

Fall Newsletter 2020

Our annual **Christmas Tree Recycling project and potluck is Saturday, Jan. 2 from 9am to 1pm** at the same location we've been the past two years – the ball fields at Rancho San Rafael on N. Virginia and just north of McCarran. Bring a dish/beverage to share, your work clothes (dress warm) and we'll do some good for the community while we meet old friends and make new ones in a fun atmosphere. The money raised goes to Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful – we collect the trees and stack them for the County Parks staff to chip and the money goes into a lock box. This has been a fun outing for us for over a decade.

Mardi Gras is tentatively set for Saturday, Feb. 13, 2021 but with group gatherings being limited and restricted again recently, who knows if we will be able to host this event in 2021. We're also looking into a new venue in Sparks since the city of Sparks has less restrictive live music, dancing and gathering restrictions than the city of Reno (go figure). The Ramada still could be an option though they no longer have an event manager so we're looking to make a new connection there. And we've heard from some members and dance attendees that they would like a different venue so we're exploring those options. Stay tuned for updates, via these emails, on our website, www.renobluessociety.org and on our Facebook page.

Grants for struggling artists at the Nevada Arts Council are now open, beginning Dec. 1, 2020, and will close January 29, 2021. These are for full-time musicians (or your main source of income from playing music) and \$1,000 per musician. Details on who can apply, when and how are at the link below.

<https://www.nvartscouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/ARTIST-RELIEF-GRANT-GUIDELINES-V7-10.28.20-FINAL.pdf>

We're looking for a new merchandise chair – Kim Quinlisk, who recently agreed to take this on, has decided to move out of the area. So, we'd love to have someone take this on. It's not a big job since we sell 95% of our merchandise at one event in June at our booth for the Eldorado's BBQ, Brews and Blues Festival. Contact me for details at 848-2590 or email me at jamesklund@aol.com

Also, Tom Martin, a board member for almost the past four years, has also decided to move out of the area and left the board. **We have up to two board openings**, so if you'd like to help make decisions for the society and come to our meetings (usually held each month though less frequently during Covid-19), we'd love to hear from you. This is

a very low impact board commitment so reach out to me at 848-2590, or send me an email, jamesklund@aol.com if you are interested or want more information.

In some election news, one of our long-time members, Jeffrey (Jeff) Church was elected the W.C. School Board on November 3rd. Congratulations, Jeff.

Keepin' the blues alive in northern Nevada,

Jamie Klund, RBS President