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### November 2016 Newsy Letter

Dear Members and Friends,

Our sincere thanks to Gary Cain, Debbie Lane, David Bugli, Paula Cannon, Sue Cook, Kiyoshi Nishikawa, Peter Smith, Gillian and Frank Mellor, Nina Spradlin, and Jeanell Pevey for taking time Thursday, Nov. 10, to attend the **Historic Resource Commission's (HRC) meeting**. The HRC gave approval to go ahead with repairs to the Foreman-Roberts House following the fires. The *Nevada Appeal* report of the meeting is attached. Note one correction: there were two fires, one on August 28 (kitchen door) and a second on August 29 (doors on south side of house).



During the Nevada State Prison Preservation Society's presentation to the same HRC meeting, Glen Whorton told the Board that his organization had received the **carved eagle** which Abe Curry had mounted over the entrance of the original Warm Springs Prison's doorway 150 years or so ago. The Eagle has returned home! Another bit of Carson's history will be on display eventually. It is shown here after its 1970 restoration.

The **Carson City Silver Dollar set** has which had been promised to the Historical Society has not been received as yet. This inheritance is eagerly awaited.

Thank you to all who attended the **Membership meeting** at Red's Old 395 Grill on November 6. Your support is vital and appreciated.



The **Christmas Party** is on Sun., Dec. 11, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Bliss Mansion. A Catered Affair will again have delicious foods, Julia Bulette will talk about her life as a Virginia City soiled dove. It will be great to see you there! The cost is \$30 a person. For reservations, contact Paula Cannon at 775-887-8865.

**Basic dues** will remain the same for 2017: \$25 for single membership, \$35 for couple membership. The Board voted on Nov. 14 to create **additional yearly support levels**: Patron (\$50-\$99), Historian (\$100-\$249), Curator (\$250-\$499), Preservation (\$500-\$999), Curry (\$1000-\$4999), and Founder (\$5000 and above). Please send your checks to CCHS, 112 S. Curry, Carson City, NV 89703.

Happy Thanksgiving!  
Carson City Historical Society Board

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*Mark you calendar for the Christmas Party, Dec. 11*

# Repairs to Foreman-Roberts House approved

By Anne Knowles  
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The Historic Resource

Commission Thursday gave its OK to repairs at the Foreman-Roberts House which recently suffered

damages due to arson.

Carson City is expecting a scope of work and cost estimate from Reno architect The Dubé Group in the next couple weeks to get approval from the State Historic Preservation Office to move forward with the project.

The commission oversees the house as well because it's in the historic district and gave its approval, with a chance for the chair, Michael Drews, to review it.

"We do want to expedite it because we understand the significance for the community and for the Historic Resource Commission," said Stephanie Hicks, real property manager,

Public Works.

The house built in the mid-1860s is in Gothic Revival style, was moved to Carson City in 1874 and acquired by the city in 1969, according to Hope Sullivan, planning manager, Community Development.

In August, a deliberately-set fire damaged the east entrance, the south-facing gabled bay of the main house, and the interior of the first and second floors.

The commission also heard an update on the Nevada State Prison from Glen Wharton, president, Nevada State Prison Preservation Society.

The society is working to get a change of use permit

to resume providing tours and events of the prison.

On Wednesday, the society board approved \$17,000 to conduct the code analysis needed to get the permit, said Wharton, which will be done by The Dubé Group.

"We are in the process of seeking grants and donations and if you have any advice it would be greatly appreciated," he said.

Wharton said the code analysis will likely result in some work needed to the prison.

Wharton also thanked the commission for funding the structural analysis, the first step in the process.

The prison, operating since 1862, was

decommissioned in 2012 and the society was formed to preserve it and provide tours and events.

In 2015, the society was told to stop any activity there until it obtained a permit to change its use from occupied prison to an historic public site.

The commission also approved a request to remove a chain-link fence and replace it with 6-foot wooden fence at 402 W. William St., and for staff to submit an application to the State Historic Preservation Office's Historic Preservation Fund for \$58,000 to upgrade a mobile application for walking the west side's Blue Line tour.