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*River of Time Museum*

Fountain Hills & Lower Verde River Valley  
 MUSEUM & HISTORICAL SOCIETY



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## River Runners of the Grand Canyon

### Dates of Interest

- **Nov 5**, Sat, 11-noon  
Native American Jewelry Seminar featuring Dee Jackson @ Museum
- **Nov 7**, Mon, 4-5 pm  
Volunteer's Meeting  
River of Time Museum
- **Nov 16**, Wed, 6-9 pm  
Historical Society Dinner  
"River Runners of the Grand Canyon"  
FH Community Center
- **Nov 19**, Sat, All Day  
Museum's Holiday Wreath in Community Center
- **Nov 24**, Thurs, 9 am  
Thanksgiving Parade
- **Dec 3**, Sat, 10-3 pm  
FHPTO Holiday Boutique
- **Dec 3 & 4**, Sat/Sun, 1-4 pm  
Open House, ROTM
- **Dec. 4**, Sun, 5-8 pm

### Holiday Home Tour



Our November 16th dinner will feature **Todd Weber**, a living history presenter and educational tour guide specializing in explorers, patriots and adventurers of American history. Dressed as J. W. Powell, he will take us through an historical time line through the years of human history in the Grand Canyon to the river-runners of today. He recounts the fascinating experiences of those who have been drawn to the wonders and adventures of the Colorado River as it weaves its way through the Canyon. Todd will uncover the centuries of human history buried in the austere and beautiful walls below the rim. We will gain a new insight into the many fascinating people who have

braved the Colorado River through the Grand Canyon and the many and varied reasons they had for doing so.

Responding to outstanding references from several who have heard Todd speak, including society members **Pete and Ellie Kiewel**, we requested his presence which is made possible by the Arizona Humanities Council.

The public is invited to attend this dinner meeting. Reservations for the dinner must be made by Sunday, November 13, by telephoning dinner chair **Jean Linzer** at 837-0762, sending an e-mail to [jlinzer@aol.com](mailto:jlinzer@aol.com) or going to the museum website ([www.riveroftimemuseum.org](http://www.riveroftimemuseum.org)) 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 is Salad, Turkey and Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Green Beans, Dinner Rolls and Pumpkin Pie for dessert.

### Winter Hours

### Museum and Store

Tues - Sat

1-4 pm



## From the President's Desk by **Debbie Skehen**

At every November Dinner, one-third of our Directors are elected to our Board. New to the organization is **Lorena Wigginton** who has volunteered to be the Board Secretary and has been temporarily appointed to fill a vacant position on the Board. Lorena is therefore looking for approval for a one year term. The following Directors are seeking three year terms. They are **L. Alan Cruikshank, Jerry Miles, Sandy Myhr, Kurt Pare', President Clinton Pattea of the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation, and Anne Wicklund**. Each of these Directors fill an important position on our Board and I strongly recommend a positive vote for their re-election.

Wonderful News! We just received an \$8,000 grant from the **Fort McDowell Yavapai Tribal Nation** as part of the annual distribution of 202 funds. We also received a grant of \$815 from the **Arizona History Society**. Both grants are designated to the completion of our water exhibits that will soon feature a statue of Jack Swilling, a map of the original Hohokam water channels, along with video presentations on the development of Roosevelt Dam and the CAP canals. A previous donation of \$3,000 was received from **SRP** for this project as well.

We are awaiting the Swilling statue from sculptor **Rex Witte** with much anticipation. Many thanks to **Derrick Moore**, Manager of our local Fountain Hills Sears Store, who graciously installed the TV-DVDs for us. We continue to update our exhibits to make them more relevant and informative. A reception will be held when all is completed. We will keep in touch!

Please continue to collect your pocket change! Unfortunately, the **MidFirst Bank's** coin counting van was not able to participate at the Fountain Hills Coin Club meeting on October 29, but **John Gibson**, President of the Fountain Hills Coin Club, believes it may be available for their next meeting in February. So let your coins accumulate toward that day. Remember, any money collected will be matched by MidFirst! In the meantime, we have containers at the museum and around town where you can drop your change and we thank MidFirst Bank so much for their past and future collaboration. We thank you all for your pocket change!



We were pleased to offer a tour to a large group of World War II marines and their spouses from all around the country last October. Pictured is Docent Chair **Barb Wyman** explaining the geographical areas of our state and the affect of water on human development. Standing in the next picture is **Marine Jim Shepherd**, a local resident, who organized the gathering. The River of Time Museum participates in the Blue Star Program that honors our military and their families. It was a pleasure meeting and speaking with these country heroes.



**Juli Hitz** called the museum a couple weeks ago and offered to drop off an addition to our collection. Juli, her husband and son presented us with a very large, very early photograph of Fountain Hills just as MCO construction trucks were beginning their work. Pictured are the Hitz family displaying their donation with **President Debbie Skehen**. We are very appreciative of this addition and encourage all residents to let us know about other early records or photographs that the museum could put on display for our visitors.



Activities are picking up after the hot summer and we hope you will note down the dates from the first page of this newsletter and plan on attending many of these events. It is wonderful to have our seasonal visitors and volunteers returning. We have missed them over the summer.



**SOCIETY BOARD OFFICERS**

<i>President</i>	Debbie Skehen	<b>Executive Director</b>
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## *From the Director's Desk by* **Judy Starr Confer**

Welcome back to all of our Winter Residents! As you know, we depend on so many of you as volunteers and we miss you greatly during the summer months.

During September the Smithsonian Museum Day brought in about 20 new visitors to the River of Time Museum. It is gratifying to participate each year with this program. In addition to the large tour of World War II Marines that Debbie mentioned in her report, we had students from our sister city, Dierdorf, Germany, visit, a tour of Native Americans from all over the country here attending a conference at the Radisson, and a tour for the producers of TV Channel CMT.

**Patt Canning**, our River Bank Store Manager, has selected many great items for gifts that you must see. As she mentioned in her report, Patt has arranged a seminar with jewelry designer **Dee Jackson** explaining some of the semi-precious stones she uses. Dee's jewelry is very popular among shoppers at the River Bank Store. The date of the seminar is November 5. Cost is \$5.00 Sign up right away.

The Museum participated in the Business Showcase in October. Many thanks to **Doug Schmidt** of **Legacy Asset Management** for providing our booth space.

The authors of *Rising Above the Rest* (the Fountain Hills history book) signed books at our booth at the McDowell Mountain "Life in the Desert Fair" last month sponsored by several groups including the **Fountain Hills Times**.

**Barb Wyman**, Board Member and Chair of our Docents, invites all volunteers and wanna-be volunteers to attend the November 7th volunteer meeting at the Museum - from 4-5 pm. New opportunities will be discussed. We will be offering monthly tours of the Ft. McDowell Yavapai Nation and field trips to other museums.

I hope to see you all at the November 16th dinner - you can check out our speaker **Todd Weber** at [www.ilivehistory.com](http://www.ilivehistory.com). This promises to be a very entertaining evening with a traditional Thanksgiving meal. Make your reservations now.

Historically yours,

*Judy Confer*

Executive Director



# Membership Report and Upgrades by **Joe & Debbie Skehen**

## ~~~~~ Membership Gifts for 2011 ~~~~~

We thank you for your generous donations!

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# From the River Bank Store by **Patt Canning**

We at the River Bank Store are ready for the Holidays!!! We have plans underway to make  
ful one for all.

this season a joy-

On November 5, we are having a seminar on Jewelry making. This seminar will be held in the Pattea Gallery at the museum at 11 am. **Dee Jackson**, a Native American artisan and trader, will be our teacher and she comes from a long line of prestigious jewelry makers. Dee has won many awards including from The Heard Indian Market and the Smithsonian Institute in Washington D.C. among numerous others. She taught her craft at the Pueblo Grande Museum where she also won many awards and her jewelry is sold at prestigious shops and hotels in Arizona. She will explain how to make jewelry, the meaning of the stones and how they play an important part in the history of Native American jewelry. She will also answer questions. All her jewelry is made from natural stones and sterling silver. The fee is \$5.00 and light refreshments will be served. We will also have a fun discount offer.



Over the Thanksgiving Holiday, we will be offering special sales on our merchandise to get everyone started on their Holiday shopping. We have many new and interesting items for sale and do not forget that we are Tax Free and that all proceeds go to the Museum. Our stock covers all areas from stocking stuffers to beautiful pottery and jewelry.



Once again we will continue our tradition of a beautiful Jewelry Christmas tree which we will raffle off in December. Chances are still \$1.00 each and the tree is decorated with over \$80 worth of jewelry. Do stop in and try your luck at this beautiful tree.

We will also be participating in the FHPTO Holiday Boutique on Saturday, December 3, from 10-3 pm at the Middle School. Our booth will offer special items for sale - items that will be perfect holiday gifts for those on your gift list and for yourself as well. Drop in to do some holiday shopping.

Don't forget the number one desired holiday present this year - available at the River Bank Store - the history of Fountain Hills told by the many people who experienced its development -- compiled and edited by **L. Alan Cruikshank, Jerry Miles and Jean Linzer**. ***Rising Above the Rest - The Story of Fountain Hills, Arizona*** will be a gift that will be cherished and enjoyed. It is a perfect gift for everyone.



All of us at the shop will be looking forward to greeting everyone and wishing all a Happy Holiday Season.

~ ~ Patt Canning, Store Manager

## Volunteer of the Month



To the great relief of all the Board of Directors, **Lorena Wigginton** has come forward and taken over the duties of Secretary for the Board of Directors. She is a very busy lady and we are so pleased that volunteering at the River of Time Museum is a challenge for her.

Lorena and her husband, **Jerry**, have resided in Fountain Hills for four years, but her brother, **Bruce Rogers**, came here in the early 70's. Bruce is a past Chamber of Commerce President with the distinction of ordering the lone cheeseburger during the famous White Castle event in the early years of Fountain Hills.

Lorena and her husband have been married 50 years and have three daughters, three grandchildren and one great grandchild. She has served on numerous non-profit boards. Most recently she was the secretary for the American Legion Auxiliary Fountain Hills Unit 58. Prior to locating in Fountain Hills she lived in El Rito, New Mexico, where she served on the Board of Directors for the El Rito Library. Lorena was known as Grandma Rena to the children who visited the library, reading to them in a period costume of the late 1800's.

Welcome Lorena! You are a perfect fit to our busy Board of Directors.

## *From the desk of* **our Museum Archivist**

The following is excerpted from [The Arizona Story](#), produced by Arizona Historical Society authors Kyle McKoy and Jim Turner. Layton, UT: Gibbs Smith Publisher, 2009, p. 232.

As we near the 100th year as a state, we thought it appropriate to include some interesting centennial information for our readers. The following is one of many Arizona Stories included in this excellent school textbook.

### ***The Baby State***

"I remember when people called Arizona the 'Baby State' because our state was one of the very last to be granted statehood. The Arizona Territory did not become a state until 1912. No matter how hard we tried, we could not convince the U.S. Government that we were modern enough to be a state. Few people visited the Arizona Territory. But that did not stop people from having bad opinions about what the territory was like. That made me angry. The territory was my home. I didn't like people talking badly about it.

"Many people thought the Arizona Territory was made up of mining camps that were full of criminals and homeless people. They thought the territory was too dangerous to become part of the United States.

"A man named Albert Beveridge, who had influence in the U.S. government, thought the Arizona Territory was bad news. He came roaring through the territory on a two-day train tour. I saw him when he came through Tucson. When Senator Beveridge got back to Washington, D.C., he only talked about the bad part of what he had seen. He said it would be a waste of time and money to grant Arizona statehood.

"Luckily, we had some people on our side who believed the Arizona Territory had many good qualities. Two towns, Phoenix and Tucson, were also growing into cities. We had businesses, colleges, and many good citizens. We finally became a state."

# Thanksgiving Day Parade

With many thanks to **Ft. McDowell Adventures**, the River of Time Museum once again ushers in the Holiday Season on Thanksgiving Day in a horse drawn wagon expertly driven by **Troy Haviland**. Your Board Members and Volunteers will be waving to you as they pass by. The Time Travelers, our Junior Docents, will march with the wagon followed by a caravan of five vehicles driven by past and present town residents who have opened up their homes to our Holiday Home Tour.

*We wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving Day.*



## Membership Drive

You will soon be receiving your renewal brochure for 2012 membership in the Historical Society and the River of Time Museum. Some of you have already responded and we are very grateful for your continued loyalty and financial support.

Please complete the information requested on the brochure or fill out the form on the back of this newsletter and send in your dues.

**You are the backbone of this organization - without your continued financial support, we could not continue to keep our doors open.** The Town graciously covers our utility bills, but for all other operating expenses, it is you, the fundraising events we hold, and various granting agencies that permit us to serve you and the many visitors who come to our wonderful Town. It is very gratifying that we are able to compete successfully for grant funding from various sources who recognize that we are a viable and professional entity worthy of support.

If you can, please send us a larger amount this year. If so, your name will appear in each issue of the Legacy along with many other benefits described on our website and in the membership brochure you will soon receive.

Want to honor or remember a friend or relative? A gift to the society and museum will be recorded on a permanently displayed plaque in our lobby. The individual or family member being recognized will receive notification from us and will be thankful for your thoughtfulness.

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**. Gifts of IRA funds are not taxed and therefore are major benefits to nonprofits. If not so donated, a significant portion of the money goes to the government.

Remember, the IRS has designated this Society and Museum as a 501(c)(3) organization so all donations are tax deductible.

For further information on leaving a permanent legacy to the River of Time Museum, please contact Debbie Skehen at 816-4186 or call the museum main line at 836-1612.

# 2011 Holiday Open House and Home Tour

**Arlie Denomme** has planned a fun and festive Open House at the museum in anticipation of the Holiday Home Tour. The Open House will take place on Saturday and Sunday, December 3 and 4 from 1-4 pm. Admission to the Museum will be free on those days and holiday music, complimentary punch and cookies will be available in the Library/Museum Lobby. Be sure and drop in and get in the spirit.

The Holiday Home Tour is scheduled for Sunday, December 4, from 5-8 pm. Tickets and a map of the homes will soon be available at the Museum (from 1-4, Tuesday-Saturday), and from **CSI Printing, Kinder's Fountain Fashions, the Grecian Beauty Salon, Gridley's of Fountain Hills and Sami Fine Jewelry.**

There are 4 homes that will be thoroughly decorated for the holidays in this year's tour. Thank you to **Sanford and Barb McCormick, Brian and Denise McDermott, Dean and Vickie Walters,** and **Sami Jack** for letting us come into the homes and share in the joy of the holidays. This year, **Pier One** will be assisting Sami Jack with her decorating. Tickets are \$20 per person.

New This Year: Each Home on the tour will be giving away a magnificent gift - Check the number on your ticket at each home to see if you are the winner!

We are fortunate again this year that **Fountain View Village** and the **Fireside Grill** at the **Holiday Inn & Resort** invite all tour participants to come by for a Last Stop to enjoy complimentary cookies.

What fun to enjoy these beautifully decorated homes, get fully into the holiday spirit and have the bonus of bringing home a special gift. All for only \$20. Don't miss the tour this year!

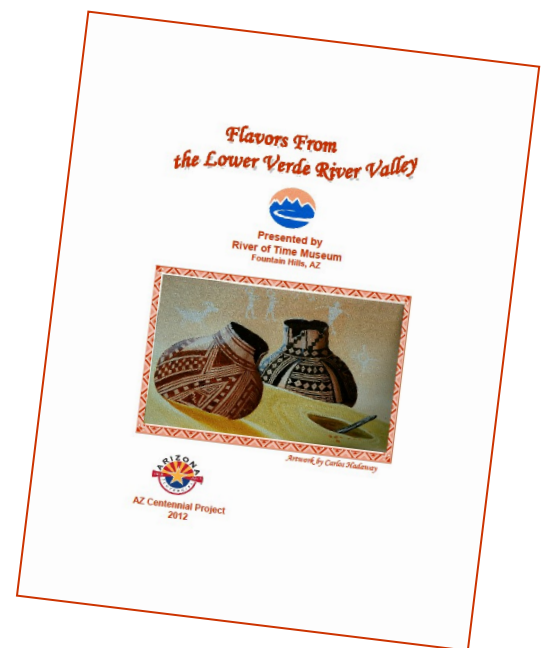
## Cookbook Project

### *Send in your Favorite Recipes for A New Cookbook!*

Have a holiday recipe you would like to share? The deadline has been extended, so please submit a special recipe and have it and your name published in **Flavors From the Lower Verde River Valley** cookbook. E-mail your recipes to [cookbook@riveroftimemuseum.org](mailto:cookbook@riveroftimemuseum.org) or download the form from the website [www.riveroftimemuseum.org](http://www.riveroftimemuseum.org) or mail to: Cookbook, PO Box 17445, Fountain Hills, AZ 85269-7445.

The names of everyone submitting a recipe will go into a hat and one name will be drawn to win a free copy of the cookbook when it is published!

Proceeds from the sale of the cookbook will be used to cover the costs of the many new programs being created at our non-profit River of Time Museum.



## ~ ~ ~ CLASSIFIED ADS ~ ~ ~

### ITEMS WANTED

⇒ **Patio Furniture.** We have a shade structure in place. We have a donated propane grill. The weather is getting perfect! We are ready to have fun in the outdoors, but we need tables and chairs to sit on. Can anyone help us?

### HELP WANTED

⇒ **VHS to Disk Capability?** We have several decent training VHS tapes that we must copy on to DVDs. Does anyone have the equipment necessary and can help us? Call Judy Confer, 734-7342.

⇒ **Need a foursome of strong men** for 10-15 minutes. Can you help? We must move the Four Peaks Amethyst about 5 feet! Not far, but impossible for our current volunteers to manage. Call Judy Confer, 734-7342

⇒ **Exhibit Chair.** Have a flair for design? Want to express your creativity? The Pattea Gallery at the River of Time Museum needs an imaginative, resourceful individual to create temporary exhibits in our traveling exhibit room. Pay is the satisfaction received from hearing the sounds of delight and amazement emanating from visitors to the museum. Apply to Judy Confer, 734-7342.

⇒ **Historian.** If you like scrapbooking—this is for you. We need someone to put in order and keep order of all of our events, news articles, photos.

## 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 for more information.



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