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CROWN KING MINE

Dates of Interest:

- Nov 1, Mon, 9 am
Volunteer Meeting
Museum/Library Conference Room
- Nov 5-Dec 24, 1-4 pm
Holiday Mart, Tues—Sat
River of Time Museum
- Nov 17, Wed, 6-9 pm
Historical Society Dinner
“Crown King Mine”
- Nov 25, Thurs, 9 am
Thanksgiving Day Parade
- Nov 26, Fri, 10 am-1 pm
Holiday Kick-Off in River Bank Store
Early Bird Discounts
Free Gift Wrapping
- December—All Month
FREE ADMISSION
Tues—Sat, 1-4 pm
- Dec 3-5, Sat and Sun, 1-4 pm
Open House at Museum
- Dec 4, Sat, 1:30 pm
River Bank Store presents
Dance Performances, Treats
for Children, Special Discounts
- Dec 5, Sun, 5-8 pm
Holiday Home Tour
\$15 per person
Begins at River of Time Museum
- Jan 9, Sun, 10:30 am-5 pm
Antique Appraisal Fair
River of Time Museum

The Crowned King Mine established in 1875, was the largest mine in the Bradshaw Mountains and the growing adjacent town took its name. Years later, that name was shortened to its current form, Crown King. Now a popular summer home area, Crown King at its peak had 500 buildings, including several company stores and boarding houses, two Chinese restaurants and a post office. The town was electrified by 1897 and had one telephone.

Of the buildings still standing and in use in Crown King, the Crown King Restaurant and Saloon has become the center of the town's activity. **Jackie Miles** and **Jean Linzer** are pictured on the front steps of this old building. **Jerry Miles** will tell us about its interesting past and the development of the town. Briefly, the saloon was originally constructed in the nearby mining town of Oro Belle (now a ghost town) and was brought to Crown King in 1910 in pieces on the backs of mules. The building was home to a brothel and bar in both towns. Its history holds lots of stories! The post office established in July 29, 1888, was discontinued in 1954. It has reopened inside the old Crown King General Store.



It is election time again for our Board. The terms of one-third of our Board members will be voted upon at this dinner meeting.

The public is invited to attend this dinner meeting on Wednesday, November 17. Reservations for the dinner must be made by Sunday, November 14. They can be made by telephoning dinner chairperson **Jean Linzer** at 837-0762, sending an e-mail to jlizzer@aol.com or reservations@riveroftimemuseum.org, or going to the website and clicking on "Dinner Reservations."

The cost of the dinner is \$18 for members and \$22 for guests. The dinner starts at 6:30 pm; cocktails are available at 6:00 pm at the Fountain Hills Community Center, 13001 N. La Montana Drive.

The menu for this evening is Salad,, Turkey, Dressing, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Green Beans & Pumpkin Pie.

Winter Hours
Tuesday—Saturday 1-4 pm
Store Hours
Monday-Friday 1-4 pm Saturday 10-4 pm

From the President's Desk by Debbie Skehen

Every November, members of the Historical Society elect one-third of their Board of Directors at the regularly scheduled dinner. This November, **Teena Borman, John Hepburn, Linda Kavanagh, Dr. Keith Millett, Art Tolis and Barbara Wyman** will ask for your support for a 3 year term and **Patt Canning** for a 2 year term. We will recognize those members who are staying on for another term, and, thankfully for me, all have agreed to do so.

Teena Borman is of enormous help decorating the tables for our dinners, orchestrating the silent auction items for our Annual Spaghetti Dinner and always stepping up to help wherever she can.

This will be **John Hepburn's** first election to the Board. He brings vast experience in marketing and will be charged with leading us through the steps to put the River of Time Museum and River Bank Store on the front page!

Linda Kavanagh's artistic talents and organizational abilities are vital to our fund raising functions. She currently chairs the Poker Tournament held at the Fort McDowell Casino every Super Bowl weekend.

Keith Millett, our Rio Verde Director, has been with us since the beginning and is a strong financial supporter and wise counsel.

Art Tolis stars as our emcee for the society dinners and assists with our Time Traveler program for our junior docents.

Barbara Wyman chairs our Docent Program finding interesting people to lead tours through the River of Time Museum. She helps educate our new docents - and also those who have been with us for awhile!

And finally, **Patt Canning** came to us about a year ago replacing Stephen Jones as our River Bank Store Manager. She will be seeking election for 2 years finishing his term. Patt brings with her a good background of museum store experience and has enthusiastically introduced exciting changes at the store.

I am extremely grateful for the energy, enthusiasm and knowledge each of these individuals brings to the Board and strongly urge you to support them with your vote on November 17.

We are in the process of forming a partnership with **Doug Schmidt** of Legacy Asset Management to provide scholarships each year for our Time Travelers. These 4-6 grade students are natural historians, eager to learn and eager to tell others about the history of our region and about the importance of water in the Sonoran Desert. A new group of students will be meeting with Chair **Sandy Myhr** in early November to sign up for this year's junior docent program. We'll issue more information about the scholarship as the criteria and procedures are established, but we are extremely grateful to Legacy Asset Management for partnering with us on this exciting and rewarding program for our young participants.

Your Dues are Due

Sad but true—time to pay the piper his due - help us to stay open.

YOUR Staff thanks you . . .





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<i>President</i>	Debbie Skehen	
<i>Vice President</i>	Anne Wicklund	Executive Director
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BOARD MEMBERS

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Teena Borman	Linda Kavanagh	Kurt Pare´	
Patt Canning	Jean Linzer	Clinton Pattea	
Alan Cruikshank	Keith Millett	Art Tolis	

From the Director's Desk by Judy Starr Confer

As of October 19th, we have returned to Winter Hours which are Tuesday through Saturday from 1-4 pm. Be sure to bring all of your guests and remember to shop frequently at our River Bank Store. Our new Store Manager, Board Member **Patt Canning**, with the help of her family, has made many wonderful new acquisitions for the store. Prices are really great and remember -- no sales tax and discounts for Historical Society Members and Volunteers. We also welcome anyone interested in volunteering to work in the River Bank Store.

Our first Volunteer meeting will be on Monday, November 1, at 9:00 am at the museum. Volunteer Chair, Board Member **Barb Wyman** is looking forward to welcoming all Docents, Diplomats and Store personnel. Think about inviting a friend to come who is interested in the River of Time Museum and assisting us in anyway. Board Member **Denise McDermott** will be editing a newsletter monthly for all volunteers.

Tell your friends that the Museum will offer free admission during the month of December to all visitors.

We have many fundraisers in the works, some of which you will read about in this issue. Board member **Arlie Denomme** is in charge of our Holiday Mart and our Holiday Home Tour. She welcomes all to her very busy committees. In addition, in January we will be offering an Antique Appraisal Fair and Sale, and in February the Charity Poker Tournament at the Fort McDowell Casino. Also in February will be a Western Days Celebration. The planning for all of these events is in progress and we welcome anyone interested in helping to let us know.

Finally, a big welcome back to our Winter residents. I hope to see you all at our November 17th Historical Society Dinner. Be sure to get your reservations in.

Historically yours,

Judy Confer
Executive Director



Membership Report and Upgrades by Joe & Debbie Skehen

Welcome **NEW MEMBERS**

**Holley Callen * Norman & Lee DeShon * C. J. McConville
Paul & Cora Messinger * Jeff & Michaele Salmon * Arline Sobolewski**

~~~~~ Membership Gifts for 2010 ~~~~~  
We thank you for your generous donations this past year!

**Trailblazer Level:**  
**\$2,500+**

*We'd like to see YOUR name here!*

**Adventurer Level:**  
**\$1,000-2499**

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Hosea & Lily Harkness  
Boe & Marie James  
\*Jerry & Jackie Miles

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and Snow

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Gwen Laske  
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Jean Linzer  
Bill & Sally Mantle  
Roald & Ruth Nelson

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David & Marilyn Ritchie  
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Stuart & Judy Shoob  
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Earl & Ann Stavely  
James & Roberta Urban  
Tom & Pat Wells  
Dori Wittrig

**\* Denotes Life Members**

# From the River Bank by Patt Canning

We have much wonderful news at the River Bank Store this month. Our store website is up, running and ready to be viewed by all. Just go to <http://www.riveroftimemuseumstore.com> or the museum website [www.riveroftimemuseum.org](http://www.riveroftimemuseum.org), click on River Bank Store and check us out. This site was prepared for us by two experts in the field of new technology, **Deb Canning** and **Chris Miller**. The site was done at no cost to the museum; it took many long hours and is still a work in progress. Taking our next step in our "Social Media" plan, we are now on Twitter.com. Follow us on Twitter at @riverbankstore. I hope everyone takes advantage of this new look..

In an effort to assist our Library, we helped with their Marshall Trimble book signing and sale event on Saturday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>. We had our first post-holiday event at Halloween with giving out "trick or treat bags" to the children and having "spooky sales" for the grown-ups among us.

Our Thanksgiving event is next. On November 26 (day after Thanksgiving) we will open early at 10:00 am and have our Holiday Kick-Off event. We will offer early bird discounts until 1:00 pm with free gift wrapping!

On December 4, in conjunction with the Holiday Mart, the store will be having a holiday event that will include dances from the performance teams of KDA (Kelly's Dance Academy) at 1:30 pm. There will be special treats for all children and special discounts throughout the store. Be sure to attend.

As you can see in the picture, \$1.00 buys a chance in our raffle for a **Jewelry Christmas Tree!** Every decoration on this little tree is a piece of jewelry - necklaces, bracelets and ear rings! For just \$1.00 you may win this colorful, unique prize! The winner will be drawn on December 18th. You do not need to be present to win! Stop in to the River Bank Store now and get your ticket.

Of course we will be open all holiday season ready with new and exciting merchandise for your gift giving. This year we will also offer gift certificates for those undecided shoppers.

My many years of experience volunteering at a colonial museum in Connecticut, as well as working with my family in our public relations firm in New York City, have taught me that a large portion of our success is hinged on good publicity. That is where each and every member of the Historical Society can become our ambassadors. Please stop in our shop to see our new merchandise and meet our friendly and helpful shopkeepers. Then spread the word that the River Bank Store is a great place to do all your shopping. Do not forget to mention that the prices are great and there is NO tax in the shop. Let them know that all proceeds return to the River of Time Museum.

A Happy and Healthy Holiday season is wished for all from all the shopkeepers at the River Bank Store located in the River of Time Museum.



Patt Canning, Store Manager



## Volunteers

Our special Volunteer this month is the creator and builder of the website for the River Bank Store, **Deb Canning**! Deb is pictured here on the right leaning on her mom's chair. You'll recognize her mom as **Patt Canning**, River Bank Store Manager. Also standing is **Denise McDermott** and seated in front of her is **Arlie Denomme**, Chair of Holiday Events at the River of Time Museum. The picture was taken as these volunteers worked the Volunteer Expo at the Fountain Hills Community Center.

**Deb Canning** moved to Fountain Hills from Ridgefield CT five years ago. She is a Director of Information Technology for a software company in Scottsdale. Deb put her training to work in the River Bank Store setting up a new computer system in the gift shop which simplified the selling process. Our volunteers adore her because she made it much easier to complete a sale! Computers can be an obstacle to getting volunteers, but Deb has effectively solved that problem. She also helps train all the staff members.

The website is what we are all so proud of. Deb designed and instituted it with the help of her friend and co-worker Chris Miller. This is the crucial beginning of our Social Media Plan which now includes also being on Twitter.

Deb also set up a plan to keep track of the sales at the Holiday Mart so that the Museum would have an inventory of its sales at the completion of the holidays.

Deb is a huge help in the set-up and purchasing for the store. She enters all barcodes and does inventory. She also has put the store on a computer system so that all sales and billing are done on this new system thus making life easier for everyone.

Thank you **Deb Canning** for your dedication to our mission and bringing your technical skills to our unique River Bank Store!



## *From the desk of our Museum Archivist*

The following is excerpted from Arizona Trivia by Marshall Trimble, Arizona's State Historian, Phoenix: Golden West Publishers, 1997, p. 143.

### Tom Mix

The greatest cowboy shooting star of the 1920's was Tom Mix, America's first larger-than-life movie hero. Stories were circulated by his fertile-minded agent that Mix had been a Texas Ranger, fought in the Boer War in Africa, . . . and experienced a number of other hair-raising adventures. It was great copy and the fans loved it. Actually, Mix had done none of the above but he could ride a horse with the best of them. He was also a world-class showman. Moviegoers eagerly filled the theaters to see his films. During the 1920's Mix was making \$17,000 a week, an unbelievable sum of money for the time. . .

According to Prescott native, Budget Ruffner, Mix liked to entertain the locals around Prescott by dropping his hat on the ground then, while riding his horse Tony at full speed, lean gracefully out of the saddle and pick it up. Mix made it look easy, so easy many of the youngsters in town saddled up their ponies and tried to imitate him. Quite a few fell off in the process and broke their arms. It was said the angry young mothers posed a bigger threat to Tom than any band of outlaws he'd ever had to face down.

Did you know ~ ~ ~

**Hundreds of dancers from all over the nation converge on Mesa every year in October for the Native American Pow wow**



Applewick's—FH first restaurant stood on the corner of Saguaro and Shea where Circle K now stands



## ***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.**

**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.**

**Please call the Director at 480/837-2612 for a confidential consultation.**

**The IRS has designated this Society and Museum as a 501(c)(3) organization so donations are tax deductible. Please consult your tax advisor for specific information.**

**For more information,  
please call**

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# Thanksgiving Day Parade

The River of Time Museum ushers in the Holiday Season on Thanksgiving Day in a horse drawn wagon from Ft. McDowell Adventures, expertly driven by **Troy Haviland**. Your Board Members and Volunteers will be waving to you as they pass by and our Junior Docents, the Time Travelers, will be marching. Vehicles of our Holiday Home Tour Participants and Community sponsors will follow, all wishing you Happy Thanksgiving Day.



## 2010 Holiday Mart & Open House

Come see our Unique, New and Well Loved items that we have in our magical Holiday Mart.

The Holiday Mart will be open Tuesday to Saturday from 1 to 4 pm for you to browse and buy. As last year, we have an eclectic array of items. Our gifted volunteers have woven magic with their spectacular creative talent. Pictured here are volunteers **Lois Grate** holding Harry and **Patt Harnes** hard at work getting ready for opening day.



Welcome to our presentation of Wonder as you will find toys, china, musical items, garlands, wreaths, fully decorated trees and more. We will be ready for all by November 3rd, however you are most welcome to visit now and shop during Museum Hours from 1-4, Tuesday through Saturday.

The Museum will offer free admission during the month of December to all visitors. Join us, tour our Museum and shop. On Friday, Saturday and Sunday, December 3 - 5, we will have holiday music, punch and cookies for you in the Library/Museum Lobby.

# Holiday Home Tour

Your Museum will be showcasing a variety of home styles this year on Sunday, December 5, from 5 to 8 pm, all beautifully decorated for the holidays. This gives YOU an opportunity to see different architectural and design features as well as holiday decorations.

A spectacular view from a spectacular 13,138 square foot home known as "The Butterfly House" adds a dimension of fantasy to the Tour. **Carl and Judy Weir** welcome you to enjoy their home. The butterfly theme is apparent throughout. The Weir's, Pier 1, and our Holiday Mart have combined efforts with the Holiday decorating.

**Peggy Fiandaca and Kurt Dunham** welcome you to their home all done up for the Holidays. This home is designed for entertaining, complete with a brick pizza oven in their backyard.

**Bob and Brenda Santos** welcome you to their cozy home featuring an array of designed Nativity Scenes and South West Art. The interior design features the carpentry skills of Bob and decorated skills of Brenda.

**James and MaryCeleste Gall** again invite you to enjoy their eclectic display of holiday decor and artwork.

In addition to these beautifully decorated homes, **Fountain View Village** and the **Holiday Inn and Resort** welcome you to relax and enjoy refreshments. **El Lago Condominium's** courtyard will also be featured. This will give visitors an idea on how to decorate outdoors.

**Tickets for the Home Tour** are \$15 each and can be purchased from a variety of Fountain Hills businesses including CSI Printing, Fountain Fashions, Grecian Beauty Salon, Gridleys' of Fountain Hills, Pier 1, and Sami Fine Jewelry. The River of Time Museum also will have tickets for sale. The tickets will be available as of November 3rd.

Enjoy your Museum and the many activities taking place there during the holidays.

Wishing you the best of the Season,

Arlie Denomme, Holiday Events Chair





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by the Arizona Historical Society*



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