

# Museum Matters

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## Women in History Remembering Project 2019

The Douglas County Historical Society inducted five women who made a difference into their Women in History program. This project was inspired by the National Women's History Project and the Nevada Women's History Project in Reno. It is designed to collect the stories of Douglas County women. All information collected becomes part of the permanent archives, housed in the Van Sickle Research Center at the Carson Valley Museum and Cultural Center in Gardnerville and with the Women in History Project, Reno.



This year's inductees included: Elizabeth "Betty" Chism Cordes, Mary Settlemeyer Fair, Pamela A. Horton, Sherry Smokey, and Dorothea Wennhold Springmeyer. Artifacts reflecting the life and times of these women are now on display at the CVM&CC, Parlor Room.

The Douglas County Historical Society wishes to thank the following organizations for their support of this program: Harrah's / Harvey's Resort Casino, A Wildflower Florist, the Record Courier, and our staff of DCHS Volunteers.

## 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. Thursday, April 18, 2019 DCHS Trustees' Meeting

3:00 p.m. Thursday, May 16, 2019 – DCHS Trustees' Meeting

5:00 p.m. Thursday, May 16 – DCHS Membership Meeting & Trustees' Elections

# Happenings at the Museum

## **Battleships of World War II, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Saturday, April 6**

Join us for Author / Historian Wayne Scarpaci's final installment on the Battleships of World War II. This lecture will focus on the Arkansas, New York, Nevada and Pennsylvania Class battleships. Doors open at Noon. Free Admission.



## **Ladies Sunday Tea, Sunday, May 19**

A tradition from long ago is returning to the museum, The Ladies Sunday Tea. The museum will host an elegant tea in our Main Hall. As in years past, each group of four will bring their own tea service. The museum will provide tables, chairs, tablecloths, and a selection of traditional fare prepared by Bella Vita Catering of Carson City. As a bonus, the men of the museum will serve the ladies. No host wine and champagne. Tickets \$35 per person, DCHS Members \$30 (Table for Four \$120) Doors Open at Noon, Tea Begins at 1:00 p.m.

## **Genoa Western Heritage Days: April 26 -28**

This marks the opening of the Courthouse Museum, Friday April 26. There will be music, adult Chautauqua performances, with food and fun throughout the entire town. Our DCHS Young Chautauqua Performers will be at the Old Church at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 27.

## **Art & Wine on the Green: Saturday & Sunday: May 4 & 5, 10:00 to 3:00 p.m.**

Enjoy a glass of wine as you stroll about the green, viewing the work of many talented artisans from our area. No host wine bar.

## **DCHS YOUNG CHAUTAUQUA**

### *We Taught the World New Ways to Dream*

We are extremely proud of the students enrolled in our Young Chautauqua Class. Come meet and hear the pioneers, visionaries and heroes who inspired us to reach for the stars. Performances include: Walt Disney, Jacque Cousteau, Amelia Earhart and many more. We have three performances coming up and we hope you will join us:

- 11:00 a.m. Saturday, April 27, Genoa Town Church
- 1:00 p.m. Saturday, May 4, Carson Valley Museum & Cultural Center
- 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 26, Dangberg Home Ranch



# Happenings at the Museum



Super thanks to the Carson Valley Quilt Guild for hosting their annual Bed Turning at the CCM&CC. We were delighted to be part of this great American Tradition. Pictured is Lisa Decoing, Chair of the Heritage Committee. We already have the Quilt Guild on the books for our March 2020 programing. You can see more of their stunning work and learn about membership opportunities at their website: [cvqg.com](http://cvqg.com).



## *Thank-you One & All for Making our 2018 Holiday Gala a Huge Success!*



*Left: Douglas County Republican Women 1<sup>st</sup> Place in our Gallery of Tree Contest*

*Our Top Two Gingerbread Houses:*

*Center: "Santa's Greenhouse" by Kathie Jarboe*

*Right: "Making a List, Checking twice" by the Kronenberg Family*

Twenty-Eighteen would not be complete without extending our sincerest thanks to all of our friends and supporters who participated in our annual Gallery of Trees. We had fourteen trees in this year's fundraiser totaling over \$1,300 in donations. Though separated by only a few dollars in total donations, our top earners were Douglas County Republican Women, Knitstas, and the Carson Valley Arts Council's Fantasies in Gingerbread.

Our Gingerbread House Display was incredible! I can truly say we had entries that far exceeded anything you would see on the cover of national cooking magazines!

We hope the community enjoyed this wonderful holiday presentation.

## **Save the Date!**

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

- Special Presentation by author Wayne Scarpaci: **Battleships of WWII**  
CVM&CC, Saturday, April 6, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., Free Admission
- Heritage Lecture Series:** Guest Speaker Frank Wardwell on Mines of Nevada, Thursday, April 11  
Doors Open at 6:00 p.m. Lecture 6:30, \$3.00 at the door, DCHS & Alpine Historical members free
- Spring Art & Wine on the Green:** Saturday & Sunday: May 4 & 5, 10:00 to 3:00 p.m.  
No Host Wine Bar – Outside
- Ladies' Spring Tea:** Sunday, May 19  
Doors Open at 12:30, with Afternoon Tea beginning at 1:00 p.m.
- Live Painting Demonstration by author historian Wayne Scarpaci  
1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Saturday, May 25 CVM&CC – Doors Open at Noon, Free Admisson

# Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers are essential to the operation of your two museums. We could not adequately or efficiently manage without their help. From the minute a guest walks in the front door, they are greeted by a friendly, knowledgeable volunteer sitting at the reception desk. These volunteers freely give up a part of their day because they love the history and traditions of Carson Valley and want to share it with our guests. We have front line volunteers and many behind the scenes too. Volunteers with experience in finance, home maintenance, exhibits room decoration and food service just to name a few. Some of our volunteers work more than one area and are happy to do so. Over the next issues of our newsletter I will be highlighting some of our volunteers!



Please meet Mary Kammann, she is our head Docent in charge of leading tours that are here visiting our museums from area schools, retirement homes or special travel agents. Mary has trained several additional volunteers to assist her. She also helps train docents and new volunteers for the reception desk.

We are open 6 days a week at our Gardnerville museum from 10am to 4pm. That's two – three hour shifts for our front desk volunteers, and that equals 12 volunteers a week or 48 shifts a month and we double that amount in May through October when we open the Genoa Courthouse Museum, which is open 7 days a week! That is in addition to the many other important areas where other volunteers are needed.

Please call the museum office at 775-782-2555 to leave your name and phone number if you have a few hours a month to give to our museums, you'll be glad you did. Thanks so much, Linda Lechien – Volunteer Coordinator

## Volunteer Sign-up: Call 775-782-2555

**Spring Clean-Up & Tailgate Barbecue April 20:** 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. Clean-up will start at 8:00 a.m., but free to arrive anytime. The DCHS will host a tailgate barbecue after the clean-up. Call us if you can help and if you will be attending the barbecue.

**Training at the Courthouse Museum in Genoa April 17:** 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 in Genoa. Please call 775-782-2555 for more information.

**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. Give us a call to see where you can help out.

There are two things we tell our friends about volunteering at the museum. First you don't need a gym membership when you work at a museum and the second is there's never a dull moment. And to dramatize the second fact, we recently discovered that four of the posts in our front yard pergolas had completely rotted away. But thanks to the generous time and effort of Chris M. the posts have been replaced. We are now coordinating with the Boys Scouts of America to sand and repaint the shade cover. Volunteers make all the difference in the world when it comes to keeping our museums up and running.



*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
- 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  
 \$20 Senior Individual (60+)  
 \$30 Senior Couple (60+)  
 \$ 500 Lifetime Individual  
 \$ 750 Lifetime Couple

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Return this page along with your dues to:

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

## **Gifts & Memorials**

**Carl Carstensen**

### **Dorothy Shuart Scossa**

It's with great sadness we announce that Dorothy Shuart Scossa, passed away February 25, 2019.

Dorothy was active in such organizations as the Mothers' Club, the Western Nevada CowBelles, the Carson Valley Literary Club and the 4-H leaders' organization.

Dorothy had a deep connection with DCHS, as a docent at the Courthouse Museum in Genoa, as a volunteer at cemetery tours and cookie walks, and as a trustee and an active member of the collections committee until recently. Dorothy truly helped make the Historical Society what it is today and for that, we are truly grateful.

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*The Douglas County Historical Society 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:*

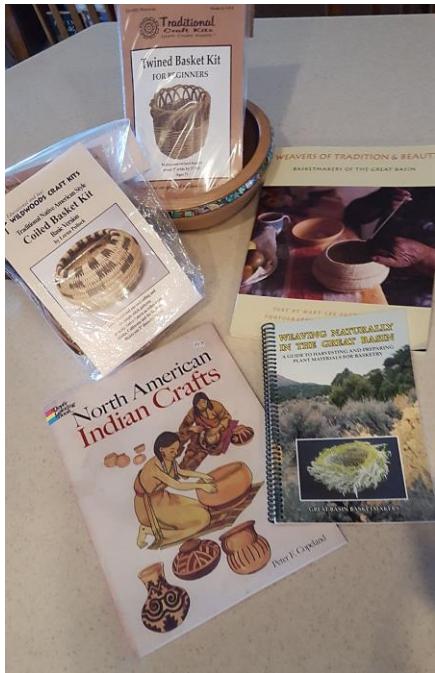
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### **Funding Campaign: Sarah Winnemucca Exhibit in Genoa**

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 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. Our target is to have this exhibit open in time for Genoa Heritage Day, April 27, followed by a formal exhibit opening in May. (Date TBD).

# From the Bookstore



In our bookstore we carry interesting Native American crafts, as well as books, for both adults and children. Featured this month are the Traditional Native American style small baskets. These are kits to weave and include detailed instructions. The kits are of different difficulty levels, ranging from the Twined Basket Kit for beginners, to the Coiled Basket Kit which is more difficult. Both are shown in our photo.

We carry a number of Dover Coloring Books for Children. Our featured book is North American Indian Crafts. Each page has extensive, fact-filled captions accompanying the 39 detailed, accurately rendered illustrations of North American Indian peoples engaged in typical craft activities. Fun and informative!

For the adults we have two books regarding Indian weaving. Weavers of Tradition and Beauty – Basketmakers of the Great Basin tells the story of 19 modern Indian weavers, who have inherited an ancient and time honored tradition of "ways with the willow". Along with the stories of these men and women are many pictures, not only of baskets, but also of their dances, ceremonies and legends.

Our other book about basketry and weaving is Great Basin Basketmakers – Weaving Naturally in the Great Basin. This is a guide to harvesting and preparing plant materials for basketry. It is a fascinating book, even if you have no intention of actually making a basket. Many drawings and pictures of plants and how each is used in basketry, make this book an enjoyable read.

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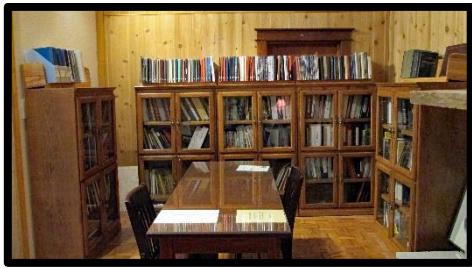
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## DCHS Wish List – Can You Help?

White Printer Paper / Forever Postage Stamps / 7 1/4" Circular Saw with cord (No rechargeable batteries please)

# TREASURES FROM THE VAULT

## Van Sickle Research Center Has Moved!

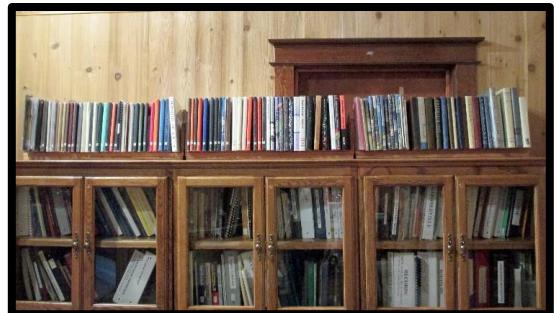


If you have not visited the Carson Valley Museum & Cultural Center, Gardnerville, recently, be sure to stop in and see the Van Sickle Research Center. You will find it located in a part of the Tahoe Room exhibit.

We received a very generous grant, which enabled us to purchase five new bookcases as well as a library table and chairs to furnish the new space created for the center. This space allows researchers access to a well-organized place with easy access to our family files and other materials related to Douglas County and Nevada. Our extensive collection of Douglas County High School yearbooks as well as some Whittel High School and some University of Nevada, Reno, yearbooks are located on top of three of the new bookcases.

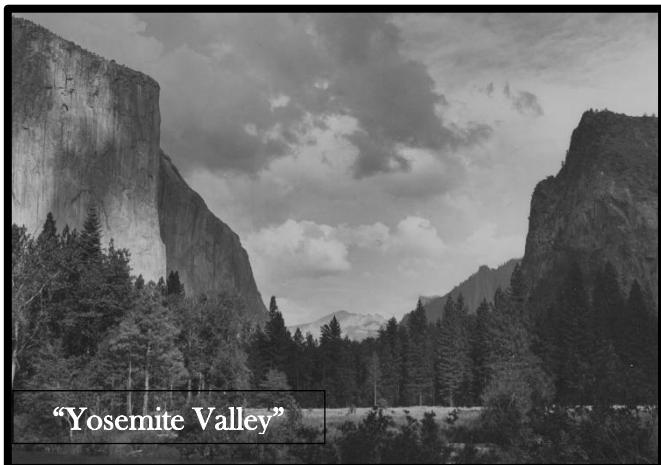
With this updated Van Sickle Research Center, we continue our commitment to our organizational Mission Statement:

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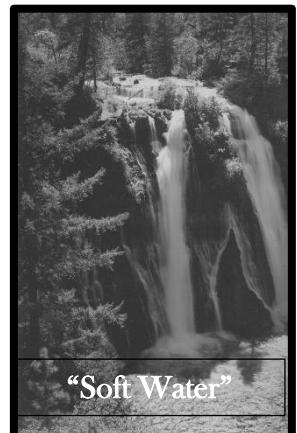
### **Additional notes....**

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



**"Yosemite Valley"**

**- New Exhibit -**  
**Juanita**  
**Schubert**  
**Rediscovered**  
***"Images of the***  
***West"***



**"Soft Water"**

In March, the Exhibit Team installed more than twenty photographs by a local artist, Juanita Schubert, in the Women in History room at the Carson Valley Museum & Cultural Center, Gardnerville. Her extensive body of work in black and white covers a variety of subjects including the natural world, buildings, portraits, and Yosemite. There she studied with Ansel Adams and was encouraged by him to develop her own photographs. The composition of her images and her use of light and shadows make her images particularly compelling. Be sure to stop in and see this exhibit on your next trip to the museum in Gardnerville.

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.

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## DCHS Highlights

*Don't miss a moment of fun*

**Evening Soirée- A Night to Be Spiffy**  
5:30 p.m. Friday, April 5

**Heritage Lecture Series:** 6:00 p.m. Thurs., April 11:  
Frank Wardwell on Mines of Nevada

**Spring Art & Wine on the Green**  
Saturday & Sunday: May 4 & 5

**DCHS Young Chautauqua Performance**  
1:00 p.m. Saturday, May 4

**Ladies' Spring Tea**  
12:30 p.m. Sunday, May 19

**Live Painting Demonstration by Wayne Scarpaci**  
Saturday, May 25

**Old Time Kid's Carnival**  
Saturday, June 1  
First Saturday of Every Month is Family Day  
10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. – Free Admission