

## Carson City Cultural Commission Bios September 13, 2011

### **Karen Abowd**

Karen Abowd has lived in Carson City since 1981. She is president and founder of "The Greenhouse Project", driving force for Carson City's Flower Basket Sponsorship Program, and formerly Vice Chairperson for the Carson City Cultural Commission. She is currently a Supervisor for Carson City and sits on the Arts and Culture Commission in that capacity. She has been an active mentor for her churches youth for the last 16 yrs, and has been involved with Poverty and Economic Development CRT1, We Can, the Carson City Downtown Consortium Beautification and Carson City's School District Master Planning Community Relations Committee. Karen also is a commissioner for the Carson Water Subconservancy and a member of the Carson City Human Services Board of Directors.

Karen is married to Charlie Abowd and together they have raised a daughter and two sons and have 4 grandchildren. Karen attended the University of Santa Clara for three yrs and graduated from University of Nevada Reno with a Bachelor of Science in Interior Design, a career she has been successful in for nearly two decades. Karen has diversified business experience as co owner with her husband of Adele's Restaurant and Lounge in Carson City.

### **Jed Block**

Jed Block is a third generation Nevadan born and raised in Carson City. Graduated from Carson High School, BA in Communication from the University of the Pacific in Stockton CA. Currently I sit on the Board of Equalization, the Carson City Cultural Commission, VP of the Brewery Arts Center and I fill the Carson City Chamber of Commerce seat for Redevelopment Authority Citizen Committee. I am very interested in Carson City History and would one day like to have a City Museum or a wing of the Nevada State Museum. My family owned business State Agent and Transfer Syndicate, Inc. was formed here in Carson in 1903.

### **Jeffery Scott**

Jeffrey Scott was born, raised and educated in Baltimore, Maryland. After meeting his wife Carol they moved to Santa Cruz, California for 7 years and then Portland, Maine for 7 years. Jeffrey was then offered a position with Sylvan America, the world's largest producer of mushroom spawn in 1994 and moved his family to Carson City. He is currently Special Projects Engineer for Sylvan.

Jeffrey was elected to the Carson City Cultural Commission in 2008, at its' formation, and is currently in his second term. He has been involved in the arts for most of his life in many capacities. Jeffrey has directed and designed over 45 productions from coast to coast. In 2006, Jeffrey and Carol formed Wild Horse Productions in Carson City. In addition to his work at Wild Horse Theater, Jeffrey also lends his technical skills to other local events. He has been passionate about the arts for over 30 years and is excited about being a part of the arts in our community as feels that arts and culture will help lead the way for Carson City's economic success in the future.

Jeffrey and Carol have 2 daughters and 2 grandchildren.

### **Eugene T. Paslov, Ed.D**

Dr. Paslov began his educational career as a high school English teacher in Long Beach, California in 1959. His teaching assignments included honors English in grades 11 and 12. He was a master teacher with specific responsibilities for teaching and evaluating beginning teachers.

### **Delsye Mills**

Delsye has lived in Carson City 51 years. She is married and has 1 daughter and 1 grand daughter. She has worked at Carson Tahoe Regional Healthcare, 18 years in the ER and 5 years as the Comprehensive Personal Physical Coordinator for a total of 23 years. She is a past president of the Carson Tahoe Regional Healthcare Auxiliary and is a past President of the Nevada Association of Hospital Auxiliary's/Volunteers. She Chaired the Cowboy Jubilee and Poetry fund raiser for 4 years in Carson City. She was voted the Nevada Appeal's Citizen of the year in 2006 (or 2004) CANT REMEMBER. Sitting on the CCCC, Delsye is sec/treasurer of the CCCVB and also sit on the newly formed Events Advisory Committee for Carson City. She loves to travel, RV'ing, dancing and for frustration has recently began to play golf.

### **Peter D. Barton**

Peter Barton serves as the Acting Administrator for the Nevada Division of Museums and History, overseeing the operations and programs of Nevada's seven state-sponsored museums. A graduate of the State University of New York with a degree in American history, Peter has spent 35 years managing museums and historical organizations from coast to coast. With a special interest on transportation history he has developed numerous railroad museums, including the acclaimed Altoona (PA) Railroaders Memorial Museum, a museum that rather than celebrating advances in technology breaks from tradition and explores railroad life and labor in what was America's largest railroad community. During the 1990's while living and working in western Pennsylvania Peter played a role in developing the Southwestern Pennsylvania Heritage Preservation Commission, one of America's early National Heritage Areas. He also served as an organizer and Board member of the Allegheny Ridge State Heritage Park and served a term as President of the Pennsylvania Federation of Museums and Historical Organizations (PFMHO). Barton has also spent many years managing museum exhibit design projects for a variety of clients including the Chicago Museum of Science and Industry, Mt. Vernon, the home of George Washington, the US Marine Corps (National Museum of the Marine Corps, Quantico, VA), the Smithsonian Institution and the National Park Service. For his efforts in developing engaging museum experiences he is the recipient of three internationally recognized Awards of Merit from the Themed Entertainment Association (THEA). In addition to his professional work, Barton serves on the Preserve Nevada Board and as appointed chair of the Carson City Cultural Commission.