



River of Time Museum
 Fountain Hills & Lower Verde Valley
 MUSEUM & HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Legacy

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HOW TO SHAKE THE FAMILY TREE

Special Dates of Interest:

- Nov 4, Sat, 12:30 and 6 pm **Bingo**
- Nov 6, Mon, 1:30 pm Docent/Diplomat meeting
- Nov 15, Wed, 6:00 pm Historical Society Dinner
- Nov 23, Thurs, 9:00 am Thanksgiving Day Parade float
- Nov 30, Thurs, Last Day of Earl MacPherson Exhibit
- Dec 1-3, Fri-Sun Holiday Mart and opening of Holiday Exhibit featuring the Cactus Casita
- Dec 3, Sun, 1-4 pm **Museum Open House**
- Dec 3, Sun, 4-8 pm **Holiday Home Tour**
- Dec 5, Tues, 4:30-7 pm Gems of the Verdes Raffle Drawing
- Dec 9, Sat, 1-6 pm Wine/Cheese Reception with Carlos Hadaway
- Dec 23, Sat, 1-4 pm Angel Party for Volunteers

At the November meeting of the Fountain Hills and Lower Verde Valley Historical Society, members can learn about the pleasures and perils of climbing the family tree. Speaker Joanne Thyken has extensive experience in genealogy and will share some words of wisdom gained from on-the-job training. She has been deeply involved with the Fountain Hills Genealogy Club and has served in various positions.



While researching her own family, she has had a few spectacular successes and run up against many roadblocks. Her successes include finding European relatives and writing four books about her family.

If you have ever wondered whether there are stars or skeletons in your family closet, you'll enjoy learning how to start your own investigation.

The general public is invited to this program and catered buffet dinner at the Fountain Hills Community Center.

Reservations are required by Sunday, November 12. They may be made by calling the River of Time Museum at 480-837-2612 or sending an email to reservations@riveroftimemuseum.org. For members the price is \$18. For non-members it is \$22. We will be having a traditional Thanksgiving meal. Let us know if you prefer a vegetarian dish. The dinner starts at 6:30 p.m.; cocktails are available at 6:00 p.m.

~~ Bonnie Kline

CALLING ALL DOCENTS, DIPLOMATS AND STORE VOLUNTEERS

November 6, Monday, at 1:30 p.m. – the date and time of our first Docent meeting! It is open to all Docents, Diplomats and Store Volunteers and anyone who thinks he or she would like to become a volunteer at the River of Time Museum. Docent Chair Rick Wambach is at the helm. What a delightful time of year for me personally to welcome back our "Museum Family" members and meeting new faces. We miss you all very much over the summer months and we do need Docents. So y'all come and tell friends to come along with you. Docent meetings will be held in the Library Conference Room the first Monday of every month at 1:30 p.m. Learn about our exciting new Time Traveler Program. Board member Joe Bill is heading up this program with the help of Jean Boatman, Rick Wambach, Francesca Carozza, Judy Confer, Doug Schmidt and Alan Cruikshank.

DID YOU KNOW ~ ~
The Arizona Historical Society Museum is located in Tucson



From the Desk of Alan Cruikshank

There's a lot of renewed energy at the River of Time Museum. We have received some funding grants for some new figures to add to the museum displays. At the time the museum displays were originally built, we ran out of funds to purchase the figures to complete them.

We recently met with Rex Wittee, who was the creative director with Sunbelt Design Services when the displays were built. He personally created all of the rock features in the museum including the waterfall wall. He is now employed at the Mesa Southwest Museum.

An accomplished sculptor, he will first create clay models of two figures, a man and a woman, for the early day Yavapai display. He will also do models of a trapper and an explorer for that display. In the future we will add two figures to the Fort McDowell army post display and a figure of Jack Swilling in the water tamers area.

We'll keep you posted how the bids come out and when the actual work on them will take place.

Be sure to look through this issue of *The Legacy*. We have a lot of activities you need to add to your calendars.

Our annual election of Board Members will take place at our November dinner meeting, so please try and make it to the dinner.

Arlie Denomme has put together plenty of activities for the first weekend in December including decorating the front doors of the Museum/Library building by our local grade school children! There is something for everyone. Please check Judy Confer's column for all the details.

In closing this month, I want to remind you to bring some visitors to the museum. If you have out-of-town guests and wonder what to do with them, bring 'em on down to the museum.

See you at the dinner meeting!

~~ Alan

From the Desk of Museum Archivist by Dave Roberts

The following is excerpted/edited from a Museum Archives album, entitled "*Things I Remember*", by P-Bar ranch cowboy Robert Calvin Lincoln (1917-2003), nephew of ranch manager Dick Robbins (1900-1983, married ranch owner/widow Delsie Barkdoll in 1939). Most of this cattle ranch later became Fountain Hills (~12,000 acres) and McDowell Mountain Regional Park (~21,000 acres).

Learning to be a Cowboy – Part II: " After that 1937 Spring roundup near Safford (see last *Legacy* issue), before I went to work on Barkdoll's P-Bar ranch, I wanted to go someplace where I got paid for my time. After a job at Phelps-Dodge in Clifton fell thru, I got a job with a State highway survey crew that was working on the Coronado Trail north of Clifton. At that time, the State paid \$5/day and there was no withholding taxes. That looked real good to me.

That survey job was about to finish, but I got a couple of months of "high pay" work before the State shut the job down. I was looking to bum a ride back to Safford when an old guy asked me if I wanted to work thru his Fall roundup. I told him I didn't have a saddle or other equipment to work with, but knew a fellow in Morenci who had a saddle & bridle he wanted to sell, so we went there and I bought his saddle, blankets, and bridle for \$30. I didn't have that much cash, but I had a State check coming and said I would pay him when it came.

I had bought a pair of chaps and spurs when I was at the Journigan ranch. I rode with the rancher to his ranch about 5 miles north of Clifton. He didn't have enough horses to work his ranch, and it was real rough, steep, brushy range, but we made do with what was there. It was quite an experience there, as his cattle were about half wild and hard to gather. Somehow we got thru the work and had about 50 or 60 head of cattle to drive to the railroad a few miles south of Clifton. We made it to the middle of Clifton the first day, and night-herded the cattle into the bottom of the San Francisco River. I drew the middle shift from 10 P.M. to 2 A.M. and it was mighty cold in that river bottom with wind blowing.

The next day, we drove south 'til we were in sight of the stockyard and had to day-herd the cattle, as there was another herd the sum of \$40/month. It wasn't much, but better than being a bum." Bob Lincoln (~2002)



SOCIETY BOARD OFFICERS

<i>President</i>	Alan Cruikshank		
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BOARD MEMBERS

Joe Bill	Arlie Denomme	Keith Millett	Rick Wambach
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Mary Davenport	Keith McMahan	Peg Tibbetts	

From the Director's Desk by **Judy Starr Confer**

We have many exciting plans for the museum's Winter Season. Please check the first page of this issue of *The Legacy* for dates to circle on your calendar.

November 4, Saturday, is Charity Bingo Day for the Museum at the Fort McDowell Casino. This year the Casino has put together both a matinee and an evening session for us. We are the only group that is so privileged. Let's all go to the Casino to try our luck. Chairperson Linda Kavanagh and her committee have rounded up fantastic prizes for the intermission raffle. The Casino has obtained a weekend at the Radisson, golf at We Ko Pa, and a two night stay in Sedona at the Poco Diablo Resort among other outstanding prizes. Y'all come!

November 15, Wednesday, is our Historical Society Dinner, 6:00 p.m. at the Community Center. Former Board Member Joanne Thyken will tell us how to "shake our family trees." Jean Linzer is the chairperson for our dinners and she says that Phil's Filling Station will be serving us a real Thanksgiving Dinner. Y'all come!

November 23, Thursday, is the Thanksgiving Day Parade. Come out and watch the only Thanksgiving Day Parade west of the Mississippi -- the Parada de los Cerros! What fun for your Board Members as they will be riding in a horse-drawn wagon courtesy of Ft. McDowell Adventures. Troy Havilland will steer us through the streets and we are most grateful to Board Member Dr. Clinton Pattea for arranging this for us. He's the brain-child behind the Casino Bingo Day as well. Thank you former President Pattea! Y'all come out Thanksgiving morning!

Once December rolls around we have lots of Holiday activities. Arlie Denomme has put them all together for us.

December 1, Friday, through December 3, Sunday, a Holiday Mart will take place in our Lobby featuring tree trimming and other handicrafts by volunteers of our local service clubs and a wonderful selection of gifts available in the River Bank Museum Store.

December 3, Sunday, River of Time Home Tour: "Homes of the Southwest". Come to the Museum between 1 and 4 p.m. to either buy your ticket or get the tour map. Enjoy music, cookies and punch. Tickets to the Home Tour are \$10.00 each and can be purchased in advance at the Museum. Arlie Denomme and Bonnie Kline have 5 beautiful homes to visit this year. See the electrified Cactus Casita, the sixth home on the Home Tour, in our museum's Traveling Exhibit room. This doll house is the home of the Cactus Clan Saguaro People™ and tells the history of our area. This exhibit will run through January 20th. Admission to tour the rest of our wonderful museum that day is free as a present to the community. Y'all please come!

December 5, Tuesday, Drawing of the Gems of the Verdes Raffle, at Sami Fine Jewelry between 4:30 and 7:00 pm. If you win any of these prizes so generously donated by businesses in the Lower Verde Valley, your Christmas shopping for a major gift will be over. Total of all the prizes is over \$9,000! The list of prizes can be found in the Raffle Rouser column in this issue of *The Legacy*. Y'all buy!

December 9, Saturday, Wine and Cheese with Carlos Hadaway, 1:00 – 6:00 pm at the home of this successful Western Artist. Cost is \$15 per person.

December 23, Saturday, Director's Annual Back Door Day Angel Party, has been moved to the Lobby. Because of Christmas falling on Monday this year, the date has been moved back to the day before the day before, on Saturday the 23rd. The idea for this party, held since the museum opened, is to honor all of you Museum Angels and give you a place to stop for a minute in your mad last-minute dash around town of shopping and delivering gifts. Y'all come and get your halos polished and wings fluffed.

Here's to a GREAT 2006-2007 Winter Season.

Membership Report and Upgrades by Joe and Debbie Skehen

We welcome Marlena Theiss as a new member to our Historical Society and want to thank all of you who have renewed your membership at an elevated level during this past year.

Adventurer Level: \$1,000+

Alan & Diane Cruikshank
Susie Drummy
Sami Jack
Jerry & Jackie Miles
Keith & Dottie Millett

John & Jane Mooty
Ken & Phyllis Osterberg
Doug Schmidt
John & Pat VanDerWerf
Mary Zicarelli

Pioneer Level: \$500-999

John & Carol Coates
Fred & Barb Hansen
Hosea & Lily Harkness
Walter & Janet Johnson
John & Linda Kavanagh

Hank & Susan Lickman
Robert & Velma Monks
JP & Dee Poole
Joe & Debbie Skehen
Paul & Margie Slater

Wagonmaster Level: \$250-499

Arthur & Jeanette Carpentier
Richard M. Carrabine
Robert & Barbara Hegwood
Larry & Sharon Hutcheson

Agnes Kramer
Carolyn McClure
Dave & Edith Roberts
Timothy & Lu Anne Sexton

Pathfinder Level: \$100-249

Charlie Axtell
Loretta Bayne
Walt & Mali Berger
Joe & Nancy Bill
Hank & Roxanne Boryczki
Gaylord & Carmen Bovee
Martin & Terry Brown
Craig & Jeanine Capirchio
Jack & Christine Colley
Joan Colomo
Harold & Arlie Denomme
John Dunleavy
Walt Dunne

Lee & Shirley Fisher
William & Lois Grate
Bruce & Cassie Hansen
Elert & Christine Johnson
John & Carol Kendall
Jon and Diana Klesner
Shelly Knuths
Allen & Sharon Koehlinger
Robert & Marcia Krane
Don & Lisa Lawrence
Marvin & Darline Leader
John & Borgny Lee
Robert & Joan Lickman
Jean Linzer

Norman & Phyllis Lowell
Linsley & Jane Lundgaard
Gary & Ronna Martinson
Marilyn McQueen
Merritt & Joan Miller
Ken & Phyllis Osterberg
Dr. Clinton M. Pattea
Beth Shafe
John & Val Stasik
Robert & Diane Thomson
Art & Ivy Tolis
James & Roberta Urban
Tom & Pat Wells
Wayne & Anne Wicklund/Snow

Starting with our next issue of *The Legacy* we will be listing those who give at enhanced levels for the 2007 calendar year.

From the River Bank by **Ann Stavelly**

Our summer has been busy buying one-of-a-kind jewelry directly from the native American artists.

Our book selection also has been greatly expanded for both adults and children. We have new titles as well as familiar favorites including the pop-up Dinosaur book by Robert Sabuda.

What better time to start your holiday shopping?

~~ Ann and Earl

It's never too early to get ready for Bingo!

Mark your calendars for our upcoming Bingo Day at the Fort McDowell Casino on November 4th. This year is looking better than ever with lots of games and more prizes.

Purchase a "Charity Pack" and you will not only get a full session of bingo play but a raffle ticket to win great prizes. And, best of all, you will be having fun while supporting The River of Time Museum.

You could also be a big bingo winner!

For more information contact Linda at lmkavanagh@cox.net or 480-837-5612

ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS

At the November Dinner, a slate of Board members will be presented to the membership for election. Chair of the Nominating Committee Keith McMahan announced that 5 names are proposed for 3 year terms, and 1 to fill the position vacated by Sharon Hutcheson's resignation.

The 5 nominees for a 3 year term are:

Alan Cruikshank

Arlie Denomme

Teena Jowers

Jean Linzer

Debbie Skehen

Did you know ~ ~

**Arizona's
original
constitution was
adopted in 1911**

Joe Bill has been nominated to fill in Sharon Hutcheson's position.

Additional nominations, if any, will be accepted from the floor at the November Dinner.



SOUTHWEST SANTA

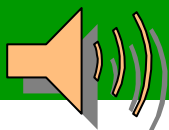
A unique gift benefits the River of Time Museum. You can order a personalized letter from Santa for your special child, plus the gift of a Christmas soft-cover book, **SOUTHWEST SANTA**. Mailed out in December, orders MUST be received by December 10th to assure delivery before Christmas.

Brain-child of Museum Executive Director Judy Starr Confer, the story, written by "S. Claus," tells how he got the nickname of Southwest Santa one Christmas season when everything at the North Pole was behind schedule. Santa was worried that he would not be able to deliver all of the gifts. Then, help arrived from an unexpected source in the Sonoran Desert of Arizona.

Reading this Bitty Book[®] could become a fun holiday event and add a little "salsa" to your family Christmas traditions. Proceeds benefit the River of Time Museum.

To order your personalized letter from Santa and book, print clearly the name and address of the recipient and send with payment of just \$10.00 (check or money order) to:

The River of Time Museum
P.O. Box 17445
Fountain Hills, AZ 85269



Our magic number is 23927!

Bashas' Thanks a Million Program

If you haven't already done so, please tell the cashier on your next visit to Bashas' to link your Bashas' card to the above number. For every dollar you spend at any Bashas' store, our society will receive 1%. Please help us participate in this wonderful charity program.

Membership Dues for 2007

You will be receiving shortly a Membership and Renewal Application for 2007. We hope you will continue your support of the Historical Society and its River of Time Museum and value, as we do, the wonderful relationships that have developed from this association.

The River of Time Museum Salutes our Service Clubs

To celebrate the many contributions of the service clubs to our community, the River of Time Museum has hosted several Wine and Cheese Receptions honoring these organizations. Pictured are the Board Members of the Four Peaks Women's Club as they enjoy refreshments and a brief tour of the River of Time Museum.



The Raffle Rouser by Arlie Denomme

Announced at our last dinner meeting, the Gems of the Verdes Raffle is in full swing. Prizes this year total over \$9,000! You don't want to miss out on a chance to win one of the following:

A Four Peaks Amethyst, Arizona Peridot and Diamond Ring plus a 14 K Arizona 2.2 ct. Amethyst Single Stone Necklace. All custom designed by Sami at a value of \$3,100;

A Keno Blue, Native Arizona Stone Bubbling Boulder and pump from Verde Valley Nursery with a value of \$2,600;

A Rafting Adventure, BBQ and Margaritas for 12 from Fort McDowell Adventures, valued at \$2,000, and,

One Year Pool Maintenance Service from Sunset Pools valued at \$1,600.

Drawing for the prizes will be held on Tuesday, December 5, at the Raffle Party at Sami Fine Jewelry from 4:30 – 7:00 pm. You need not be present to win, but why miss a great party at Sami's? Wine, cheese and appetizers will be served.

Raffle Tickets are for sale at \$10 each or 3 for \$20. A great way to help our Museum and take a chance on becoming a winner of one of the above fine prizes!

In addition to the above prizes your ticket makes you eligible for a separate drawing at Planet Beach Spa and Tanning on November 9 at 5:30-7:30 pm for 10 hydro-derma infusion sessions – a wonderful treatment – results in “skin begging to be caressed!” This Wine and Cheese drawing is an additional benefit resulting from your raffle ticket purchase. Buy several!



THE LEGACY NEWSLETTER

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NEW MEMBERSHIP AND RENEWAL APPLICATION

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