

Docents Newsletter

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Docents program

By Ruby McFarland

“O time, suspend your flight, and you, happy hours, stay your feet! Let us savor the swift delights of life's loveliest days.” Alphonse de Lamartine (1790-1869)

The time has come, the walrus said, to speak of many things; Of shoes and ships and sealing wax, and cabbages and kings, and all we have done so far this year.

Is everyone exhausted yet? We started early loading ourselves down with things to do. February – we cleaned the museum. March – we did Chautauqua at schools. April we got ready for busy May. May – we went to Genoa on a field trip – kept museum open all month. Had our day of Oodles of Noodles. Had three great lectures. Tired yet? June – the pony express rode through town among the docents, had a rummage sale, a very successful one I might add. Also started State Fair artwork to present to the Board. July – got okay to make a static display at fair and started the art work. Started painting of fair display and make covered wagon. Oh, I forgot we went to Virginia City St Mary's of the Mountain for a great tour by Pat.

August was spent finalizing the fair display. We went to Reno and set up. We won First Place for best of show. September – Dayton Valley Days was a howling success. However, I was unable to attend, preferring to fall down and hurt myself a few days before that weekend. Not a good way to get out of work. October – we are looking at a busy end of the month with Ghostly Walk and Nevada Day.

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I'm trying to get a field trip to Dangberg Ranch soon.

We truly have come a long way, baby. What a great bunch of people you all are. Give yourselves a pat on the back.

Docent doings

By Patrick Neylan

Remember the TV show, “That Was The Week That Was”? The Historical Society of Dayton Valley blew past that concept in 2010! We had no time to stop and consider it week by week! It was the event now, the next event, the event next month, the planning meeting, the planning, the creating, the doing, the approval of the Board, the painting, the sawing, the presentation. Case in point, the State Fair Display, conceived by Ruby McFarland, and prize-winning! Dayton Valley Days. Just a few days ago. Fun had by all! Reported to be one of the most successful celebrations of Dayton's history in many years.

If you are a member of the Society but not able to attend Dayton Valley Days meetings, here are some facts that you should be proud of as a member of HSDV. The theme of Dayton Valley Days was influenced if not modified by the HSDV to encompass “The Misfits” 50th anniversary celebration.

Ron Rowe and other Society members, helped by some Boy Scouts, manned the Depot Parking Lot and collected about half of all funds raised during this event. Jack Folmar and Vicki Kinney ran the Marilyn Monroe and Clark Gable look-a-like contest. There has been some mention that the Monroe/Gable contest be an annual event. Patrick Neylan supplied the Cadillac that trans-

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Ported the co-Grand Marshalls, Guy Rocha and Kay Winters in the parade. Mabel Masterman, after riding in Vic Kirby's Model A, and Linda Adams opened the Firehouse/Jail museum for tours. The official HSDV booth selling Dayton-specific items was manned by Diane Parcells, Vivian Smith, the two granddaughters of Vicki and Gene Kinney, Dagmar Webber, Donna McElroy, Pat Neylan, Lois Wallace, and perhaps others? If I missed anyone, my apology for it. All of us are somewhat tired after this busy year, and this year isn't over yet! Morgan Webber, of course, was everywhere!

Special note: The Society has "Buttons" supplied by member Jack Folmar. As the year unfolds, Jack has created and supplied numerous "Buttons" for each and every event that the Society has been involved in. We all have Jack's buttons! We all collect them! As this last whirlwind year winds down, we need to give Jack a special thanks!

Waiting for the final report on volunteer hours for Dayton Valley Days. The past record was 28 members volunteering at the State Fair. Thank you, Lois! Hours not yet available, but should be HUGE!

For Dayton Valley Days, the Chairperson, our Society President, Laura Tennant, could not have done more work if she was cloned! Many members of the Society, new and "earlier," came forward and made the Society proud. Laura gave us the base and grounding for the event. The Society members took the concept from Laura, the available facts, and with Laura's lead, made it happen!

All of you who were able to participate, Many Thanks! To all Society members who were not able to participate in this event, thanks for your continued support. We always need your support to maintain and grow the Society. Your Society is becoming a force in *your* community! Continue to support your past, as it leads you to the future!

Also sorry to report that your future is tomorrow! Your Society *will* participate in the Nevada Day Parade for the first time based on the overwhelming vote at our last general meeting.

There is lots of work to be done. If you put your hand up at the last meeting, call me: 246-3527, or email virginiacitypat@sbcglobal.net. Ruby's "I'll never do anything again!" has already come up with a concept for the float!

Don't forget the annual "Spirited Ghost Walk" in Old Town on October 29. It looks like it may be modified this year. Details to follow, but plan on coming and sharing in the fun!

If you thought people in Historical Societies sat around and read old newspapers, you have never hooked up with this group: *The Historical Society of Dayton Valley!*

[Pat Neylan is a docent at the Dayton School House Museum. -Ed.]

Dates to remember

By Bob Wallace

Following all that activity of the last two months, we're starting to wind down to the end of another year of museum activity. In addition to weekend openings for the museum and regularly scheduled meetings for this month, the HSDV is participating in this year's *Nevada Day Parade* on Saturday, October 30, in Carson City.

October 20: HSDV general meeting, 12:30 p.m., followed by the C&C Working Group at the Dayton Valley Library.

October 27: Docents meeting, 10:30 a.m., at the museum on Shady Lane.

October 29: Ghost Walk in Old Town begins at 6:00 p.m.

October 30: Nevada Day Parade, 10:00 a.m., from the north end of Carson City.