

## CALENDER OF EVENTS



Everyone is encouraged to participate in this exciting process. The following is an outline of workshops where the public will be invited to participate. All events will take place at the Carson City Senior Citizens Center located at 911 Beverly Drive, Carson City.

### Public Workshop 1: April 24, 2008. 6:30-8:30 p.m. Carson City Senior Citizens Center

This time will be spent orienting the community to the charrette process, the planning area while getting input to a long-term vision for the area. Participants will also be asked to identify things that will be important to consider in planning and designing for the Silver Saddle Ranch and Carson River area.

### Public Workshop 2: May 8, 2008 Carson City Senior Citizens Center

A description of a long-term vision for the area based on input from the first public workshop will be presented for feedback. Additional input on specific ideas for the site will also be gathered.

### 3-Day Charrette: May 29-31, 2008 Carson City Senior Citizens Center

While the number of participants able to join us over the full 3-day period will be limited, there will be several opportunities for the general public to interact with the charrette process.

The event will kick-off Thursday evening with an overview of the charrette process, an introduction to subject experts who will be participating. This will be the last chance to provide input before the hard work begins.

Friday, the charrette participants will visit the site and explore ways in which the community's vision can be implemented. The public will be invited to visit on a drop-in visit to see all of the activity and offer suggestions. The final day will spent wrapping up the work, culminating in a public presentation in the early afternoon to share the outcomes of the charrette. The public will have an opportunity to ask questions and identify their favorite ideas!

All dates, times and locations are tentative. If you would like to be added to the distribution list to receive updates, please send your name and e-mail or mailing address to (info@fossr.org). Alternatively, this information can be mailed to:

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A Community Design Charrette

## CREATING A COMMUNITY VISION: SILVER SADDLE RANCH AND THE CARSON RIVER

The Friends of Silver Saddle Ranch (FOSSR) was incorporated in July, 2001 and is a Carson City not-for-profit community based organization. FOSSR is dedicated to the preservation of the ranch and its cultural, historical and natural resources as both open space and a working ranch.



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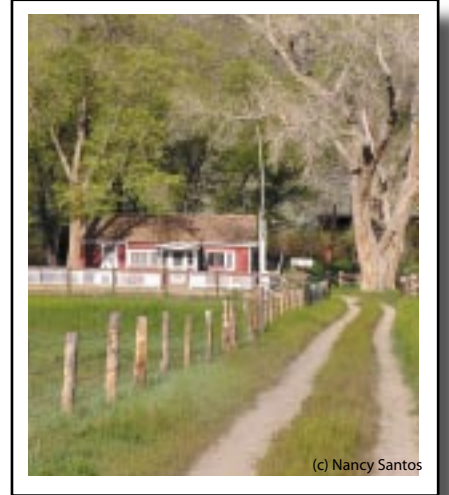
The "Creating a Community Vision: Silver Saddle Ranch and the Carson River" community design charrette is being undertaken by the Friends of Silver Saddle Ranch through partnership with the following organizations:



## A COMMUNITY PROCESS FOR DEFINING A FUTURE

### The Opportunity

At the eastern edge of Carson City lies a unique series of open spaces, linked by the Carson River. Over time, many areas along the river have been purchased and set aside for open space, conservation and recreation for the community and visitors alike. From Douglas County north toward Morgan Mill Road is a network of open spaces including Silver Saddle Ranch, Prison Hill Recreation Area and sites newly acquired by Carson City. The result is a unique opportunity to envision the future for this contiguous series of open spaces within one context.

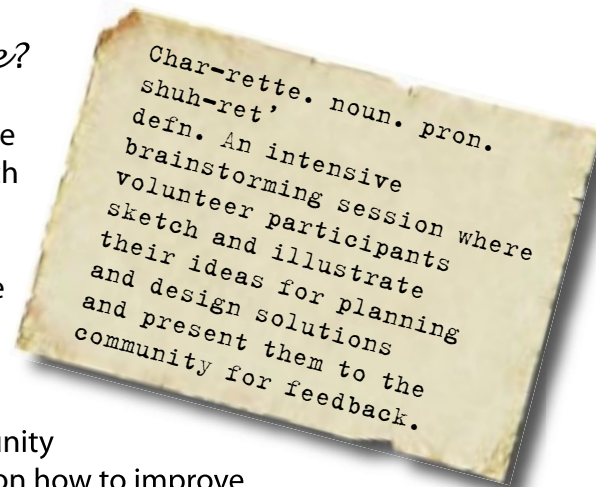


The Friends of Silver Saddle Ranch, in partnership with Carson City, the Bureau of Land Management and with support from the National Park Service will be conducting a public process to define a community-wide vision for the area. Through a series of public workshops and an intensive 3-day "charrette," this vision will be defined and ideas for implementing it will be explored. The charrette is being called: "Creating a Community Vision: Silver Saddle Ranch and the Carson River".

### What is a charrette?

A charrette is an intensive brainstorming session where volunteer participants sketch and illustrate their ideas for planning and design solutions and present to the community for feedback.

Charrettes bring together subject experts and community members to develop ideas on how to improve natural and/or cultural resources and recreation opportunities. The output are maps and designs that offer solutions to issues such as preservation, access and use, interpretation, and development. For the purposes of this charrette, several public forums leading up to it will be held to gather ideas and input on a vision for the Silver Saddle Ranch and Carson River area. This vision will then be used to guide the charrette participants' work as they explore planning and design ideas for making that vision a reality.



# CREATING A COMMUNITY VISION: SILVER SADDLE RANCH AND THE CARSON RIVER

*A Community Design Charrette*



The term "charrette" is French for cart. In the early 20th century, the professors from the Ecole des Beaux Arts in Paris would send a cart to pick up students' work at the submission deadline. Some students, frantic to complete their drawings, would ride on the cart and continue working as it rolled down the street, hence, working "en charrette."

## Charrette Desired Outcomes

- Define a community-wide vision for the Silver Saddle Ranch and Carson River area
- Develop an integrated management plan
- Foster partnerships
- Build support and capacity for community-based stewardship
- Develop a vision for how to sustain the Carson River ecosystem over the long term
- Identify sustainable management practices, including financial and implementation strategies

## Potential Products

- Map summarizing planning and design recommendations
- Conceptual land use plan identifying potential uses
- Conceptual trail network map
- Design ideas for a visitor center for Silver Saddle Ranch
- Funding strategies
- Guidelines for a unified signage system
- Water management strategies
- Policies for use (i.e. trail uses, special events, etc.)
- Recreation and education recommendations



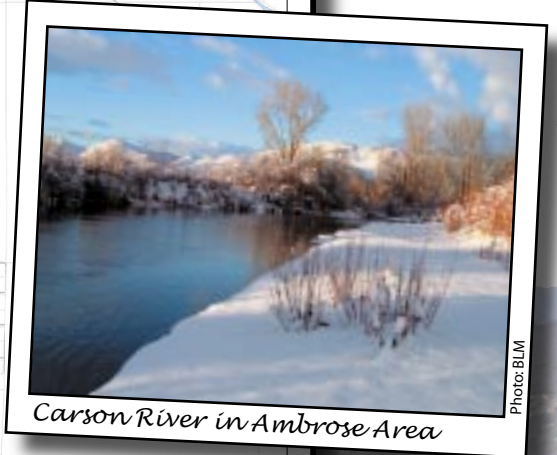
Silver Saddle Ranch from Prison Hill



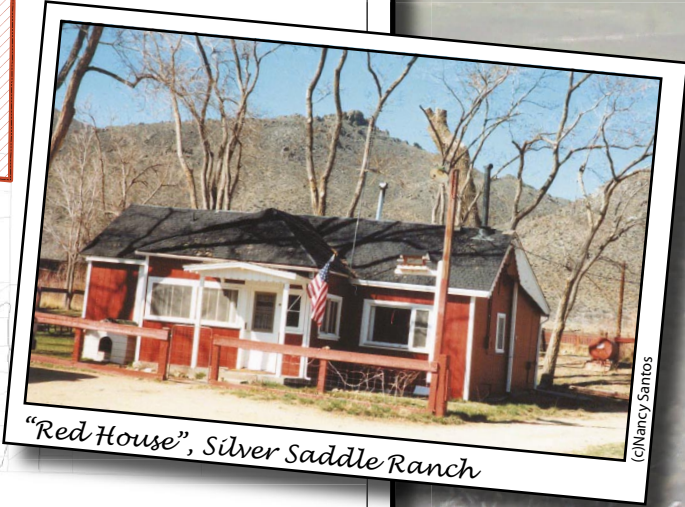
Birdwatching at Silver Saddle Ranch



Carson River park



Carson River in Ambrose Area



"Red House", Silver Saddle Ranch



## PLANNING AREA SILVER SADDLE RANCH AND THE CARSON RIVER

