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Fountain Hills & Lower Verde River Valley
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Dates of Interest:

- March 30, Wed, 6-9 pm
  Historical Society Dinner
  "Hall of Fame" Induction
  FH Community Center
- May 18, Wed, 6-9 pm
  Historical Society Dinner
  "SRP and Water in the Desert"
  FH Community Center
- Aug 27, Sat, 5-8 pm
  Annual Spaghetti Dinner
  FH Community Center

Winter *Hours*

Tues-Fri 1-4 pm
Sat 10-4 pm

Store Hours

Tues-Fri 1-4 pm
Sat 10-4 pm

Hall of Fame Dinner

You are all invited to celebrate the induction of 7 new members into the Lower Verde River Valley Hall of Fame. Each recipient of this award is unique and has contributed in a very positive way to the betterment of the communities of the Lower Verde River Valley.

Briefly, from Fountain Hills, the inductees this year are ***Roxanne Boryczki***, owner of Arizona Trails Travel, an agency listed as one of the top 100 producing agencies in North America, and Fountain Hills Business Person of the Year in 2002; ***Phil Gaziano***, instrumental in establishing the program to install Automated External Defibrillators throughout the community and an active Rotarian and Golden Eagle Foundation Board member; ***Dr. Paul McElligott***, named the Arizona Science Teacher of the Year in 2010 and instrumental in bringing applied science and physics projects to the FHHS Campus; ***Bob Thomson***, a practicing attorney who generously provides pro bono services to local organizations and volunteer services, and ***Tim Yoder***, active in many youth organizations and a commissioner for 17 years on the FH Fire District board.

The Verde communities are represented by ***John "Buck" Buchanan***, a tireless volunteer in many organizations and the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation is represented by ***Lula Smith***, a former tribal council member and active church volunteer.

Judy Starr Confer, Executive Director of the L. Alan Cruikshank River of Time Museum, is the second recipient of the Legacy Award for her efforts in improving relations between Fountain Hills and the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation.

The public is invited to attend on Wednesday, March 30. Tickets for the event are $35 and may be purchased by contacting **Sharon Morgan** at 480-837-8264. March 18 is the deadline for making a reservation.

Cocktails at 6:00 pm, dinner at 7:00 pm and the Induction Ceremony and Entertainment will be at 8:00 pm at the Fountain Hills Community Center, 13001 N. La Montana Drive.

The menu for this evening is a Filet Mignon Buffet.

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From the President's Desk by Debbie Skehen

January and February was a busy time for the River of Time Museum with several fundraisers. We had over 250 people participate in our First Annual Antique Appraisal Day chaired by **Kurt Pare'**. No seat could be found at the Western Days dinner chaired by **Niobe Borman** and **Teena Borman** at the Holiday Inn thanks to the efforts of **Manager Gary Lvov**. Many Fountain Hills folks donated their coins to the Museum in response to the MidFirst Bank van that was present at the 2011 Winter Coin Show, but it was the Poker Tournament at Fort McDowell Casino on Super Bowl weekend that brought in the most money. **Sheriff Joe Arpaio** cut the ribbon to begin the tournament, spoke briefly and was greeted with cheers from the players. Pictured form the left is **Debbie Skehen, Alan Cruikshank, Judy Confer, Sheriff Joe, President Clinton Pattea** and **State Representative John Kavanagh** and his wife **Linda** who chaired this event.

We plan all these events to raise money, of course, but we also want everyone to have fun. If you have any ideas for a fun fundraiser, let us know - and thank you to everyone who participated.

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Speaking of money, several of our members have not yet renewed their memberships for the 2011 year. A mailing has gone out to those individuals. If you receive this letter, please respond promptly in the enclosed envelope. And, of course, if any of you wish to make a donation in your name or in the name of someone you cherish, all donations and membership fees are tax deductible. Remember, your memberships and donations are the life blood of this organization.

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Our River of Time Museum has joined the Blue Star Museums program this year. Sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts, this program was begun to show our country's appreciation for the U.S. military personnel and their families. From Memorial Day throughout the summer participating museums will offer free visits to military personnel and their families. We are proud to have our Town's Museum affiliated with this program.

Blue Star Museums
arts.gov/bluestarmuseums

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You will find unique gift ideas in the ***River Bank Store*** at the Museum. Items you won't find anywhere else in the Valley. Great place to shop any time of the year!

Our ***River of Time Museum*** is always an exciting place to visit. Stop in and see all that the museum and store have to offer. Enter the museum from the lobby of the Library/Museum building.

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From the Director's Desk by Judy Starr Confer

Fountain Hills and Fort McDowell kicked off our Centennial Year Celebration on Sunday, February 13, with our State Historian **Marshall Trimble** reminiscing about the state's 1st 100 years. The Mayor's Committee and the Centennial Circle Committee presented various plans for the year. The River of Time Museum has several designated projects as well:

1. Completing a documentary biography of Clinton M. Pattea, President of the Ft. McDowell Yavapai Nation.

2. Publication by our Historical Society of Rising Above the Rest: The Story of Fountain Hills, Arizona, a book compiled and edited by **L. Alan Cruikshank**, **Jerry Miles** and **Jean Linzer**. It will soon be exclusively available for purchase in our River Bank Store.

3. Creation of a Centennial Quilt being made by Coyote Quilters.

4. Publishing a cookbook to be exclusively sold in our River Bank Store.

5. Building a monument containing an Arizona History Timeline for the Centennial Circle.

A new raffle is now in place at the Museum. Renown Scottsdale artist **Murray Gilburn** has donated some giant Bass Wind Chimes to be used as a raffle fundraiser. These chimes are 6' tall and have a retail value of $699. Tickets for the raffle may be purchased in the River Bank Store, from Board members and the Director. Cost is 1 for $1.00 and 3 for $5.00. The drawing will take place at our May dinner meeting. You do not have to be present to win. Be sure an write your name and telephone number on the ticket. All ticket money raised will be designated to the Pattea Biography Centennial project.

I hope many of you will attend the Hall of Fame Dinner on March 30th and celebrate with me as I receive the 2nd annual Legacy Award.

Historically yours,

Judy Confer
Executive Director

Membership Report and Upgrades by Joe & Debbie Skehen

Welcome **NEW MEMBERS**

Karl & Sally Buschmann ♦ Keith & Penny Junk ♦ John & Judy Nelson
Dennis M. Robertson ♦ Dawn Schlum ♦ Kathleen Thompson
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~~~~~ Membership Gifts for 2011 ~~~~~
We thank you for your generous donations!

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From the River Bank by Patt Canning

I think that we are all looking forward to Spring and we at the Store are newly restocked and all set to go. We have a beautiful line of Southwest jewelry all hand-made by a renown Native American. She is a third generation jewelry maker and she helps our shop by giving us great prices which we then can pass on to you. We also have a good inventory of Tommy Singer jewelry. He is a also a Native American and his jewelry is very collectable and beautiful. His jewelry is sterling silver and beautiful bead work is incorporated in his designs.

Our book shelves have been updated and we have selections that will please all ages. From the toddlers just learning how to appreciate books to adults who enjoy reading about Arizona's legacy and history. Do stop in and check us out. If you have any suggestions for our book shelves please let us know and we will research them.

A new and exciting book will be on our shelves soon and it will contain all the information about the history of Fountain Hills. This book compiled and edited by **L. Alan Cruikshank**, **Jerry Miles** and **Jean Linzer** will be going to the publisher very soon. We will let you know when the book arrives. It will be sold exclusively at the River Bank Store.

We also have a new supply of our very, very popular soap rocks. They are beautiful and make great gifts. Everybody loves to see all the beautiful colors and scents of our famous soap. Stop by soon before they are all gone again and make your choice. We even have golf balls for the golfers out there. They have pictures of our Arizona home including the Fountain. I think these would make great souvenirs. I hope this column in a small way tempts you to stop in and see all the things we have added.

Our "Artist In Residence" **Alan Pape**, has returned and welcomes everyone to stop in and watch as he creates a beautiful work of art. He enjoys talking to all and will gladly answer all questions about his paintings.

As always our shopkeepers are ready to help you and give you a very warm welcome. Remember that there is NO SALES TAX and members receive a 10% discount. All the proceeds are returned to the Museum to keep this priceless gem in our community.

Please remember to checkout our website for upcoming events and new merchandise at http://www.riveroftimemuseumstore.com

~ ~ Patt Canning, Store Manager

Volunteers

I stopped by the Museum one day last week on my way to a meeting in the Community Center and spotted **Dee Bravos** putting the vacuum cleaner away in preparation for the 1:00 pm opening. I thought "what a gal - she sees something needing attention, and she does it!" Our River Bank Store has a special sheen to it when Dee is on duty!

Dee lived her whole life on the beautiful coastal area of Washington state. Following her husband's death, she moved to Fountain Hills to be near her oldest daughter, Katherine Landon. How fortunate we are to have her!

Dee volunteers as both a Diplomat and a Sales Person in the store. She spends many hours each month volunteering and stepping in to handle any circumstance that arises.

A member of Hooks and Needles, Dee donates her finished creations to Sojourners and to disabled veterans. She likes to play Bingo and also calls out the numbers.

Dee told me she really enjoys volunteering at the River of Time Museum - And we really enjoy having her with us.

From the desk of our Museum Archivist

The following is excerpted from The Soul Would Have No Rainbow If the Eyes Had No Tears, by Guy A. Zona, New York: Simon & Schuster, Inc., 1994.

Proverbs

Proverbs are the time-honored truths which condense the collected wisdom and experience of a people and their culture. If you want to know a people, the saying goes, know their proverbs.

"Good and evil cannot dwell together in the same heart, so a good man ought not to go into evil company" Delaware, p. 15.

"Truth does not happen, it just is." Hopi, p. 18

"Thoughts are like arrows: once released, they strike their mark. Guard them well or one day you may be your own victim." Navajo, p. 20

Arizona History Timeline

As Judy mentioned in her column, the Historical Society is participating in the creation of a Centennial Circle in the area adjacent to the Museum/ Library building and the Community Center. Several monuments are being planned containing plaques representing what is Arizona. The Historical Society has been asked to develop a monument containing an Arizona History Timeline. It will list major happenings in our state and in Fountain Hills. If you have something you feel should be included, let us know and we will try to incorporate as many of the ideas as we can.

The cost of this monument will be between $2,000 and $2,500. Obviously it will be a permanent structure and a positive asset to the circle. It will also draw attention to our River of Time Museum.

This expenditure was not anticipated in our budget, so we have to scramble to raise some funds. We would like to encourage you to contribute to the building of this monument. The name of everyone donating over $100 will be listed on the plaque.

What better place to have your name enshrined than next to an

Exhibits

On temporary display in our Pattea Gallery, are several Kachina dolls recently acquired at the River of Time Museum from **Robert and Kathryn Miller**. Several additional wall hangings and paper pictures and one painting were also donated by the Millers. We will place them on display from time to time until a permanent exhibit can be finalized.

Volunteer Meeting

At our February volunteer meeting at the museum, **Barbara Wyman** became Martha Summerhayes as she related what life was like married to a soldier and living at Ft. McDowell back in the 1800's. And what a tale she had to tell. Pictured is Barb dressed in the clothes of the day.

HISTORY SCHOLARSHIP

For two years The River of Time Museum has raised money for a scholarship to be awarded to one of our high school seniors whose future plans involve history, museums and the like. Last year our scholarship was awarded to a National Honor Society Member who placed first one year in the State History Day competition. She is now enrolled at Notre Dame majoring in history.

Last year and the year before, we received $500 from our members for this scholarship fund handled through the Golden Eagle Foundation. We are requesting donations to the fund for this year which will be awarded at the May Scholarship Awards night. Whatever amount is donated will be awarded.

<u>If you would like to contribute to this fund, please send in a check marked for the History Scholarship Fund to the River of Time Museum, PO Box 17445, Fountain Hills, AZ 85269.</u>

We hope to be able to continue providing this scholarship as one of our goals as a society and museum is to further education in the history of our region and the country.

Special Events

~~ Don't forget ~~

the River of Time Museum when you need to host that special event!

The River of Time Museum is a great place to hold special events, especially now that we have a shaded patio area. Rates are reasonable and the atmosphere is unique.

Check with Judy Confer at 480-734-7342

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.

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For more information, please call

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