



River of Time Museum

Fountain Hills & Lower Verde Valley
MUSEUM & HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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May/June 2007

An Armchair Tour of Indian Country

Special Dates of Interest:

- April 28-June 10
Traveling Exhibit— “from above” Photos of the Sonoran Desert taken from an Ultralight
- 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
- Sept 19, Wed, 6 pm
Historical Society Dinner
Speaker artist Carlos Hadaway, the “AZ kid”

Members and guests are in for a wonderful adventure at the society’s May 16 dinner meeting as Jane Minihan takes us on an armchair tour of Indian Country, complete with beautiful photography and stories from her travels and long association with Native Americans.

Jane has been learning about their culture since she was a young girl growing up in Ohio. Along the way, she has made many friends.

“I traveled throughout the Southwest as a child and always knew that someday I would move to Arizona or New Mexico,” says Jane. I have a great love for ‘Indian Country.’ I love the people, their cultures, the land and their ceremonies. It has been a blessing to have so many Native American friends, and they have enriched my life greatly.”

For seventeen years, she has been taking people on tours of the Southwest Indian reservations, sharing insights

into the Native American cultures. Ten years ago, Jane opened Sunset Gallery, a treasure trove of ethnic and Native American-made items. She started the Southwest Cultures Club six years ago. The club is an organization dedicated to promoting the understanding and appreciation of Native Americans and other cultures in the Southwest.

At the dinner meeting, Jane will show a few of her photos from Northern Arizona and give a brief history of Native Americans in the Southwest. She will discuss the Navajo and pueblo tribes, focusing on the differences between linear and circular cultures.

She says, “By learning about other cultures, you can learn about yourself and begin to question your priorities and improve your own life.”

The public is invited to attend this event. Reservations for the dinner and presentation are needed by Sunday, May 13. They can be made by either going to the River of Time Museum website:

www.riveroftimemuseum.org and clicking on “Dinner Reservations” on the second (main) page, or sending an e-mail to reservations@riveroftimemuseum.org, or telephone reservations can be made by calling the Museum at (480) 837-2612. Cost is \$18 for members and \$22 for guests. The dinner starts at 6:30 p.m.; cocktails are available at 6:00 p.m. at the Fountain Hills Community Center, 13001 N. La Montana Drive, Fountain Hills. The menu for the dinner is a mixed salad, beef fillet & chicken, wild rice, baby carrots & asparagus, rolls and butter, and cherry cheesecake.

This is the last dinner meeting until September and the Board of the Historical Society wishes you all a wonderful summer break. We look forward to seeing you all back in the fall.

~~ Bonnie Kline



Traveling Exhibit

New

A fascinating collection of photographs of the Sonoran Desert taken by the talented Adriel Heisey from an ultralight.

Stop in and view these gorgeous pictures of nature’s art work.

From the Desk of Alan Cruikshank

Time sure flies when you're having a good time. Or is it that time seems to fly by the older you get? Whatever it may be, can you believe we have come to the end of another season?

I'll look forward to seeing you at our May meeting which features Jane Minihan. She operates Sunset Gallery in Fountain Hills and will be discussing her travels with Native Americans in the southwest. She has been taking people on tours of the Southwest Indian reservations for 17 years. Put May 16 on your calendars now. It should be an interesting program. Also at the meeting we want to introduce you to some of our new junior docent members called the Time Travelers.

Once again, the annual Hall of Fame Induction Dinner was a success. Fourteen new members were inducted into the Hall of Fame. This year's event was held at the Rio Verde Country Club. Next year the dinner will be back in Fountain Hills. If you missed the dinner, you can visit the Hall of Fame by going to the websites:

www.lowerverdevalleyhalloffame.org
www.riveroftimemuseum.org

I want to tip my hat to Vice President Debbie Skehen, who has been a tireless volunteer for this organization. She has done it all for us whether working on memberships with her husband, Joe, taking minutes when needed at the board meetings, handling treasurer duties when asked, assisting with receptions and special events and attending various museum meetings around the state. Thanks, Debbie.

Design Committee members Paul Kolwaite, Bonnie Kline and myself met with Rex Witte recently. You may remember he was the creative director for Sunbelt Studios that created the displays for the museum. He carved out all of the rock formations that you see in the museum. He is now employed by the Mesa Southwest Museum. We are discussing with him the possibility of creating figures for some of our exhibits. His clay models were quite impressive. We'll keep you posted .

Well, I had better wrap things up for this month. See you on May 16.

~~ Alan

From the Desk of our Museum Archivist

The following is excerpted from *Arizona 2000: A Yearbook for the Millennium* by © Marshall Trimble, Arizona's State Historian, Flagstaff: Northland Publishing Company, 1998, p. 17.

Headlines, 1904-1908: "The winter of 1904-05 was a wet one in Arizona. One newspaper reported, 'The rains which are so copious are doing double duty in Arizona, insuring good crops, and at the same time keeping many of the legislators at home, thus preventing them from doing much damage in law making.'

In January 1906, Flagstaff was rocked by a series of earthquakes, a precursor, perhaps, to the great earthquake that destroyed the city of San Francisco a few months later.

On June 1, the mule-drawn street car made its last run in Tucson. It was replaced by the newfangled electric car.

In 1907 the territorial legislature passed a law prohibiting women from entering saloons in Arizona.

In 1908 the city of Tucson passed an ordinance prohibiting spitting on the sidewalk. A year later citizens of Prescott declared they were putting an end to smoking by students.

On January 1, 1908, the era of all-night saloons ended in Tucson when the city council determined they must close at midnight. Saloon-keepers retaliated by raising the price of a glass of beer to ten cents.

That same year Wilbur and Orville Wright began providing airplanes for the army that remained aloft for an hour and flew at a speed of forty miles per hour."



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

Once again we say good-bye to our winter residents, so many of whom are faithful museum volunteers. Docent Chair (and Board Member) Rick Wambach and his wife, Julie, hosted our annual volunteer celebration honoring docents, diplomats, River Bank Store personnel, those who spoke at the monthly docent meetings, and Board Members. More than 75 people attended this event so aptly coordinated by Docent Co-Chair Shirley Fisher.

I would like to add my personal congratulations to the Hall of Fame Class of 2007 inductees. Many thanks to the River of Time Foundation and Gala Chairperson Sharon Morgan for a beautiful event and evening.

We wind down our year with our May Historical Society Dinner and hope to see you all there. In addition to an excellent speaker, Rex Witte will be presenting his designs for the first mannequins to be added to our exhibits, and you will also meet some of our Junior Docent Time Travelers.

I hope you were able to join us on April 28th for the reception unveiling Adriel Heisey's photo exhibit titled "**from above.**" His photos were taken from his ultralight craft and show the Sonoran desert from an unusual vantage point. This exhibit is in our traveling exhibit room until June 10th.

My personal thanks to all of you for your continued assistance!

~~ Judy

2007-2008 Schedule of Speakers

We think you will be very pleased with the programs we have set up for next year's society dinners. We asked the membership for suggestions of topics and speakers and have come up with a long list that will keep us busy for some time to come. For our next season, the following programs will be offered:

- September 19, Carlos Hadaway, the Arizona Kid
- November 14, The Navajo Code Talkers by Ronnie Towne, daughter of one of the Code Talkers
- January 16, The Hashknife Pony Express Riders
- March 19, History of The Grand Canyon Railroad by Jerry Miles
- May 21, Warbirds of World War II by Jack Fedor of the Warbirds Unlimited Foundation

An exciting year with a variety of topics ... but all about Arizona and its unusual past! Mark your calendars now and plan on joining us. Also, if you know of someone who would be an interesting and informative speaker for our group, please let us know. We welcome your input.

Membership Report and Upgrades by Joe and Debbie Skehen

We welcome many new faces to our Historical Society:

Glenn & Joyce Henderson * Jackie Mayer * Jane D. Minnier

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

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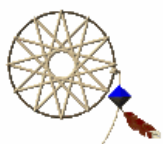
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From the River Bank by Ann Stavelly

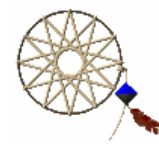
On April 12th, Earl and I drove to Prescott to be part of a panel at the MAA annual conference. The subject was Museum stores, how to use all volunteers, how to start a new store, point of sales and other operating procedures. A very helpful experience.

Come in and check out affordable small pots made by the Hopi and Acoma Indians, a fascinating new cook book put out by the Arizona Historical Society, Central Arizona Chapter Board, 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 Stavelly



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Besides its fame as a mining town, Jerome once boasted that it had the largest J C Penney store in Arizona

Hall of Fame

The 4th Annual Lower Verde River Valley Hall of Fame Dinner was held at the Rio Verde Country Club on March 31. The following distinguished citizens are this year's recipients:

From Fountain Hills:

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

From Fort McDowell:

Dixie Davis
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From Rio Verde:

Patricia Hemmer
Jim Isaacson

Funds received from the dinner are invested by the River of Time Museum Foundation to build an endowment for the River of Time Museum.

Many thanks to Bob Lickman, Chair of the Selection Committee, and Bob Thompson, President of the Foundation Trustees, for their work on this event. Jack Colley once again sold the ads for the evening's program. Most of all we thank those who attended, making the Hall of Fame a wonderful tradition supporting the River of Time.



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