

August 16 and November 15, 2017 at the Dayton Valley Community Center. The Society's Board of Directors will continue to meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 10:30 am a.m. at the community center.

Dayton Museum opens for 2017!!

Our 1865 Schoolhouse Museum opened for the season On March 4th, the first weekend in March. Of course several work days were held to spiffy up the Museum and yard after the long winter!

Thanks to the following who swept, dusted, vacuumed, and washed display cases. etc.... plus cleaned up leaves that had been on the ground since Fall and took "stuff" out of garden beds: **Phyllis King, Mary Epperson, Rae Hanna, Lynne Ballatore, Vicki & Gene Kinney, Gloria Manning, Pat Neylan, Mary Ann Sichak, Elaine Bergstrom, Julie & Al Lucero plus Stony & Laura Tennant.**

At a recent Docent meeting docents reviewed intrusion alarm procedures, along with the nuts and bolts relating to lights, heat, to the gift shop and going over key points related to our major exhibits. Workers included: **Gretchen Arndt, David Dukleth, Arlene & Lynn Jenkins, Barbara Madison, Mary Ann & Andy Sichak, Janet Stepper & Jerry Van Loo, Laura Tennant and Melanie Wilhelm.**

Docents are "raring to go" and would love to have you visit!
Hours: open every **Saturday: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm** and **Sunday afternoons: 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm.**

*During May, which is Nevada Historical Preservation and Archeology Month, the Museum will also be open daily **Weekdays --11:00 am to 3:00 pm!***

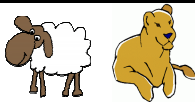
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This year March came in like a **Lamb...**
then opted to throw us a curve by
switching into a **Lion mode!** Reminder:
Nevada weather is **never a sure**
thing, except for wind!
Now **April Showers** bring us **May**
Flowers!

Quickly, a word (or so) conveying HSDV's
current & upcoming happenings... you'll
notice a **LOT**
of activities are coming up during the
earliest half of this year!

Last, but not least, updates about
activities occurring during the latter
part of 2016.... along with acknowledging
members and others who
helped make them so successful...

Volunteers are truly the  of our
organization!

Keeping current....!

Changes to 2017 General Meetings

Frequency, dates and times for 2017 general membership meetings have been changed. This year we're holding 4 quarterly evening meetings at Dayton Valley Community Center, 170 Pike Street. After the business portion a "meet & greet", with light refreshments are offered at 7pm followed by a special historical presentation at 7:30 pm. The public is invited and encouraged to attend. Our first one for 2017 was held Wednesday, February 15th. We featured a special presentation by **Tina Hersey-Davis** who depicted an early 1900's "**Gibson Girl**" who revealed her "hidden secrets"...the ones that gave them their "classic looks"! Tina was assisted by her mother **Carolyn Davis** along with the "maid" **Kathy Pierson**. About 65 HSDV members and community residents enjoyed the uniquely wonderful presentation. Additional evening General meetings will be **May 17,**

.....Upcoming events!!

Dayton History in Schools

Each year HSDV goes into Dayton elementary schools and presents learning sessions on Dayton history to 4th graders. **Vicki Kinney** volunteered to be our Chair again this year. The first presentation to 4th graders at Dayton Elementary School occurred February 24th. A historical time line for the Dayton area is followed by docents giving living history depicting early historical residents (in period clothing).

This year **Jerry Van Loo** was narrator & also depicted Mr. Yerington; **Gretchen Arndt** was Lucena Parsons; **Vicki Kinney** played Fanny Hazlet; **Janet Steeper** turned into Mary Johnson; **Julie Lucero** portrayed Bertha Scott; and R.S. Rawe was portrayed by **Al Lucero**. Next presentation: April 10th at Sutro Elementary School. River View Elementary is the last week in April. To take part or help out, call **Vicki 246-9396**.

HSDV's 2017 Historical Lecture Series

EACH MAY THE STATE OF NEVADA HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE DECLARES THE MONTH "HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND ARCHAEOLOGY AWARENESS MONTH". THIS YEAR HSDV'S LECTURE SERIES WILL HIGHLIGHT PEOPLE FROM DAYTON'S PAST. EVENING LECTURES TAKE PLACE AT DAYTON VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTER AND ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. WEDNESDAY EVENINGS: **MAY 3RD, MAY 10TH, MAY 17TH** AND **MAY 31ST**. MEET & GREET 7:00PM, LECTURE AT 7:30PM.
CHAIR: LAURA TENNANT 775-246-3256.

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16th Annual Oodles of Noodles Event – June 3



Sponsored by the Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce, this festival will be a one day event this year occurring on Saturday, June 3rd in old town. Dayton's Italian and Chinese Heritage is celebrated by featuring noodle-tasting contest judged by the public. Festival attendees vote for their favorite noodle dish. Awards are presented to the winning "noodle chefs".

HSDV's Museum and Firehouse/Jail will be open for tours. Check the C&C Depot....because it's possible activities may be somewhat limited due to reconstruction activities on the property.

2017 Pony Express "re-ride"

June 5 – 2017
Going Westbound

From: St. Joseph, MO – To: Sacramento, CA



"Estimated" to go thru Dayton June 14th

Ongoing activity....!

Artifact Accessioning Committee

During the winter and spring months, our artifact Accessioning Committee was quite productive working on identification and computer mechanization of Museum artifacts. They're loading data into an updated computer program designed for Museums.

Committee, which meets weekly 4 times a month, is comprised of **Elaine Bergstrom, Al Lucero, Julie Lucero, Gloria Manning, Mary Ann Sichak, Andy Sichak, Janet Steeper, Pat Neylan & Laura Tennant.** **Pat** has been selected to be group's Chairman.

Mary Ann's been working diligently attempting to add all accessioned items to the official book. **Gloria** and **Julie** are helping out on the computer.

Railroad Committee & "Tie Plate" Fundraiser

Railroad Committee Chair, Lynne Ballatore, reports that, thanks to **Linda Clements** with help from "hubby" **John Crowley,** HSDV has received several additional grants to help restore the 1880s Carson & Colorado Depot and grounds. We're progressing "on track"! An official "Day of Work" at C&C property is now occurring the **4th Saturday each month from 9:00am to 12 noon** and has been very productive. Among tasks, the depot's kitchen cabinets have been installed at the Dayton

Valley Community Center and look amazing! "One-&-all" are welcome to participate in "Work Day". We're real flexible and tasking is varied so there is something everyone can do!

"Tie Plates"...a wonderful way for members and friends to recognize a *special or extraordinary someone!*

In 2015 our Railroad group launched a creative fundraiser utilizing "tie plates" (circa 1890) manufactured for the C&C by V&T shops. "Donors" have the option to purchase a 2 line message (up to 20 alphanumeric characters) engraved for a \$100.00 donation or a 3 line (up to 60 alphanumeric characters) for a \$150.00 donation. Purchaser is given a certificate acknowledging donation. Tie Plates are then "spiked" onto display track on Depot property. **(Coming soon: available for purchase on www.daytonhistory.org!)**

YES!.... HSDV continues to grow!

A hearty welcome.... to

19 new members who joined towards the end of 2016 or early 2017.... including 1 new Business Member!

Phillip & Rae Hanna, Connie Fleckenstein
Sue Ramey (who re-joined!)
Dirk & Midge Vander Lean
Bonnie & Ernie Bertocchi
Sheila & James Kiley
Janet Steeper, Jerry Van Loo
Arlene Jenkins, Lynn Jenkins, Stan Lucas
Emily Trees, Lisa V. Smith, Helen Wright
Business member:
Denise Crites Photography



Volunteers are the heart of our organization!

Members get a 15% discount on gift shop purchases!

Other follow-up "this-n-that"....

2016 Dayton Valley Days in September! **Flash!! "GRANNY" was featured in the parade!**

On one of Dayton's hot and dry September weekends.... *without* our usual normal winds (!).....enthusiastic crowds attending 2016 fundraiser were plentiful both days. **HSDV's Railroad Days Event** was well attended. With all our railroad systems up and running, including the "railroad" with a handcar and a speeder giving rides all day both days, our "End of the Rails" refreshment area stayed quite busy. **The Reno Tractor Club** had a great show of old "farm" engines including one 1927 Maytag gasoline powered agitator washing machine. The Museum had a record number of visitors and the Blacksmithing demonstration outside of JohnD's barn was "downright" popular! Firehouse/Jail was also full of activity... especially after our very own, beloved 1935 fire truck, GRANNY, returned to her "home" after the Parade.... she had been the first vehicle featured behind the band!

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Helping to make everything at the C&C Depot property so successful, we thank the following: **Lynne Ballatore, Duncan Lee, Linda Clements, Kathy Lee, John Crowley, Colin Crowley, Phyllis King, Gene & Vicki Kinney, Gloria Manning, Barbara Peck, David Moore, Katrina Hedlesky, Al Lucero, Julie Lucero, Janet Steeper, Jerry Van Loo, Emily Trees, and Stony Tennant.** In addition to our own members, numerous folks and organizations from the community jumped in and helped us out also, including **Mark Meszaros, Lisa McNee, Bill Bollman, Steve Young, Nami Cake, Nevada State Railroad Museum, Snowshoe Thompson Chapter of E Clampus Vitus organization, Tractor/Small Engine Association, Comstock Prospectors, Musical groups Ukuloco and a vocal group consisting of Canyon White, Linda Bollman & Donna Crowell.**

At the Museum: Pat Neylan; Donna Ray, Gene Ray, Laura Tennant, Gloria Manning and Barbara Madison;

Blacksmithing at Museum: Andy Sichak and Don Bergstrom;

At HSDV's booth: Vicki Kinney; Gene Kinney, Stephanie Wilkes, Julie Workman, Al & Julie Lucero and Karen Howe;

Greeting guests at old F/J: Marty Lewis and Mabel Masterman; who reported a *whopping 588 visitors came through the Firehouse/Jail* during this 2 day event! (They used a "clicker" just like Costco does!)

Walking Tour site markers painted!

"Kudos to: Louie Lemaire!"

Last fall **Louie** offered to repaint the numbered posts physically identifying the locations for "points of interest" on our DAYTON HISTORICAL WALKING TOUR. **Louie's** "one-man-project" included caulking cracks in the wood before painting posts a "Victorian white". Additionally, he upgraded each site number to an *aluminum one which he securely screwed into each and every post... all 37 of them!* A project badly needed..... looks wonderful. Thanks for the GREAT job, **Louie!**

HSDV's 2016 Annual Haunted Hayride presented in October....

This year was the 10th consecutive year we've presented Dayton's family oriented evening "Spirited Event" at Halloween in old town Dayton. Local children had so much fun as they learned about Dayton history and played old time games at the 1865 Schoolhouse Museum....all while wearing their Halloween costumes! And... they didn't realize it was a History Lesson!! **For the first-time-ever our narrated hay wagon rides through Old Town got rained out!** So... our "Spirited Visitors" remained at the Museum where HSDV's "Ghosts of old Dayton" told short stories... "tid-bits" about Dayton history, then everyone enjoyed special Halloween refreshments. **Linda Clements was event Chair.**

Special thanks to many friends throughout the community for lending us a hand: **Benson's feed, Jim and Jeff,** for the straw.... then gave us 50% back when we returned it, **Katie Davies & Glenn Hasbrouck, Brad Winter, Duncan Lee, and Steve Martin** for the loaned trailers; **the Anthis Family, Trevor Bolar & Makayla Marx, France Ramos, Denise & John Crites.** We also acknowledge many members who put in numerous hours before, during and after helping to

make things run so smoothly: **Lynne Ballatore, Linda Clements & John Crowley, David Dukleth, Mary & Jack Epperson, Ray Fierro, Marian Holten & Norma** (her friend), **Phyllis King, Gene & Vicki Kinney plus Stephanie Wilkes** (Vicki's granddaughter), **Marty Lewis, Al & Julie Lucero, Barbara Madison, Gloria Manning, Mabel Masterman, Pat Neylan, Donna & Gene Ray, Johnye Saylor, Rita Selmi, MaryAnn & Andy Sichak, Dan South, Janet Steeper & Jerry van Loo, Laura & Stony Tennant and Mike & Julie Workman.**

2016 Nevada Day Parade!

2016 Nevada Day theme was **NEVADA: "Then & Now"**. HSDV's float reminisced that the location of "today's" Dayton Valley Golf Club was part of the original Randall Ranch. We thank the **Dayton Valley Golf & Country Club** for the use their golf cart and flag and to **Rita Selmi** for the straw we used on the float. Thanks to our wonderful float designers and dedicated workers: **Lynne Ballatore--Chair, Dan South, Stony Tennant, Phyllis King, Gene & Vicki Kinney, Gloria Manning & Maria** (her daughter). Gracing float as "official greeters" were **Stony, Laura and Lynne plus David & Melanie Cooper** along with their 10 year old son, **Levi, who was such a "ham" as he "tipped" his hat to the crowd.... & then displayed a real "mischievous" smile!**



2016 Christmas Party

Our **2016 Annual Christmas Party – Awards Dinner** was held at the Dayton Valley Community Center. An addition to the festive event a "white elephant" gift exchange between attendees was added. We send special thanks to **Kathy Lee** who chaired the event this year and spent so many hours making it successful. Others helping included: **Vicki & Gene Kinney, Gloria Manning, Laura & Stony Tennant, Dan South, Julian South, Duncan Lee** and Kathy's friend, **Janice Vitale.**

Congratulations to HSDV 2016 Award Recipients who were honored during our December Christmas Party – Awards Dinner.....

**GOLD NUGGET AWARD:
May Walmsley**

**LAURA TENNANT PERPETUAL AWARD:
Lynne Ballatore & Phyllis King**

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