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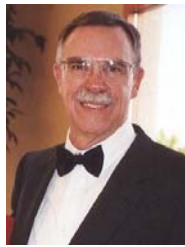
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FOUNTAIN HILLS' RANCHING HISTORY

Special Dates of Interest:

- Sept 20, Wed, 6 pm
Historical Society Dinner
- Oct 25, Wed, 3-7 pm
Business Showcase at
Community Center
- Nov 4, Sat, 12:30 and 6 pm 
- Nov 6, Mon, 9:30 am
Docent/Diplomat meeting
- Nov 23, Thurs, 9:00 am
Thanksgiving Day Parade
float
- Dec 3, Sun, 1-4 pm
Museum Open House
- Dec 3, Sun, 4-8 pm
Holiday Home Tour
- Jan 27, Sat, 5:30 pm
Los Artistas Vaqueros
Reception
- Feb 1, Thursday
Pony Express rides into
town

Ranching in the Fountain Hills area will be the featured topic at the 2006-2007 season-opening dinner meeting of



the Fountain Hills and Lower Verde Valley Historical Society. The town of Fountain Hills and neighboring McDowell Mountain Regional Park are located on nearly 35,000 acres of land that was once the P-Bar cattle ranch. Few traces of the ranch are visible today, but, fortunately, historical society member Dave Roberts has recorded and preserved this important part of the town's heritage. He will summarize in photographs and words some of the history and genealogy of the ranch and the families who owned and operated it.

Dave comes with a unique perspective of the ranch history, as he attended high school with the daughter of the family who owned the ranch during the 1930s, 1940s & 1950s, prior to its sale to financial & development interests. Dave will attempt to relate the P-Bar ranch to the Pemberton name, often associated with the first known ranch house and popular trail in McDowell Mountain Park. He'll also include vignettes of ranch life learned from interviewing

ranch family members, who supplied most of our Museum's photographs of that era.

The general public is invited to this program and catered buffet dinner at the Fountain Hills Community Center. Reservations are required by Sunday, September 17. 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. 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



FASCINATING SEASON AHEAD

A fascinating array of historical topics will be presented by the Fountain Hills and Lower Verde Valley Historical Society during the upcoming 2006-2007 season.

Starting things off at the September dinner meeting (see lead article) will be Dave Roberts who became intrigued with local ranch history when he realized he went to school with a girl who grew up on the P-Bar Ranch. That ranch is now the location of Fountain Hills.

At the November meeting,

members can learn about the pleasures and perils of climbing the family tree. Speaker Joanne Thyken has extensive experience in genealogy and has written books about her own roots.

Jerry Miles has volunteered to speak once again in January. This time his topic will be the Oatman Family. The parents were massacred and a son was left for dead, but he survived and went searching for his sisters who had been captured by Indians.

Just in time for Spring Equinox in March, Bruce Peterson will talk about Circlestone, a formation of stones high in the Superstitions. Certain features and visible landmarks seem to line up with the sun. Could it be an ancient Indian observatory, similar to England's Stonehenge?

In May, take a pictorial tour of Indian Country with Jane Minihan who has led several tours to the Hopi, Zuni and Navajo Reservations. She'll share her in-depth knowledge of Native American traditions and art.

For more information on programs, contact Bonnie Kline at 480-837-2467.



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From the Desk of Alan Cruikshank

Can it be September already?

It seems I just wrote to all of you wishing you a great summer. In a few weeks we will be enjoying our first meeting of the season. Program chairperson Bonnie Kline has another good speaker for us and he is one of our members. Make plans to attend the Sept. 20 meeting to listen to Dave Roberts and his tales of the P-Bar Ranch that later became an engineering office for original Fountain Hills developer McCulloch Properties Inc.

Dave is our archivist, and I've never seen anyone that likes the detail work more than Dave does. He has amazed visitors to the museum that have had some knowledge of the ranching days of the property now known as Fountain Hills. He has become the authority on the history of the P-Bar Ranch.

As always, the historical society is looking for ways to raise money. I have an idea that I have yet to bring to our board. Every meeting that we hold, there is one thing missing as I do my welcoming remarks to the

members in attendance. I don't see many young members sitting among us. I'd like to see that change this year. I'd like to see us attract more families to our meetings and develop some activities or programs for the school-age kids. I always enjoyed studying history when I was a kid. I was one of those "eggheads" that would put a flashlight under my sheets to read an encyclopedia at some hour of the night.

I know there are lots of kids in the community who are not athletes that are academically oriented. I think they would enjoy the camaraderie of being a member of a team that likes history. Walt Dunne is our education committee chairman and a former superintendent of the Fountain Hills Unified School District. We could have different age groups and perhaps get some teachers involved. Perhaps we could develop a joint project with our friends at the library next door.

It's just a thought. I think it has some merit and it would increase awareness about the museum and area history. Dues could be in the \$10 to \$15 range. Do any of you have feedback?

I'll see you at our September 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), who married ranch owner 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 I: "In early 1937, before I went to work on Barkdoll's P-Bar ranch, another rancher, A. A. Journigan, offered me a place to live and grub, so I could keep from going hungry. He said he had plenty of work but no money. As I think back to those times, I believe that was about the best job I had, even tho it didn't pay anything. This man and his wife had brought a herd of cattle from New Mexico a couple of years before, and bought a rundown ranch between Safford and Wilcox, and were trying to make a go of it. He said he would show me all he knew about being a cowboy, and I could go on from there. He never gave an order, but instead would say, "I wonder if you would ride the east boundary fence today, and patch up any gaps you find in it." I enjoyed working and living with him and his wife. They were good people. I spent 6 months there and had a pretty good start in the basics of cowboy work.

At that time, Dad said to me, "You shouldn't start out being a cowboy, because there is only one future in it, and that is winding up being an old broken down cowboy." I told him that it takes all kinds of people to make up a world, including old broken down cowboys.

Anyway, I learned how to work on windmills and pumps, build fence, shoe horses, and even break horses. Journigan, had brought over a bunch of horses from New Mexico, with several mares, so he had a bunch of 2 and 3 year old colts. He said one morning at breakfast, "We will start breaking those colts tomorrow." He could see that I didn't have much enthusiasm about starting raw broncs and said to me, "You might get bucked off, but there has never been a case of a horse bucking a man off and eating him." I believe that was all the encouragement I needed, and we started in breaking 2 colts each. Fortunately, I never bucked off, and got my two colts so I could ride and handle them.

There was an old wagon that he had brought over from New Mexico, as a chuck wagon when they drove his cattle to Arizona. That wagon and team of mules was our only means of hauling anything on the ranch." Bob Lincoln (~2002)



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

We miss our wonderful winter-resident volunteers during the hot months of summer as we operate on reduced hours, 1-4 p.m. Friday and Saturday. We will return to winter hours on October 15 as many of you return and the monsoon season retreats.

Many of our year-round residents do double duty for us during June, July, August, and September. Our "Two Dorothys", Dorothy Sandberg, diplomat and Dottie Schnurr, store volunteer, are faithful all year. In case any of you are thinking you just can't do it, take a page from these two ladies' books: one survived an airline crash and the other brain surgery in years gone by...and both are over ninety, so, you can always be useful to the River of Time! Our Treasurer, Mike Downes, has substituted as a Docent many times as well. THANK YOU ALL!!!

Our annual Spaghetti Dinner held August 26th and chaired by Sharon Morgan proved once again to be a popular fundraiser. This year we owe thanks to the fire departments of Fountain Hills, the Verdes, and Fort McDowell for providing pieces of their special equipment for us to view. Frank Boyd donated his musical expertise on the guitar during dinner, and our head chef, Bruce Hansen, and his seasoned crew, turned out gallons of museum-quality spaghetti. We cannot express our gratitude enough to Chef Bruce and his continued support of the River of Time. Teena Jowers and her mother, Board Member Niobe Borman, organized the "white elephant" and silent auction items so magnificently that they probably will be hired by Dillards to head up their merchandising department. Most of all, we thank all of you who generously contributed your treasures to us and who attended the dinner.

Sadly, I report that our guest-gallery curator, Allen Fossenkemper, has had to leave this position due to other personal obligations. We are in your debt Allen, for providing us with such expertly planned traveling exhibits. Thank you!!

Our 2006-2007 season will be under way with our Wednesday, September 20th Historical Society Dinner. I look forward to seeing you all. Jean Linzer is our new dinner chairperson. We will announce the exceptional prizes that are part of our annual Gems in the Verdes Raffle at this dinner meeting. Don't miss your chance to participate in this fantastic fundraiser for our Historical Society.

The first Docent/Diplomat meeting will be November 6th. Don't forget to shop at the River Bank Store – the Stavely's have many fabulous new items ready for your fall shopping spree.



Membership Report and Upgrades by Joe and Debbie Skehen

Please welcome the following new members to our Historical Society!

Joe & Nancy Bill * Francesca Carozza & R. Dale Krauschaer * Joan Jaeger
Teena Jowers * Hank & Susan Lickman * Bill & Charlotte McCluskey * Lee Van Camp

A special thank you to the following who renewed their membership at an elevated level for 2006. They are

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From the River Bank by Ann Stavelly

We have been busy buying lovely one-of-a-kind jewelry at the three Indian Markets held on week-ends in June, July and August at the Radisson Convention Center at Ft. McDowell. The Markets represent artists from many reservations in Arizona and New Mexico with a wealth of skills in pottery, beading and silver.

We're now putting in a large order of books--new titles as well as old favorites.

Because of the limited space in our store, we plan to have a discount table to help make space to show our wonderful new selections.

It's never too early to think of Christmas shopping!

~~ Ann and Earl

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

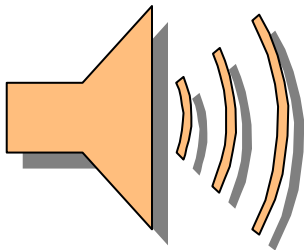
Mark your calendars for our upcoming Bingo Day at the Fort McDowell Casino on November 4th. This year is looking better than ever with lots of games and more prizes.

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

Our magic number is 23927!



Bashas' Thanks a Million Program

On the first of September, the charity program at Basha's began for another year. The River of Time Museum is once again an accepted participant in this program. For every dollar spent at any Bashas' store, our society will receive 1%.

To help us participate, please tell your cashier on your next visit to Bashas' to link your Bashas' card to this program. Tell her our Society's magic number is **23927**. You only need to link your card to this number one time – after that the dollars will start to add up for our Society.



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