

Historical Society of Dayton Valley

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HSDV celebrates their SILVER ANNIVERSARY!!!

May 5th Anniversary event was a “hoot”!

Around 150 attendees attended on a day that was, to say the least, cool and g-u-s-t-y! However a good time was had by all; Including “Granny”, Dayton’s 1935 Ford LaFrance fire truck. Central Lyon County Fire Protection District personnel washed and shined her all up, then delivered her to our Museum first thing that morning! Our freshly rearranged Museum displays, along with newly added text and photos, were well received. The outside of the building and grounds had also been spiffed up and cleaned to perfection for this monumental event.

Even **Governor Sandoval’s office** sent HSDV an official **CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION FOR OUR 25TH ANNIVERSARY**. We proudly displayed it alongside the beautiful celebration cake. **Ray Walmsley**, one of our earliest Presidents, along with his wife **May**, did the cake cutting honors. **Laura Tennant & Vicki Kinney** both welcomed everyone. Then **Laura** recognized descendants in the audience from some of the original founding families and gave a brief history of our society. Wrapping up the program was a short fashion show depicting casual array of fashions from Dayton’s earlier years.

Linda Adams Chaired our Silver Anniversary Committee. Committee members were **Jack Folmar**,

Vicki Kinney, Mabel Masterman, Donna McElroy, Pay Neylan, Laura Tennant, plus our refreshment committee consisting of **Sheila Hodach** and **Barbara Madison**. The fashion show was narrated by **Ruby McFarland** who added her jovial wit! Participants included **Lauri & Ronald Emerich, Dr. John Crowley & Dr. Linda Clements, Margy Bethers, Jack Folmar, Mabel Masterman, Bob Wallace, Tom Parcels, Linda Adams, Donna McElroy** and of course, a bit of humor was injected as **Judy Kent**, ended the fashion show.... still in her “night clothes” with her hair rolled up in old fashioned “rag curlers” because she allegedly overslept! All in fun of course, as her character was born just the day before.....!!!

Others assisting with celebration activities (before, during and afterwards) included **CLCFPD Battalion Chief Mark Darragh & crew** (who washed and delivered GRANNY for the event), **Jerry Benetua, Jenny Dodds, Gene Kinney, Marty Lewis, Ted Neimi, Barbara Peck, Stony Tennant** and **Lois Wallace**.

So far this year...

❖ Dayton receives global exposure!

This must have been the year for Dayton and HSDV to participate during the filming of documentaries. Earlier this year we assisted PBS during filming of “Jews in Nevada”.

Then, an award winning German film director, writer and her European crew, traveling along “Route 50” while producing a documentary entitled “**BACKROADS OF AMERICA**” called upon us for help in March. **Jack Folmar** (our contact person) noted they were interested in Dayton’s cultural history, including mining, farming, ranching, Pony Express, filming of the “Misfits”, Adolph Sutro, “Bonanza” TV series, etc. Chance of a lifetime! They filmed extensively throughout the Dayton area. Filming of “casual interviews” with locals was arranged by HSDV. **Grace Ricci, Nancy Sbragia, Rita Quilici Selmi** and **Julie Minor Workman**, all representing the Italian and ranching era, joined forces with **Jack Folmar**, whose role in our living history program is that of Adolph Sutro, plus **Laura & Stony Tennant** were all involved. **Sharon Anderson**, widow of the legendary Bill Anderson, who founded the Ponderosa Ranch where Bonanza was filmed, also participated. Even **Larry McPherson**, wearing his Pony Express clothing while riding his horse Cheyenne, were filmed as they rode up the hill in Mound House towards the large silhouette of a an express rider. **Ron Bell** was the second rider.

❖ May Historical Month activities

This year’s theme for Nevada Archaeological Awareness and Historic Preservation Month was the 150th Anniversary of the 1862 Homestead Act. Our lecture series, which was held at Dayton’s Senior Center, started on May 3rd, with **Rita Selmi Quilici**, of the Quilici Ranch, as the speaker. The second lecture, held the 10th, featured **Grace Ricci**

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(Ricci Ranch), and **Dr. Linda Clements:** "**Homesteading in Fallon in 1906**". On May 17th, Silver City Archaeologist, **Dr. Ron Reno**, presented a power point presentation entitled "**With a Wink and a Nod- Extralegal Homesteading Nevada-style**". Thanks to **Laura Tennant** who was instrumental in handling details relating to lecture series and to **Sheila Hodach** and **Barbara Madison** from the refreshment committee.

As in the past, our Museum was open daily during the month of May. Thanks, docents, for doing that.

❖ Oodles of Noodles – June 2 & 3

This annual fundraiser for Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce was held in June this year. **Chair for HSDV portion** was **Vicki Kinney**. Due to repair work still in progress at the Firehouse/Jail we were only able to display historic early day Dayton photos in the front portion. The back portion was closed to the public. However, our booth was set up out front, the Museum was open, and we had parking for a "donation" at the C&C Depot. We give a hearty round of applause for all who helped us set-up, manned the booth at the Firehouse/Jail and welcomed guests to the Museum. Additionally, attending to parking duties at the C&C Depot, we thank **Domonic Oliveire**, a member of Boy Scouts of America-Troup 100, **Bernie Allen**, **Bob Wallace**, **Dietrich Papp**, **Garrison Parcels** and **Tom Parcels**.

❖ June Annual Yard Sale – C&C Depot

Thanks to **Gretchen Arndt** and **Vicki Kinney, Co-Chairs** for this year's Annual fundraiser. Intense winds that weekend certainly created some interesting challenges!! Nevertheless, due to everyone's hard work, once again our yard sale was successful. Enough money was made allowing us to easily pay our insurance premiums. Besides.... we just love to pass out our Walking Tour Brochure and "Legends and Lore" pamphlets whenever we can!! A big kudos to our wonderful helpers: **Marty Lewis**, **Sheila Hodach**, **Jenny Dodds**, **Mary Epperson**, **Barbara Madison**, **Donna McElroy**, **Carryl DePauk**, **Barbara Peck**, **Marty Lewis**, **Pat Neylan**, **Marie Wills**, **Detrich Papp**, **Marie Will**, & **Diane Parcels**.

And thanks, **Vicki & Gene Kinney**, for sleeping in your motor home, overnight on C&C property, providing security for the site.

❖ Special Celebration held 7-24-12!

On July 24, 2012 HSDV, in conjunction with Central Lyon County Fire Protection District (CLCFPD), HSDV honored Lyon County's first responders. Special recognition went to Dayton Volunteer Fire Department (DVFD) and Silver City Volunteer Fire Departments (SCVFD) who were formed some 150 years ago and have remained in continual operation. Actually, they are the roots of today's CLCFPD. The special "significant date" of **7/24/12** was chosen to signify **first responder services are available 7 days a week, 24 hours a day, 12**

months of the year. The event started with a flag raising by CLCFPD color guard who lead us in saying the pledge of allegiance. A Proclamation from HSDV was presented by HSDV **President, Vicki Kinney**, honoring CLCFPD volunteers and personnel. Additionally, each subsequent year, July 24th, was designated as a day to honor **all LYON COUNTY** first responders.

Three "rare" framed DVFD photos were presented to Chief Gillenwater by HSDV members **Mabel Masterman**, **Grace Ricci** and **Linda Clements** (part of the recently acquired George Schaad Collection). **Laura Tennant** also presented a framed copy of a 1982 poster advertising fundraising event held by DVFD and SCVFD (from her collection) to the Chief. A representative from **Senator Dean Heller's office** personally presented both HSDV and CLCFPD with certificates of recognition for showing their gratitude to first responders and their vital role in the safety of our community. Certificates of Appreciation, noting DVFD and SCVFD's upcoming 150 Anniversary were received from **Governor Sandoval's office**. A BBQ hosted by CLCFPD followed. Approximately 175 people attended.

Thank you to all who helped bring this event to fruition. Especially HSDV members, **Mabel Masterman**, **Vicki Kinney**, **Jack Folmar**, **Laura Tennant** and **Pat Neylan**; plus those who assisted with the BBQ and food table that night, **Gary McElroy**, **Tom Parcels** and **Dianne Parcels**. Not to be overlooked were those who helped clean up afterwards. Thanks.... as it certainly took a village (or, in Dayton a "township"!!) to bring this event to fruition!!!

❖ Dayton Valley Railroad Days

Formerly known as the Dayton Valley Railroad Jamboree, this years 3rd annual event, re-named **DAYTON VALLEY RAILROAD DAYS**, was held August 18th and 19th at Dayton's Carson & Colorado Depot. ("Mother Nature" even provided a *mini-dust devil and thundershowers* for the crowd's enjoyment!!) The event is designed to raise funds to restore the Depot to its 1881 condition, including a desire to situate the building on its original compass direction.

Admission was free and the family oriented event featured a chance at operating a locomotive simulator and other railroading demonstrations, tours of the upstairs portion of the depot, and tours of C&C & Dayton Rights of Ways.

Event chair was **Tom Parcels**, assisted by **Bob Wallace** and **Dr. Linda Clements**. Assisting with the 2 day event: **Bernie Allen**, **John Crowley**, **Linda Clements**, **Jack Folmar**, **Sheila Hodach**, **Vicki & Gene Kinney**, **Donna McElroy**, **Carol & Keith McKim**, **Dietrich Papp**, **Dianne & Tom Parcels**, **Barbara Peck**, **Laura & Stony Tennant**, **Bob & Lois Wallace** and **John Westbrook**.

Additionally, thanks to the crew, including **Tom**, who worked in the July heat to put **Lipstick and rouge on the "Old Lady"** (C& C Depot and grounds) prior to this year's event: **John Westbrook**, **Keith & Carol McKim**, **Bob Wallace**,



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Mary & Jack Epperson, Judy Kent, Margy Bethers, Deitrich Papp, Sheila Hodach, Gene & Vicki Kinney, Dianne Parcels, Jan & Jenny Dodds and Garrison Parcels.

❖ **HSDV holds its annual Pot-Luck BBQ!**

This year's annual event was held on an *absolutely perfect August afternoon* at **Stony & Laura Tennant's** house. Their nice large deck and tree shaded back yard is such a perfect spot and we appreciated their hospitality. **Tennant's** donated the hot dogs, hamburgers and most of the libations. A wonderful time was had by all, and needless to say, there was such an abundance of tasty items from the pot-luck! Special thanks go to the BBQ crew (who stood in the smoke!) and to everyone who helped beforehand and the clean-up afterwards.

❖ **Dayton Valley Days – Sept. 15th & 16th**

The annual DVD festival was an outstanding success again this year. An ICS sanctioned Red Chili Cook-of Competition was held on both days. This year the event seemingly produced the largest crowds to date. Lots to do and see, including live entertainment, Noodle Slurp and Watermelon Seed Spitting contests, parade on Saturday with a Pet Parade on Sunday, Silent Auction, vendor booths, Civil War reenactment battles, and last, but not least, our Museum, Firehouse/Jail and C&C depot were open (our booth was inside F/J this year as "Granny" was not displayed this year) and we had a photo display at the Community center.. Thank you to HSDV portion co-chairs, **Barbara Peck** and **Laura Tennant.**, along with a whole gaggle members who volunteered so much time and labor before and during the event. An all time high of **852 people** toured the F/J during this years' event!

Nope...this year is not over yet!

2013 Board nominations

Timely reminder: Nominations for 2013 Board members opened at the September general meeting and will close at the October general meeting. Elections will be held during November 28th membership meeting (*via secret ballots*). **NOTE: Due to Thanksgiving, the November meeting will be held one week later (Thursday, November 28th).**

2012 Award nominations

Nominations for "**Laura Tennant**" and "**Gold Nugget**" award candidates start at the October general meeting. Voting takes place during the November 28th meeting. Winners will be recognized during the Christmas Party.

Parameters:

Laura Tennant Perpetual Award – Established in 2004 to honor Laura Tennant: Recognizes a member's outstanding contribution of time, efforts and devotion to helping preserve and/or promote Dayton history. (Not a requirement or obligation that it be given every year.)

Gold Nugget Award - Established in 2006: May be given to honor exceptionally outstanding HSDV supporters, i.e., a way to honor over and above acts, long standing, and/or notable backing whether or not the person nominated is a member.

Annual HSDV Halloween ghost walk

Our family oriented event will be held Friday, October 26th in old town Dayton. **Co-Chairs: Barbara Peck (775-246-9653) and Judy Kent (775-246-5920).**

December – HSDV Annual Christmas Party

This year's party will be **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13TH**. Watch your mail box for the invitation and food choices.

Committee members: Gretchen Arndt, Jack Folmar, Sheila Hodach & Margy Bethers.

Thank you... and thanks again!

Central Lyon County Fire Protection District personnel and Board of Directors
Lyon County
Carson City Florist
Starbucks Coffee Co. #9920- Dayton
Smiths Food and Drugs – Dayton
Dayton Community Center
Union Pacific Railroad
Ernie Mayhorn – Mayhorn Financial Services

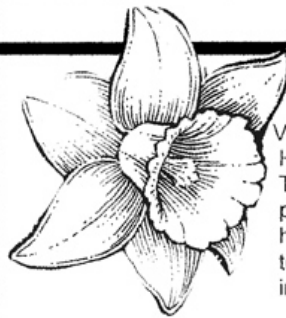
Welcoming recent members!

We extend a hearty welcome to our newest members. They joined the historical society since our last newsletter.

We're delighted to have you "on-board"!

**Lauri & Ronald Emerich
Gail & Charlie Harris
Larry McPherson
Jeremy & Sheena Nelson & family
Linda & Michael Porter
Roy Sagraves & family
Leslie Sexton
T.A. Tarp
Sondra Tuttle
John Westbrook
Bob Williams
Phyllis King
Keith & Carol McKim
Kay Thornburg
Steve & Patty Schwen
Kathy Church
Barbara Church**

In Memory



Vivian Smith

Vivian was an active member of the Historical Society of Dayton Valley. The society rejoices for having had the privilege of knowing and working with her. We extend our deepest sympathy to her husband and family. She will indeed be missed.

2012 Board of Directors

**Vicki Kinney, Pres. – Barbara Peck, Vice Pres.
Patrick Neylan, Secty. – Grace Ricci, Treas.
Directors: Donna McElroy, Tom Parcels, & Laura Tennant**

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