to open the Genoa Courthouse Museum at the end of April for the upcoming season. We need additional volunteers that can work at either of our museums. Our next volunteer orientation will be Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> in Genoa. Please call our Gardnerville Museum office number at 775-782-2555 for more information and to get your name on our volunteer list.

Would you like to help with our special programs and 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. Give us a call to see where you can help out.

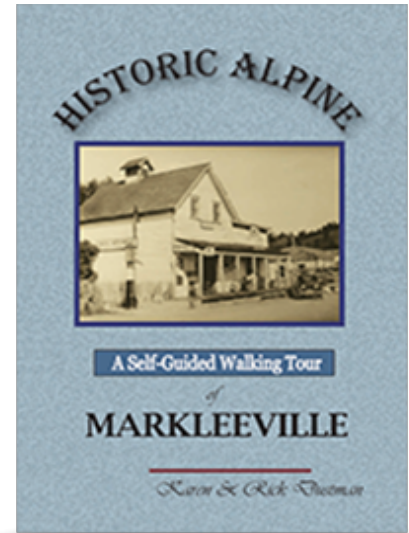
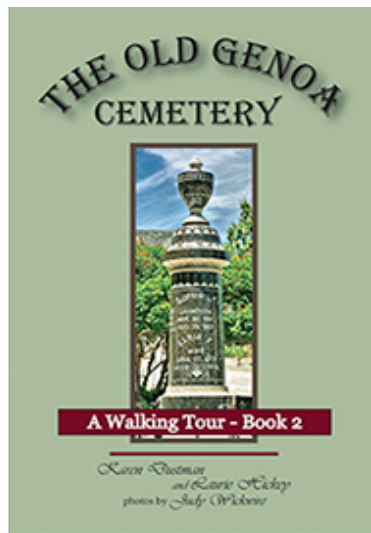
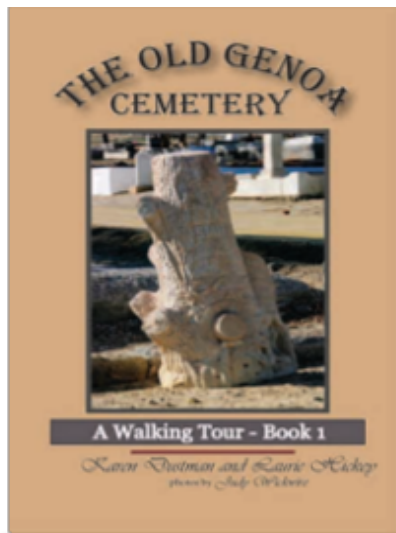
## Spring Clean-Up & Barbecue

We always want our properties to look the very best. Once the spring weather arrives, we need to go full force in landscape trimming, pruning and general clean-up at both the Carson Valley Museum & Cultural Center and the Courthouse Museum in Genoa. The DCHS will host a tailgate barbecue after the clean-up. Call us if you wish to be notified of this event.

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# From the Bookstore

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May we recommend a series of books that are sure to please both winter and summer? Local author, Karen Dustman in collaboration with her husband Ken, and local historians Judy Wickwire and Laurie Hickey have published a series of self-guided walking tours of various communities in our area. Shown are just a few of the titles available in our museum bookstore. Though these are walking tours, each book is filled with stories of murder, mysteries and even a great ghost tale or two. All perfect for reading in front of a winter fire. Once you have completed these books, you will be ready to hit the road and explore our vicinity after the snows have melted and the warmth of summer has returned.

Karen Dustman is our guest speaker at our Heritage Lecture Series, on Thursday, March 14, at the Carson Valley Museum & Cultural Center. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. lecture begins at 6:30 p.m. \$3.00 at the door. This lecture is free to DCHS and Alpine County Historical Society Members.

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# Treasures from the Vault



As we begin 2019, we have received some very interesting artifacts and the little Dachshund, 'Waldi' is one of them. He is made by Steiff and has light brown mohair. A maker's tag on right rear leg reads, "Made in US-Zone, Germany" and dates this little doggy to post-World War II into the early 1950's. Because he is so engaging, we have him as our 'wandering mascot' at the Carson Valley Museum & Cultural Center. He moves periodically from one exhibit to another giving our younger visitors something to search for in order to receive a prize. He has been a bit hit with younger and older visitors alike so be sure and look for him the next time you visit the museum in Gardnerville.

Following last year's exhibits in Reno and in the Courthouse Museum, Genoa related to Hans Meyer-Kassel and his art, Douglas County Historical Society received a full-sized print of his painting, which used for the 1951 Genoa Centennial postage stamp. The print is strikingly framed with an inset of the actual postage stamp. It is now on permanent exhibit upstairs at the Courthouse Museum, Genoa in the Post Office exhibit. If you have only seen the postage stamp and not the painting, be sure to visit. The colors are vibrant and the scene inspiring. It is easy to see why this painting was chosen for the stamp to represent the earliest time of the settling of the area around present-day Genoa.



## Additional notes....

We have received a variety of calendars from the 1970s through the early 1980s from several businesses here in Carson Valley. They are interesting with bold illustrations of a variety of scenes and are of great local interest due to the business advertising. Paper items such as these calendars do not usually survive well and to be able to add them to our collection is exciting. They have stimulated some exhibit ideas among the Exhibit Team, and we look forward to sharing them in our museums.

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

## Special Exhibit - "Roy Thran, Legacy of a Boy"



A special exhibit has been installed in the Women in History room at the CVM&CC. Roy Thran was born in 1925 and drowned in a swimming accident in 1935. From one generation to the next, they have kept many of his toys and personal belongings together, honoring his memory. The Thran family has graciously agreed to share with our community the items they have preserved. Be sure to visit the museum and take a glimpse at the life of a young boy born and raised in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century in Carson Valley, Nevada.

*Photographs courtesy of Judy Wickwire*



Do you have a collection to share? We have an exhibit case in our lobby for you to showcase your collection of items related to the history of Douglas County or the culture of the early life in America. Contact our Front Office at 775-782-2555 if you have a collection to share.

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