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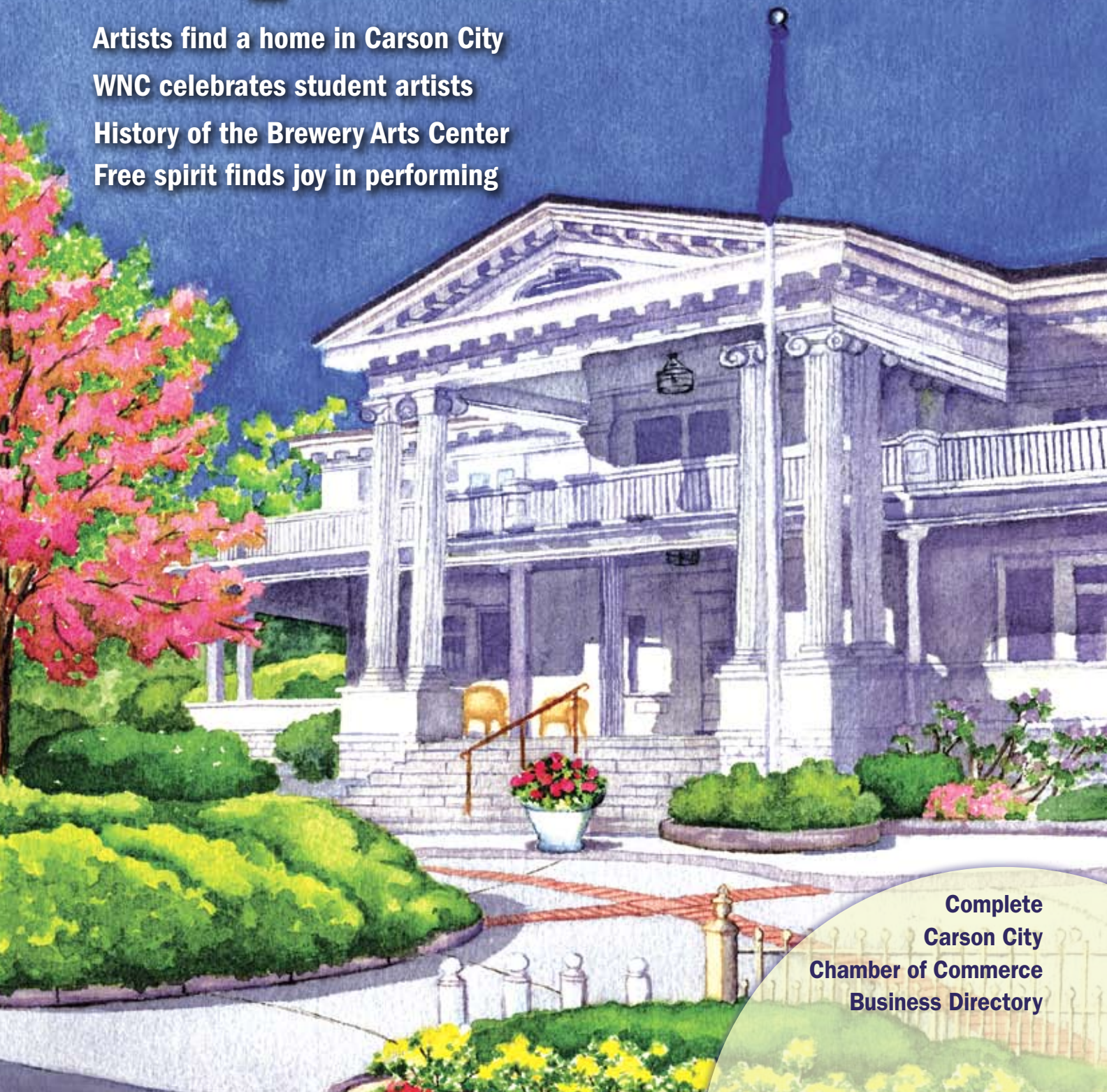
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For arts sake

When I decided to feature the arts for this edition, I must admit that as a non-artist type, I didn't quite know where to begin. I had learned we have quite the vibrant art community, but unless you are a member of that community, you are totally unaware of the depth and breadth the arts have in our area.

Well, after beginning my research, I began to feel a little like Alice in Wonderland when she fell through the rabbit hole. There were so many doors to open and paths to lead me down so many roads that after a while, I didn't know where to stop. There are only so many pages I am allocated for editorial and the deeper I dug, the more information came to the surface – all of it important.

As with every issue, I feel it is important to bring history of our community to the forefront. Thus, we continue to dedicate a few pages to allow those who did not grow up here to become familiar with all that was Carson City and to refresh the memories of those who grew up here.

In our fifth edition of *In Focus* magazine, we bring you the history of how arts began when a dozen arts activists used the opportunity of the national Bicentennial Celebration to create an arts venue that endures today.

As *Business Week online* wrote in an article dated February 26, 2007, "Creative types are essential to urban and regional economic growth" going on to name Carson City as number three in a list of 10 top places for artists to flourish. I recall locals being skeptical about that designation, but as I researched for this issue, I found that this is, indeed, a place for artists even though we don't have public art or even a visible arts culture. This needs to be resolved and our artists need to have their praises sung!

It was fun doing this issue. The artists profiled are but the very tip of the iceberg. We thank the Nevada Artists Association and their members for providing valuable introductions and insight. It was my intent to profile artists that seem to be "under the radar" yet are every bit as professional and artistic as those so often profiled.

I would have loved to do an entire catalogue on our many artists; however, I hope I have provided you with enough curiosity to seek out incredible local artists. As one would say, so many artists, so few pages!

Ronni Hannaman

Executive Director Carson City Chamber of Commerce & In Focus Editor

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Here I join a painting class at the BAC along with (from left) Pat Miller and Joyce Duncan. *Don't be fooled ... I cannot paint!*



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Local artists contribute to a strong arts community

There are a whole host of reasons *Business Week online* named Carson City as number three on their top 10 list of "Metro Areas Ideal for Artists" in their article, "America's Best Places for Artists" (February 25, 2007). And, one of those reasons is the plethora of dedicated artists who continue to make ours an attractive community for budding and accomplished artists.

The only two destinations considered more ideal for artists than Carson City are Los Angeles and Santa Fe, New Mexico. The cities that follow us on the list are New York City (#4), Kingston, NY (#5), Oxnard-Thousand Oaks-Ventura, CA (#6), Nashville (#7), Boulder (#8), San Francisco (#9) and Nassau-Suffolk County, NY at #10. And, there we are, little ole Carson City leading the pack!

An issue such as this cannot be complete without at least a mention of some of our high energy and high powered artists and teachers not profiled in this issue who continue to put us on the map. As a disclaimer, the artists listed below are the ones we consistently hear about. We know there are many fine artists of whom we are unaware making an impact on our arts community, and we thank all for their contributions.

We would also be remiss not to mention the foresight of then Supervisor Pete Livermore and Carson City Office of Business Development Director Joe McCarthy for seeing the arts potential in our city and forming the Carson City Arts & Culture Coalition to unify the arts community.

The Theater Arts

The theater arts have proven to be wildly successful and we can proudly state we have two successful children's theaters, a progressive high school theater company as well as one of the best college musical theater performing groups anywhere in the west. We enjoy two adult troupes as well, one that is the second oldest theater company in the state. Most cities of our size do not even come close to the depth of our theater community.

Andie Anderson has been the Artistic Director of BAC Stage Kids since 2006. She has 20 years of theatrical experience, both onstage and off. Andie is currently attending Emerson College in Boston to earn her Masters Degree in Theatre Education. She also oversees the Brewery Arts Theater BACPAC theater company.

Karen Chandler is the popular drama teacher at Carson High School and is responsible for proudly launching successful careers for many of her students. She serves as the artistic director for the BACPAC, the resident small theater company at the Brewery Arts Center. A talented actress and singer, Karen loves to perform (as time permits) locally.

Stephanie Arrigotti started the music program at Western Nevada College in 1977 serving as the only full-time performing arts professor, coordinating 12 part-time instructors in music, dance and theater. She has directed many

wonderful Western Nevada Musical Theatre Company productions drawing audiences from all over northern Nevada and northern California.

Pat Josten, Executive Producer of Wild Horse Productions, previously worked with Carol Scott at the BAC. She is a National Jefferson Award Winner for bringing the "joy and magic of performing arts" to our community.

Carol Scott, Executive Director of Wild Horse Productions, is the former artistic director of three successful children's theater companies. Carol founded the BAC Stage Kids in 1991, left Carson City for a move to Canada and upon her return helped to found the Wild Horse Productions.

Stephanie Arrigotti produces four musical productions annually for Western Nevada Musical Theater Company.





Downtown Carson City hosts free jazz concerts during the summer months at the Comma Coffee outdoor patio.

Music, Music, Music

If you take the time to look and listen, music is everywhere. From funky coffee houses and bars to the big stage at the Bob Boldrick Community Theater, we are fortunate to be entertained year-round in all the musical genres. Come join a jam session or just sit back and enjoy. We've got a symphony and big band jazz along with single artists who will do their best to entertain you!

Chris and Darla Bayer have performed in many local venues and for libraries statewide over the years along with their daughter Dani. Chris is the consummate performer and Darla has been the backbone of ACCtv since its inception.

Susan Benefield teaches musical theater and choir at Carson High and is the Musical Director for the Nevada Opera Youth Chorus as well as the Brewery Arts Center Theater productions. She performs with the Nevada Opera, Brewery Arts Center Summer Stock and BACPAC productions, the Reno Philharmonic and the Toccata Orchestra of Lake Tahoe.

Elinor and David Bugli have been the driving force in bringing music to our community since coming to Carson City, bringing to us the opportunity to say we have a local symphony and a wonderful jazz band. So dedicated are they to creating music, they started the Strings in the Schools program, teaching elementary school students how to play string instruments. They, too, are the impetus behind the annual *Jazz! Carson City* event.

Sue Kitts Jesch teaches young students in grades 2-5 the love of music through the free Carson City Symphony Strings in the Schools program. Sue also is the concertmaster for the Symphony.

June Joplin is a consummate artist in her own right and continues to open her eclectic coffee shop to the various artists in the community who want a stage to showcase their talent. There is no place more artistic oriented in town.

Judy Monson founded the Carson Chamber Singers, an affiliate of the Carson City Symphony, in 1985 and provides those who love to sing the opportunity to perform with the Symphony. She is Director of Music at the First United Methodist Church in Carson City, sings

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Music, Music, Music

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with Bella Voce women's choral ensemble, is a Music Specialist at Elizabeth Lenz Elementary School in Reno, a vocal instructor at the University of Nevada, Reno, and teaches voice privately in Carson City and Reno.

Jarod Sorum brings the love of jazz and big band sounds to budding artists at Carson High. In addition to directing the jazz and concert bands, he teaches beginning guitar and wind ensemble.

Speedy Garfin is the consummate entertainer delighting local audiences for many years with his "lounge act" that has been honed over many years in the Catskills, Las Vegas, Reno, Lake Tahoe and while serving in the Army. His Garfin Gathering continues to attract audiences from all over.



Speedy Garfin (center) is a member of the Mile High Jazz Band and Garfin Gathering.

Art Galleries

We live in a region where blue skies, white capped mountains, lakes and the four seasons inspire artists whether photographically or via pen, pencil or paintbrush. Local arts can be admired and purchased at the Brewery Arts Center on King Street.

Sharon Rosse is the executive director of the Carson City Arts Initiative and an accomplished artist. She and her board bring the more avant garde art to the city to broaden the horizons of those who appreciate the visual arts. Sharon was instrumental in developing the College Galley to showcase student art at Western Nevada College.

The Written Word

The written word captivates the mind. As in the visual arts, there are those who prefer the pen (or computer) to bring the beauty of the region alive or to share personal tales through fiction.

Marilee Swirczek founded the Lone Mountain Writers to encourage those with a talent for the pen to hone their skills. An English professor at Western Nevada College since 1989, she challenges her students to be the "best they can be." Recent major student accomplishment is the touring exhibit - *Always Lost: A Meditation on war*.

Bill Cowee, now deceased, was an award-winning poet and short story writer who began the Ash Canyon Poets in 1989 to provide an informal atmosphere for those who love verse. Before he died, he gave the Western Nevada College Dini Library his extensive poetry collection and a special corner has been set aside within the library to contemplate his works and the poetry works of others. The WNC library is open to the public.

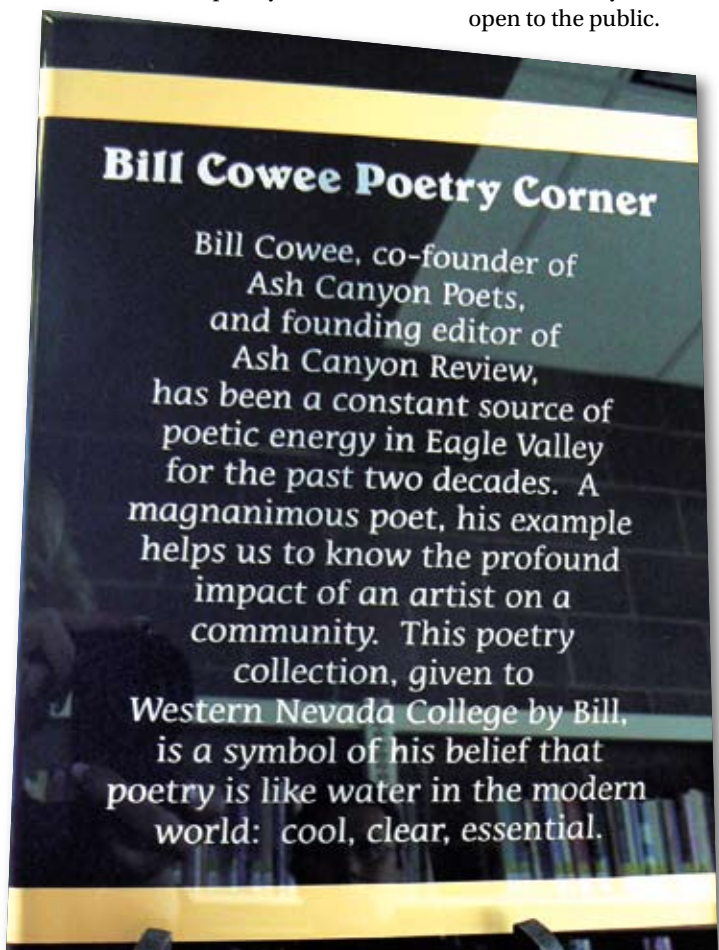




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The young actors in the recent WNMTC production of "Sound of Music" enjoyed performing as the the Von Trapp Family choreographed by Gina Kaskie-Davis. The actors included Maria Arrigotti as Maria. Child in front: Ryan Vettel. In middle from left: Michael Kaskie, Haley Davis, Juliet Favero. Back row: Emily Heller, Danita Bayer, and Makayla Schmidt.

Dance, Dance, Dance

Dance studios in our city rival those of much larger communities, featuring lessons by internationally acclaimed instructors who were once stars in the international dance arena.

Rosine Bena is a former internationally acclaimed professional ballerina and has danced with some of the finest ballet companies. She currently is the ballet director for the Western Nevada Performing Arts Center and is certified by the American Ballet Theater.

Gina Hill has been training young dancers for many years and has been a regular contributor to Reno's ArtTown. She continues to

nurture and train young dancers from her home studio in Carson City and has worked with and encouraged two Miss Carson City title holders, including Julianna Erdesz, who went on to win the Miss Nevada and Miss Nevada USA titles.

Tamara Holmes is the owner of Positive Energy where the young can learn tap, ballet, ballroom, hip-hop and tumble. She was a competitive tumbler and brings her joy of performing to Carson City's youth.

Gina Kaskie-Davis is the owner, director, teacher and choreographer of The Western Nevada Performing Arts Center and has been teaching all forms of dance for 21 years. She serves as the choreographer for Western Nevada College Musical Theater as well as Carson High productions when needed. ♦

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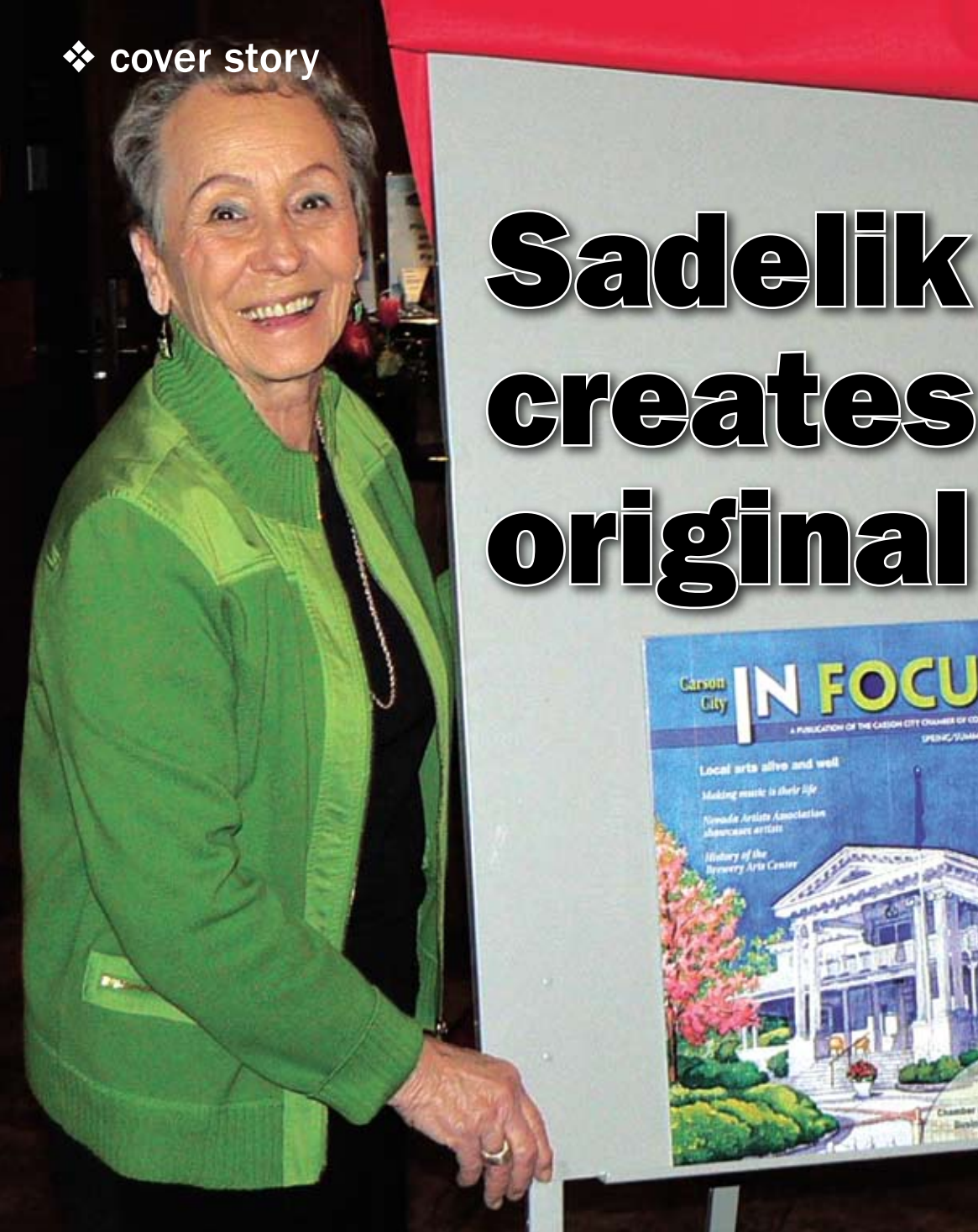


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Sadelik creates original art

Dorrine Sadelik proudly shows off the cover design for the current *In Focus* magazine using her original water color painting appropriately named “New Beginnings.”

Artist Dorrine Sadelik was commissioned by the Carson City Chamber to create an original cover for *In Focus* that would represent not only our many talented artists but also to highlight an important Carson City landmark.

She chose the Governor’s Mansion as her subject (well before the inaugural ball when note cards featuring the mansion in a black-and-white drawing were given as guest favors) and calls it “New Beginnings” to reflect not only the spring season but the beginning of a new era in our Governor’s Mansion. The Sandoval’s once again will fill this historic mansion with the sound of children’s laughter and the patter of animal feet.

The Governor’s Mansion was built between 1908 and 1909 and was designed by architect George A. Ferris. The land was sold to the state for \$10 by Mrs. T. B. Rickey and the first governor to occupy the mansion was Acting Governor Denver Dickenson and his family. Daughter June was the only child to be born in the mansion and is said to be one of the several ghosts residing within the mansion.

Sadelik is an accomplished artist and a part-time deputy coroner for the Carson City Sheriff’s Department and a retired nurse. She has given much attention to the success of the Nevada Artists Association and is pleased to be able to share her talent with our readers and those who visit the Nevada Artist Association Gallery located at 449 W. King Street as part of the Brewery Arts Center complex. ❖

Tompkins nurtures emerging artists

Anna Mary Robertson Moses found within herself a creative soul that willed to express itself after 70 plus years of dormancy. Affectionately dubbed by the press as Grandma Moses, she became an instant celebrity whether because of her primitive art form or because of her advanced age is yet to be debated.

Living to 101 years old, Moses had many years left to perfect and advance her art and became a prolific artist who became the muse of many creative souls wanting to express themselves.

This article, however, is not about the famous Grandma Moses; it is about the many talented artists within our region who have found their creative souls in the autumn years of their lives thanks to the encouragement of art instructor Mark Tompkins. With his help there just may be an emerging art awaiting discovery.

Originally from the Los Angeles Area where he attended the Art Center College of Design for three years, Tompkins, 59, found his way to Carson City when he was but 21 years old. Citing, "I moved here because I wanted to get away from Los Angeles," his first job in Carson City was with Austin Arts, a long-time framing and art supply store that was once on Carson Street. While a framer there, he began teaching art classes at the Minden Campus of Western Nevada College 15 years ago, expanding to teaching at the Brewery Arts Center and coaching private students.

Tompkins admits he began teaching painting and drawing classes to "pay the bills" and it was never his intention to become a full-time instructor. "Being able to teach art was the best thing that ever happened to me," he enthuses.



Tompkins stands beside some of his works on display at the NAA.

Coming from an artistic family, Tompkins discovered his ability to draw at the age of five. His dad was a commercial artist and he was surrounded by art at home. "Having art around seemed natural to me," he stated and he has surrounded himself with art and artists ever since.

While interviewing Tompkins in his well-lit classroom within the Brewery Arts Center, I had the opportunity to meet his students and speak briefly with each. All of them are enthused over his innate ability to draw out their talents. Betty Birnbaum is there primarily to learn how to mix colors and Janet Moser says she needs more tweaking in her watercolor technique. Charlene Howdle, now an accomplished animal portrait artist, six years ago found she has a passion for pastels and needs the encouragement Tompkins can provide. All are retired, over 60 and, like Grandma Moses, have found their artistic souls need to be expressed through their paintings. One needs only to walk through the art gallery where some of their paintings are on display to see how these heretofore busy people are now finding a new lease on life.

Tompkins muses, "Teaching for me is not a job. It's very rewarding watching other artists grow and achieve their goals and many of my students have become good friends."

He also acknowledges that he is seeing more and more talented artists being drawn to our region with many of the artists retired and now being able to have the time to nourish their creative spirits.

Tompkins lives in Incline Village with his two cats and commutes to Minden and Carson City. His preferred medium is watercolors and much of his work is on display at the Nevada

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– Mark Tompkins

Artist Association Gallery located at the Brewery Arts Center in Carson City. ❖



(Left) Art student Janet Moser receives tips from Tompkins.

NAA Gallery featured artists displaying within the King Street Gallery and on the web:

Anne Hassrick Armijo – Mixed Media paintings

Anne and Peter Bowie – Painting and bronze
sculptures

Pam Brekas – Acrylics, photography and jewelry

Nancy Busey – Mixed Media

Sabina Bye – Mixed Media with emphasis on
animal portraits

Santiago Chavez – Mixed Media with emphasis
on cultural heritage

Nancy Clark – Mixed Media

Heather Conka-Thornton – Pyrography (art on wood)

Anna Louise Darden – Mixed Media

Carolyn Denning – Mixed Media

Isabella Dibitonto – Mixed Media

Helen Fanning – Mixed Media

Maureen Farley – Mixed Media and photography

Dianna Filkin – Oils

Howard Friedman – Oils and woodcarving

Paul Hernandez – Watercolors

Norma Holland – Gourd art

Charlene Howdell – Pastels featuring animal portraits

Egon Klementi – Mixed Media, sculptures,
photography

Alice Norton – Mixed Media focusing on nature

Darlene Novy-Zuelke – Mixed Media focusing on
nature

Dorrine Sadilek – Mixed Media

Larry Taylor – Photography

Linda Townsend – Watercolor and pastels

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Dorrine Sadilek gives a watercolor painting demonstration with the aid of an overhead mirror at the NAA gallery located within the Brewery Arts Center.

The visual arts alive and well at the artists gallery

The Nevada Artists Association showcases the works of local regional artists and holds several juried shows annually. The association was formed in 1950 to “develop and encourage the attainment and maintenance of a high standard of arts, to promote and stimulate the practical expression of art and art appreciation by those people and groups interested in the arts in the state of Nevada.” Their further mission is to sponsor art exhibits and this is accomplished through the NAA Artists Gallery located at 449 W. King Street.

The NAA provides artists the opportunity to meet the second Tuesday monthly and to enjoy demonstrations by fellow artists. Member artists are able to exhibit and sell their art and be featured on the website where one has the opportunity to see the individual styles of each artist. ❖

Local artist Pat Holub stands next to one of her paintings on display at the Nevada Artists Association Gallery located in the Brewery Arts Center.



Holub worked hard to find a home for local artists

There is something to be said about institutional memory for without it the color and insight presented by those who “were there” actually making history would be lost.

One such person possessing incredible institutional memory is local artist Pat Holub who moved to Carson City in 1958 to file for a quickie divorce.

In 1958, there were only about 6,000 residents and few paved streets, a far cry from where she had been raised. She chose Carson City as her new residence precisely because of the small town atmosphere and thought “it was a great place to begin anew.” Later, to earn some money, she and her new husband soon found themselves operating a boarding house for other women seeking a Nevada style divorce.

Having grown up in San Francisco where arts and culture were a part of the everyday landscape, she soon found her newly adopted city devoid of an active and visible arts community although she did find the Nevada Artist Association. NAA was formed in 1950 and headquartered on Washington

Street with chapters in Reno, Fallon, Yerington and the prison.

It was at Nevada Artists Association where Pat met many like minded individuals who wanted to showcase their talent and bring arts to the consciousness of local residents. In 1974 and as part of the city’s Bicentennial Commission, a group of 12 art activists, of which spunky Pat was one, decided it was time to find a bigger venue to showcase their works and bring NAA and the entire arts community under one roof.

This new group became the Carson City Arts Alliance (CCAI) and one of the first orders of business was to find a new home for this budding association. Coincidentally (or serendipitously), the former home of the Carson Brewing Company, the Masonic Lodge and the Nevada Appeal was put on the market.

With an asking price of \$100,000, the group embarked on serious fundraising that would take over four years to raise \$80,000

leaving them \$20,000 short of their goal.

Seeing an end in sight but all fund raising efforts exhausted, the Nevada Artists Association voted to sell their Washington Street headquarters and donate the remaining \$20,000 to purchase the new building.

Holub states, “If it were not for the Nevada Artists Association, the Brewery Arts Center would not have come to exist.” She was the original signer, along with Betty Brogan, of the 99-year lease that assured the NAA has a rent-free home until the 24th day of June, 2076.

She further reminisces, “The whole place was a disaster and it took us a good four years to remodel it and bring it up to code. The inside of the building was in total ruin and the only part of the original building not needing to be redone was the tin ceiling in the ballroom.”

Holub has remained passionate about art and the Brewery Arts Center over all these years. She’s been painting for 35 years in all mediums preferring to paint outdoor scenes.

Having recently lost her beloved hus-

band, Frank, she is even more focused on the success of the Brewery Arts Center now that there is a new management in place to further the arts.

“I am happy that arts have found a place

... the NAA has a rent-free home until the 24th day of June, 2076.

in the hearts and minds of our residents and I appreciate the support of the Nevada Artist Association Gallery allowing artists to showcase our works,” she stated as she dashed off to her next meeting. ❖



Artists celebrated at WNC gallery

On the side of the mountain in northwest Carson City sits one of the most beautiful art galleries in the city: a gallery some say art folks say equals the Stremmel Gallery in Reno.

It is a gallery where all ages can appreciate the creativeness of professional and student artists and where every 5-8 weeks a beautiful reception is held for the public to meet and celebrate the artists as new shows are unveiled. All one needs to enter this gallery is a curious mind and an appreciation for art. There is no entrance fee and the receptions, as well, are complimentary.

Where is this beautiful gallery? Actually, there are three separate galleries under this one roof featuring original eclectic works and all are located in the Bristlecone Building of Western Nevada College.

Sharon Tetly, art teacher at Western Nevada College, is responsible for running the fine campus galleries located in the Bristlecone Building: The Main Gallery, Atrium Gallery and the College Gallery. As many as 13 shows a year are held in these three galleries of which the Main Gallery is the most beautiful.

Creating a space to showcase art properly is Tetly's passion and according to her, "Lighting is the key to a successful show, and I

can spend 3-5 hours to create the proper mood that will intensify the impact and the experience." The emphasis on lighting can best be seen in the Main Gallery where wooden floors and rounded walls create a mood where one can silently contemplate the featured art. She adds, "Creating the proper lighting could equate to the fine tuning setting on a camera."

The art colony at Western Nevada College is strong and many fine budding artists are nurtured by the teaching staff, professional artists themselves. Art students are encouraged to showcase and sell their art in the College Gallery each spring allowing two creative pieces for each art class in which they participate. Tetly calls the spring show, "A celebration of the artist," and remarks, "If you are looking for very affordable original art, this is the place to purchase creative pieces." Who knows, these students could possibly be the next Picasso or other famous artist who once sold their creations for a pittance. There is a lot of creativity within WNC.

In fact, so proud is WNC of their art students that through the Foundation, the college purchases at least 5-7 pieces of student art annually. These pieces become part of the permanent art collection displayed in the various buildings and are a great boost to budding art careers.

Art, however, is not confined to just the visual arts. Over the past four years, English teacher and Lone Mountain Writers founder Marilee Swirczek has incorporated the talents of her creative writing students in the photographic arts showcase.

Students are asked to contemplate photographs and write of their visual experience. She states, "I wanted a public venue for those writers who are unpublished. Visual artists have places to hang their works; the actor has a stage on which to perform, but what about the unpublished writer? This type of exhibit gives the creative writer a sense of audience."

The sense of audience is just what the creative writing class received for their work on "Always Lost: A Meditation on War" exhibit now touring college campuses nationwide. The venture was so successful the exhibit has been touring college campuses nationwide and is booked through 2015 with stops at UNR in March/April of next year and returning briefly to WNC in the summer of 2012. This is a must see exhibit.

WNC offers an Associate Degree in Fine Arts and most students go on to a university to continue in this field. The staff teaches with the idea that all students will pursue a four-year degree.


According to Tetly, "We want to be a part of the arts community. Galleries are not only for viewing incredible art but used as teaching space bringing artists to the students."

After you have viewed the wonderful art displays, take a planetary walk up to the Jack C. Davis Observatory. The views are spectacular and just might bring out the artist in you! ♦



(Left) Sharon Tetly stands beside one of the unusual Larry Williamson art pieces recently shown in the WNC Main Gallery.

(Right) How a gallery is lit can make or break a show. Shadows create drama for the Larry Williamson exhibit.





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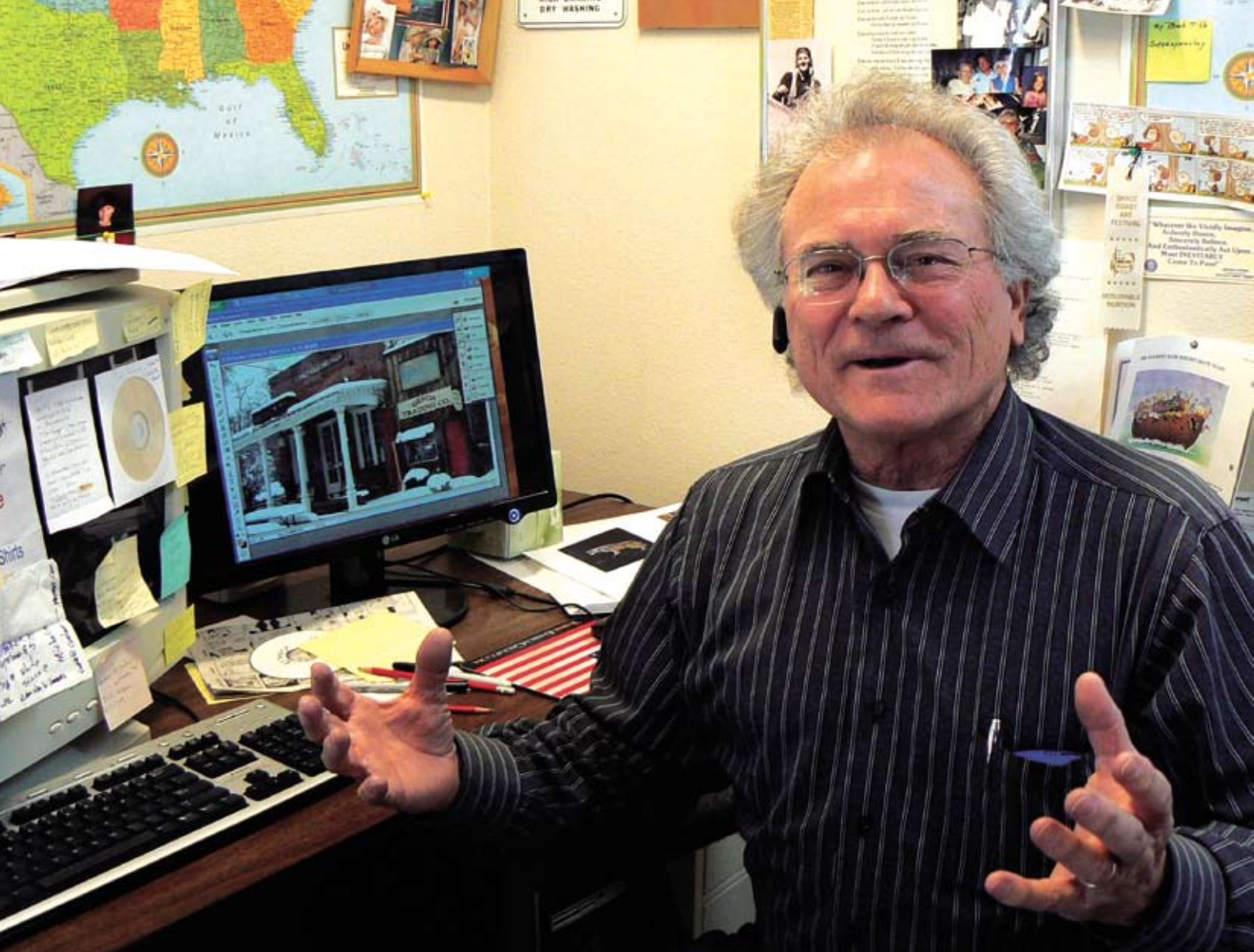




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When he was five years old, Don Langson received his very own Baby Brownie (all the rage in the 1940s and early '50s). That \$1.25 camera started him on a creative photographic journey that found Langson winning numerous prestigious awards and traveling the world seeking just the right shot.

In fact, Langson has received so many awards for his stunning and creative photographs he has lost count. He most recently earned the People's Choice Award for his stunning photograph "Sea of Steps" at the juried show recently held at the Nevada Artist Association Gallery.

Don credits his Dad, also named Don, for introducing him to the camera and tells the stories of his father's amateur photography days when to earn a bit of extra money, unsolicited he would bring a live pony to a home where he knew there were children offering to photograph the children on the pony. If you are a parent, you know what that answer would have been.

Though Don has two younger brothers, Richard and Bruce, he was the only one influenced by his father to take up photography. In junior high school, he joined a camera club and then went on to become the photographer for the school newspaper. Thus, a lifelong passion was born. When in the 9th grade, he graduated from the simple Baby Brownie to his first Pentax H3v 35 mm camera and today still has his revered Pentax.

He credits much of his photographic prowess to his many fine teachers receiving some of the very best training under the tutelage of the great Ansel Adams and other well-known and respected photographic artists. The list of his tutors is long and varied, each making an impression on his work.

As a teacher himself, Langson taught photography at the Brewery Arts Center and at his own studio, Back in a Flash One Hour Photo, formerly in the Frontier Mall off Winnie Lane. He loved teaching his students how to observe the world through the lens of a camera and he proudly states, "My students would tell me they never really saw what was out there and now were paying attention to details and learning the importance of composition."

Though he prefers the creative side of photography, he admits commercial photography is how he has earned much of his living and tells, "In the 1970's, I traveled all through the south and knew what would sell so I provided the public with what they wanted and it was my more artsy shots that I entered in the juried art shows and am pleased to say that many of those artsy shots were appreciated by the judges." He is most proud of the top award presented to him by Pulitzer Prize winner Emily Genauer who presented him with first prize at the Houston Art Show in 1977.

With an artistic eye most of us do not have, Langson shoots unusual views of our world. He has gone through different phases of what interests him and states currently, "I am trending more toward portals and passages." Symbolically one wonders whether he is embarking on a new facet of his life and career.

He prints all his own works on his many printers located in what he calls his "man cave" where every bit of space is devoted to photography, past and present. Having grown up printing his own photographs in a dark room, how does Don feel about the magic of Photoshop and today's sophisticated printers? "They are wonderful tools allowing for even more creativity where the results can be instantaneous," was his reply. Don keeps up with all the new "tools" available to create masterpieces allowing him to always be on the cutting edge.

Don is judicious about how many prints he makes of his more artistic shots stating that he produces his limited editions according to the population of the country. For example, he

will issue one print per million populations; therefore, if the population figure of today is 300 million Langson would issue only 300 prints thus making the prints collector's items. However, we must remind you that he is unabashedly commercial and if a print is selling well before being designated as a limited edition, it won't ever be designated limited.

Langson believes, "Photography is creative and satisfying and is the visual way to fix memories and experiences forever." He is a firm believer that one of the reasons most of us have cameras is that we "consciously or unconsciously want to record life's events." Langson displays his current works at the Nevada Artist Association Gallery at 449 W. King Street. ❖



"Sea of Steps" just won "People's Choice" at the juried show at the Nevada Artist Gallery.

A passion for glass

Not long ago, I walked into the little café at the Brewery Arts Center to check out the fare and instead of eating, I found myself browsing the many wonderful art pieces for sale created by local artists.

One unusually beautiful glass piece caught my eye and I just knew I had to have it. That piece, so perfect in my living room, turned out to be one of the fused glass creations from Jarill Ristine, creator of one-of-a-kind art glass.

Upon first meeting Ristine in her home studio in Carson City, I mentioned that I was the proud owner of a piece of her beautiful glass art. Like a proud mother, she was delighted to know to whom it was sold. This told me she cares about each and every piece she creates and hopes they will end up in appreciative homes. I assure you my art piece is totally appreciated.

Ristine and husband Glen have been residents since 9/11 of 2000, a date that will live in their memories forever. Prior to that, she and her banker turned mortgage broker husband lived in a small community outside of Chicago and then on Sanibel Island, Florida for 16 years prior to deciding to settle in Carson City. They were fully aware of what our area has to offer since they were frequent visitors here since Glen first attended a convention in Lake Tahoe in 1982. She states, "I fell in love with this area immediately and knew this is where we wanted to retire."

An artist for over 30 years, Ristine began her glass art journey in 1980 and has been hooked since. "I always passed a wonderful little shop in Barrington, Illinois and one day decided to visit and then signed up for a stained glass class. The first time I cut glass, I was enthralled!" Six weeks later, she was selling her creations to the store for resale testifying to her natural skill and creativeness.

Though Ristine has dabbled in other mediums over the years, it's working in glass that is her passion. Her home studio off Clear Creek Road is large and airy and full of wonderful glass and artist supplies.



She has a large stainless steel kiln to fuse her glass pieces making this a fully self-contained studio though she sells her pieces through the Artisan Store at the Brewery Arts Center.

When asked whether she has created large art pieces for her beautiful home, she laughs, "Like most artists, I create more for others and don't seem to have the time to create for myself." Each Ristine piece is original for which there is no pattern. You may see photos of her art, but don't expect to be able to choose a piece from a catalogue. She loves to create commissioned pieces. She is proud all her glass is made in Oregon and buys lovely glass to create her masterpieces.

How long does it take to create a basic piece of art? Three days is the minimum to create a lovely bowl. She gets asked why original art is expensive and answers, "Not only are the materials expensive, but it takes time." As the old saying goes, "you get what your pay for." This is not production line art made in China.

Ristine started her art career handcrafting and painting wood duck decoys and has progressed over the years to painting in oil, acrylics, creating paper arts and jewelry. She comes from a long line of artists and is extremely grateful for her talents. She states, "Everything appeals to me. I love to dabble in it all!" ❖

Even edgy art finds a home in our city

Most people prefer traditional sort of art, you know, the bucolic landscapes, beautiful flowers with drops of dew on their petals, portraits of people or animals and the types of art one would see in traditional art galleries. These are the paintings found in most of our homes.

Ah, but there are those who prefer their art more contemporary or a bit “edgy,” as artist Cyndy Brenneman likes to say about the art that is sponsored by the Carson City Arts Alliance (CCAI). She describes “edgy” art as that which makes one wonder what the artist is trying to convey. The type of art that makes you want to look at it again and again and then see something different each time or maybe not get it at all.

The not-so-traditional art is the focus of CCAI, the arts non-profit devoted to creating a bit of tension in the art world and bringing shows to Carson City that can only be found in the much large cities or perhaps on college campuses. In fact, according to Brenneman, volunteer president of the CCAI, there are no shows in northern Nevada quite like those that are displayed at the Carson City Courthouse. The fact that the CCAI gallery is at the Courthouse, too, is a bit edgy and brings “free art to those who may not be able to afford to see this type of art elsewhere.”

Though she is a more traditional artist herself, Brenneman loves the idea of bringing “out of the box” art to our community featuring cutting edge artists. Understanding much of our local art may be more traditional, the CCAI reaches out to artists throughout the west to show here.

Taking on the mission of bringing art into the classroom, CCAI has been working with the school district to bring local artists to the schools. The afterschool program brings together paid art instruc-



tors to teach the art of painting to budding young artists.

Brenneman's home is full of art, much of which she personally painted. There's hardly a blank space where art is not displayed in one of Carson City's most famous homes, the Bliss Mansion. She has even painted faux rugs in the kitchen area that are works of art. The third floor of the mansion, once reputed to be a ballroom, is where most of her art is created and she has opened the beautiful home she shares with husband Steve to many art functions.

She asserts, “Anyone can learn to be an artist and paint. All one needs to do is practice, practice, practice and get into the habit of creating art.” She compares learning to paint as one would learn to play piano. ❖

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Where's the public art?

Though we are known nationally as a city to which artists are flocking, there is little evidence of public art. Some cities paint their trash cans with flowers or modern art; Reno has hanging mobiles; Phoenix incorporated art on their lampposts and public sites while yet others display painted pianos or animal statues and have large public art displayed prominently within the downtown core. None of that is here, though we do have the requisite statues in the Legislative Park symbolizing various heroes of our time.

While hero statues could be considered public art, it's not the "artsy" type of art that makes a statement declaring ours is an arts-oriented community though some of the lack of art may be remedied when the cutout art along the freeway corridor is finished. That art, however interesting it will be, will not help in making the downtown more colorful or interesting.

There was a movement in the mid-1990's to bring mural art into the downtown using the sides of buildings as a palette. Walt (then the City's Redevelopment Director) and Celine Sullivan had just returned for a small town on the Oregon coast and presented this concept to local businesses to spruce up the city and create what

could have been an "art walk."

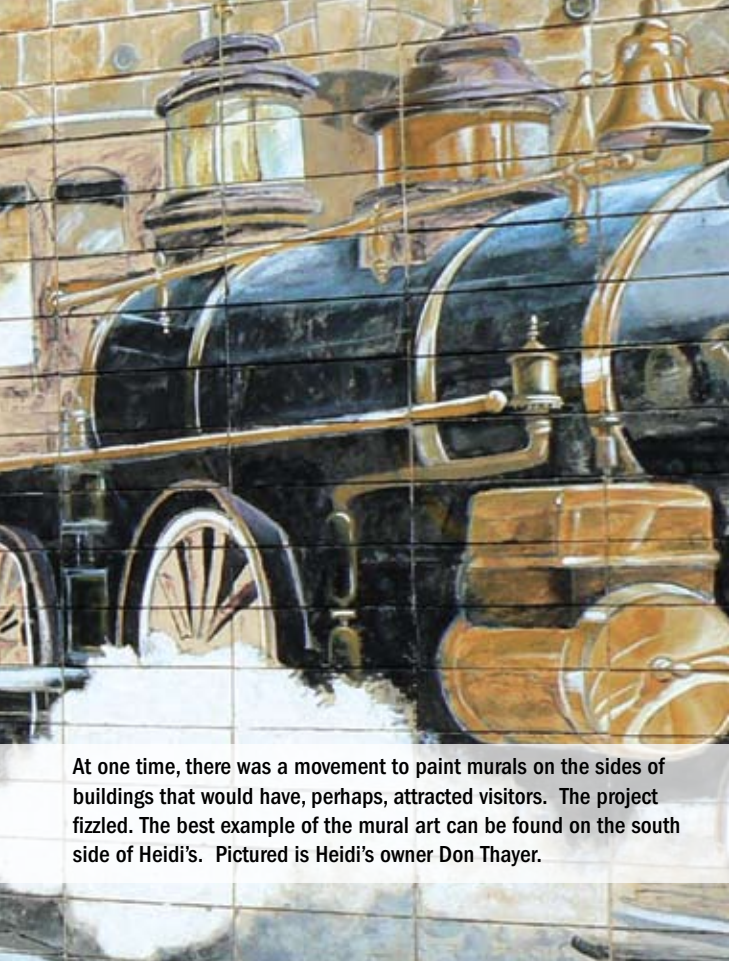
Heidi's owner, Don Thayer, thought the idea so good he contracted with Sacramento artists Stephanie Taylor, Michael Hough, Cindy Mohler and Annie Darling of the Stephanie Taylor Studio to paint a mural of the former roundhouse on the south side of the restaurant

in the style of mural painter Trump Lloyd who painted realistic art. The mural was completed in 1993, financed by Thayer and can be seen when going north. The mural is still in excellent condition and continues on the William Street side at the front entrance to the restaurant. Stop a moment and take a good look, or better yet, go inside and enjoy a great crepe.

There was a mural painted on the side of what is now the High Sierra Brewing Company that may have been part of the project but had been peeling over the years and became an eyesore, subsequently

power washed. No one seems to have missed it. There, too, was a stab to bring mural art to the city parks to decrease graffiti with the first created by CHS art students at the east end of Mills Park and the second created by BAC art students at Ross Gold Park. A third mural is hidden behind the Carson City library out of view of most of the public and is a lovely whimsical piece. ❖

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At one time, there was a movement to paint murals on the sides of buildings that would have, perhaps, attracted visitors. The project fizzled. The best example of the mural art can be found on the south side of Heidi's. Pictured is Heidi's owner Don Thayer.



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Because love prevailed, theater began in Carson City

Maizie Harris Jesse, 76, is a woman possessed when it comes to theater in our community.

It was Jesse who co-created the successful Proscenium Players (PPI) in 1965 with Jim Johns to bring the joy of the theater to a city in need of arts and culture and to actors in need of performing. In fact, she's been such a force in the theater arts community, the Brewery Arts Center board recently renamed the former Donald W. Reynolds Theater (aka as the Black Box Theater) the Maizie Harris Jesse Theater to honor her dedication.

Reminiscing about the beginning of theater in Carson City Jesse states, "We placed an ad in the newspaper and by word of mouth and were surprised when 40 people showed up at the old community center (now the Children's Museum) to become a part of our new touring group." The first PPI offering was the 1932 production of "Tobacco Road" and she laughed as she stated, "Sometimes there were more people in the play than in the audience!" The Players went on to perform in prisons, area schools and regional theaters.

PPI found a home at the Brewery Arts Center in 1977 where the first theater production held in the yet-to-be finished Black Box theater was "I'm Herbert," a one-act play about two elderly folks for which she had earlier received the Nevada Best Actress Award in the one-act play category. The play was an instant success and launched many additional and sometimes provocative productions in which Jesse was the star, director or performed whatever task was needed for the success of the show.

Maizie has always loved acting, singing, tap dancing and anything that required a stage and an audience. She's been performing since age 4 and likes to tell the story about a teacher she had at the University of Kansas telling her she had no talent and "was dreadful, absolutely dreadful." Frances Feist, once a Broadway and film actress who died in March of 1981, soon ate her words. You see, Maizie didn't take Feist's criticism to heart, instead trying out for the 1952 college production of "Heaven Can Wait" playing the part of the murderess. After seeing Maizie, Feist stated, "My dear, I was so wrong, you are wonderful." These words are etched in her memory and still delight her to this day. Many have gone on to echo those words over the years.

She grew up as an Army brat, the daughter of a Colonel, and began dancing for the USO at age 11 when her Dad was stationed in Germany right after WWII. In his other duty stations, she per-



formed on the bases as well. When the Colonel passed away, the family returned to Reno where both parents had been raised. She finished her education at UNR and performed at many of the regional theaters. So good was she that she was offered a full scholarship to study at the Pasadena Playhouse and because she also was an accomplished singer, Decca Records offered her a recording contract which would have necessitated a move to London. Stating, "Love prevailed," she chose instead to marry and become a mother of five.

The move to Carson City in 1962 where the arts and culture was lacking was disconcerting and through her vision and determination, successful theater was born and continues to this day. She states she has met many wonderful people along the way and is pleased to see two wonderful children's theaters up and running led by professionals. The Proscenium Players are now housed out of the Children's Museum of Northern Nevada. She is proud of the fine productions of Stephanie Arrigotti and the Western Nevada Musical Theater Company and the wonderful productions produced by Karen Chandler at Carson High. Many of their gifted students perform in local theater.

Fully retired from the acting scene today because of health reasons, Jesse shares the secret of success of any production: "Select a good crew before selecting the actors for without a wonderful crew, there is no production."

After the Reno Little Theater, the Proscenium Players is Nevada's second oldest continuously operating theater company and produces four plays annually. It is because of Maizie Harris Jesse, Carson City can proudly shout, "We are a theater town!"

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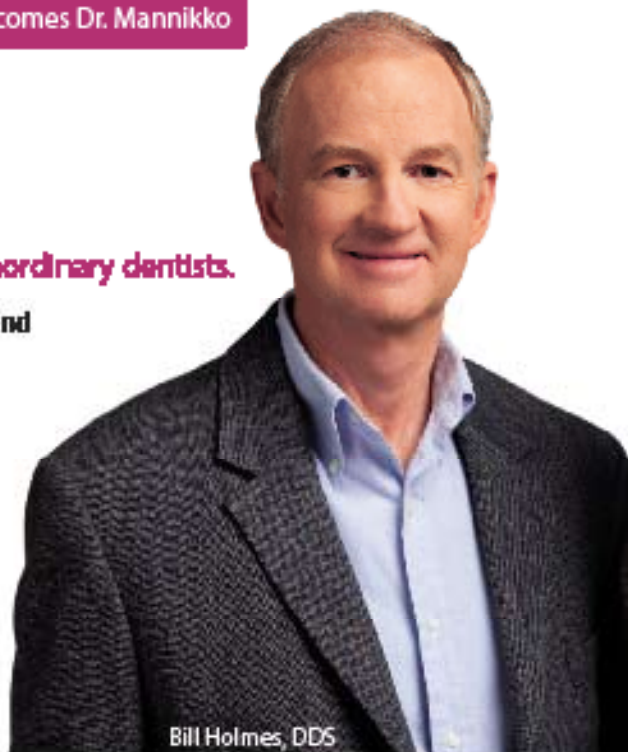
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A good **ripping** **drama** is what Dani loves best

There are many fine young actors in our community who are fortunate enough to have wonderful parents to encourage and nourish their talent. Not all make it to the “big time” but according to young actress Danita Bayer (Dani), kids in the arts have a great time growing up in our community creating a sense of self that is usually not found outside of the arts field.

As a budding young actress, Dani, 18, has just about done it all. She sings, she dances, she acts, she sews costumes, she designs sets, she directs. She unabashedly loves the acting world stating, “I love the surreal world of the theater where there is a bright light on the stage and the black area filled with an audience that I know is there but I cannot see.”

Her first foray into the world of entertainment began at the tender age of three performing with her musical and talented parents, Darla and Chris Bayer. She went on at the age of four to act in BAC Stage Kids productions where she remained until

age 13 when she graduated to the Wild Horse Theater productions and now performs with the Western Nevada Musical Theater Company and was most recently seen singing and dancing in the production of “Good Vibrations.”

So committed is she to acting, in 2008 she started her own acting company and though she is ex-

tremely creative says, “I couldn’t think of an appropriate name for my acting company so called it “The UnNamed Acting Company.” Her thought was to bring together

“I love the surreal world of the theater where there is a bright light on the stage and the black area filled with an audience that I know is there but I cannot see.” – Dani Bayer

Dancing in the rain: Dani’s free spirit personality shines through.



Dani performed in the WNMTC musical *Joseph and the Technicolor Dreamcoat*.

Melodeon Minstrel Troupe performing Gold Rush songs in the western states including stints in Baker, OR, Old Sacramento, Elko and other venues where history was the focus.

A few years ago, Dani was the star of her own TV series on ACCTV, "Cooking with Danita." Though she had not been formerly trained in cooking, she enjoyed doing the show so much she decided a career in the culinary arts would be a good idea to make money when she wasn't acting. Thus, she enrolled in the CHS Culinary Arts class and learned how to cook the "right way." This is the only class she took in the traditional classroom if one wants to consider culinary arts traditional. Now

The world of pretend has always fascinated this poised young lady who in many ways seems like an "old soul." She admits to pretending most of her life to being a cat, a fairy and most often a spy. She asserts, "Theater is the perfect place to pretend. Getting into character is easy and fun when you have a great cast." Though she has primarily been cast in the musical theater, Dani tells us "Deep down I love a good ripping drama!"

What is her plan for life after she gets her degree from WNC? "Though I love my parents and my community, I am ready to leave, to explore and see the rest of the world." The current plan is to enroll in art school in the Bay Area where she feels comfortable and there are so many creative types.

Will she consider coming back to Carson City as so many young people do after spreading their wings and getting their education? "Yes, I would come back if I can take over the productions at WNC." Move over Stephanie Arrigotti, Danita Bayer will be nipping at your heels! ❖

acting friends who wanted to become better performers by learning the many nuances that make actors excel.

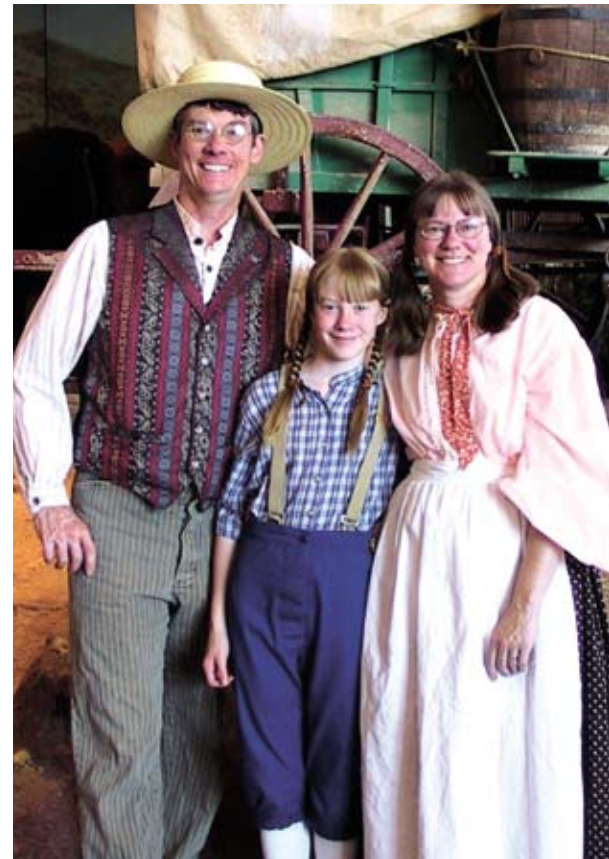
For her first solo production, she chose "Salem's Daughter" performed in October 2008. The age-appropriate, chilling and suspenseful witchcraft drama featured seven female characters and though she admits, "It wasn't a great play but we did three shows and received positive feedback from the theater community." She is proud the show was produced with minimum outside assistance (though Mom and friends were there when needed.) Her second production was "Loving Lives" and, as her 2011 New Year's Resolution, she is seeking a script for her third production.

Dani loved being home schooled stating, "I don't think I would have liked being in the public school system." Her parents gave her the freedom to learn "what she wanted to learn when she wanted to learn" and that learning style suited her. Since she received parental tutoring, she was able to travel with her parents across the state to perform at libraries bringing the family's Coyote Puppet Theater to delighted family audiences. In fact, the first time I saw the Bayer Family perform was at the Carson City Library many years ago. Little Dani gave quite a performance then and continues to give quite the performance to this day. She also traveled with her parents in their Old

in her last year in this discipline, Dani states she no longer wants to be a chef preferring instead to try her hand at graphic design and is currently taking a full load at Western Nevada College in the appropriate classes. Why graphic design? "I know I probably won't make a living in acting, so have to have some career to fall back on!"

Her heart, however, is in the acting field and she is pursuing her Associate Arts Degree in Musical Theater. This is quite appropriate for her since she was raised in a musical, theatrical family that has a long history of performers especially on her Dad's side. Dance has been a passion since she was first enrolled in a ballet and tap class at age three. Later, her Dad encouraged her to pursue Irish Dance for which she found she had an affinity and won the first dance contest she entered giving her the desire to go further. And, further she did, all the way to the North American Irish Dancing Championships in 2010.

Dani laughs when she fondly recalls why Chris Bayer wanted her to take up Irish dancing, "He loves to play Irish music and I think he wanted me to perform as a money making scheme!"



Baker City, Oregon: Performing with her parents in the Old Melodeon Mintrels.



Lynn danced up a storm during her performance in “White Christmas.”
Photo courtesy of WNMTC.

Having the time of her life

While watching Lynn Heller sing and dance on stage as one of the leads in the November Western Nevada Musical Theater Company production of “White Christmas,” I had the sense she was having the time of her life.

She was.

Since 1993, Lynn has played the lead in about a dozen musicals performed by this amazing local theatrical company operating out of Western Nevada College and feels “fortunate to have had the opportunity to be able to perform in Stephanie Arrigotti’s wonderful productions” all these years.

As the longest active member of the theater company, she is somewhat self-deprecating when it comes to her talents stating, “I would not have had this opportunity elsewhere since I would not ever have been able to compete with those who make acting their full-time passion.” Many who have enjoyed watching her sing and dance over the years would argue with that personal assessment. In fact, former Governor Bob Miller wrote her a personal note in 1993 relative to her performance in “Kiss Me Kate” that reads “You really are talented.”

Though Lynn is a talented musical actor, she is first and foremost a wife and a mother. She and husband, U.S. Representative Dean Heller, have brought up their four children, Hilary (25), Harris (22), Drew (21) and Emily (15), in a musical environment featuring much singing and dancing. Because she loves the theater so, the children became part of the theater scene from a very young age and participated in many productions. Even Dean participates in minor roles when he can and has never missed seeing a show.

Lynn’s first appearance on the Carson City stage was in 1993 as the lead in Kiss Me Kate. Overall, she has appeared or has been a part of 52 shows produced by WNMTC. Stating she is now “too old” to play the lead in many of the most enduring musicals, she continues to be involved in just about every aspect of the productions and has served as the assistant director and choreographer for the youth productions and in various backstage capacities. “I appeared in “White Christmas” because it was “age appropriate” and didn’t require a 20-year old in the lead,” she laughed.

Unfortunately, you won’t see her as lead in any of the 2011 productions. The leads in “Oklahoma” (she already starred in a much earlier production) or in the November production of “Phantom of the Opera,” one of the largest undertakings ever produced by WNMTC, “are for the much younger actor” according to Lynn. But, know she will be behind the scenes to assure the success of the production.

“Our performing arts company is second to none,” states Lynn. “The success of our productions depends on what the audience wants and Stephanie Arrigotti knows how to give them what they want.” She adds, “There is nothing like our Western Nevada Musical Theater productions in Reno,” she states. “While the Pioneer Theater may have musicals now and then, they are produced by national touring shows.”

Lynn has always loved to sing and dance and performed in theater in her high school in Palos Verde. She went on to dance

all over the world and was a cheerleader or “song girl” while attending the University of Southern California where she met Dean.

How did she adapt to life in Carson City after living in Southern California? She enthuses, “There is no better place to raise a growing family,” citing all the positive aspects of our city including all the outdoor activities and the great sports programs in which her kids have participated.

Has she seen the arts progress since her move to Carson City over 25 years ago?

“There has been much growth in this field, although people don’t move to Carson City for the arts scene. She credits the Brewery Arts Center as one of the major reasons local talent has been able to be showcased.

Lynn keeps very busy these days even though there is only one child left at home. She serves as a substitute teacher, joins Dean on his political travels and looks forward to each and every WNMTC production stating, “I have the time of my life doing these shows.” ♦



Lynn and her husband Dean Heller, enjoyed performing together in “South Pacific.” Photo courtesy of Lynn Heller.

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Two CHS students who well represent the up and coming young musicians are very alike in their passion for music, yet very different in the type of music they wish to pursue.

Elizabeth (Liz) White, percussionist and bass player, wants to pursue her dream of working in a professional orchestra that may include pit orchestras for musicals while Connor Farrell wants to tour with “an avant garde, crazy and weird band similar to Frank Zappa.” Liz is already working her way into the orchestra scene by playing with the Carson City Symphony to build up her resume. Connor plays trumpet and sings with some of the local bands that “push the limits.”

Their similarities, however, are very strong. Both are straight A students, both play in the CHS Jazz Band under the direction of popular band teacher Jarod Sorum and both play in the distinguished 36-member Wind Ensemble Band. Connor states, “You must audition to play in the Wind Ensemble and only the best are chosen.”

Both play in the CHS Marching Band and although they didn’t know it until this interview, both got their musical start in the fifth grade by taking band at

... (both) are members of the Nevada Music Educators Association All State Band that is open to only those who are the best of the best.



Connor Farrell and Liz White make music together.

Fremont Elementary School. Liz went on to take band at Eagle Valley Middle School while Connor pursued his music at Carson Middle School. They met up again at Carson High.

Both credit their excellent teachers with furthering their musical education. Liz states, “My music teacher at Fremont told me I had good rhythm and encouraged me to try percussion instruments.” She became hooked. In addition to being able to play about any percussion instrument available, Liz plays stand up bass (the instrument is taller than she is!) and is a volunteer every Thursday for the Symphony’s Strings in the School program teaching the very young students how to play string instruments. Symphony co-founder Elinor Bugli tells us, “Liz is an excellent percussionist and we are appreciative of her mentoring our after school orchestra class.” Band teacher Sorum swept his hand over a wide berth of percussion instruments in the CHS band room proudly stating, “Liz can play all of these!”

Both are principals in the Reno Youth Orchestra, the youth group of the Reno Philharmonic. They play with the Reno Youth Jazz Orchestra and are members of the Nevada Music Educators Association All State Band that is open to only those who are the best of the best. Connor brags a bit stating, “Not many musicians from northern Nevada make it to All State.” Also, both do not come from a line of talented musicians finding their talent on their own and becoming committed to being the best.

Both went through their entire educational career in Carson City schools and fared well in the environment. Liz gave the

instructors high marks stating, "Every music teacher knows what they are doing." Connor adds, "Mr. Sorum does amazing things with what he has at CHS."

Most of all they have supportive parents who have and continue to sacrifice much to get them to their goal. Connor states, "My parents are unbelievably supportive. They continue to spend lots of time, gas, food, money and sacrifice their time with me so I can play my music. Many times, I am home only about an hour a day." Liz echoes his sentiments citing the strong support she, too, has received from her wonderfully supportive family who make certain she has the opportunity to grow and excel.

To graduate this year, both must complete their Senior Project and admittedly, both are not far out of their comfort zone here. Liz has chosen to transcribe a xylophone concerto for orchestra to band music. Connor has chosen to become a musical director of a rock band and will assemble the band, select the music and then create an album. Those lucky enough to judge their Senior Project will be mightily impressed.

When asked if they are freer now that they are able to drive,



CHS band teacher Jarod Sorum joins Liz and Connor in creating jazz music.

both looked at me quizzically stating they don't drive even though both are 18. I asked why. "No time," they chanted in unison. They are so busy with their music and studies they just don't have the time to do what it takes to earn all those hours to be able to earn a Nevada driver's license. Connor informs us he has become adept at "bumming rides."

What do these young folk do when not involved in their musical pursuit? Connor gets away to enjoy nature by hiking and camping and Liz winds down by drawing and painting.

What comes after high school graduation? Liz is planning on going to UNR where there is "an amazing percussion director," and Connor plans to take about a year off from school by "doing independent study and practicing between 3-5 hours per day" with the goal of auditioning for a prime music college.

Whatever comes next, we advise you to memorize these names and watch their careers as they continue to rise up the musical ladder. ❖



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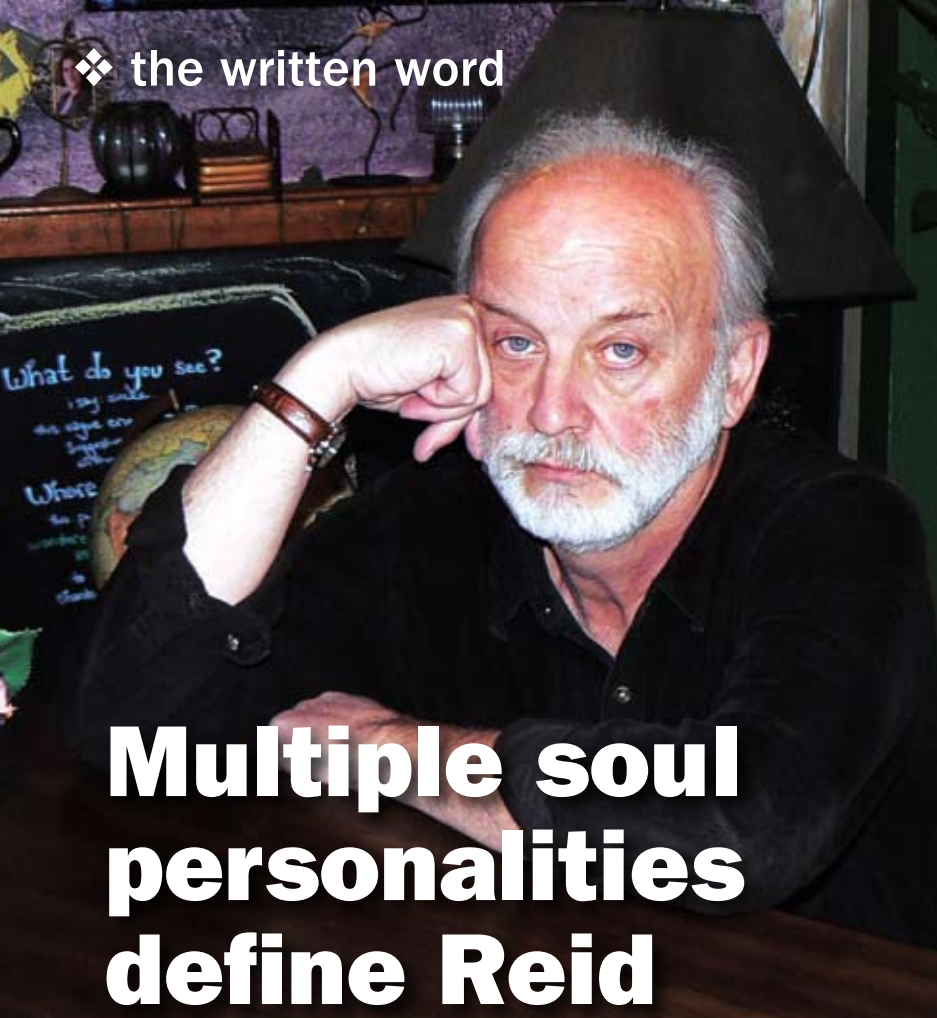
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Multiple soul personalities define Reid

One surely must need to possess multiple personalities to satisfy the creative soul that resides within Robert Leonard Reid.

Here is a man who is a self-taught pianist, prolific song writer, performer, political activist, award-winning author, accomplished nature photographer, playwright, passionate mountaineer/adventurer, former math teacher and a musical director who is now in the process of finishing a complicated score entitled "Bristlecone Mass" to be produced for St. Peter's Episcopal Church debuting later this year.

Reid, a native of western Pennsylvania and an area resident since 1995, vows never to retire. "I've lived in 35 different homes in seven states and have found my last residence," he stated enthusiastically. Carson City came up on his radar when he visited in October 1993 and saw the beautiful fall colors. Deciding to make the Sierras his home, he could have chosen to live anywhere but chose here because, "The arts community is so vital here, more so than anywhere I have ever lived." And, that includes Albuquerque, New York City and the Bay Area.

Like many transplanted artists, he is apprecia-

A self-taught pianist, Reid composes original songs.

tive that one can locally make a name in the local arts scene easier here than if one tried to break into the artist ranks in the bigger cities. He is fully aware of our #3 ranking by *Business Week online* as one of the top up and coming arts communities and gives much credit for the high ranking to Western Nevada College professor Stephanie Arrigotti for her fine musical theater productions. He continues to be in awe of the fact that, "We have four theater companies – unheard of in communities of this size – with residents of the surrounding areas including Reno and the Tahoe area coming here to enroll their children in local theater courses."

He is in awe of the "incredible amount of musical talent here" having met so many musicians who once worked with big show business artists." As he too chose to begin anew and eventually finish his soul's journey in our region, so have these incredibly talented artists brought their professional talent and show business knowledge here for the enjoyment of our residents. He states, "A roster of the Mile High Jazz Band reads like a Who's Who of the show business world."

Reid cites how easy it was to join the local arts community stating that when he went to his first poetry reading he was immediately connected to others making "him feel comfortable in pursuing his many artistic passions." He is impressed local artists do not separate themselves from their audience.

A prolific writer since 1975, Reid enjoys writing about his exotic travels to places few dare to venture. He loves the mountains and journeys into the mind of a mountain climber; he writes about the treacherous journey of caribou at the Arctic Circle; and he explores the dichotomy that is New Mexico. Much of his work has a spiritual bent which he deems comes partly from his roots as the son of an Episcopal priest.

A former New York City math teacher and non-fiction writing professor in New Mexico and Western Nevada College, Reid continues to teach. He begins a course on the art of memoir writing at Truckee Meadows Community College beginning in April.

We haven't yet mentioned the name Bobby McGee. That's Reid's alter ego when he performs with chanteuse June Joplin in their cabaret duo Me and Bobby McGee. He's written four songs that can be heard on their website including what he hopes will be the song to replace "Home Means Nevada" with "A Place in My Heart Called Nevada" written for the ill-fated senatorial campaign of Jack Carter (Jimmy's son).

The author in him has been the recipient of a

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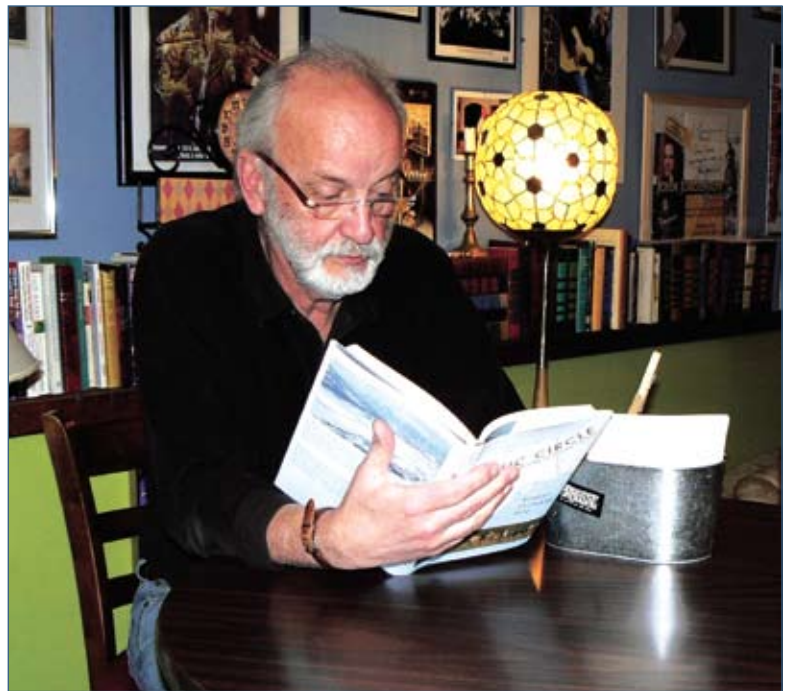
- Robert Reid

number of awards including the Silver Pen Award presented to him by the Nevada Writers Hall of Fame in 2009. The Nevada Arts Council also awarded him two literary grants and an artist fellowship. There may be another award in the works for one of his books nominated for special awards, but being a bit of a “knock on wood” type of fellow, he doesn’t want to jinx his chances so we won’t mention the book title.

Nevadans, as we all know, are very sensitive about the way in which the state name is consistently mispronounced along with the misconceptions about who we are. Reid decided to take a humorous look at ourselves writing his first musical theater production for the Proscenium Players, “I Say Nevada.” Overall, he was pleased with the reviews, although some of the more conservative in us weren’t all too pleased with political inferences. He plans to rewrite the play every two years to keep it fresh and “to be a kinder, gentler political piece.”

His current undertaking centers on finishing his ambitious “Bristlecone Mass” which may be his finest soul piece yet. This major contemporary production will incorporate a chorus of 50-75 and many musical genres. His goal is to wow his audience.

Just what soul you will meet when you meet Robert Leonard Reid will be a surprise. Will it be the explorer telling you of his adventures? Or, will he perform one of his original songs? Then



Reid ponders his latest book.

again, maybe he’ll write a part for you in one of his theatrical productions. Wrap all these souls into one piece and you have quite the talented individual who loves living, creating and performing in Carson City, Nevada! ❖

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Editor's note: In each edition of In Focus, we devote pages to related history and there was nothing more historical in our arts community than the advent of the Brewery Arts Center launching us on our path to becoming a destination for the creative. And the following is reprinted from the souvenir program, Brewery Arts Center historic opening, June 9, 1979)

The Brewery Arts Center officially opened on Saturday, June 9, 1979. The arts center was the dream of those who were a part of the Carson City Arts Alliance formed for the sole purpose of finding a permanent center for the arts. The following is from their souvenir program:

"Danke, Mahalo, Muchas Gracias and Thank You!

It has taken the combined efforts of hundreds of individuals to arrive at Grand Opening Day. We would like to express our appreciation to each and every one and we know they feel a sense of accomplishment and pleasure as the Brewery Arts Center opens its doors. There are several that merit an extra special thank you:

Betty Block was the local Bicentennial chairman who drew together the original committee. This expanded into the first council of Joyce Barrett, Betty Block, Grace Bordewich, Gus Bundy, Jim Calhoun, Steve Cerstvik, Patty Coluse, Art Hannafin, Betty Helgren, Pat Holub, Chris King, Jim Lien, Pete Marshall, Dorothy Paulsen and DeeAnn Ridings. New people filled vacancies as they occurred, bringing to the council Bob Hill, Eileen Bianchi, Dana Wishmeyer and Ben Gollehon. In 1977, Gerry Lawrence, Naomi Bernard, Carolyn Opitz, Lee Vecchiarelli, Mary Knapp, George Soetje, Mary Wardlaw, Paul Firden, and Jean Stenz joined the roster and 1978 Nathaniel Goodhue, John Hancock, Virginia Daykin, Bruce Scott and Bob Stewart added their names to those preceding them as very helpful, resourceful, and stalwart souls.

To these must be added the very supportive members of the then Board of Supervisors, Harold Jacobsen, Thelma Calhoun, Bob Brogan, Joe Bensinger and M. E. "John" Hayes, and now the new members, Bill Burnaugh and Jack Warnecke. The city managers, first Hanke Etchemendy and then Don Hataway, also gave good guidance and support.

Special recognition must be given to DeeAnn Ridings, who was willing to take charge as Executive Director, blazing new trails for the arts in Carson City, and to her staff, Jeannette Rector, Administrative Secretary, who brought skill, imagination and some of her own furniture to her job, and Joyce Hill, Administrative Assistant, who has begun the development of a curriculum and the teaching staff for the Arts Center; and to Betty Block who continues to volunteer fulltime as anything from bookkeeper to money raiser to writer as well as contractor; Art Hannafin, who conceived the functional distribution of the "arts space" and John Hancock, who "found a way" to the EDA grant.

The awarding of the EDA grant posed several challenges, not the least of which was the preparation of a myriad of contract



Betty Block poses with Nevada Governor Robert List (1979-1983) at the Brewery Arts Center opening in 1979. Photo courtesy of Jed Block.

documents with almost no time allowance whatsoever. The firm of Dolven, Larson and Daniels of Reno came to our rescue. They had the capacity to produce the necessary "spec" books and prints with the modifications necessary to do the project within the budget and to do so with great dispatch. Capriotti Construction, at a time when contractors were up to their ears with activity, was game enough to take the project on, with Bill Mally and John Frank in the lead. The contract had covered only the construction of a shell with the roughest of exterior grading, or interior finish nor paint. At the completion of the contract, the Arts Alliance assumed the responsibility of finishing the building for occupancy.

Local contractors and suppliers have been very helpful during the final phases of construction. Helping ups with materials and/or services were Baker Electric, Bill Green Construction, Chas. C. Meek Lumber, Copeland Lumber, Carson Building Supply, Carson Furniture, Builders Carpet Supply, Carson Masonry Supply, and First Alarm Painting. The City Parks and Recreation Department staff donated their talents on several occasions, most visibly in the construction of the theatre's entry ramp.

The Carson City Fair and Recreation Board funded the hanging of sheetrock, the installation of lights and outlets in the office and workshops and a number of other items that enabled our getting the building in operation.

There are those who have gone out of their way to assist us in getting organized in our endeavor and facility. Since we've been told "the whole world is on back-order", we really appreciate the efforts of Steve Baxter of Custom Office Supply and Jerry Lynn of Advanced Office Furniture and Design.

No one will argue the value of good communications. Getting one's message across is more than a casual challenge. Without the superlative assistance of the media, our activities would go unattended. Our thanks to Paula Schofield of KKBC/KPTL, Marks Evans of KNIS and to many at the NEVADA APPEAL, particularly Connie Brashear, Joyce Marshal, and Trent Saviers in editorial and Bob Rajas in advertising.

From our very first endeavors the Alliance has enjoyed the assistance of Scotty Ruff and Tom Davis of Sierra Nevada Printing. Tom Burns and Mike Conrad of Mike and Polly Photos

and Mike Ayler have supplied those ever important photos at a moment's notice.

Of course, there are always those who are willing to do a little extra, loan special equipment and generally help "save the day." A special tip of the hat to Jim Calhoun for his finish work on the doors; to Leona Wood and Marie Boone of the Carson Chamber of Commerce; Mabel Edmundson, Elaine Clark and Pete Marshall of the Cooperative Extension Service and Dale Pugsly of Western Nevada Community College.

Thank you one and all! Without you we could never have come as far as we have; with you we will continue to grow and expand in order to fulfill the promise of "putting culture in our Brewery." Welcome to the Brewery Arts Center!"

On June 9, 1997, the Carson City Arts Alliance was comprised of the following forward-thinking citizens:

Executive Board:

Carolyn Opitz- President
Naomi Bernard - Vice President
Bruce Scott - Secretary
John Hancock - Treasurer
Betty Block - Immediate Past President

Council:


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George Soetje
Bob Stewart

Staff:

DeeAnn Ridings - Executive Director
Joyce Hill - Administrative Assistant
Jeannette Rector - Administrative Secretary



Thelma Davis Calhoun was recognized as one of the foremost artists in northern Nevada. She was a popular local civic leader. Shown here with the quilt she created to commemorate the Bicentennial. Photo courtesy of Jed Block.



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Shown from left: Brewery owner Arnold Millard, John Rauch, Herman Smoot, Ed Boyce, Daun Bohall, Fritz Hogmeyer, Alma Millard, Cedric Nelson, "Tip" Tom Hodges, Lovell Bath and bartender Nels Glover, great uncle of Clerk-Recorder Alan Glover. Artist John Hunt replicated the original photograph shown above at the corner of Division and King Streets.



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The story of the Carson City Arts Alliance

(reprinted from the souvenir program, Brewery Arts Center historic opening, June 9, 1979)



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In its search for a meaningful and lasting project, the Carson City Centennial/Bicentennial Commission conducted surveys to research the community for needs not being addressed by other organizations or agencies.

Repeatedly, a need for creative space, particularly one in which less-than-tidy activities could take place, was expressed.

In August 1974, a committee was appointed within the commission to explore various possibilities. New construction was ruled out. The committee looked for available existing buildings. This was just at the time that the Nevada Appeal was preparing to move to its new location.

The old buildings, wandering across the greater part of a centrally located downtown block, seemed ideal to provide approximately 15,000 square feet of space, plus patio and off-street parking space. The historic quality of the property, including a building as old as the state itself, further improved this Bicentennial project.

Because the commission was created by the Board of Supervisors as a temporary entity, it was necessary to establish a permanent corporation whose function would be to purchase, develop and ultimately operate an ARTS CENTER. By appointment of the commission chairman, the committee became the first council of the newly incorporated Carson City Arts Alliance. The Horizons chairman served as the Council's first president.

After determining the price tag of the Brewery/Appeal property as \$100,000 and weighing other alternatives, the new Carson City Arts Alliance set about the task of raising the purchase money. This was accomplished by May 12, 1977 from the following sources: local individuals and businesses, \$45,000; Carson City Fair and Recreation Board, \$15,000; Nevada Artists Association, \$20,000 and the City of Carson, \$5,000. The purchase was recorded June 22, 1977.

The next step was to determine in what manner to fund the construction and remodeling. A concept for space utilization had been determined early in the pre purchase period and a model of the proposed facility had been used extensively to help raise funds.

The City of Carson expressed a willingness to pursue Federal Economic Development Administration Funds for the project. This necessitated deeding by dedication the property to the City with the Alliance leasing it back for 99 years. The EDA grant of \$205,000 was awarded and applied to the costs of removal and replacement of the meandering one-story outbuildings. The City added \$45,000 to enable the full shell to be constructed. The Arts Alliance membership and the Fair and Recreation Board have contributed funds for the finish work and some furnishing. Foundations have been approached for funding of equipment.

The project's newly constructed portion of the 9,000 square feet contains classrooms, workshops, photo labs, small theater, gallery and administrative offices.

Funds were granted by the Carson City Fair and Recreation Board to engage a firm to develop architectural plans to rehabilitate the historic two-story Brewery. Construction will commence subsequent to a successful fund drive supplemented by preservation funds.

In addition to the development of the Arts Center, CCAA serves as an informal clearing house for artists, organizations and individuals with referral and calendar assistance. A monthly newsletter, distributed to the membership and the media, contains information on CCAA activities, a cultural calendar and announcements of events of individual and organization members, one-man shows, service club fundraisers, etc. CCAA also functions as a Central Box Office for arts or related events. Expansion into the area of an Artists' Registry and individual artist grant information and referral service is anticipated.

The 600-member Arts Alliance share in the knowledge that they have contributed significantly to the enhancement of their community through the establishment of a center for the enrichment and expansion of the talents and mental diversifications of its citizenry. They invite you to join in the excitement of the future growth and direction of the Brewery Arts Center and the Carson City Arts Alliance. ❖

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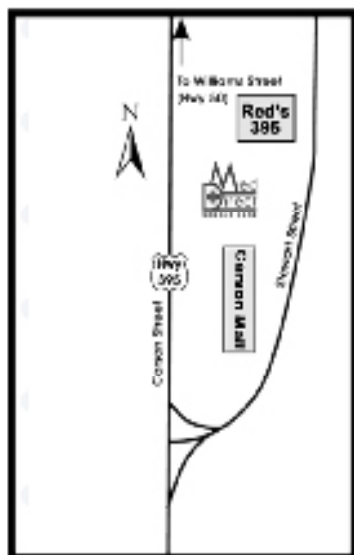
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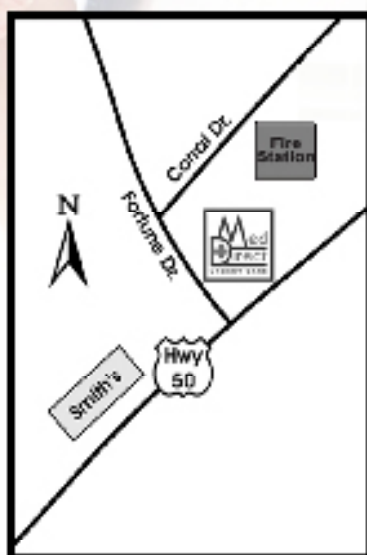


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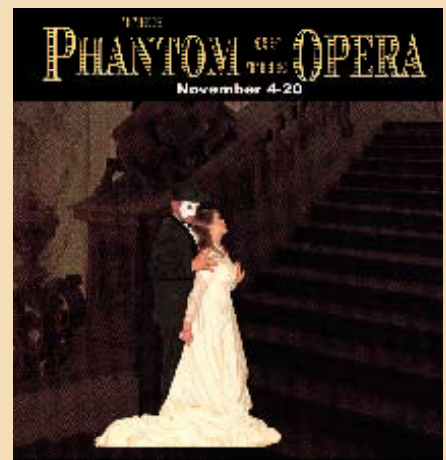
The show in its full Broadway format includes the now famous numbers "Think of Me," "Masquerade," "Music of the Night," "Prima-donna" and "Angel of Music." The company has booked with Flying by Foy in Las Vegas to handle the special effects of the chandelier.

"It will be, by far, the most vocally and technically demanding show we have ever produced," commented Arrigotti, who has produced 86 shows for the company. "I've already started working with technicians and set builders - it should take us a whole year to build this production."

Each year Arrigotti surveys her audience to determine the next year's

offerings and Phantom was by far the most requested show to be considered for the 2011 production season.

If you have not seen a Stephanie Arrigotti production, you will find that you can equate any of her productions to what you would see in larger theater towns. The sets are spectacular, the actors talented and the overall production quality is remarkable. Actually, her productions may be better than those seen in some of the better known theater towns for she puts everything she has into making the productions flawless.



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RTC (to Reno)	348-RIDE (7433)
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Charter Communications	1-866-Get-Charter
NV Energy	834-4444
Southwest Gas Corp.	882-2126
Water and Sewer	887-2355
Waste Management	882-3380

Other

Better Business Bureau	322-0657
	www.reno.bbb.org
Local Road Conditions	1-877-687-6237
	www.nvroads.com
Nevada Day	882-2600
	www.nevadaday.com

Health & Human Services

Advocates to End Domestic Violence	883-7654
	www.aedv.org
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northern Nevada	283-0606
	www.bbbsnn.org
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	www.bgcwn.org
Carson City Health & Human Services	887-2190
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Community Counseling Center	882-3945
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Eagle Valley Children's Home	882-1188
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Nevada History

Nevada history started in Carson City. Founded in 1858 by pioneer Abram Curry and designated the state capital in 1864. Carson City's historic residential district dates back to the 1860s and is the largest historical home district in Nevada. As the only city in Ormsby County, the city and county merged in 1969 to consolidate government services.

Housing

From historical to contemporary, it's all here. Carson City offers a wide-ranging diversity of homes. More than half of the 22,500+ housing units are single-family homes, 60 percent of which are owner-occupied. Almost 80 percent of the city's current housing units have been constructed since 1970. Working with a Chamber member real estate professional is your best bet in finding the right home for you. See section under "real estate" or log on to www.carsoncitychamber.com/realtors.

Transportation

It's easy to get here and easy to get around. Carson City's strategic location at the intersection of two major highway corridors provides convenient access for businesses and residents to major markets throughout the west. Highway 50 extends east and west across the nation, and Highway 395 runs from Canada to Mexico.

Our area is served by two airports: The Carson City Airport serves the general aviation needs of the area and is 1.5 miles north of the city's central business district and is adjacent to the Airport Industrial Park. The commercial passenger Reno/Tahoe International Airport is a short 30 to 40 minutes from the city. The local bus service JAC, (Jump Around Carson) covers the city and RTC operates daily service between Reno and Carson City.

Education

The Carson City School District serves kindergarten through fifth-grade students at six neighborhood elementary schools. There is one year 'round school with the remainder operating on the traditional school year. Two middle schools for grades six through eight serve over 2,000 students. Carson and Pioneer High Schools are comprehensive four-year schools with a population of over 2,400 students, and a faculty and staff of over 200. www.carsoncityschools.com

Silver State Charter Schools is a free public on-line distance education charter school for grades 7-12. www.sshs.org

Western Nevada College (WNC) is primarily a public two-year community college providing quality educational opportunities for residents of its seven-county service area. There is a four-year degree program in the construction trades. www.wnc.edu.

Private Educational Facilities

Bethlehem Lutheran School - grades K - 8
 Capital Christian Center - Pre K - 8

Universities:

University of Phoenix and The University of Nevada, Reno are only 30 miles away.

Economy

Carson City has one of the most diversified and balanced economies in Nevada. The services category employs 28,500 and is the largest single employment category. Government (state, federal and local) employs over 11,500. Retail trade is the third-largest employer followed by manufacturing.

Taxes

Nevada's tax structure is considered to be conservative and less burdensome than that of many other states. There is no state personal income tax. Nevada does not levy franchise, unitary, inventory, inheritance, or corporate profit taxes. Real and personal property is currently taxed at 35 percent of assessed valuation with a 3% annual cap on owner-occupied single family residences and an 8% cap on business and commercial property as imposed by the state legislature. A sales and use tax of 7.475 percent is imposed on the retail sales of tangible personal property in Carson City.

Health Care

The 352,000 sq. ft. Carson Tahoe Regional Medical Center opened in December 2005 on a beautiful 80-acre medical campus that includes a comprehensive Cancer Center and Sierra Surgery & Imaging. CTRMC, a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) community based health care facility, is a state-of-the-art, full service hospital with 144 acute care beds, 18 emergency room bays, and a rooftop helipad. MedDirect Urgent Care, in partnership with Carson Tahoe, treats non-emergency customers.

Pet Health Care

There is excellent veterinary care for large and small animals. See listings under Veterinary Services for the very best in pet health care. Dogs must be licensed. Most city parks are dog-friendly.

Recreation & Attractions

Carson City and the surrounding area offer a wide variety of recreational opportunities and welcome visitors with close to 1,700 sleeping rooms at more than 30 hotels/motels in all price ranges along with several RV parks. The Parks Department maintains and oversees 40 parks and recreational facilities.



Arts & Culture

Ours is a thriving and close-knit arts community with several theater companies and our own Carson City Symphony. We have fine art galleries including the 3 at Western Nevada College.

Historic Attractions

The Nevada State Museum is by far the most interesting museum in the state. The Nevada State Railroad Museum houses steam locomotives and restored coaches from the Virginia & Truckee RR. The second floor in the Nevada State Capitol houses a museum centering on political history. The Foreman-Roberts House Museum, the Children's Museum of Northern Nevada, and the state's largest historical home district are all located in Carson City.

Casinos

We're a 24-hour city. One cannot think of Nevada without thinking of gaming and casinos. And you can be certain that Carson City has its' share of 24/7 gaming establishments which are very friendly and are a great asset to our economy.

Sports & Youth Programs

Carson City Parks & Recreation operates the Aquatic Center, home to the Carson City Tigersharks swim team. Edmonds Park offers 4 softball fields, 9 soccer fields, 1 multi-purpose football/soccer field, and a BMX track. Mills Park features a skateboard park.

We offer men's and youth basketball, Little League/T-Ball, Babe Ruth, girl's softball, Pop Warner Football, Flag Football, AYSO Soccer, High Desert Soccer, inline hockey, tennis, and more.

Boys and Girls Club of Western Nevada provides a home away from home in a new state-of-the-art building. Every golfer can enjoy the challenging and affordable play offered at regional courses. Wildcats Baseball is center stage at Western Nevada College and the Reno Aces AAA baseball team plays in downtown Reno.

Government & Public Safety

The city is governed by a Mayor and four-member Board of Supervisors, all elected to overlapping four-year terms. An appointed City Manager performs administrative functions. The Board of Supervisors has an open-door policy and solicits community representation and involvement through various city advisory boards, commissions and committees. Most meetings are televised on the local cable access channel. The Carson City Fire Department operates three stations in the community with approximately 60 employees, and also operates the ambulance service. The Carson City Sheriff's Department keeps the peace, and enforces the laws and ordinances of the city with over 115 officers and deputies. The state legislature meets every other year and offers a visitors gallery for those interested in seeing Nevada history in the making.

Communications

Carson City enjoys two cable access channels. Most local government meetings are aired live. Go to www.acctv.org for show times. Channels 2, 4 and 8 are based in Reno and are the national channels. PBS is channel 5. The Nevada Appeal is our hometown newspaper. CarsonNow.org is our internet news source.



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The Carson City Chamber of Commerce is proud to present a listing of current Chamber members who stand ready to serve the citizens of our community and our region. On the following pages you will find listings by category of service. Please keep this list handy and call a Chamber member first!

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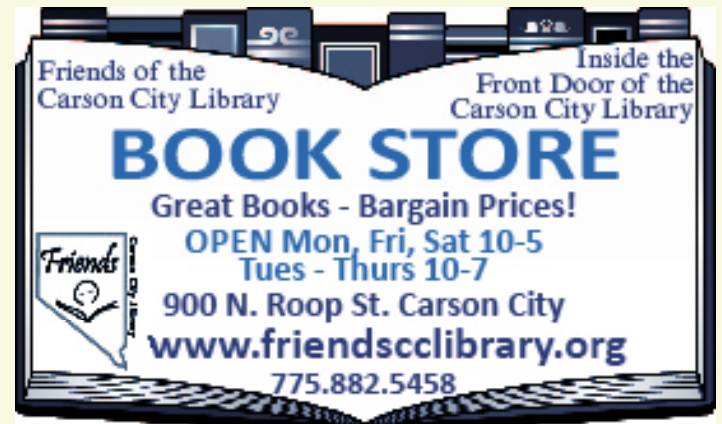
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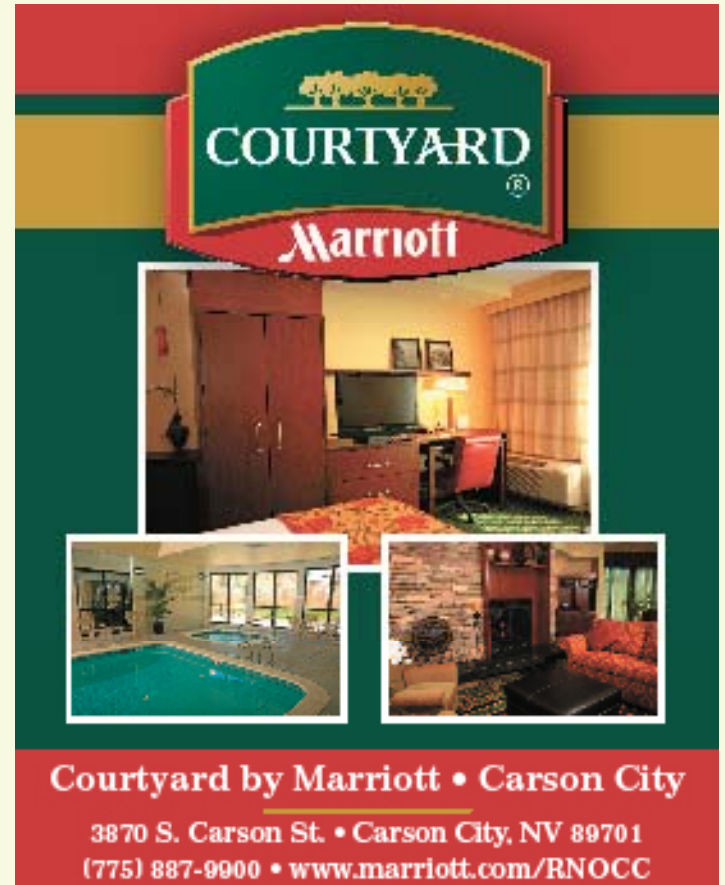
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Our website: More and more consumers and businesses have turned to websites to gain information on areas and local businesses. The Chamber maintains a state-of-the-art site providing members with free listings.



Mayor Robert Crowell shakes hands with Shirley and Gene Burger the owners of Carson Lanes at the ribbon cutting of their new facility.

Networking opportunities:

In small communities such as ours, personal contact remains the key. We still enjoy meeting with fellow business owners in relaxed settings. The Chamber provides a minimum of two networking opportunities monthly. Other opportunities such as ribbon cuttings, grand openings and social events further provide opportunities to which members are invited.

Our educational programs:

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❖ chamber people



With three golf courses in the city and nine within the region, members enjoy the Chamber's annual golf tournament.

Our advocacy: While we believe it is important to work hand-in-hand with our state and local government, we need to continue to advocate on behalf of business when it appears government has forgotten the importance of the business community. We maintain cordial relations with all forms of government.

Our commitment to the young entrepreneurs: Those still climbing the ladder of success have a home at the Chamber. We formed a Young Business Professionals group to address the need of the business community of tomorrow. Member employees between the ages of 21-40 are welcome to join the group at no additional expense.



The Leadership Carson City Class of 2010 poses with Mayor Robert Crowell following the ribbon cutting ceremony held at the Carson City Animal Shelter. The class worked hard to create a play yard for our canine friends.



The young professional is our future.

Our community involvement: When there is a need in our community, we are there! We gather our business member volunteers and clean up our parks and streets, revamp areas that need some TLC, provide support to our sheriff and district attorney in their efforts to fight crime and serve on many local committees that need assistance from the business community. Anyone can call us and when we can, we respond!

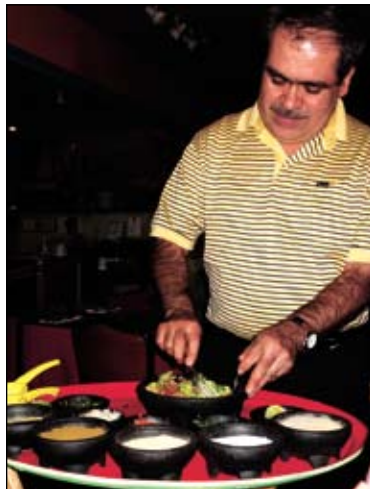




Learning to cook in Tuscany was a highlight of our trip to Italy in 2009.

Our travel club: If you love to travel, travel with those who reside in northern Nevada. We love to plan trips where at the end of the trip, everyone is a friend and we get to see the world together, although we learn to appreciate our little corner of the world so much more. ♦

Alvaro Brito, co-owner of San Marcos Grill created his famous guacomole dip for a Chamber mixer.



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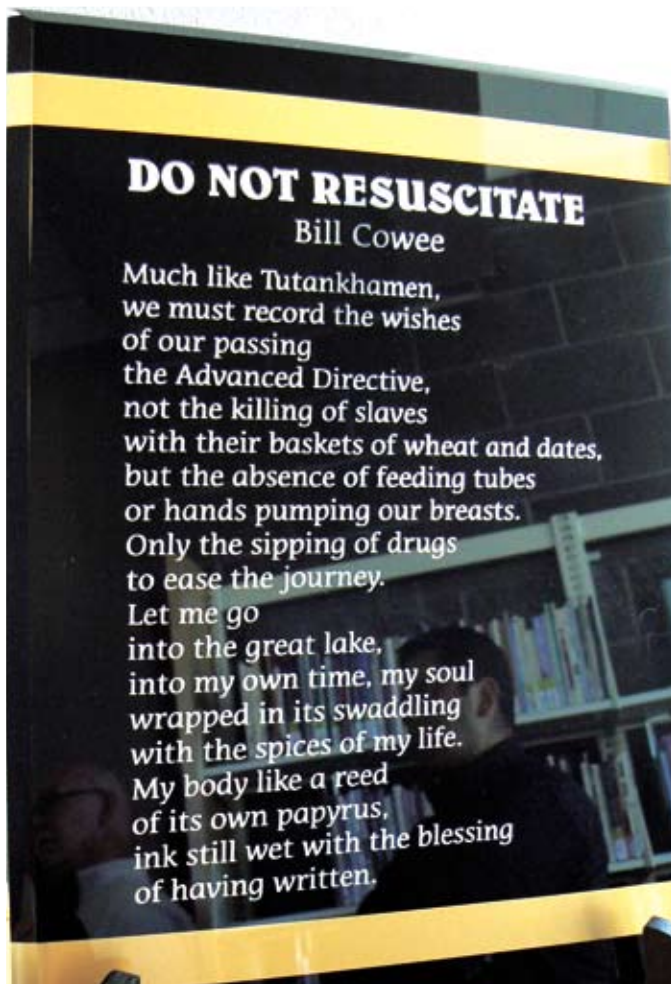
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Bill Cowee generously gave his entire poetry collection to the WNC Library where the collection sits within a quiet corner overlooking the beautiful Eagle Valley.

❖ q & a answers

Here are the answers to the back page quiz on page 66 of this edition of *In Focus* magazine.

1. Andrew Lloyd Weber
2. Carson Brewing, Nevada Appeal, Brewery Arts Center
3. At the corner of Washington & Carson Streets on Heidi's Restaurant
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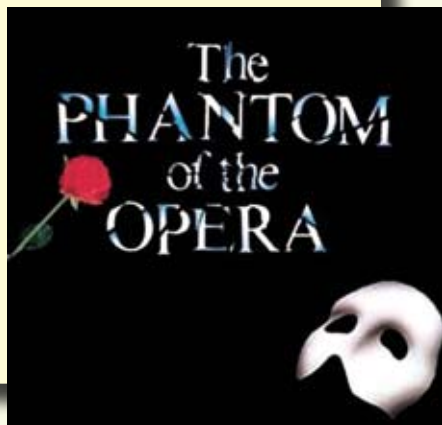
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12. Who loved his Brownie camera?

13. Where is the Nevada Artist Association Gallery?

14. The WNTMC productions are put together by what WNC professor?

15. Who likes to write about his explorations?



16. What is WNMTC?

17. Who was the first governor to live in the Governor's Mansion?

18. Who is Nevada's current governor?

19. Who wants to be a famous rock star?



20. She can play any percussion instrument.



All answers can be found in this edition of In Focus magazine or turn back to page 65.



2. The Brewery Arts Center has had a number of reincarnations. Name two.

3. Where is the V&T Roundhouse mural located?

4. Who is the artist now living in the Bliss Mansion?

5. Who is the young rising Carson City star who has been home schooled?

6. The original art on the cover of In Focus was created by which local artist?

7. Who founded the Proscenium Players?

8. Who recently wowed the audience in the WNMTC production of "White Christmas?"

9. This fireball helped create the Brewery Arts Center.

10. One-of-a-kind glass creations are her passion.

11. Lighting is the key to what type of shows at WNC?



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