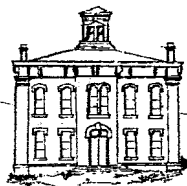


FRIENDS OF THE BELMONT COURTHOUSE
11 Occidental Dr., Tonopah NV 89049



Dear Friend,

It is hard to believe but a year has passed since you became a member of the Friends of the Belmont Courthouse. We hope you will once again help us preserve this treasure of central Nevada for future generations by renewing your annual membership or, if you are able, opting for a "best friend forever" (lifetime) or higher support level. The membership fee is fully tax deductible, as we are an IRS 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

The past year has been busy and productive. The Friends' first priority has been, and remains, to see the courthouse made weather-tight. This effort was launched in 2012 with the installation, thanks to Nye County, of a new, historically authentic—and leak-proof!—roof. This year, that effort has turned to the windows and the crumbling masonry surrounding them.

The courthouse has 29 tall, exterior windows, most boarded up for years. This past year, donors have "bought" almost all of them. The windows are huge and double-hung; the cost to repair and replace runs between \$2,600 and \$3,000 apiece. Each new window has been dedicated to a central Nevada figure—the three Judges Breen, Judge Beko, Tasker Oddie, Jim Butler, and Rose Walter, to name a few. So far, 22 windows have been paid for; 18 have been installed; and more await installation. Brass plates acknowledge the window's purchaser. Most windows have a single donor, but 6 have been bought by donor groups organized by Francie Terras—for example, Mother's Day saw the purchase of a "Moms" window to honor the mothers in our lives; and we have "Belmont Celebrations" and "Hard Rock Miners" windows in the works as well.

In addition to making the courthouse weather-tight, we have been assembling historical information and materials. Joni Eastley has unearthed some gems, including original Nye County Commissioner notes authorizing payment for building. We have exterior but no interior. Was one or more of the judges, district attorneys, and county officers who worked there photographed inside the building? We ask those of you whose ties to central Nevada date back to the late 19th and

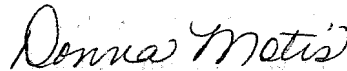
early 20th century to check your attics and family photos to see if you have anything. We're also looking for information on the many, many people who signed their names on the courthouse walls.

As I write this, the July 4 weekend is right around the corner. In what is becoming an annual tradition, the courthouse will open its doors for a community celebration. An art exhibit and silent auction is scheduled, featuring artwork, photographs, and jewelry by noted Nevada artists John and Pat King, as well as Frances Clark, Vic Trujillo, Toni Perchetti Wombacker and Yvonne Jensen, to name just some of our talented donors.

In honor of the Nevada sesquicentennial, we have received and will auction an extraordinary wood carving of the Nevada state bird – the Mountain Bluebird – by Janet Johnson. A flier depicting the wood sculpture and providing information about it is enclosed. As in 2012 and 2013, all art sale and auction items have been donated, and all proceeds will go to the courthouse restoration effort. We also will be conducting tours on July 4, with oral historian Terry Terras leading off at 10 am before the parade and intermittently throughout the day.

Unlike many charities, ours runs entirely on donated time and money. The money we raise, we put back into the building. Please renew your membership today!

Sincerely,



Donna Motis

P.S. Oh yes, please join us this July 4. In addition to courthouse tours and an eclectic art display and auction, there will be barbecue, three-legged races, a parade and who knows what else. And if you can't make that, come for Labor Day, where we plan a barbecue wagon and a performance by the Peavine Pickers!