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ARIZONA RANGERS

Special Dates of Interest:

- Sept 17, Wed, 6-9 pm
Historical Society Dinner
Arizona Rangers
- Sept 20, Sat, 1-4pm
Teddy Roosevelt exhibit opens
- Oct 14, Tues-Sat, 1-4,
WINTER HOURS BEGIN
- Nov 3, Mon, 1-3
Docent/Diplomat meeting
- Nov 15, Sat, 5-7 pm
Roosevelt exhibit reception
- Nov 19, Wed, 6-9 pm
Historical Society Dinner
"Sunwatchers of the Verde Valley"
- Nov 27, Thurs, 9 am
Thanksgiving Day Parade
- Dec 6-7, Sat-Sun, 1-4 pm
Holiday Mart
- Dec 7, Sun, 4-8 pm
Holiday Home Tour
- Jan 21, Wed, 6-9 pm
Historical Society Dinner



1909, the Territorial Arizona Rangers had largely accomplished their goals and were disbanded by the Territorial Governor.

Re-established in 1957 by original Arizona Rangers, the present day Arizona Rangers are an unpaid, all volunteer, law enforcement support and assistance civilian auxiliary in this State who work co-operatively at the request of and under the direction, control, and supervision of established law enforcement officials and officers. They also provide youth support and community service and work to preserve the tradition, honor, and history of the 1901-1909 Arizona Rangers.

Frank Helton, a member of the Arizona Rangers, will tell their story at our dinner meeting on Wednesday, September 17, at the Community Center in Fountain Hills. Frank is a Lieutenant in the Scottsdale Company of the Arizona Rangers. One of his roles with the organization is acting Historian for the company. He continually researches the history of the Rangers in general and the Scottsdale Company specifically.

The public is invited to attend this dinner meeting. Reservations for the dinner and presentation must be made by Sunday, September 14.

They can be made by sending an e-mail to

reservations@riveroftimemuseum.org, telephoning reservations to (480) 837-2612, or going to the River of Time Museum website: www.riveroftimemuseum.org, click to begin, click on Calendar of Events, and click on "Dinner Reservations" at the September 17 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, meat and vegetarian lasagne, and dessert.

The Arizona Rangers were organized in 1901 to protect the Arizona Territory from outlaws and rustlers so that the Territory could apply for Statehood. They were picked from law officers, military men, ranchers and cowboys. With maximum company strength of 26 men, they covered the entire territory. By

Wanna have some fun???

Join the Docent Program

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From the President's Desk by **Jerry Miles**

As Jackie and I have traveled around the country, around the world, we have taken note of (not necessarily visited) the countless thousands of museums that are found everywhere on our globe. A few are institutions of international reputation; New York's Metropolitan Museum, the British Museum, the Louvre, the Hermitage and others, museums that demand a visit whenever the opportunity arises.

But the vast majority are small tributes to limited areas of knowledge. Art, science, trade, and, everywhere, small museums of local history. Wikipedia, the Internet encyclopedia, throws up its hands and simply states that "there are tens of thousands of museums" around the world. It makes a brave attempt to list as many as possible. Our River of Time Museum shows up in Wikipedia's enumeration of Arizona museums, but the Wikipedia article ends with a plea for the names of any that it may have missed.

Jackie and I recently spent a week in Estes Park. That small Colorado community is the gateway to the Rocky Mountain National Park, and thus plays host to over two million visitors a year. The Estes Park Visitor's Guide lists seven museums in and around the community. Only one, perhaps two, of these seven really meet the usual concept of a museum, but it is clear that the residents of Estes Park are anxious to preserve a record of their heritage.

A couple of months ago we dropped in to the Catalina Island Museum in Avalon, a small museum about the size of the River of Time. Like Estes Park, Catalina Island has a huge number of annual visitors and its museum, open seven days a week, has a very large visitor count. It's a nice museum, but in all honesty, ours is better.

Since accepting the role of President of our Historical Society and Museum, I have worried about the fact that our Museum really isn't open enough; certainly not if our goals are education of our children and providing an attraction for our community visitors. I suspect that most of our residents have never set foot in our Museum; most may not even be aware that we have a museum. So we have work to do.

But I am also becoming aware that our primary function may be to preserve and collect the history of our area. If we do our job right, then twenty-five, fifty or one hundred years from now the *L. Alan Cruikshank River of Time Museum* should be an invaluable resource for those who enjoy studying the past. So our Board of Directors has recently embraced the concept that we should become the archival depository of our community.

Right now we are in the process of accumulating a comprehensive collection of photographs of our history. The Fountain Hills Times, MCO and private photographers such as Keith McMahan, Cassie Hansen and I have agreed to provide the Museum with copies of our photo collections which reflect our community and our history. I hope that anyone else with a significant collection of local photographs will make them available as well. We hope to gather into a single collection thousand of photos covering all aspects of our area. Donors will retain all commercial and publication rights to their photos but the images will be available for those interested. If you have anything to contribute to this effort, please let me know.

If you have been into the museum lately you should have noticed that our lobby kiosk, with its exhibit of our local hall of fame members and its virtual tour of our museum is up and running. Other visual improvements to our lobby area are in the works.

And we are actively implementing the recent change in the name of our museum to the *L. Alan Cruikshank River of Time Museum* as a way of honoring Alan's indispensable efforts in getting our Museum started.

Finally I would note that we have established an "Emeritus Board of Directors" to honor individuals who have made an outstanding contribution to the Museum and Historical Society while serving as a director and volunteer to our organization. To date Dr. Paul Kolwaite, Bonnie Kline, Peg Tibbetts and Mary Davenport have been made lifetime Emeritus Directors.

~~ Jerry Miles



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

We are looking forward to the return of all of our winter residents. So many of you are very large cogs in our Museum wheels, and you are sorely missed over the summer!

By the time you read this, we will have just enjoyed our annual Spaghetti Dinner. I want to bring to your attention the long hours of those who made this possible: **Debbie Skehen** wearing her hat as chairman and husband **Joe**, who chipped in and recruited the bartenders; **Arlie Denomme** who solicited most of the marvelous auction items; **Niobe and Teena Borman** who organized the silent auction items; **State Representative John Kavanagh**, our Auctioneer par excellence and wife **Linda**, always assisting; and **Chef Bruce Hansen and his marvelous Kitchen Brigade**. Without all of you and your helpers this event would not be possible. We are grateful to the strong support from Museum members and to our Town's retailers for the donation of the great auction items. Special thanks to **The Times** for the meat for the spaghetti sauce. Two of our young Time Travelers clearing tables, and of course **Kyle Bell's** sports memorabilia items were a hit. Kudos to all and most of all—to all of you who came and enjoyed the evening.

Mark your calendars: The first Docent/Diplomat meeting of the season is Monday, Nov. 3, 1-3 pm at the Museum. We will have a guest speaker—noted water expert and author Earl Zarbin. We've invited him to help us better understand the importance of water in the Sonoran Desert. He has had personal experience with Project Wet's Water Festivals. **Charlotte McCluskey** will also explain the water festival's program that the Museum is launching this year, thanks to a \$4700 grant from Chaparral Water. Fourth grade students are the target audience, and we look forward to this exciting new venture. The meeting is open to any of you who have been thinking of "doing something at the Museum" this year.

Another project we are working on is a documentary on the life of Dr. Clinton Pattea, President of the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation. If you would like to help support this project, call Judy 480-734-7342. He is truly a one-of-a-kind leader and we are delighted to preserve not only his life's story, but our neighbor's history, culture and traditions with this project.

I look forward to welcoming each of you to our fabulous River of Time Museum ~ ~ ~ your friends, guests and neighbors, too!

~~Judy



Membership Report and Upgrades by Joe and Debbie Skehen

Welcome NEW MEMBERS

John, Loretta & Samantha Becker
Marion & Margaret Taber

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

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Bill & Shirley Eckhardt	Marvin & Darline Leader	Wayne & Anne Wicklund
	Robert & Joan Lickman	& Snow

Spaghetti Dinner

The Annual Spaghetti Dinner was held once again in the Presbyterian Church in August and a wonderful dinner was served up by Bruce Hansen and his dedicated crew. So many people contributed their treasures to the event that it is difficult to thank them all.

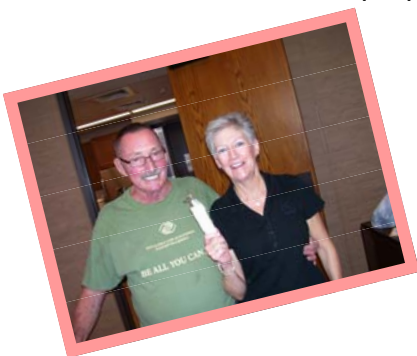
Our wonderful sponsors were Alan Cruikshank, Andi Bell of MCO Realty, Arizona Trails & Daybreak Travel, Basket Creations by Lisa, Beall's Outlet, Bodyworks Center for Perfect Health, CSI Printing, Desert Botanical Gardens, Desert Caballeros Western Museum, Discovery Mobility, The Dolly Steamboat, Ft. McDowell Adventures, the Fountain Hills Community Theater, the Fountain Hills Firefighters and Rural Metro, Fry's Supermarket, Gridley's, Holiday Inn of Fountain Hills, Hope Springs Pottery, Jean Linzer, Jerry & Jackie Miles, Mama Angelina's Italian Kitchen & Mexican Cantina, MCO Properties, Michael Pennington of Atlas International Detective Agency, Paul's Ace Hardware, Phil's Place, the Phoenix Zoo, Pointe in Tyme Restaurant, Red Rock Chiropractic, Redendo's Italian Restaurant, Representative John Kavanagh, Sami Fine Jewelry, Sheriff Joe Arpaio, Snap Fitness, Superstition Mountain Museum, Target, The Inn at Eagle Mountain, Two Step Grille, Ultimate Dinners of Fountain Hills, Warbirds Unlimited Foundation, and Wine on Wheels. Kyle Bell of Charity Benefits Unlimited provided numerous memorabilia pieces that guests found enticing and purchased.

A big **Thank You** to all who helped. Without you the event wouldn't have been so much fun or as successful. Arlie Denomme masterfully obtained wonderful live auction items that kept our auctioneer Representative John Kavanagh busy! Linda Kavanagh organized the live auction and made signs advertising the event. Paul and Gail Appeldorn, Sherry Dillard and Sandy Myhr helped to make sure every bidder was recognized. Niobe and Teena Borman "created" beautiful baskets for the silent auction.

Anne Wicklund had help from Gail Appeldorn keeping a close watch on the money box, selling tickets and receiving money for the auction items. Bartenders Bill Eckhardt, Paul Appeldorn, Walt Dunne and Councilman Keith McMahan kept the thirsty crowd happy. Jean Linzer helped organize the set up for the event and filled in wherever she was needed. Bill Pape made one person very happy when he sold her the winning 50/50 ticket! Joe Skehen and Wayne Wicklund took photographs, and, of course, Bruce Hansen and his efficient cooks and servers delighted the crowd with his famous spaghetti sauce.

This annual event is always a fun and delicious evening and always very well attended. Thank you to the volunteers who made it so and to the people who come and support our local River of Time Museum.

~~ Chair, Debbie Skehen



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Road Trips Planned

Arizona Trails and Daybreak Travel have arranged some exciting trips for Historical Society members and the society will benefit as well. Check out the following one day trip, a two day and one over night trip, and a cruise.



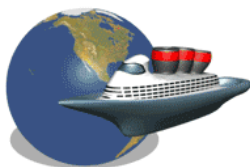
On Saturday, January 24, enjoy a day traveling by rail through the Verde Canyon. A luxury motor coach will leave Fountain Hills at 10 am and drive to Clarkdale where a box lunch will be prepared to take on the first class railway car for the four hour tour to Perkinsville and back – a gorgeous trip through red rock country - arriving back at the station around 5 pm. The motor coach will then head to Murphy's Grill for a private buffet dinner and return to Fountain Hills at approximately 10 pm. The bus is a 48 passenger luxury motor coach with lavatory and entertainment system. The cost is \$199 per person which includes round trip luxury

motor coach transportation, first class train fare, box lunch, and buffet dinner.

For the overnight trip on the weekend of March 7, depart Fountain Hills on a luxury motor coach and travel leisurely south to Tubac, AZ. Visit the ruins at Tumacacori National Historic Park with a private guided tour. Proceed to the prestigious and charming Tubac Golf Resort and enjoy lunch at one of the two resort restaurants. In the afternoon take the bus into Tubac for shopping in this famous artist's colony or stay at the resort for optional spa treatments or a round of golf. This evening enjoy a wonderfully prepared dinner while overlooking the pond and golf course. In the morning partake of a leisurely breakfast with a short trip back to town for any last minute shopping if required or head straight out to the Tubac Presidio State Historic Museum for a guided tour of this facility that showcases the history and early days of the Presidio and Santa Cruz area. After the tour we'll stop for lunch (on your own) on the way back to Fountain Hills, arriving in the late afternoon/early evening. So the tour includes round trip luxury motor coach transportation, guide service, overnight accommodations at the Tubac Golf Resort in a deluxe room, lunch, dinner and breakfast, two guided tours, all tips and service charges. Price is \$340 per person.



Want to go on a cruise?



How about a European River Cruise in Amsterdam or France? Plans are being developed. More news soon.

The Historical Society will receive \$25 per person for everyone booking on one of these travel adventures as a charitable donation from Arizona Trails. What a great idea! The trips will be fun and will also help to raise money for the River of Time Museum. Call Roxanne at Arizona Trails to express your interest and learn more details (837-4284).



From the River Bank by **Stephen Jones**

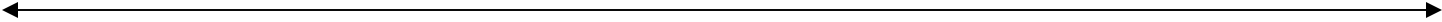
The *River Bank Museum Store* is still open. It doesn't seem so as we look at sales over the Summer months, but we are still here! Store hours are currently Friday & Saturday from 1pm to 4pm until Monday October 20th, when we return to our Winter hours of Monday through Friday 1pm to 4pm and Saturday 10am to 4pm. We've been compiling some awesome new merchandise for the Store. It should all be available by Halloween. There will be some special deals to look forward to in the months ahead so keep an eye here on the Legacy for all the scoop. Better yet go shopping at the Museum Store and find some deals on your own.

If you know someone who has been in a retail setting or might be good at that, who has some time on their hands, and who you think would make a great Volunteer, please suggest they call and set up a time to visit the Store and see if three and a half hours a week would be a good volunteering fit for them and us. To those who have pitched in throughout this Summer, I cannot thank you all enough for your help and support.

We need your help finding those who would fill some of the hours the Store has going into Fall's busy times. They may call me at 480-216-3360. That's my cell and I would love to hear from some of your friends.

As always, members of the Historical Society, Museum Volunteers, Board Members, and paid personnel receive a—10% Discount on all purchases.

~~ Stephen Jones
Director of Marketing



From the Desk of our Museum Archivist

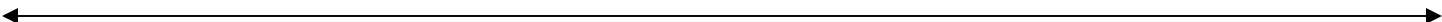
The following is excerpted from Arizona 2000: A Yearbook for the Millennium by © Marshall Trimble, Arizona's State Historian, Flagstaff: Northland Publishing Company, 1996, pp. 10-12.

The Arizona Rangers

In January of 1901, Governor Murphy was given authorization to form a small, mobile company of Arizona Rangers. There was a great need for an independent force of lawmen. Large gangs of cattle rustlers still roamed the mountains of eastern Arizona and along the Mexican border. The company was eventually expanded to number twenty-six men.

A rough-and-tumble and proud breed, they wore no uniforms, dressing instead like cowboys. They kept their badges concealed and infiltrated the rustler gangs that terrorized southeastern Arizona. When a Ranger had the goods on the rustlers, he boldly pinned on his badge and made the arrest. It took a lot of sand to be an Arizona Ranger. . . .

Despite the Rangers' popularity, the legislature voted them out of existence in 1909. Politics played a large role in the Rangers' demise. Counties not affected by outlawry didn't want to ante up to support a territorial-wide policy force.



Did you know ~ ~ ~

**In 1901, the Arizona Rangers were established
to curtail cattle rustling**

Upcoming Events

Traveling Exhibit



A new Town statue will soon be installed in Fountain Park. This statue honors President Theodore Roosevelt for his many contributions to the Lower Verde River Valley. We want to thank SRP for graciously providing many memorabilia of Roosevelt's life and activities especially at Roosevelt Dam for an exhibit in our Traveling Exhibit room. A reception is planned on November 15 in the Traveling Exhibit Room at the Museum.

Pony Express

Mark your calendar for January 29, 2009. This will be the 5th annual Pony Express Event taking place at the Community Center from 3-7 p.m. There will be food, music, entertainment and a raffle. Further information will follow in the [Fountain Hills Times](#) or you can phone Niobe Borman at 837-0239.

Plan to join us and enjoy a fun day.



Poker Tournament



January 31 has been chosen for the Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament fundraiser at the Ft. McDowell Casino. Many, many prizes will be awarded. To the first place winner, a seat at the World Series of Poker championships in Las Vegas – a value of \$10,000. Mark your calendar. More news will be available as the date draws nearer

Memorial to Peg

Margaret "Peg" Tibbetts

"The matriarch of Fountain Hills." Peg moved here in January 1975 and lost no time investigating the Fountain Hills Developer, McCulloch Properties, winning their respect and a job in April 1975 where she worked until 1991. She was very active in the early town halls that defined the vision for Fountain Hills. As Civic Association president, she was instrumental in transferring the deed for the Community Center property to the Town. Elected to the first Town Council in 1990, Peg served 6 years helping the transition from a community development to an incorporated Town.

Upon retirement from MCO, she was hired by the Chamber of Commerce. She contributed to the McDowell Mountain Preservation Commission, Republican Club, Fountain Lake Republican Women's Club, Library Association and the Historical Society Board.

Peg was inducted into the Historical Society's Hall of Fame in 2004, and recently named an Emeritus Director of the Board. Her charm and wit will be missed.

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
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