

ALPHA/THETA THOUGHTS

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February Joint Meeting

Story and Pictures by Linda Siminske

On February 1st, 2025, there was a combined Delta Kappa Gamma Meeting of Alpha and Theta Chapters at the Reno Museum of Art. Both groups met separately for chapter business meetings. Alpha Chapter reinstated a past member (and Past President) Susan Kramer who has moved back to Reno from Oregon.

Theta Chapter discussed the upcoming state convention and a vote was taken to support those attending with a \$50 stipend to defray registration expenses.

Following the meetings we toured the museum's new exhibit "Sea Monsters of Nevada" led by a museum docent. It was most interesting and amazing. Pre-historic sea animal fossils have been found in Nevada, mainly the Ichthyosaurus, a large marine reptile.

The exhibit introduced us to Mary Anning (1799-1847) an English paleontologist, who discovered the first Ichthyosaurus fossil in England.

The long hallway of the museum has over 2000 miniature dinosaurs hanging from the ceiling, part of a collection by a local man.





Alpha Welcomes New Member

Eva Wick Lerud congratulates Susan Kramer.





Scenes from the Nevada Art Museum Exhibit, our joint February Meeting



Calendar of Upcoming Events

Theta Scheduled meeting: March 1

Alpha March Meeting - possible school board member and attending school board meeting

Alpha/Theta Joint Meeting - April 14, 4 PM to 8PM, Chautauqua presentation, Southwest Library

State Convention - April 25-26; Registration before March 1, \$120

Theta Mini Grant Information

by Ardynne Sprinkle

Several years ago, Theta Chapter adopted a program of providing grant money to anyone working directly with students in Washoe County. Other programs providing small grants had been discontinued and Theta stepped into the breach. The Chapter has allocated a maximum of \$750 annually for this purpose. Grants are available to any school personnel.

Grant money may be requested for a maximum of \$500 and may be used to purchase special materials, bring in speakers, support ongoing school or classroom projects or pay for field trip transportation. Any program designed for the direct benefit of students will be considered.

Mini grant money requests should be made in writing and specify the amount requested, including dates the funds are required or the event scheduled, a brief description of the project, the need or goal for which it will be used and the number of students impacted. An oral or written assessment of the activity is required at the conclusion of the project or activity.

Written grant requests may be submitted to Theta Grant Committee % Ardynne Sprinkle or to a member of Theta Chapter.

Congratulation to Alpha for creating floral table centerpieces for the state convention. They will tie in old and new books as well as using mirrors to relate to the theme: Looking Back/Moving Forward.



Looking for an amazing field trip for your family???

Central Nevada has a fascinating site containing fossils that have been uncovered there of our very own Ichthyosaurs. Nevada, covered by a warm ocean 225 million years ago, was a prime dwelling place for these sea creatures. The Ichthyosaur State Park is located in Berlin, which is 20 miles East of Gabbs on State Route 844. Berlin is a ghost town from the end of the 19th century and today features a Fossil House that covers the Ichthyosaur dig area. The large fossil uncovered there is open for public viewing 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and admission for Nevada cars is \$5. There is a camping facility at the park.

Did you know?? The Ichthyosaur is the official Nevada State fossil??

