



THE LEGACY NEWSLETTER
FOUNTAIN HILLS AND LOWER
VERDE VALLEY HISTORICAL
SOCIETY AND
RIVER OF TIME MUSEUM

Newsletter Date:
May-June 2005

May 18
Dinner Meeting

Speaker Arizona's State Parks Ellen Bilbrey

Arizona's State Parks will be the focus of the next dinner meeting of the Fountain Hills and Lower Verde Valley Historical Society and River of Time Museum. The park system encompasses many historic sites as well as some of the most beautiful recreation sites in the state, including Kartchner Caverns, the Tombstone Courthouse, Boyce Thompson Arboretum, and Fort Verde State Historic Parks. The speaker is Ellen Bilbrey, who has been the Public Information Officer for the State Parks for the last ten years. She is also President of the Northern Arizona Chapter of the Public Relations Society. Recently, she has been working with the History Detectives from the History Channel on solving a very old mystery involving Tombstone.

At the dinner meeting, she will talk about the many exciting events happening at Arizona State Parks this summer, as well as describing the historic parks, telling about the newer parks and touching on issues that affect Arizona's open spaces.

To honor the servicemen of our country, VFW Bugler Carl Ogden will play taps, and Commander of American Legion Post 58 Len Zaw will lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. All society members who have served in our military are requested to wear their veteran organizations' covers.

In addition, we are privileged to have our Fountain Hills High School Choir under the direction of Lynn Truby entertain us with a few selections.

The program is open to the public. Reservations are required by FRIDAY, May 13, and may be made by calling Arlie Denomme (480/837-8673) or responding by e-mail to reservations@riveroftimemuseum.org.

Cost for members is \$18.00; for non-members it is \$22.00. Please have your checks made out in advance to the Fountain Hills Historical Society. "No Shows" for the dinner will be billed because our society is obligated to pay for every reservation made. The menu will be salad, stuffed peppers, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, and dessert.

Bonnie Kline, Program Planner
Arlie Denomme, Dinner Coordinator

A graphic showing two champagne glasses clinking, with a starburst effect above them, set against a dark circular background with confetti.

Congratulations !!!

To all the 2005 inductees into the River of Time Museum Hall of Fame! Thank you to all the people who came to the dinner and helped us raise monies for the museum foundation. Mark your calendars for next year's dinner - April 8, 2006.
Sharon Morgan - Dinner Chairman

A small icon of a calendar with a date circled.

DATES TO REMEMBER

May 18, Wednesday, Historical Society Dinner, 6:00 p.m., Community Center. Speaker will be Ellen Bilbrey.

Now on exhibit in the Changing Exhibit Gallery, True West magazine's Southwest Collection of photo's, paintings, and more. (See the enclosed insert to this issue of Legacy.)



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From the Desk of **Alan Cruikshank**



It's difficult to believe that we are approaching the end to another season of dinner meetings. But here we are entering May and many of our members have retreated to their other homes in the Midwest.

Bonnie Kline has put together another fine program for us with the Arizona State Parks system being the subject. Be sure to read about it and put the May 18 date on your calendars.

It was good seeing so many of you at the Fort McDowell Casino on Saturday, April 9, when we held the bingo fund-raiser for the museum. A big thank you to Dr. Clinton Pattea for coming up with this idea for a fund-raiser. The former Fort McDowell tribal president suggested this about a year ago. We don't have the final total in but we know it was over \$6,000 raised by intermission. And the Casino handled everything except for the publicity.

The Second Annual Lower Verde Valley Hall of Fame Dinner was held on Saturday, April 16, at the Community Center. We now have 45 members with the 16 added this year. Thanks to Sharon Morgan for putting together a great banquet. Thanks also to Judy Confer who did her usual outstanding job of preparing and presenting the medals and plaques to the recipients. Thanks to Jay Lawrence for emceeing, Bob Lickman for chairing the selection committee and Jerry Miles for preparing the power point presentation. The River of Time Museum Foundation is investigating the possibility of installing a kiosk with a touch screen computer to house the Hall of Fame display at the Library-Museum Building. We'll have more information about this in the coming months.

Thanks to Wayne and Ann Wicklund, we will soon have the Hall of Fame available for review on our museum website.



2005 Lower Verde Valley Hall of Fame Inductees

It's talented volunteers who make us a great organization.

Your board members attended a strategic planning retreat on Saturday, April 2. Thanks to John Gibson, who volunteered his time to facilitate the meeting. We hope to be a better organized, more efficient organization by making the wish list a reality.

One thing the board members did not address despite my attempt to bring up the discussion, is leadership for the organization. I have served some 10 years as president and I think it's time to get someone else in better health and with new ideas on how to make the museum and the historical society even better. Everyone laughed and dismissed the idea when I raised the leadership topic at our retreat. But both of my doctors and my wife, Diane, are pleading with me to get uninvolved. Stress is the biggest enemy in my dealings with Parkinson's Disease.

I have helped this organization grow from 50 to 60 members to now more than 500, I lead the drive to get the library/museum building bond issue passed and I was one of the planners for the museum displays. I am proud of these accomplishments and what our organization has achieved. It's simply time for someone else to step up and lead us to the next level.



BE A DEER AND VOLUNTEER; The Museum is always in need of people wanting to volunteer. Your Museum needs You!



SOCIETY BOARD OFFICERS

<i>Alan Cruikshank</i>	<i>President</i>	<i>Harold Denomme</i>	<i>Treasurer</i>
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BOARD MEMBERS

Dr. Clinton Pattea Mary Davenport Sharon Morgan Peg Tibbetts Keith Millett Rick Wambaugh
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*Judy Starr
Confer*

The Director's Desk



Most of our winter visitors and residents are here from the holidays through May and museum activities are accelerated during those months. Our volunteer ranks are also increased. It's difficult to believe that May has rolled around already and we will return to summer hours starting June 1st.

Several of the exhibits in the Changing Exhibit Gallery that were initiated this year will become annual events. The "Dwellings" Exhibit featuring miniature homes will open again in conjunction with the River of Time Holiday Home Tour next December and provide entertainment for families to enjoy during the holiday season. This exhibit was held-over this year until mid-January for all of our returning snow birds. Not only will collectors' dollhouses be on display, but the Cactus Casita™, the "1,000 year-old saguaro home" of our mascot, Cactus Cowboy™, will return, telling the history of the Lower Verde in a unique manner.

2005 was the inaugural year for our own Verde Valley Cowboy Artists: "Los Artistas Vaqueros of the Verde Valley", running from the Sunday before the Pony Express rides into town until mid-March. The signature artists are Carlos Hadaway, Doug Katonak, Harold Lyon, and Paul Kolwaite. This exhibit and sale will continue to be an annual event, kicking-off a new joint activity of the Museum and the Fountain Hills Chamber of Commerce: Pony Express Days. In 2006 much hoopla will surround the Hash Knife as the oldest continuous mail delivery by horseback delivers the mail to the Fountain Hills Post Office as it continues on to open the Parada del Sol in Scottsdale. These exhibits have been chaired by Bonnie Kline.

True West Magazine has loaned us our current exhibit which runs April 4th until July 1st. Rare photographs and artifacts owned by the magazine have been wonderfully assembled by Allen Fossenkemper, who will take over as the Changing Exhibit Chairperson or "Guest Gallery" as he likes to refer to it. In July our patriotic exhibit, from the Capitol Museum in Phoenix, will trace the history of the G.I. Bill. It will run

throughout the summer, and was arranged for us by Bonnie Kline who serves on the C.A.M.A. Board of Directors. The Museum proudly hosted the April C.A.M.A. meeting with over 50 attendees from Central Arizona Museums.

Board Member Dr. Clinton Pattea, with the help of the Ft. McDowell Casino General Manager, Lester Brzozowski and Bingo Operations Manager, Tim Davis created the Bingo Charity Night benefiting the Museum. It will be repeated in the fall and we are most appreciative of all who assisted and attended. We look forward to these twice annual fund raisers with fabulous prizes.

Our Spaghetti Dinner the last weekend in August will be repeated annually by popular request, accompanied by the most successful White Elephant Sale. This is another event that brings families out from the three communities in the Lower Verde River Valley for an evening of fun and delicious food.

The volunteers end-of-year breakfast cook-out was scheduled for Thursday, April 21st and arranged for by our Docent and Diplomat Co-Chairs Rick Wambach, Karen Michalsen and Margie Slater. We couldn't exist without your help and are so appreciative of your commitment to our museum.

My personal thanks to author Leon Speroff for his wonderful book, Dr. Carlos Montezuma, M.D., for journeying here from Oregon to celebrate the Museum's 2nd birthday at our March dinner, and speaking to us and the Ft. McDowell Yavapai Nation about Carlos Montezuma. His book is being sold at the River Bank Museum Store.

Have an exciting summer. The Museum will be open on Saturdays and Sundays, 1-4 p.m. and don't forget to get your Robinsons May passport which entitles you to free admission to most of the Museums in Central Arizona as a way to celebrate Museum Month. A personal note of thanks for your get-well wishes while I was ill – very much appreciated.

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NEW MEMBERSHIP AND RENEWAL APPLICATION

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On a higher financial level or a gift
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PIONEER \$500 or MORE



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Membership Payment of \$ _____ enclosed or

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Signature _____

- The IRS has designated this Society and Museum as a 501 (C) (3) organization and Donations are tax deductible to donor. Please consult your tax advisor for specific information.

Ann Stavely

FROM THE RIVER BANK

If you were not able to hear Dr. Leon Speroff at our last

dinner meeting, we have a limited number of signed copies of his book in the store. It is the true life story of Dr. Carlos Montezuma and his remarkable career as the first Native American medical doctor to practice on the reservation and his relationship to the Yavapai Nation. It is a remarkable book.



Take time to visit and explore other Museums certified by the Arizona Historical Society. A list of all museums that are certified can be found at www.ahs.state.az.us

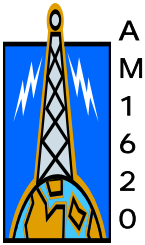
Arizona Railway Museum
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gregoria@wmonline.com
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Museum Angels are those people who give of themselves in time and talent to make sure Our Museum runs smoothly and efficiently as it serves as a window to the past. The ever growing list of Angels and the limited space of this newsletter make it impossible to list them all. All Angels will honored at the end of the year. For now, you know who you are.. Thank You



The following is an excerpt from the Museum Archives monograph, "Things I Remember" by P-Bar cowboy Bob Lincoln (1917-2003).

From the Desk of Museum
Archivist Dave Roberts

PLUMBING 101

The original P-Bar ranch had a pipeline to the back of the kitchen from a nearby 600 gallon water storage tank, and there was a stand pipe with a faucet just outside the back door. You could fill the water bucket and carry it into the kitchen for house use. Dick Robbins and I thought it would be more convenient to have the faucet inside, over the water bucket. I had worked for a plumber while in high school and knew something about plumbing, and undertook to pipe water thru the wall into the house. I wondered about getting a hole thru the wall and Dick said he could take care of it. I showed him where the hole should be and he stood back about 3 feet inside the kitchen and blasted a neat hole with the 12 gauge shotgun. That's the way things were done in those days.

[Note by monograph editor Dave Roberts: Dick Robbins managed the P-Bar Ranch from 1938 until its sale to investment/development interests in 1955. The 33,000+ acre ranch eventually became Fountain Hills (~12,000 acres) and McDowell Mountain Regional Park (~21,000 acres), plus some small Scottsdale and State Trust Land parcels. The original P-Bar ranch house, also known as the old Saguaro rib house, was located on what is now the Pemberton Trail in McDowell Mountain Regional Park. It burned down several years after the Robbins family moved (~1948) to the newer ranch headquarters, built by Dick Robbins over several years and located on what is now the Fountain Hills High School parking lot].



Joe and Debbie
Skehen

Membership Report & Upgrades

**WE ARE ALWAYS
ON THE
LOOKOUT..**



**FOR NEW MUSEUM
MEMBERS.
Invite a Friend to
Join and share the
Experience.**

Since the last issue of Legacy, we have 3 new memberships!
Please welcome the following to our Society:

Walker and Carolina Butler
William and Claire Cartmell
Bill and Sally Mantle

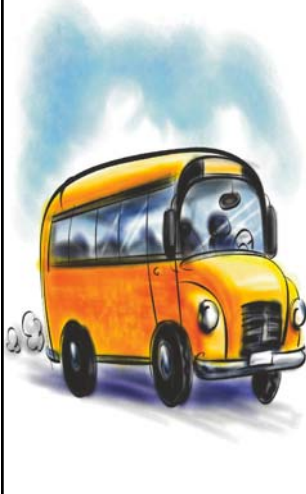
Pioneer Level: \$500+ : J. P. and Dee Poole

Pathfinder Level: \$100-\$249 : John and Colleen Elken



Carl and Eunice Feinberg
Marvin and Darline Leader
Gary and Ronna Martinson

PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY TOUR SCHEDULED



A group of Fountain Hills residents are planning a bus tour to visit the Nixon and Reagan Presidential Libraries next October. If you have an interest in joining them, please call Debbie Skehen (480/816-4186) for information. The tour will begin on October 5, Wednesday, on a luxury motor coach (reclining seats, air conditioning, PA system, TV/VCR, and restroom) going first to the Nixon Library for a guided tour of the Library. The bus will proceed to Simi Valley taking us to the Posada Royale Hotel & Suites for the night (spacious, comfortable accommodations with single or double rooms). The bus will then take us to the Reagan Library and we will have a guided tour including the new pavilion which is just completed and houses Air Force One! Imagine walking through this magnificent aircraft!

Milk and Dark
Chocolate Available

Own Your Own Delicious Petroglyph!



Now available at the River of Time Museum are candy bars with a petroglyph of Kokopelli and the signature of the River of Time Museum! It's a special edition! The bars are available in both milk and dark chocolate. Supplied by our own Fountain Hills chocolatiers at Chocofin, purchase one (or more) and enjoy a real treat or give it as a gift.

Spiced Flank Steak w/ Peach Bourbon Sauce



Sauce: 1 teaspoon Vegetable oil	3 Tablespoons Brown Sugar	1 1/2 teaspoons Worcestershire Sauce
3/4 cup chopped Sweet Onion	2 Tablespoons Cider Vinegar	1/2 t crushed Red peppers
2 garlic cloves, minced	2 Tablespoons Ketchup	1 tablespoon Lime juice
1 1/2 cups Peach Nectar	3 Tablespoons Bourbon	

Sauté onions & garlic in oil until tender. Add peach nectar, sugar, vinegar & boil, reducing liquid to 1 cup (about 15 minutes). Remove from heat, add bourbon, ketchup, Worcestershire sauce & red peppers. Return to heat & cook 2 minutes, stirring constantly. Remove from heat & stir in lime juice. Cool sauce. Puree smooth in blender.

Steak: 1 tablespoon Brown Sugar	1 teaspoon ground coriander	2- 1 pound Flank Steaks
1 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder	1 teaspoon paprika	Cooking Spray
1 1/4 teaspoon ground cumin	3/4 teaspoon dry mustard	
1 teaspoon salt	3/4 teaspoon Black Pepper	

Combine all ingredients (brown sugar thru black pepper) & rub on both sides of steaks. Coat grill grates with cooking spray & place steaks on the grill. Grill steaks approx. 7 minutes on each side (medium) or until it reaches desired doneness. Cut steak diagonally across the grain & serve with the Spicy Peach Sauce.