



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

# Legacy

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## WARBIRDS OF WORLD WAR II

### Special Dates of Interest:

- May 2, Fri/Sat, 1-4 pm  
**SUMMER HOURS BEGIN**
- May 21, Wed, 6 pm  
 Historical Society Dinner  
*Warbirds of WWII*
- Aug 23, Sat, 6-8 pm  
 Annual Spaghetti Dinner
- Sept 17, Wed, 6-9 pm  
 Historical Society Dinner  
*Arizona Rangers*
- Oct 14, 1-4, Tues-Sat  
**WINTER HOURS BEGIN**

Jack Fedor has been flying airplanes for almost 45 years. He is also Executive Director and Chief Pilot for The Warbirds Unlimited Foundation, a non-profit educational foundation with headquarters in Illinois and Arizona. We met up with Jack on April 12<sup>th</sup> at the "Wings Over Anzio Day" at Falcon Field. When you hear the roar of a WWII B-25 flying over Fountain Hills, it may well be piloted by him! The B-25 Mitchell is probably one of the most famous twin-engined bombers that entered the history books on April 18, 1942 when 16 of these bombers led by Lt. Colonel Jimmy Doolittle

launched off the carrier Hornet headed for Japan.

Jack Fedor will be talking to us at our next dinner meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> about his foundation. He also promises to bring many items from the museum of interest to WW II enthusiasts and history buffs.

The Warbirds Limited Foundation is an all volunteer organization that exists for the purpose of educating the general public about World War II aviation history through the use of oral and written presentations, a museum, and the historic B-25H flight experience. The foundation honors the men and women who manufactured, crewed and serviced fighting aircraft during WWII in order to keep our nation safe and free. It also restores and preserves operating WWII aircraft.

The public is invited to attend this dinner meeting. Reservations for the dinner and presentation must be made by Sunday, May 19. They can be made by sending an e-mail to

[reservations@riveroftimemuseum.org](mailto:reservations@riveroftimemuseum.org), telephoning reservations to (480) 837-2612, or going to the River of Time Museum website: [www.riveroftimemuseum.org](http://www.riveroftimemuseum.org), click to begin, click on Calendar of Events, and click on "Dinner Reservations" at the May 19 date. 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 Mixed Salad, Stuffed Chicken Breast, Wild Rice, Baby Carrots and Asparagus, and Dessert.



## *From the Desk of* **Alan Cruikshank**

I hope you enjoyed the March dinner meeting as Historical Society member Jerry Miles gave an interesting program on the Grand Canyon Railroad. Jerry has become quite the authority on different Arizona historical topics since retiring here from California in the early 1990s.

And now I want to tell you his love of research and his involvement in the community since moving here has prompted Jerry to embark on writing a history of Fountain Hills. The society's executive board unanimously approved his request for support and endorsement to proceed with the project. He will be consulting with two longtime active residents and Historical Society board members, myself and Keith

McMahan, for research and photos.

The committee told Jerry, "Thank you for volunteering to pull these many sources of information into one study. It is a worthwhile project and one that will benefit the Town and our museum."

Jerry has been an invaluable member of this organization. He is a former board member, guest speaker, fund-raiser and major financial contributor. Again, thanks Jerry for your involvement.

In closing this month, I again ask, where did the time go? Another season ends with our May dinner meeting. I hope to see you there. Invite a friend, we can always use new members.

~~ Alan

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## *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. 93-94.

### ***Willie and Joe Go to War***

A couple of cartoon characters named Willie and Joe showed America the war as seen through the eyes of the muddy, foot-slogging GI. Their creator was a puckish cartoonist named Bill Mauldin, who blended humor with misery in depicting the war-weary, grizzled soldiers making it though combat one day at a time.

Mauldin graduated from Phoenix Union High School, where he sketched for the student newspaper. When war came, he enlisted in the Arizona National Guard and eventually wound up in Sicily. Firing irreverent broadsides at every aspect of army life, Mauldin himself had spent sixty-four days out of his first four months in the army doing punitive KP duty. He became the unofficial spokesman for all GIs. His sardonic, grim dogfaces with their dented helmets, scruffy beards, and weary eyes pretty well summed up the ambiance of the foot soldier's war. Afterward, he was decorated and called the "best-known and most popular" soldier in the Mediterranean Theater. He won the Pulitzer Prize in 1945.

*Up Front*, the title of his cartoon series, was made into a movie in the late 1940s. Later, Mauldin became a celebrated political cartoonist, winning a second Pulitzer Prize in 1959.



### **SOCIETY BOARD OFFICERS**

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

The River of Time Museum continues to operate because of the generosity of the residents of the communities in our Lower Verde River Valley: Ft. McDowell Yavapi Nation, the Verdes and Fountain Hills. Those who support the Museum are generous with donations, generous with their volunteer hours and generous of spirit. As we wind down our winter schedule and many of our winter residents depart, I want to thank Docent Chair and Board Member Rick Wambach and Docent Coordinator Helen Felts, as well as Museum Store Manager Stephen Jones and the dedicated store volunteers who have continued to provide exciting merchandise for the public to purchase. They have done an outstanding job.

I especially want to bring to your attention our Diplomats. This volunteer group is the front line for the Museum when visitors enter. They sign people in, collect admissions, and fill in where needed when others have "emergencies." Margie Slater is the faithful coordinator of this group. Our 2007-2008 Diplomats are Sally Allexan, Marilyn Bertolini, Niobe Borman, Pat Buchanan, Carole Ceschin, Eleanor Cisak, Barb Hegwood, Cay Krueger, Mary Meyer, Betz Olejar, Dorothy Sandberg, Margie Slater, Arline Sobelewski, Dorothy Vlastnik, and Pat Wells.

Our year could not have flourished without the chair people of our successful fundraisers nor without our dedicated Board of Directors and the Trustees of the River of Time Foundation.

I especially want to thank our Board President, Alan Cruikshank, for his vision and perseverance, the thousands of hours and many thousands of dollars he has contributed to all of us by nurturing the River of Time into its creation and putting it on its feet. Working with Alan has been one of my most treasured life experiences. Words cannot express our appreciation for your service, Alan.



~~Judy

# Membership Report and Upgrades by Joe and Debbie Skehen

## ~~~~~ Membership gifts for 2008 ~~~~~

### **Adventurer Level: \$1,000+**

Alan & Diane Cruikshank  
Hosea & Lily Harkness  
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Jerry & Jackie Miles

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John VanDerWerf  
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### **Pioneer Level: \$500-999**

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& Snow

## *From the River Bank by* **Stephen Jones**

Wow! What a wild ride the past few months have been. At the end of October 2007 we began working at the Museum Store. It whipped into shape in no time! Finding a group of Volunteers to aide in the successes of the store took a little longer, but we've had a great run through the Winter Hours.

The expanded Store hours, Monday through Friday 1pm to 4pm and Saturday 10am to 4pm was a great help for business. We're going back to Summer Hours after Saturday May 3rd. The *River Bank Museum Store* will be open Friday & Saturday 1pm to 4pm until Monday October 20th.

We are currently ahead of last years sales through June of 2007. Hopefully, by the time this May is over we will be ahead of last year's sales through the month of September 2007.

We've added a small refrigerator and are now selling ice cold bottled water for \$.75 a bottle. With your 10% discount you'll only pay \$.67 a bottle. Please mention to those who are going on tours that they may buy a bottle before the tour begins.

Store Volunteers . . . I cannot begin to thank all of you who have had to learn the new system, put up with some confusing changes and stuck with it and made this Store the great success that it is. My hats off to all of you who have done a great job selling the *River Bank Museum Store*. Thank you for your time and patience.

Diane and I leave May 15th for Milwaukee, WI for our Summer Tour doing Arts & Crafts Events. We'll return just in time for Winter Hours to begin in October. Should anyone need help my cell is a local call and you should give me a ring at 480-216-3360.

Have a safe and prosperous summer and we'll see you all soon...

~~ Stephen Jones  
Director of Marketing



**Did you know ~ ~ ~**

**That the battleship USS Arizona was destroyed**

**On December 7, 1941 at Pearl Harbor**

# Upcoming Events

## Annual Spaghetti Dinner

Auction Items Needed

Summer heat will soon be with us – and with the heat comes anticipation for the excellent, all-you-can-eat annual spaghetti dinner. Mark your calendars for August 23 so you won't miss this fun and economical early evening of food, drinks, entertainment, silent and live auctions. More news will be sent out by e-mail and in the **Fountain Hills Times** as the date draws nearer. There will not be another issue of *Legacy*

until the September 1 issue, so if you do not receive information from the Historical Society by e-mail and don't read our local paper, please call Debbie Skehen at 816-4186 for more information.

In the meantime, check your shelves and closets and garage – do you have some interesting items that could be a treasure to someone else? Do you have something your business would like to contribute, such as certificates for discounts, etc.

Niobe and Teena Borman have once again agreed to organize the silent auction items into irresistible decorated baskets. **Please call Teena** at 837-5063 if you have items to donate.

## HOLIDAY HOME TOUR

### **It's Never Too Early to Get Ready for the Holiday Home Tour**

Dennis and Renee Contino of Discover Mobility, Inc. have their Santa Claus hats ready. Recently I went to their new location in the Southtique Plaza. "Would you be willing to supply transportation for our Holiday Home Tour," I asked. "Yes," was the ready answer.

Our Holiday Home Tour takes place the first Sunday in December, December 7<sup>th</sup>; hours will be 4 – 8 PM as in past years.

You can participate in this glorious happening and benefit our Museum. The River of Time Museum invites you to share your decorated home with our community this coming season. Please contact Arlie Denomme at (480) 837-8673; e-mail [ahdeno@aol.com](mailto:ahdeno@aol.com) subject line – Home Tour.





**Los Artistas Vaqueros Exhibition is in the Traveling Exhibit Room**

If you haven't had the chance to view the fourth annual Los Artistas Vaqueros exhibit and sale, stop in soon before it closes. Works from the artists, as well as Los Artistas greeting cards and exhibition commemorative posters will be available year round in the River Bank Store.



***Legacy  
What Will Yours Be?***

What will you bequeath to future generations? How will the ideals and memories you cherish now be sustained then?

The Mission of the River of Time Museum is to recount and preserve the captivating past of the Lower Verde River Valley and to illustrate the vital role of water in our Sonoran Desert.

Your membership can go on into perpetuity and also provide you with significant tax savings for your estate.

For more information, please  
Contact Bob Thomson at  
480/948-7060  
rthomson@jekel-howard.com

**Hall of Fame  
Inductees**

Congratulations to the nine new members of the Hall of Fame who were inducted on April 5 as the class of 2008. They are: Mary Rairigh Davenport, Frank Ferrara, Jim Flynn, Joe Goyena, John Kavanagh, Joanne Meehan, Kimberly Williams, C. V. Wood, and Mary Zicarelli.

The purpose of the Hall of Fame is to recognize those individuals, living or deceased, whose involvement has contributed in a positive way to the betterment of the communities of the lower Verde Valley including Fountain Hills, the Verde Communities, Fort McDowell and Goldfield Ranch. The event benefits the museum and is an activity of the River of Time Museum Foundation.



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