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Circlestone in the Superstitions

Special Dates of Interest:

- March 14, Wed, 6 pm
Historical Society
Dinner, Bruce Peterson
- March 31, Sat, 6 pm
Hall of Fame Dinner
Rio Verde Country Club
- April 28, Sat, 4 pm
Wine & Cheese Reception honoring Adriel Heisey, photographer
- April 28-June 10
Traveling Exhibit—
Photos of the Sonoran Desert taken from an Ultralight
- Bingo at Ft. McDowell
Check the FH Times for dates and times
- May 16, Wed, 6 pm
Historical Society Dinner
Speaker Jane Minihan
- June 17-Oct 13
SUMMER HOURS
- June 26-July 31
Exhibit honoring our Armed Forces
- August 25, Sat, 4 pm
ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER

High in the Superstition Mountains is a ring of stones of unknown origins. They seem to align with other landmarks and solar positions at certain times of the year. Could it be an ancient celestial observatory similar to England's Stonehenge and or the Medicine Wheel in Wyoming?

This "Circlestone" will be the topic at the March 21 dinner meeting of the Fountain Hills and Lower Verde Valley Historical Society. Speaking about it will be Bruce Peterson, a speech communication professor at Mesa Community College (MCC) who has been investigating "Circlestone" since 2003. In 2006, he led a team of students into the wilderness area to make measurements and collect data. The Circlestone project is the prototype for an in-

terdisciplinary undergraduate research program which Peterson and a team at the Red Mountain Campus of MCC are developing.



History is one of Peterson's primary interests. He earned a PhD in history at Arizona State University after receiving a B.A. in English and history, and Masters degrees in Speech Communication and history at the University of Texas - Pan American. His publications include, "Words of Prophecy in the Story of the Nez Perce," Sky Island Rigueousness above a Desert of Sin," The Two Masks of Nicholas Black Elk," and "A Brief History of the Flying B Ranch."

Peterson's eclectic research projects include: the study of the Apostle Paul, the history of Native American religious movements, environmental history, and the study of "place" in the construction of human identity. He is a Biblical scholar, a Geographic Information Specialist (GIS) cartographer and a consultant to private corporations in web design and development. He is also the Ranch Historian for the Flying B Ranch in Kamiah, Idaho.

To learn what the Peterson and his students discovered about Circlestone, make plans to attend the dinner meeting at 6 p.m. on March 21. Reservations for the dinner meeting need to be made by Sunday, March 18. They can be made online at www.riveroftimemuseum.org or by calling 480-837-2612. The price is \$18 for members and \$22 for nonmembers.

~~ Bonnie Kline

From the Desk of Alan Cruikshank

Things have been busy at the River of Time Museum over the last month. A number of residents and visitors enjoyed tours during the Western Week celebration. I had several friends tell me they had no idea the museum was as nice as it is. And some of the people who told me that caught me by surprise.

Oh well, now they know and can bring friends to the museum.

We had a lot of fun during Western Week. Niobe Borman did an outstanding job in making all of the activities come together. The weather wasn't the best the day the Pony Express riders rode into town. But we still had a good gathering at the Post Office where the rides were greeted by Mayor Wally Nichols.

The Saturday night dinner dance, called the Boot Scootin' Boogie, turned out to be a lot of fun. The food was good, the band was outstanding and the event was a sellout.

A big thanks to Francesca Carozza and Char McCluskey for their assistance with all of the Western Week and Artistas Vaqueros events. Thanks to Doug Schmidt for his sponsorships of the Artistas reception and the dinner dance. Speaking of the Artistas, an exhibit of their artwork remains in our traveling exhibit room at the museum through March 24. And yes they are available for sale.

I am thrilled at the success of the Time Travelers program chaired by Joe Bill. His assistants, Jean Boatman, Rick Wambach and Michael Downes have done a wonderful job getting these young people trained as junior docents. Now we are challenged with keeping this group of students inspired and enthused. I know we can do that.

We had a good turnout for our last dinner meeting when Jerry Miles spoke about the Oatman family massacre. We'd like to see the numbers of those dining with us jump even higher this month. Circle your calendars for March 21 to attend the dinner.

Before I wrap this up this month, I want to make a pitch for a few new dedicated volunteers. As you know, Ann and Earl Stavely have been managing the River Bank store at the museum. Earl recently was hit by a car in front of Safeway and broke a leg. He is making a remarkable recovery, but the time has come when we need to start thinking about backup and eventual management responsibilities of the store. If any of you have an interest or some retail experience, please call me at The Times, 837-1925, and I'd be happy to discuss this with you. Incidentally, Ann is one of this year's class of Hall of Fame inductees.

The Hall of Fame dinner is on Saturday, March 31. It's going to be another fantastic evening, so make your reservations. Cost is \$150 per person for the fund-raiser dinner. Some 14 area residents will be inducted this year. Call the museum, 837-2612.

I also need a new treasurer, after Michael Downes said his doctor wants him to have less stress in his life after recently suffering a mini-stroke. Get better, Michael. You have done a great job as treasurer. Walt Dunne has volunteered to keep the bookkeeping up to date.

Well I'm running out of space so I'll say see ya at the March 21 dinner meeting at the Community Center.

~~ 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/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).

Tough Times II: "The year I finished high school (1935 – see last LEGACY issue), I had several temporary jobs. They didn't pay much, but gave me different experiences. I worked in a small hardware and plumbing store. The owner had been a plumber before, and gave me lots of small jobs that came in. I was paid \$12 a week for 6 days at 12 hours/day. Then I got a job working in a small creamery, driving a delivery truck delivering ice cream. I also had the duty of washing milk bottles and ice cream cans.

The owner believed in getting his money's worth out of his employees. He paid me \$12 a week for 7-12 hour days. He said it was a good job and I could have every other Sunday off after 2 P.M. It wasn't a very good job, but I got all the ice cream I could eat, which was about a gallon a day!

About the Winter of 1935-1936, a forest ranger, an old friend of the family, said I could come out to his station at Klondike and trap varmints. He said he couldn't pay me anything, but would feed me and furnish some steel traps. It sounded good to me, so I went there to work. I had a cow to milk and wood to get in for the cook stove. The place had a big, new, 2 story house, with a full basement. It was built by the CCC (the conservation corps -- we called it the tree army). They had a small camp there, and about 10 men working.

I wasn't a very good trapper, as I only caught one coyote, one bobcat, one fox, and about 20 skunks. I also got a badger, but didn't trap him. I ran into the badger while walking my trap line, and shot him with the .22 rifle I carried. Skunk pelts were only bringing 6¢ to 9¢ then, and it wouldn't pay the shipping charges, so I didn't bother to skin them. I carried a pint flask of gasoline, and just shot the skunk, poured gasoline on it and lit it. Next day I would take it out of the trap, move the trap to a new location, and re-set it. My Winter of trapping didn't pay off, but at least I didn't get hungry, and had the experience." ... Bob Lincoln (~2002)



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

Despite very cold weather during the week of Western Days in the Hills, the warmth of all participants made the week sponsored by the Museum and the Chamber of Commerce a huge success. 131 students from Four Peaks Elementary School, Fountain Hills Charter Schools, and 'Hman 'shawa Elementary School, along with their respective art teachers, started making posters in August under Mardell Willson and Kathy Madden's guidance. Thank you Hank Boryczski for printing our "WANTED" posters that were distributed all over town and at the Museum.

The American Legion Bar-B-Que dinner kicked off the week on Friday, January 26th. Kay Kinder's Fountain Fashion Style Show with live models gave people an idea of what western wear could be, as wine and cheese was served at the Museum. Teena Jowers and Niobe Borman turned our River of Time Museum into a beautiful setting for this event.

On February 1 the Pony Express delivered the mail to the F.H. Post Office for the 49th consecutive year. The Hashknife Riders led by trail boss Dave Alford galloped into town and were greeted by Mayor Wally Nichols, Chamber President and C.E.O. Frank Ferrara, and Museum Executive Director Judy Confer. Then they rode over to the River of Time Museum Patio where Tom's Bar-B-Que, Patti Mix's Indian Fare, and the American Legion Women's Auxiliary sold food and beverages. Scott Hallock, Kris Albertson, Stephenie Kniffen, and Nancy Damone provided musical entertainment. Fort McDowell Adventures provided wagon rides. The Senior Center Line Dancers strutted their stuff, and Travis Terry, a Native American flute player from Chinle also entertained us. Meanwhile, in the lobby, Frank Carson Boyd strummed cowboy tunes on his guitar while Gwen Laske commandeered a fabulous bake sale featuring over a hundred homemade goodies from as many volunteers.

Chairperson Niobe Borman, TAKE A BOW!!! The weekend continued with the Los Artistas Vaqueros Reception and Sale on Saturday, February 3rd. Chris Marchell, one of our LAV artists, installed a beautiful show and Charlotte McCluskey and Francesca Carozza of Image Weavers, L.L.C. coordinated publicity and created great invitations and the artist catalogue. We are proud of our Artistas Vaqueros: Carlos Hadaway, Paul Kolwaite, Doug Katonak, Bob Boze Bell, Chris Marchell, and our new inductees Joe Robertson and Amada Pena. Thank you Doug Schmidt of Legacy Asset Management for underwriting the costs of the reception and the Boot Scootin' Boogie dance – what fun was had by all. The week ended on Sunday with the exhibit open to the public and the family picnic in the park sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. The band called Mogollon played as all enjoyed a wonderful week. Thanks to our major sponsors, Fort McDowell Yavapai Materials, Meridian Bank, Red Rock Doors, and Legacy Asset Management, and our treasured volunteers.

The month of March brings our Historical Society Dinner on the 21st and our 4th annual Hall of Fame Dinner on March 31st. Congratulations to the 14 new inductees!! What an honor.

The Museum is very excited to have begun the Time Travelers Junior Docent program chaired by Board Members Joe Bill and Rick Wambach with leadership from Jean Boatman (see Alan's column). Welcome to all Time Travelers!!

Another first for the Museum started this February is the SATELLITE DIPLOMAT PROGRAM. This is a partnership with the Fort McDowell Radisson Resort. At President Bear's request, we have begun a program with the 4-Star hotel to assist the Human Resources Department and hotel management in educating all new hires on the background and history of the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation, This is the first such program between a museum and an international hotel chain to be undertaken. We are most proud to launch this exciting endeavor to help visitors to our area enjoy their experience.

Membership Report and Upgrades by Joe and Debbie Skehen

We welcome many new faces to our Historical Society:

Jack & Fay Gridley * Bob & Arlene Leach * Leonard & Lindy Marcisz,
Nancy McNamara * Micky Parker * Donald & Judy Peters * Barbara Rhodes

**A special thank you to the following members who renewed their memberships
at an elevated level for 2007!**

Adventurer Level: \$1,000+

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From the River Bank by **Ann Stavelly**

New items now in the Store

Affordable small pots made by the Hopi and Acoma Indians---a real find!

Also a fascinating new cook book put out by the Arizona Historical Society, Central Arizona Chapter Board. It is called *Tastes and Treasures--A Storytelling Cookbook of Historic Arizona*. The forward is by Marshall Trimble telling about early Arizona hospitality. The recipes are from famous eating places around the state and a brief history of the place.

~~ Ann and Earl



We thank the Fountain Hills Chamber of Commerce Members for designating our Museum as the 2006 Not-for-Profit Organization of the Year. We could not have won this honor without the members who voted for us! We proudly display this award in the Museum Lobby! We look forward to seeing you all at our many events. We **Thank** the following businesses and volunteer groups who have greatly helped our organization to grow and prosper, including but not limited to:

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Wine on Wheels





Hall of Fame

On Saturday, March 31, the 4th Annual Lower Verde River Valley Hall of Fame Dinner will be held at the Rio Verde Country Club. A hosted wine and beer bar will be at 6:00 pm, followed by dinner and the awarding of this year's recipients who are:

From Fountain Hills:

Ruth Collins	Don Lawrence
Julie Cullinan	Jackie Miles
Walter Dunne	Stuart Shoob
Barbara Hansen	Ann Stavely
Sharon Hutcheson	Joyce Szeliga

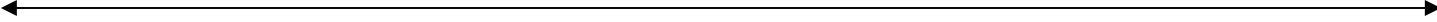
From Fort McDowell:

Dixie Davis
Andrew Johnson

From Rio Verde:

Patricia Hemmer
Jim Isaacson

This is the night to recognize those whose efforts greatly assisted the positive development of the Lower Verde River Valley. Please plan on attending to honor these distinguished citizens. Cost is \$150 per person. A portion of these funds are tax deductible. Funds received will be given to the River of Time Museum Foundation. Reservations can be made by calling Sharon at 480/837-8264.



Traveling Exhibit
April 28—May 20

LAST CALL FOR
MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR 2007


“From Above”
Photos by Adriel Heisey

Our new traveling exhibit will open on April 28 with a reception from 4-6 pm. The Exhibit was created by the Albuquerque Museum in collaboration with the Center for Desert Archaeology in Tucson and paid for by a grant from the Smithsonian Institute.

The photos were taken by Adriel Heisey from an ultralight gliding high above the earth. He chose specific prints of the Sonoran desert for this Exhibit.

Mr. Heisey will be present at the April 28 reception and will answer questions about his work.

If you haven't sent in your dues for 2007, please do so right away so you won't miss the next issue of Legacy containing information on all the upcoming events. We all 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.



Did you know ~ ~
The Western Navajo Fair is held
annually in Tuba City



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