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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Kerstin Wolle

Revel in the glory of nature—red, orange and yellow leaves against a clear blue sky with cool, crisp air! This is northern Nevada. How fortunate we are!

The vision for Carson Valley Trails is “Communities connected to nature through a system of trails.” Connected to nature—the one constant in our lives, the one we are assured will return with a tender green after the red, orange and yellow have fallen to the ground and have been covered with snow.

It has been a momentous year for Carson Valley Trails Association. We have gained the trust of the Nevada Division of State Lands (Question 1), the Nevada State Parks Recreational Trails Program and the most prestigious hiking organization in the country, the American Hiking Society, with substantial grants. What this will mean for you and the Carson Valley community is 24 miles of new trail for the Genoa Foothill Trail System, maps and directional signs at the Faye-Luther and Job's Peak Ranch trails, and an interpretive trail at the Faye-Luther trail.

We would like to thank the following Genoa businesses for placing ads in this issue of CVTA News to cover the printing cost: Trimmer Outpost and the Genoa Country Store. When you patronize these businesses, please tell them that you saw their ad in the CVTA News.

Still, our most important asset is you. Your membership is the backbone of our organization. We invite you to work with us to access and preserve nature, not just for this generation, but for your children, grandchildren and future generations.

I hope you will join us on Sunday, October 26, at the gazebo at the Mormon Station Historic Park in Genoa to celebrate our accomplishments and learn about our exciting new CVTA projects.

“Community and a close relationship with the land can enrich human life beyond all comparison with material wealth or technological sophistication.”

Greg Mortenson, author of *Three Cups of Tea*

CVTA RECEIVES QUESTION 1 GRANT!!!

CVTA has received a \$396,378 Question 1 grant from the Nevada Division of State Lands to complete a portion of the 24-mile Genoa Foothill Trail System Project. This project will:

- Follow the Douglas County Comprehensive Trails Plan/Map
- Create public access to national forest land
- Construct non-motorized linear and loop opportunities
- Connect Carson Valley to the Lake Tahoe Basin and Tahoe Rim Trail
- Provide spectacular Carson Valley views
- Establish a portion of the greater Carson Valley Foothill Trail
- Occur simultaneously with The Nature Conservancy's trails plan at River Fork Ranch

This \$396,378 grant is a significant amount of money, and CVTA is required to match the grant with \$259,564, which includes cash and non-cash contributions in the form of planning, trail construction, project management and administration. CVTA will be raising funds for U.S. Forest Service oversight, trail building equipment and operation, and environmental studies and land surveys. The estimated start of this project is Spring, 2009, with an estimated completion date of Spring 2012.

The Question 1 grant funds the first two phases of a three-phase project. CVTA will be raising funds to complete the third phase, bringing the total amount of cash needed to complete the entire Genoa Foothill Trail System project to \$242,000.

You can help! Whether you make a cash donation or volunteer your time, your contribution will help build an exciting and valuable trail system for the communities of the Carson Valley. CVTA is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, so any cash donation you make is tax-deductible. If you would like more information about making a donation or volunteer opportunities related to the Genoa Foothill Trail System project, contact us at 775-265-3736.

A printable, full-color flyer with additional details about the Genoa Foothill Trail System project, including a map showing where the new trails will be, is available on the CVTA Web site: www.carsonvalleytrails.org. Click on "Grants" to view the flyer.

MORE CVTA GRANTS

In addition to the Question 1 grant, CVTA has written and been awarded several grants to support the organization's work to access, build and maintain trails within the Carson Valley. These grants are:

- \$3600 from the **American Hiking Society** for signage trail maps at the Faye-Luther and Job's Peak Ranch trails
- \$5000 from **Sierra Pacific Foundation** to build a trailhead kiosk at the Adams Canyon trailhead of the Genoa Foothill Trail System
- \$17,555 from the **State of Nevada Recreational Trails Program** (with a CVTA matching share of \$10,660) for directional and interpretive signs at the Faye-Luther and Job's Peak Ranch trails.



WHAT LIES BEYOND THE CURVE IN THE TRAIL?

Several months ago, Jeff Hendricks, a local filmmaker and Douglas County School District special education teacher, approached CVTA president, Kerstin Wolle, about making a public service announcement for CVTA. Kerstin accepted the offer, and she and CVTA board member, Jeremy Vican, met with Jeff to work on the script for the project, which was filmed on August 22-23, 2008.

The result is a short film, which the filmmaker describes as "...a public service announcement designed to entice people to hike, help build and donate money to the Trails Association of the Carson Valley...and experience the most beautiful land Nevada has to offer." Hendricks reports that he has received positive comments about the film from as far away as South Africa and Norway.

To view the film, visit the CVTA Web site: www.carsonvalleytrails.org. Maybe you know some of the "stars" of the film—2 of them are CVTA board members, including the film's voice-over narrator, Jeremy Vican.

CVTA STRATEGIC PLAN PREVIEW

For the past year, CVTA leadership team members Sheryl Gonzales, Anne Thomas, Jeremy Vican, Phil Brisack, Dick Morissette, Barbara Slade, Tom Peters and Kerstin Wolle, have worked on developing a 10 year strategic plan to guide CVTA's work in the years ahead. The process has included surveys, stakeholder interviews and public workshops. The strategic plan is in the final stages. The Mission, Vision, Values and Strategic Directives statements are posted on the CVTA Web site: www.carsonvalleytrails.org.

TRAIL BUILDING NEWS

The connector trail from the Faye-Luther trailhead to the Job's Peak Ranch trailhead was completed in September with the help of many volunteers, including Rite of Passage and China Springs youth. The China Springs group finished a new route to the north and rehabilitated a user-created trail in early October. Additional work to be done in this area includes a 1.5 mile horse loop on a 60 acre Forest Service parcel just west of the Scossa Ranch. Work days are scheduled for October 29, November 1 and November 5, weather permitting.

TRAIL MAINTAINENCE

Last March, board member Joyce Richardson organized a group of volunteers to assist with clean up on the Faye-Luther and Job's Peak Ranch trails. We want to thank Joyce and these hardworking volunteers who keep the trails beautiful for all to enjoy: Elaine Alessandro, Carron Baxter, Amy Delius, Chuck Diephuis and Marlene Koehler. Alternates are Alan and Cathie Lund, Keigh Marusov, Beth Oliveto, Barbara Slade and Cindy Stapleton. Danna Meyer and Bill Meade have been heroically maintaining Job's Peak Ranch trail by themselves.

Additional volunteers are needed for both trails. Currently, Joyce works alone on the Faye-Luther trail Saturdays and Sundays. Contact Joyce at 775-783-8462 to volunteer to help with this valuable trails beautification activity.

"Climb the mountains and get their good tidings. Nature's peace will flow into you as sunshine flows into trees. The winds will blow their own freshness into you, and the storms their energy, while cares will drop off like autumn leaves." - John Muir

2009 CVTA HIKE-A-THON PREVIEW

For the past several years, CVTA has sponsored an annual "Hike for Health" fundraising event. In June 2009, CVTA will continue this fundraising theme with a Hike-a-thon fundraiser. New CVTA board members, Chic Moxley and Melissa Granat, have volunteered to coordinate this new event. As with CVTA's past fundraising events, many volunteers will be needed to help with all the work. If you would like to get involved, contact Chic Moxley 775-265-0766 or Melissa Granat, 775-783-1764, to discuss how you can help.

ARTISANS INTERNATIONAL AUCTION TO BENEFIT CVTA



The Artisans International Gallery of World Art, Home Décor and Jewelry in Minden is sponsoring "A Month of Giving" sealed bid auction of 10 art items from October 11 through November 8, 2008. The winning bids will be announced on November 8, 2008. Proceeds of the auction will benefit the Carson Valley Trails Association. A flyer with photos of some of the auction items is posted on CVTA's Web site.

To bid on an item, visit the Artisans International Gallery at 1653 Lucerne, Suite B, in the Minden Village. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. For more information about Artisans International Gallery, call 775-783-8881 or visit www.artisansinternationalinc.com.

CVTA VESTS AND T-SHIRTS

CVTA vests are now available, just in time for the cooler weather and holiday shopping. Women's colors are: raspberry, charcoal, black, powder blue, light gray and navy. Men's colors are: red, charcoal, black, royal blue, forest green, light gray and navy. Sizes range from small to XXL, and are priced at \$30 (\$32 for the XXL). The vests are a soft fleece embroidered with the CVTA logo. Long-sleeved blue and short-sleeved green T-shirts are also available for \$10 and \$15, respectively. For more information, contact Terri Sutor at 775-267-5366, or hikinglady@charter.net.



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Exciting News from the Carson Valley Trails Association!!!

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YOU'RE INVITED...

***To a special "Sneak Preview" of this exciting new CVTA project
Sunday, October 26, 2008, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.***

At the Mormon Station State Historic Park gazebo

***The "Sneak Preview" will feature tours of the Genoa Foothill Trail System Project
access points, displays, refreshments & more!***

Free! Rain or shine! Invite a friend! Come & celebrate with us!