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The DCHS Board of Trustees is pleased to present our 2019 Young Chautauqua Graduating Class. Under the leadership of Dianna Borges assisted by Linda Diego, Ursula McManus, Evangeline Boutte and Dennis Little, we had twelve students participating in this year's program. We extend our sincerest thanks to the following parties who helped make this program possible. Chautauqua Performers: Kim Harris, McAvoy Layne, Tsimi Deglopper as Chief Truckee and Chuck & Mary Baldauskas. Lottie Dino, Wardrobe. Kira Frederick, Research - Douglas County Public Library.

In addition, Iris Blaisdell is continuing her DCHS Youth Education Outreach Program throughout the elementary schools of the Carson Valley. Classroom topics range from life in the Old West, to the Pony Express and the journey of immigrants.

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, May 16, 2019 – DCHS Trustees' Meeting
5:00 p.m. Thursday, May 16 – Membership Meeting & Trustees' Elections
3:00 p.m. Thursday, June 20, 2019 DCHS Trustees' Meeting

Happenings at the Museums



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.

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 and beer bar, open 11:00 a.m.

Young Chautauqua - We Taught the World New Ways to Dream

Saturday May 4, 1:00 p.m. Doors Open at Noon.

Heritage Lecture Series - Films of the Carson Valley

Thursday, May 9. Doors Open at 6:00 p.m. Lecture 6:30 p.m.

\$3.00 at the Door, DCHS & Alpine County Historical Society Members Free

Sarah Winnemucca - Exhibit Opening at the Courthouse Museum in Genoa

11:00 p.m. Saturday, May 18

Special Chautauqua Performances

Doors Open at 10:00 a.m.

Ladies Afternoon Tea

1:00 p.m. Sunday, May 19

Join us for an elegant afternoon of entertainment and tea provided by Bella Vita Bella catering.

\$120 for a table of four

Individual \$35 / \$30.00 DCHS

Live Painting Demonstration

1:00 to 3:00 p.m., Saturday, May 25

Artist Historian Wayne Scarpaci will conduct a live painting demonstration of the V&T Railroad

Kids Old Time Carnival

Saturday, June 1, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

A day of fun for the whole family on the front lawn of the Carson Valley Museum & Cultural Center

Free Admission.



Courthouse Museum, Genoa.

We are pleased to report that the Courthouse Museum officially opened for the season on April 27. And what an opening. We had nearly 150 visitors over the weekend, and thanks-to a generous donation by the Friends of Genoa, admission was free. In addition, over 100 fourth grade students from the Carson City School District visited the museum as part of their Nevada History Program. Shown, Mary K is recounting the history of the Pony Express

May 16 Membership Meeting & Elections

VOTING INSTRUCTIONS: Our annual DCHS Membership Meeting will be held at 5:00 May 16 at the Carson Valley Museum & Cultural Center. The Nominating Committee has made the recommendation of the following candidates to fill six positions. Please vote for the trustees of your choice. All ballots must be returned by 4:45 p.m. May 16. You may drop your ballot off in person at the Carson Valley Museum & Cultural Center, you may bring it to the membership meeting or you can return it to the Historical Society in a sealed envelope. Mark your name(s) on the envelope; do not mark your names on the ballot. You may also pick up a ballot at the museum.

Bio: Janice Beerwinkle

I am seeking the position of trustee of the Douglas County Historical Society. Serving in this position, I can draw from my previous experiences as an educator and community volunteer to enhance program offerings to the community and use my grant writing skills to help fund current and new projects. My employment history includes eight years as an architectural draftsman and 25 years as an educator. After 14 years teaching high school subjects in the San Bernardino City adult education program, I completed my tenure as an administrator. My duties included curriculum and professional development, grant writer and fiscal oversite, student data collection and analysis, and supervision of certificated and classified personnel. During those years my primary involvement in professional associations was with the California Council for Adult Education. I served in the office of president for the local and regional chapters and was the state conference chair one year. In addition, I held the office of Awards Chair and Legislative Chair at the regional and state levels. My community involvement began after retirement. I joined the Arrowhead United Way, Women's Leadership Council and helped develop programs for young women, ages 16 to 24. The goal was to improve the lives of those who needed help the most. Programs included workshops, mentoring, and college field trips. As a committee member, I participated in the development and implementation of these programs and later held the positions of Council treasurer and chairman. I also served as a trustee of the San Bernardino City Library Foundation. I have lived in Carson Valley with my husband since 2016. We value the history and culture of the area that has made it a unique place to live. My volunteer activities with the Historical Society include desk duties at the Courthouse Museum in Genoa and helping to write two successful grants for the Carson Valley Museum & Cultural Center.

Bio: Tom McManus

My name is Tom McManus. I was born in Southern California in 1945. When I was 2 years old my family moved from California to Smith Valley, Nevada. My father was a welding fabricator and was not able to make a go of it in Nevada, and in 1950 we moved back to Southern California. I graduated high school in 1964 and was attending Long Beach State College when I was drafted. I served in Viet Nam as an infantry platoon leader. I was discharged in the fall of 1970. Soon after I met my wife of 47 years, Ursula. We have a daughter, Sarah and a son, Brooks. My parents were able to move back to Yerington, Nevada, after my father retired. In the spring of 1978, we were able to fulfill a dream of moving out of California to Nevada to be closer to my parents and allow a better lifestyle for our family. I worked as a land surveyor for Fuller Engineering in Carson City, then with Vasey Engineering in Minden. While at Vasey Engineering, I became registered Professional Land Surveyor in both Nevada and California. I finished my career with R.O. Anderson Engineering also in Minden. I retired in 2008. I have coached little league baseball and AYSO soccer. I am currently President of the Mottsville Cemetery Association and Commander of Carson Valley VFW Post 8583 and a full-time sheepherder!

Bio Marlena N Hellwinkel

- Fourth generation, Pioneer Carson Valley family (Neddenriep)
- Graduate, Douglas County High, attended University of Nevada
- Husband, Donald Hellwinkel (deceased, CV Pioneer families)
- 65-year resident, Minden
- Rotary International Paul Harris recipient
- Member National Pony Express, re-ride participant
- Member Minden Fortnightly, 50 years, now Honorary Member
- Lifetime member DCHS and Alpine County Historical Society
- DCHS past trustee, vice-president, president, committees, including High School restoration
- Chairman: Dangberg DCHS Trust Fund
- Past clerk, secretary, vice-president, C.O.D Garage, Minden (family auto dealership 1919-2003)
- Manager/Member Hellwinkel Family LLC
- "Douglas County history is very important and must be preserved for future generations and museum visitors. As a DCHS Trustee I will be in a position to help that happen. "

The Following, exiting Trustees are running for an additional term:

- **Dale Bohlman**
- **Pat Maebe**
- **Guy Proto**

DCHS Volunteers



I'm pleased to introduce you to Jim and Anita Marshall. Jim and Anita moved to the Carson Valley in 2015 from Shingle Springs, CA where they had a small farm raising Alpacas. As many newly retired residents do, both Jim and Anita were looking to volunteer their time with a worthwhile organization.

Anita is a welcoming face at our front reception desk, our bookstore as well as helping with many programs we provide our guests. Jim's area of expertise is in the day-to-day maintenance and upkeep of our many behind the scenes needs, such as keeping the lights and machines running properly. Jim is constantly being amazed by the discoveries one makes in maintaining a hundred-year-old building!

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

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.



May 16:	Sip 'N' Shine
June 20:	Sip 'N' Savor
July 18:	Sip 'N' Show
August 15:	Sip 'N' Sounds
September 19:	Sip 'N' Show

BARTENDERS NEEDED!

Can you serve – figuratively and literally? We still need additional bartenders for Art & Wine on the Green from 11:00 to 3:00 p.m., Saturday & Sunday, May 4-5.

LADIES' SUNDAY TEA:

We are looking for a few additional men to help serve the ladies at our Sunday Tea on May 19 from Noon to 2:00 p.m.

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.

To help with any of these tasks, call 775-782-2555

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

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**Dan Hickey
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Sonja Scossa**

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Funding Campaign Sarah Winnemucca Exhibit Courthouse Museum, Genoa

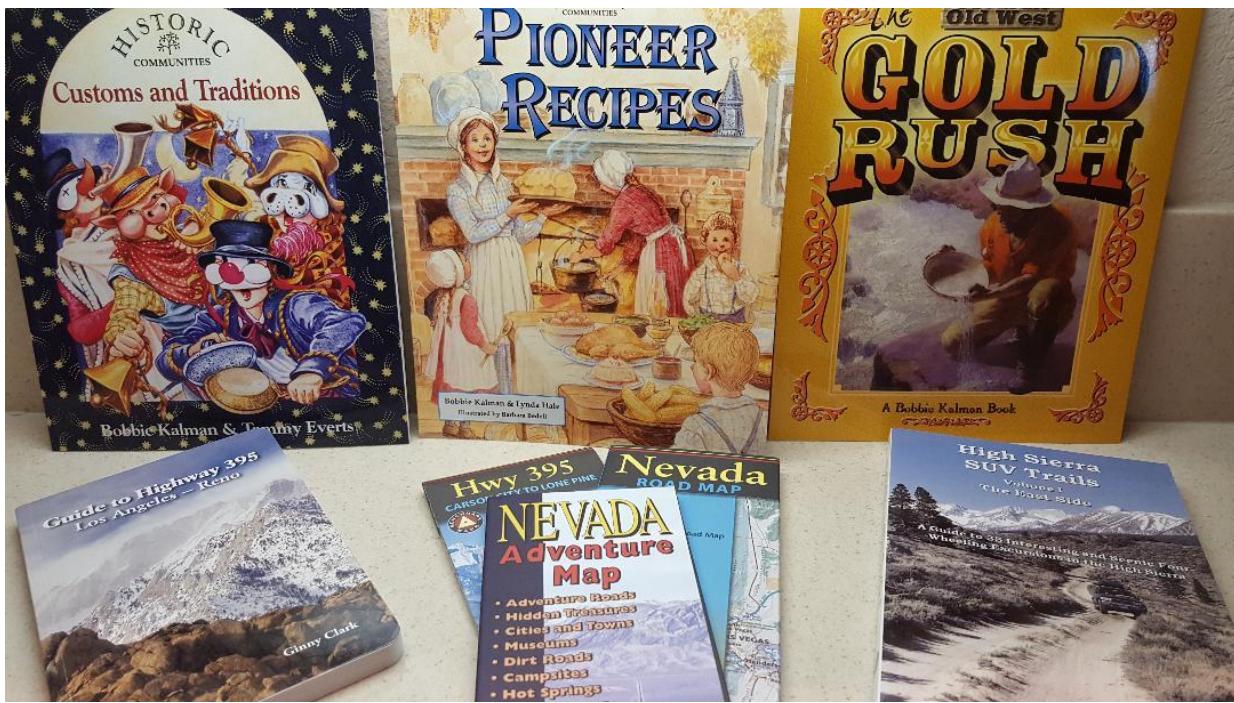


Though Sarah Winnemucca was from the Paiute Tribe, she had strong ties to Genoa and spent part of her life in our community. We are pleased that the Historical Society will be able to present her story and contributions to our valley. The exhibit will be part of our permanent collection and will be housed upstairs in the Courthouse Museum. If you wish to donate to help underwrite the cost of the exhibit, please contact our main office. A formal exhibit opening is set for in May 18.

DCHS Wish List – Can You Help?

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

From the Bookstore



It's May and a good time to get "on the road" or "off-road". Come visit the museum bookstores for our special maps to give you lots of ideas for adventure, points of interest, Parks, Monuments and much more. They are: *Nevada Road Map*, *Nevada Adventure Map*, and *Hwy 395 Carson City to Lone Pine / Eastern Sierra Recreation Map*.

We have lots of "outdoor activities" books. Featured is: *Guide to Highway 395-Los Angeles – Reno*. It guides you through 400 miles of scenic beauty and includes ghost towns, maps, nature notes and much more and, if you like four wheeling, take along *High Sierra SUV trails – East Side*, which includes 35 excursions on back roads of the Sierra.

For the children we are featuring three Bobbie Kalman books. *The Gold Rush* will fit right in with a drive to one of the ghost towns featured in our Highway 395 book. *Pioneer Recipes* and *Customs and Traditions* will bring alive what it was like to be a child in the "Old West".

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TREASURES FROM THE VAULT

Just when we think we have heard about every business, family, or place in Douglas County and vicinities, someone brings in an item, which surprises members of the Collections Committee. The surprise item is a simple postcard set-up of an image of a few buildings, a gas pump, with a lake in the background. There are tracks in the snow in front of the buildings in the photograph. The title of the image is, "Palmer's Topaz Lake Resort".

Based upon the automobiles and the gas pumps in the image, this is probably from the 1930s. It tells us that it was between Bishop and Reno on Highway 395 and close to Lake Topaz. A quick search of the database does not turn up any additional information about this business.

At the Collections Committee meeting, only one of our native Douglas County members recognized the name of this business and had an approximate idea of where it had been situated. This member believed it had been located about 1.5 miles south of the Agriculture Station at the Nevada-California border on the east side of Highway 395.

Not so long ago, this was a business that many in Douglas County knew existed, but that few remember today. Our archives serve as an important source of local 'memory' of people, places, and things, which are now past. For this reason, we are always interested in local memorabilia.

With your archival 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 and schedule an appointment to consult with our curator, 775-782-2555.

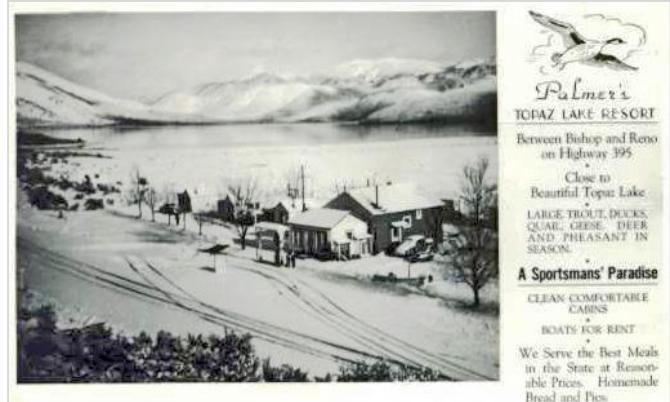


Exhibit at Lake Tahoe Women in History, Part II

In March, the Exhibit Team placed an exhibit at the Douglas County Library, Minden to celebrate Women's History month. The Team highlighted four women; all prior honorees of the Douglas County Historical Society's 'Women in History Remembering Project'. Susie Dick, Anna Harris Behrman, Anna Neddenriep Dressler, and Lois Brooks Hailey are the featured women. It was well received by the Minden library patrons and the Zephyr Branch asked for a condensed version of the exhibit to be installed in their cases.

On April 4th, Exhibit Team members transported and installed the 'Women in History' exhibit to the Zephyr Branch library. If you missed the exhibit in Minden, you have another opportunity to learn about these four interesting and diverse women of Douglas County. The exhibit will be in place until June 6th. Take a drive to Lake Tahoe and see what our Exhibit Team has prepared.

Do you have a collection to share? We have a community 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

Spring Art & Wine on the Green

Saturday & Sunday: May 4 & 5

DCHS Young Chautauqua Performance

1:00 p.m. Saturday, May 4, Carson Valley Museum
6:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 26, Dangberg Home Ranch

Ladies' Spring Tea

12:30 p.m. Sunday, May 19

Live Painting Demonstration: V&T in Minden by Wayne Scarpaci

1:00 p.m. Saturday, May 25

Old Time Kid's Carnival

10:00 – 3:00 p.m., Saturday, June 1

*First Saturday of Every Month is Family Day
10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. – Free Admission*