

Docents Newsletter

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Historical Society of Dayton Valley

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Docent program

By Ruby McFarland

Those wonderfully soft days of autumn are here again. It's the best time of year in Dayton or, broad view, Nevada. There is a hint of color change in the poplars along the Carson River and be aware, winter is on the way. The heated afternoons are followed by chilly nights – when you pull the covers up around your ears. The wind that could blow houses over calms to soft caresses. Everything is changing and all's right with the world.

Keep in mind that at any moment there could be a snowstorm and the garden you nurtured all summer melts to oblivion.

The museum is also winding down. Our last couple of events will prepare us for a couple of months that we close. The ghostly tour of Dayton takes place October 30 at 6:00 PM at the museum and locations along Pike Street. See you there.

The annual Christmas Party will be December 5 at the Dayton Golf and Country Club. We will close the museum December 1 to March 1 unless the weather turns warm in February, which it sometimes does. At any rate, it's been fun this year. Hope we can do it again.

Dayton Valley Days

By Patrick Neylan

The Historical Society of Dayton Valley was a major force in keeping our history alive, and bringing an awareness of our history to the folks attending Dayton Valley Days in mid-September. Just look around the town! We had members parking cars (enhanced by a covered wagon and a 1937 Cadillac) who passed out “Walking Tour”

brochures. We had Society members walking in the parade and passing out “Walking Tour” brochures. We had members manning the school-house museum, members manning the firehouse museum as well as the booth nearby it selling artwork and promoting Dayton History. We had the 50/50 drawing, and I am sure Barbara Hall appreciated our efforts, as she won \$378.00! The matching \$378.00 will go to help operate the Society and let us continue our work within the community.

If you were able to help, your efforts were appreciated. If you were not at this time, your continued support is always appreciated. It is one Society, and we all are members for the greater glory of Dayton!

Book Store review

By Patrick Neylan

Some of you may have found this story already. Last week was my first time: Zephyr Books, 1501 S. Virginia Street at Mt. Rose Street, Reno, NV 89502. They can also be found on the Internet at: <http://www.zephyrbooks.com>

It was historic for me, because a decade ago the building was a Grand Auto Store, and I worked there. What were the service bays is now a sushi restaurant! I am going to the store, but not the back!

They have a pretty good Nevada History section. I found a couple of books I did not have. They are not giveaway on prices, but very fair.

They have three sets of Alf Doten's diaries, in sleeves, for \$145.00. Not bad, out of my budget, but I am thinking! Several copies of “A Lady in Boomtown” (early history of Tonopah), just as

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examples.

I think it is a place to keep an eye on. I will be. If you have extra time while visiting Reno, I think you will enjoy a visit to this bookstore.

Dates to remember

By Bob Wallace

Most of us are back from our summer vacations and likely thinking ahead to Halloween and Nevada Day at the end of this month, followed by the year-ending holidays coming up in November and December. In the meantime, a few dates to keep in mind that come up prior to Halloween and Nevada Day.

October 21: HSDV General Meeting, 12:30 PM at the Dayton Valley Library, followed by the C&C Working Group immediately thereafter.

October 28: Docents meeting, 10:30 AM at the schoolhouse museum.

October 30: Ghostly Pioneers, 6:00 PM in Old Town Dayton and at the schoolhouse museum.

October 31: Nevada Day Parade in Carson City.

Newsletter notes

By Bob Wallace

Collecting information for each issue is made quite easy for your editor, so we think it only appropriate that we thank the contributors to this month's pages. Ruby McFarland hand-delivered her hand-written page on the last Sunday of September at the schoolhouse museum while your editor was "sitting" the museum between 1:00 and 4:00 that Sunday afternoon. Having the laptop computer along made it easy to get a start on our October newsletter.

Patrick Neylan hands off his efforts via Internet email message, either directly within the message,

or as a file-attach sent with the message. Rather than simply import each of Pat's files into the page, they are typically printed and checked for grammar and context, then keyed in by hand. Going directly from email message to print program isn't all that easily done, although importing a file is not usually a problem.

Speaking of problems, this month of September has turned out to be less than stellar for your editor's printer. The color printing has gone out within the past couple of weeks, several of which we were on the road between Dayton and Colorado, and switching between two print cartridges has not fixed the problem. A replacement printer is in the works at the moment.