Photos that show Carson City “then and now” over more than two centuries will be the center of attention at the Nevada State Museum thanks to local historian Jed Block. The Carson native will share insights about his collection from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 27. In *The History of Carson City in Pictures*
, Block offers a pictorial presentation and highlights how the town has changed since its early history.

He will discuss the changes in the capital’s landscape, looking back and forward, in anticipation of Nevada’s 150th birthday in 2014. Pictures include city streets and the downtown corridor from the 1800s, the 1950s and ‘60s and the same locations in recent time.

Block said he first became interested in the local past when he began to help his father move. A collection of more than 700 books surfaced and he couldn’t put them down. “It just started growing and growing and growing,” he said of his interest in the books, photos and the stories they had to tell. Block started showing his historic photos and their corresponding locations and found they made for an interesting conversation on redevelopment. “Everybody was intrigued by what was there beforehand,” he said. So he began offering talks to encourage the discussion.

Block is a third generation Nevadan. He is a Carson High School graduate and earned a Bachelor of Arts in Communication from the University of the Pacific in Stockton. Block serves on the Board of Equalization and the Carson City Historical Resources Commission. He is

president of the Brewery Arts Center, chair of the Carson City Redevelopment Authority Citizens Committee and the chair of the Western Nevada College Foundation.

The event is part of the museum's monthly Frances Humphrey Lecture Series. Admission is $8 for adults, free for museum members and children 17 or under. The Nevada State Museum is located at 600 N. Carson Street, Carson City. For information, contact 687-4810 ext. 237 or dstevenson@nevadaculture.org.