



Historical Society of Dayton Valley

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HSDV is now on Facebook!



Thank you **Ray Fierro** for designing & building a Facebook page for us! Facebook is just another way to communicate with members and the public. Our page covers

upcoming events, features some written historical accounts, displays (past and present) showing area pictures, plus other information. So far there have been **277 “hits”** and **70 “likes”**. Nice job **Ray!** We really appreciate your doing this for us!

You can access our Facebook page using:

<https://m.facebook.com/profile.php?nearby=1&id=35622454489956&user=100001745178306&filter=0&v=timeline>

Volunteers are the HEART of our organization...!

This was a wonderful year...we're

118+ members strong and g-r-o-w-i-n-g...!

Current Membership **Chair – Mabel Masterman** noted we had an outstanding response to renewal reminders for 2013-2014! During the last 26 years our dedicated volunteers have been very active and highly visible preserving Dayton history. We are indeed a dedicated “gaggle of folks”.....that’s wonderful and the reason why we function so effectively! Thank you and *t-h-a-n-k-s* each and every member, past and present! Thanks also to **Brian Miller** who, for the past couple of years, has welcomed all our new members with some “follow-up” contact!

LIFE MEMBERS - do you know who they are....??

- Gretchen Arndt
- Mark Amodei
- Linda Clements & John Crowley
- Mauryn & Joe Dini
- Lynn & Rube Erickson
- Ray Fierro
- Jody Foley
- Judy Harris
- Howe Construction
- Tommy Hughes
- Miles Brothers Construction
- Doug Reiter & Louise Adams
- Guy Rocha
- Lois & Bob Wallace
- Lissi Williams
- Kay Winters

....and CHARTER MEMBERS who “keep-a hangin’-in-there”?

- Linda Clements & John Crowley
- Lynn & Rube Erickson
- Judy Harris
- Robert (Bob) Milz
- Del Minor
- Grace Ricci
- Nancy Sbragia
- Laura & Winston “Stony” Tennant
- May & Ray Walmsley
- Kay Winters

....along with our BUSINESS MEMBERS?

- Dayton RV Park
- Howe Construction
- Miles Brothers Construction

Extending a hearty welcome to NEWEST MEMBERS!

- Roberta Duffy
- Shirley Kagel
- Carr & Bill Sandell
- Mike Timmerman
- Josephine Grzebyk

.....& a big pat on the back to all

HSDV MEMBERS...!!

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HSDV's September surprise!!!

At the start of Labor Day Weekend, HSDV was informed (via e-mail) producers of "**Tales of Old Nevada**" would arrive on Wednesday, September 4th, at 10:00am to film Episode #123, covering Dayton history. We were asked to participate. **SURPRISE!!** Basically a "sit-down" interview forum was planned at the Bluestone Building (Dayton's Justice Court). Interviewer would be John O'Brian with Neal Cobb, honorary curator of Nevada Historical Society, assisting. They would be leading a discussion on Dayton and its history. To our credit, many e-mails and phone calls (among ourselves) later we "blindly" tried to establish a tentative plan! **Barbara Peck**, and **Camille Vecchiarelli**, Dayton Justice of the Peace would be interviewed, the rest of us probably would not actively participate but be at the Bluestone. Afterwards photo shoots outside and/or around town were anticipated. HSDV members **Johnye & Steve Saylor, Kay Winters, Margy Bethers, Sharon & Gary Schmidt**, and **Mabel Masterman** all attended. So did **William "Bill" Rogers**, a former Dayton JP. Involved but not at filming due to previous commitments: **Laura Tennant, Vicki Kinney, Dave Moore** and **Pat Neylan**. **WOW....!** Both **Camille** and **Barbara** contributed excellent information during the filming, all "ad lib"! The program was shown by Charter. (Stay tuned... we're planning our own viewing!) Nevada Historical Society and special collections section, UNR Nevada, Reno will have copies.

...Recent events still on our minds!

2013 - Dayton History School Program

Each year **Barbara Peck, Chair of School Programs**, spends immeasurable hours preparing & presenting lessons on Dayton history to local 4th grade school classes. Undertaken each spring the program consists of three phases. Starting with a 2 hour classroom section depicting **86 Facts about Dayton**, "pre-assembled" time lines are used, each class keeps theirs. Additionally, living histories of early Dayton residents are presented by docents during an assembly. At the end of the school year 4th graders pack a sack lunch and take an all day walking field trip, narrated by **Barbara**. Tour starts at the Mill site, goes through the streets of old town, stops at both the Museum and Firehouse/Jail where students are welcomed by docents. Then they hike up the hill to the Cemetery. This year, over 200 students participated! Thanks to all her yearly helpers!

June Annual Rummage Sale

Thanks to this year's **Chairs – Gretchen Arndt** and **Vicki Kinney**, and dedicated hard workers, our 2013 Annual Rummage Sale brought in a record \$3.7K! As in the past, money derived from the rummage sale is used to pay our liability insurance (leftover money goes into general operating fund). Kudos for a job well done to all involved – from beginning to end: **Marty Lewis, Sue Ramey, Barbara Peck, Mary Ann Sichak, Mabel Masterman, Jenny Dodds, Sheila Hodach, Elaine Bergstrom, Diane Parcells, Jack Folmar, Laura Tennant, Pay Neylan, Phyllis King, Diane Kyllingstad, Mary Epperson** and

Jazmine Trullinger, a Dayton High School senior and member "Comstock Youth Program of Dayton Valley" who helps us with a variety of activities.

Aug. 24thAnnual pot-luck BBQ!

"*Smoke Gets in Your Eyes*" might have been a good theme for this year's BBQ! Thankfully the smoke from California wild fires suddenly became less annoying when wind changed direction and skies temporarily become cleaner than they had been all week! Regardless, we had a nice turnout, an abundance of food, and a wonderful time was had by all. We thank **Stony & Laura Tennant** for donating hotdogs/hamburgers and most of the libations - **PLUS** hosting the event at their home again this year. Special thanks to the BBQ crew (who stood around the **GOOD SMELLING** smoke!) and to all for bringing a pot luck dish, helping beforehand and with cleaning up afterwards.

Dayton Valley Days – Sept. 21st & 22nd ***"Silver Tales, Trails & Rails"***

Dayton's "old high school", now *Dayton Valley Community Center*, was a major benefactor of restoration funds coming from the 25th Anniversary festival this year. For the first time our annual **RAILROAD DAYS** event was held in conjunction with DVD. All profits from the RR Days portion go exclusively towards restoring Dayton's C&C Depot which is one of only three C&C passenger depots remaining today.... and the **only one** still in Nevada! We had stationary displays inside and outside plus working exhibits including a handcar/speeder running on track. Other highlighted activities included a "historically themed" Silent Auction, a daily lecture and showing Dayton related videos prepared by a member. Music was "live", we sold food/beverages, RR hats, shirts and tote bags featuring special C&C logos. **Lead Positions for C&C event were:**

Co-Coordinators: Andy Sichak & Mary Ann Sichak. Assisted by: Elaine Bergstrom; John Crowley; Tom & Diane Parcells, Bernie Allen, Linda Clements, Jack Folmar, Gretchen Arndt and Ron Rowe. Numerous helpers and floaters who worked during and after afterwards included **Gene & Vicki Kinney, Mike Timmerman, Alice Folmar, Lauri & Ron Emerich, Lynn Erickson, Carol McKim, Don & Elaine Bergstrom, Duncan Lee, Pat Neyland, Johnye Saylor, Margy Bethers, Sondra Tuttle, Tim Crowley & Gloria Manning** (Laura's sister). Thanks go to **Barbara Peck** for "dreaming up" and overseeing our parade float. Last, but not least, our **Firehouse/Jail & Museum** were open both days thanks to the following: **Sheila Hodach, Mabel Masterman, Sue Ramey, Judy Kent, Johnye Saylor, Jenny Dodds, Pat Neylan, Ruby McFarland, Shirley Kagel, Jo Grzebyk, Margy Bethers & Carol McKim.**

Pony Express Territory video

Since Nevada Commission of Tourism (NCOT) integrated Dayton into the "Pony Express Territory" (PET) area a couple of years ago our community is eligible for inclusion as PET promotes the territory. This year PET secured NCOT grant money. HSDV was contacted about highlighting Dayton's history, special purposes. Per **Laura Tennant**, the initial filming session, done at Oodles of Noodles in June, went well. Subsequent sessions were rescheduled do to weather, timing or smoke related

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issues. Additional filming was done last month and the last will be completed during our upcoming Ghost Walk later this month. Advertising will be directed at Nevada/ California audiences.

(Note: In the last newsletter an “oops” occurred because of an oversight on my part. **I sincerely apologize.** Please be assured that names of ALL who helped compile our 2012 scrapbook are now listed below.... Sorry!!)



2012 Scrapbook Project...

Earlier this year new current scrapbook **Chair - Margy Bethers**, and “helpers”, worked diligently on compiling our 2012 scrapbook. This hard working group consisted of **Jenny Dodds, Jack Folmar** (our photographer), **Sheila Hodach, Judy Kent, Vicki Kinney, Ted Niemi, Diane Parcels, Margy’s friend, Paula Nesbitt**, plus a helping hand from **Mabel Masterman** (previously compiled our scrapbooks).

Still in process...!

Proposed “Fremont Lookout” site

The first hearing of HSDV’S resubmitted proposal to the State Board on Geographic Names to name the first geographic feature in the State for explorer John C. Fremont was approved September 10th. Our initial request, using mileage & descriptions from Fremont’s journal detailing where he stood on January 20, 1844 and viewed the Dayton Valley and Carson Range was approved by them in May. However, as a result of national media coverage, information not previously available came forth and HSDV amended their initial filing. Amendment will receive a second reading and board vote during their January 2014 meeting. If approved our request gets forwarded to U.S. Board on Geographic Names for their review. Upon their approval, site near Dayton will officially become “Fremont Lookout”. (Thanks **Guy Rocha** for updates!)

Next on our plate...

2014 Board of Director elections

Nominations for openings for 2014 on our Board of Director began at the September meeting and will close at the November 20th general meeting. Voting, by secret ballot, will be done at the November meeting.

Christmas Party - 2013 Award nominations

Note: If you’d like to help out with the Christmas Party please call Chair - Gretchen Arndt 775-450-9607.

This year’s 2013 Award nominations honoring personal outstanding contributions towards helping accomplish Mission Statement goals begins with our October 16th meeting. Voting will occur during November 20th general meeting. Recipients are honored at Christmas Party (details will be forthcoming). Award parameters are as follows:

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.
Gold Nugget Award – Given to recognize 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.

Upcoming Halloween Ghost Walk

Friday, October 25th, our ghostly event, featuring spirits from Dayton’s magnificent past, will have several new/updated historical interests incorporated into the event. Over the years the Ghost Walk has proved to be a popular and a fun event for children and “adults of all ages”, including the HSDV members!
Have fun & help us out, too!! Vicki Kinney -775 246-9396

Upcoming Nevada Day Parade

This year we chose to honor our Dayton Fire Department (initially consisting exclusively of volunteers living in the community) as our float theme. Dayton Fire Department was established **November 1863**. Subsequently they are celebrating 150 years of continued service next month, November 2013. Lady “FireBelles”, who for years supported our volunteers and their goals, will also be noted and honored. In addition to recognizing Dayton (volunteer) firefighters, this 150th Anniversary theme ties nicely into the official kick-off event for Nevada’s 150th Birthday Celebration during 2014 (the parade theme).

...now a word about our Docents!

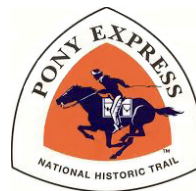
During the dead of winter, 2013-2014, accessioning of donated artifacts from the Tennant and JohnD Winter collections were successfully processed and ready to display in the barn. Quite a time consuming necessity!! We opted to implement newer statewide accessioning practices and policies, including computerization of artifact records. Kudos to those involved:
Jenny Dodds, Jack Folmar, Mary Ann & Andy Sichak, Stony Tennant, Barbara Madison, Vicki Kinney, Sandy Tuttle, Tom Parcels, Elaine Bergstrom and Sheila Hodach (along with 2 canine helpers “Jake” and “Burt”!).

Gone but not forgotten...

Larry McPherson, a Charter Member, recently passed away.

As we reflect on his numerous contributions over the years helping to preserve Dayton history, including the Pony Express era, we send our deepest sympathy to Larry’s family and loved ones.

He shall truly be missed.



2013 Board of Directors

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

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