



Navajo Code Talkers

Special Dates of Interest:

- Nov 1, Thurs, Tickets on sale for Holiday Home Tour and "Letter from Santa"
- Nov 5, Mon, 1 pm Docent/Diplomat meeting
- Nov 14, Wed, 6 pm Historical Society Dinner Navajo Code Talkers
- Nov 22, Thurs, 9 am Thanksgiving Day Parade
- Dec 1, 2, 8 & 9 Holiday Mart and Open House at the Museum
- Dec 9, Sun, 4-8 pm Holiday Home Tour
- Jan 16, Wed, 6 pm Historical Society Dinner Hashknife Pony Express Riders
- Jan 23, Wed, 12-2 pm Luncheon and Western Fashion Show
- Jan 25, Fri, 2-9 pm Pony Express kick-off dinner
- Jan 31, Thurs, Pony Express Days
- Feb 2, Sat Texas Hold 'Em Poker Night at the Casino

The importance of the Navajo Code Talkers in the Pacific Theater during World War II is a fascinating story. These Marines have been credited with saving countless lives and hastening the end of the war. Their exploits remained secret until 1968 when the code became declassified by the U.S. Government and these heroic men were able to tell their stories. At our November dinner, we are privileged to have Ronnie Towne, daughter of Code Talker and former State Senator Arthur J. Hubbard, Sr., as our speaker to relate experiences of her father and other Code Talkers during war time. Senator Hubbard may be able to join us as well.

The Code Talker's primary job was to talk and transmit information on tactics, troop movements, orders and other vital battlefield information via telegraphs and radios in their native dialect. A major advantage of the code talker system was its speed. Morse code often took hours -- the Navajos



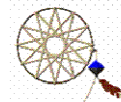
handled a message in minutes.

Military commanders credited the Code with the successful engagement of the U.S. in the battles of Guadalcanal, Tarawa, Saipan, Iwo Jima, and Okinawa. At Iwo Jima, six Navajo Code Talkers working around the clock during the first 48 hours of the battle sent and received more than 800 messages, all without error.

The Navajo's unwritten language was understood by fewer than 30 non-Navajo's at the time of WWII. The size and complexity of the language made the code extremely difficult to comprehend, much less decipher.

The public is invited to attend this event. Reservations for the dinner and presenta-

tion must be made by Sunday, November 11. 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 is salad, dinner rolls, roast turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy and vegetables with pumpkin and apple pie for dessert.



From the Desk of Alan Cruikshank

Alan Cruikshank was unable to submit his column to this issue because he and his wife are in Hawaii celebrating the wedding of daughter Holly. In its place, we thought some of you might be interested in learning how to continue your membership into the future through estate planning. This way, your membership will go on in perpetuity!

A bequest through your will, living trust or other estate plan will aid the work of the museum and historical society and can provide significant tax savings for your estate. You may make a gift by designating a specific amount, a percentage of your estate or the remainder of your estate after you have provided for other needs. You may give cash, securities, real property or many types of personal property.

Let's say your membership level is at \$1,000. Assuming you make a bequest of \$20,000 which is then invested with a 7% return on that investment, we will utilize 5% of that return to make your annual membership payment and the remaining 2% will be placed back in your endowment allowing your bequest to continue to grow.

A \$5,000 bequest would endow membership at the \$250 level and so on down the line.

The following wording in your estate planning documents will be effective to make a gift.

If you wish to give a specific amount of money:

"I give the sum of _____ U.S. Dollars (\$_____) to the Fountain Hills and Lower Verde River Valley Museum and Historical Society, Fountain Hills AZ. These funds will be invested and reinvested and only the income will be used for its general charitable purposes."

If you wish to give the residue of your estate after all other bequests have been satisfied:

"I give the residue of my estate to the Fountain Hills and Lower Verde River Valley Museum and Historical Society, Fountain Hills AZ, to be used for its general charitable purposes."

If there is a specific area of the museum that you wish to support, that area may also be specified.

We hope you will consider this painless way to perpetuate your support of the River of Time Museum.

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, 1996, pp. 98-99.

Unsung Heroes

Among the most unsung heroes of the war were the Navajo Code Talkers who served in the Marines. They numbered about fifteen hundred, and their deeds and exploits fooling the Japanese with their ingenious code saved countless American lives in the Pacific campaigns.

Japanese intelligence officers, schooled in America, spoke fluent English and knew things American, from Betty Grable's measurements to Joe DiMaggio's batting average. They intercepted messages and created chaos on American radios until the Navajos arrived. Recruited on the reservation and trained at Camp Pendleton, California, the Code Talkers designed a code using the Navajo language that completely confused and confounded the Japanese. The code was so hush-hush that the Navajos were sworn to secrecy even after the war and therefore were never accorded the honor they so richly deserved.



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From the Director's Desk by Judy Starr Confer

One by one the Docents, Diplomats and other Museum Volunteers are arriving back in town. Welcome! We miss you very much during the summer months. The first volunteer meeting of the season will be on Monday, November 5 at 1:00 pm in the Museum/Library conference room (see note from Rick Wambach, Docent Chair, and Margie Slater, Diplomat Chair on page 6). I would like to personally invite any members or friends of members who would like to serve the Museum in an active volunteer capacity to attend.

Stephen Jones, the new River Bank Shoppe Manager will be arriving as you receive this and invites those interested in working with the store to contact him after November 1 at 480/837-6363.

One of our special Los Artistas Vaqueros, Carlos Hadaway, held a most successful open house to benefit the Museum at his studio/gallery on October 27th. Carlos' work and his and wife Nancy's generous hospitality were enjoyed by all attending. We loved his stories of how he became an artist and a cowboy at the September Historical Society Dinner. Thank you, Carlos!

You will soon see construction in the main lobby as our newest "exhibit" takes shape. Scott Joachim of Digital Technology has created the software and graphics for our new inter-active touch-screen display housing our Hall of Fame members. Visitors will be able to stand under a sound dome and not only see but hear what these special people have contributed to the communities of the lower Verde River Valley. The display will also contain information about the Historical Society and Museum along with a calendar of upcoming events and announcements. Rex Witte will work his "rock magic" on the lobby wall between the store window and museum door as soon as the mannequins are completed. It will create an improved entrance and signage for the River of Time Museum. Grants from the Sunridge Foundation/Community Foundation, Questers, many generous individuals and donations from Hall of Fame members themselves have made this possible. Watch for updates on this and many other activities via e-mail.

We're excited to announce that the Museum will be offering some exciting tours for society members and friends offered by Arizona Trails Travel Service this season. If you would enjoy serving on our Travel Committee, please call Judy, 480/734-7342 to help initiate this exciting program.

Joe Bill, Chair of the Time Travelers, Jean Boatman, Rick Wambach and Francesca Carozza have been hard at work planning this year's continuation of our junior docent program, the Time Travelers, and its expansion with school tours. Our new school Superintendent Bill Myhr is lending his support to this great idea. Thank you and welcome Bill!

I look forward to this exciting year with you. Remember to call and book your group and private tours (6 people or more) by calling 480/837-2612.

~~Judy

Membership Report and Upgrades by Joe and Debbie Skehen

We welcome many new faces to our Historical Society:

Richard & Joyce Ardern * Jim & Betty Isaacson * Stuart & Judy Shoob

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

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From the River Bank by Stephen Jones

"What's up at the River Bank Shoppe?"



Stephen Jones, the new manager of the River Bank Shoppe, has been planning some exciting changes to our special store. More news soon about Stephen and his strategy to make our little shoppe a must place to visit. Read the next issue of Legacy to find out all about it...



Calling all frustrated bookkeepers *PLEASE*

We need someone with Quick Books experience to help us for a few hours a week at the Museum. Do you have the skill and a couple hours time? Do you have a friend who might be interested?



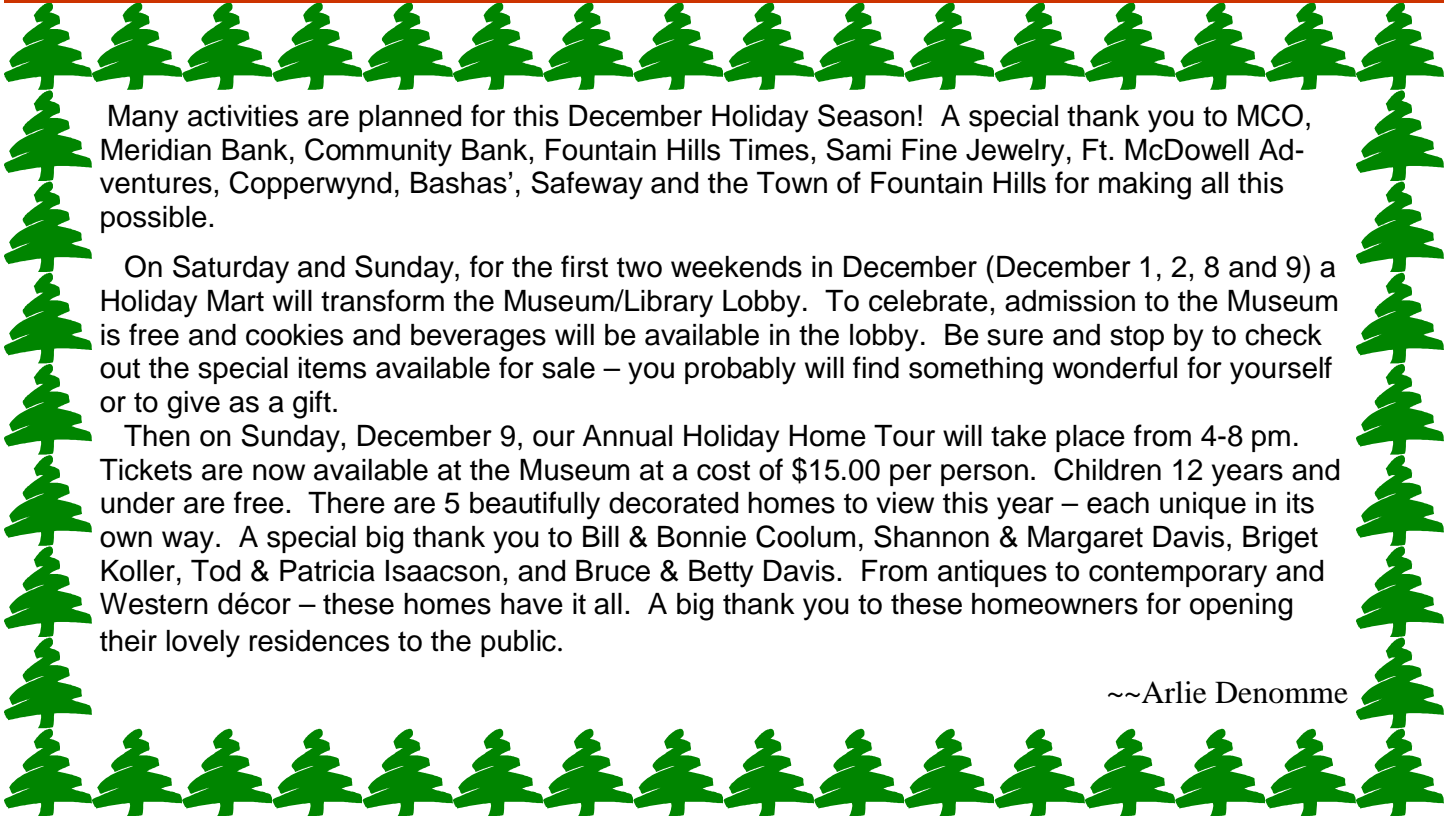
THANKSGIVING DAY PARADE

Join us on Thanksgiving morning at 9:00 am on Saguardo and Palisades to view our annual Fountain Hills Thanksgiving Day Parade. Thanks to Dr. Clinton Pattea and Rick Cibik of Fort McDowell Adventures for providing the wagon and horses to the Historical Society for our float. Riding on the wagon will be members of our Historical Society and its Board of Directors. Holding the River of Time Museum Banner and leading the wagon will be members of our Time Travelers who are junior docents at the Museum



The Board of Directors were extremely pleased to have the opportunity of holding their last Board meeting at Boulder House in north Scottsdale. This unique and beautiful building is owned by the Ft. McDowell Yavapai Nation. It is an 8,200 sq. ft. mansion on 9 acres of land. The home was designed by Southwestern architect Charles F. Johnson and is listed on the National Register of Historical Places. The home was built among outcroppings of petroglyph-covered Precambrian boulders. In fact, major calendar events, such as the winter and summer solstice and equinox, are marked here when daggers of sunlight interact with circle and spiral petroglyphs. What a wonderful experience for our Board members. We are very grateful to Rick Cibik of Ft. McDowell Adventures and the Yavapai Nation.

Upcoming Events



Many activities are planned for this December Holiday Season! A special thank you to MCO, Meridian Bank, Community Bank, Fountain Hills Times, Sami Fine Jewelry, Ft. McDowell Adventures, Copperwynd, Bashas', Safeway and the Town of Fountain Hills for making all this possible.

On Saturday and Sunday, for the first two weekends in December (December 1, 2, 8 and 9) a Holiday Mart will transform the Museum/Library Lobby. To celebrate, admission to the Museum is free and cookies and beverages will be available in the lobby. Be sure and stop by to check out the special items available for sale – you probably will find something wonderful for yourself or to give as a gift.

Then on Sunday, December 9, our Annual Holiday Home Tour will take place from 4-8 pm. Tickets are now available at the Museum at a cost of \$15.00 per person. Children 12 years and under are free. There are 5 beautifully decorated homes to view this year – each unique in its own way. A special big thank you to Bill & Bonnie Coolum, Shannon & Margaret Davis, Briget Koller, Tod & Patricia Isaacson, and Bruce & Betty Davis. From antiques to contemporary and Western décor – these homes have it all. A big thank you to these homeowners for opening their lovely residences to the public.

~~Arlie Denomme

WINTER HOURS

Open hours at the River of Time Museum for the winter months began on Wednesday, October 17. The museum will be open Wednesday through Saturday from 1-4 pm. During the month of December the Museum will also be open on Sunday afternoons.

COME ONE—COME ALL

DOCENTS, DIPLOMATS AND OTHER VOLUNTEERS

Rick Wambach and Margie Slater, Docent and Diplomat Chairpersons, respectively are very happy to begin our 2007-2008 season. Our year long local volunteers have supported the Museum wonderfully this summer and we look forward to our winter visitors returning to assist with the increased number of visitors. We invite new people to join with us as well. Come to our first volunteer meeting on Monday, November 5th at 1:00 p.m. in the Museum/Library Conference Room.



MEMBERSHIP DUES

By now you should have received a letter requesting payment of your 2008 dues. Because we receive no funding from the Town, we must raise all the money necessary to keep our River of Time Museum open and up-to-date. We submit grant proposals, hold fund raising dinners, plan events such as Pony Express Days, Los Artistas Vaqueros and Texas Hold 'Em Poker Nights, hold raffles such as the Gems of the Verdes Raffle -- all designed to supplement your donations and dues paid to the Historical Society.

Remember, your membership and donations are the life blood of our organization! We greatly appreciate your financial support!



Casino Night at Ft. McDowell

Texas Hold 'Em

By Linda Kavanagh



A man walked by a table in a hotel and noticed three men and a dog playing cards. The dog was playing with extraordinary skill. "This is a very smart dog," the man commented. "Not so smart," said one of the players. "Every time he gets a good hand he wags his tail."

Mark your Calendars so you won't miss the February 2, 2008, Texas Hold 'Em Poker Tournament at the Fort McDowell Casino to benefit The River of Time Museum. We are seeking table sponsors, publicity, and players (even dogs)! Watch for exciting details!



RAFFLE ROUSER by Arlie Denomme

Raffle tickets are on sale now for the annual "Gems of the Verdes Raffle" at the Museum and at Sami Fine Jewelry! Tickets are \$10.00 each or three tickets for \$20.00. The drawing will be held on February 9 at Sami's during the celebration of "Meet the Miners" day when the men who work the Arizona Four Peaks Amethyst Mine come and explain how they extract such beautiful gems!

This year the prizes are:

- ◆ A custom designed one of a kind Arizona Amethyst and Diamond Ring valued at \$6,900 donated by Sami Fine Jewelry. The center stone is a princess cut 8.88 ct. Arizona Amethyst. The Four Peaks Mountain Range is accented on the sides of the shank with brilliant white diamonds weighing .16 cts.
- ◆ A Tour of Boulder House, "The Most Unique Home in America," including a Wine and Cheese Reception for 10 donated by Fort McDowell Adventures (see article on page 5).
- ◆ An exclusive Amethyst Body Renewal Treatment donated by Copperwynd Resort & Spa. This is a 90 minute treatment using amethysts formed in the Peaks Amethyst Mine.



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