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Arizona Centennial

Dates of Interest

- Jan 18, Wed, 6-9 pm
Historical Society Dinner
"Arizona Centennial"
FH Community Center
- Jan 28, Sat, 5 pm
"Western Nights"
Chili Dinner at the
Holiday Inn
- Feb 8, Wed, 10 am
"Early Life at Ft McDowell"
FH Community Center
- Feb 12, Sun, 3-5 pm
"Centennial Circle
Dedication"
Between Community Cen-
ter and Museum
- Feb 25, Sat, 9-3 pm
FH Coin Club
FHUD Learning Center
- March 4, Sun, 10:30-3 pm
"2nd Annual Antique
Appraisal Day"
Centennial Circle
- March 21, Wed, 6-9 pm
Historical Society Dinner
"Hall of Fame Induction"
FH Community Center



It is 2012 - the year that marks the 100th anniversary of Arizona becoming a state! Many activities will take place celebrating this epic anniversary. We will keep you updated on centennial events at the River of Time Museum as the year progresses.

The first event will be the January dinner meeting of the Historical Society on Wednesday, January 18. This Arizona Centennial program will feature Historian **Bob Mason** of Rio Verde together with **Jerry Miles**. Mr. Miles will talk about the road to Arizona Statehood and Mr. Mason will discuss the highlights of Arizona history since statehood. Arizona will celebrate its 100th year as a state on February 14, 2012.

The public is invited to attend this dinner meeting. Reservations for the dinner must be made by Sunday, January 15, by telephoning dinner chair **Jean Linzer** at 837-0762, sending an e-mail to jlinzer@aol.com or going to the museum website (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 for this evening will be salad, stuffed chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetable medley, dinner rolls, and cake with strawberries for dessert.

Winter Hours
Museum and Store

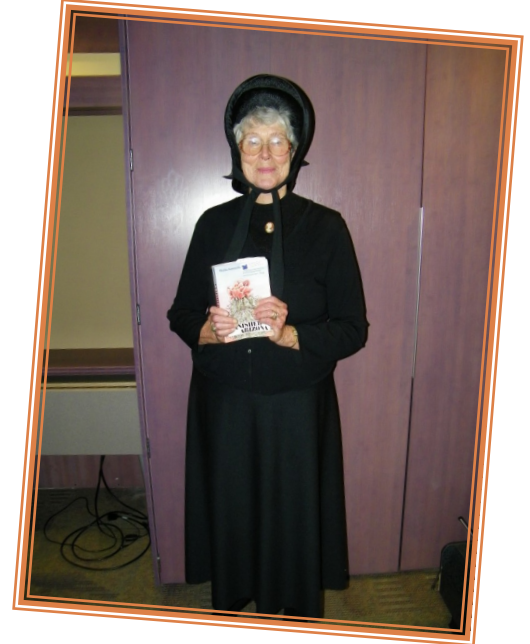
Tues - Fri
1-4 pm
Sat 10-4 pm

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

This is our state's Centennial Year! You are invited to attend as many centennial events as possible so you can learn more about how we became a state and how we then developed into the modern community of today.

Martha Summerhayes (personified by **Barbara Wyman**) will tell about her life at Fort McDowell in the 1870's as part of Centennial Week at the Community Center on Wednesday, February 8th at 10 am. All are invited.

At the River of Time Museum several quilters will complete the sewing of a centennial quilt in the Pattea Gallery. A special exhibit will feature a 1912 coin set and ceremonial coins with early postal stamps. A celebration cook book will be published by the Museum. Of course, the completion of the Centennial Circle located between the Community Center and the Museum/Library building will be the focal point for celebrations taking place in February. We will be sending out e-mail announcements of this February 12th celebration and it will be written up in the *Fountain Hills Times*. Judy Confer's article in this newsletter will tell you more about the events planned.



A new docent class will be forming in early spring. Anyone interested in becoming a docent for the Museum should leave their name and contact information at the Museum to the attention of **Barbara Wyman**.

Niobe and Teena Borman are chairing another Museum fundraising event at our local Holiday Inn. On Saturday, January 28th beginning at 5:00 pm, the Fireside Grill will provide a good Western Dinner of chili and all the fixen's. There will be live entertainment and several raffles for exciting prizes. The cost is \$25 for the evening and you can pay at the door. **Gary Lvov**, Manager of the Inn, is a very good friend of our society and has once again offered his Inn as a location to help us raise operating funds for the River of Time Museum. Please mark your calendars and plan on joining us for a fun evening.

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 last October, 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!





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

The River of Time can be so proud of the Christmas fundraising efforts chaired by **Arlie Denomme** - The Holiday Home Tour and the Holiday Mart. Both were very successful, as was our River Bank Museum Store managed so ably by **Patt Canning** with her jewelry decorated tree raffle and the holiday decor ever-changing in the store. Patt's store keepers were wonderful selling store items and Holiday Mart items. The white rocking horse donated by a Rio Verde resident was beautifully decorated by our magical elves, as was our own carousel horse by Marie and Boe James. Our coffers are a bit fuller from all of these efforts.

We had a book signing for Jim Turner, former Arizona Historical Society historian, who has just published **Arizona: A Celebration of the Grand Canyon State**, This book along with our own Fountain Hills History book, **Rising Above the Rest**, are two "must haves" and they can be purchased at the River Bank Store.

Big News! We as a state are 100 years old on February 14! Sunday, February 12th is the day we are celebrating in Fountain Hills. Please come and participate from 3-5 pm. Our new Centennial Circle will be dedicated and many of the organizations will have tables surrounding the circle. Cake and museum punch will be served. The kindergarten children from Ft. McDowell will sing their national anthem and we will be collecting items for our new Time Capsule. This is a wonderful **FREE** event for our town. Museum docents will be dressed as historical figures and our Centennial Quilt will be on display.

Be sure to make your reservation for the Historical Society Dinner on January 18 to learn about the last 100 years in Arizona!

Historically yours,

Judy Confer

Executive Director

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

New Memberships

C. William & Rita Barnes ~ Gerard & Anne Bisceglia ~ Joan Collins
Debbie Cone ~ Franklin & Gloria Hardman ~ Ted & Florie Mielke
Roger & Sherry Riggert ~ Ruby Rogers ~ Joe & Nan Sommer ~ Joyce Stehlik

Wrangler Level: \$1500- or more

*Mary Zicarelli

Adventurer Level: \$1,000-1,499

*Alan & Diane Cruikshank
*Jeff & Marla Fryer
Hosea & Lily Harkness
*Keith & Dottie Millett

*John & Jane Mooty
Phil Rodakis
*Joe and Debbie Skehen
*Joanne Thyken

Pioneer Level: \$500-999

*Fred & Barbara Hansen
*John & Linda Kavanagh

Wayne & Anne Wicklund and Snow

Wagonmaster Level: \$250-499

Patricia Canning
Richard M. Carrabine
Robert & Barbara Hegwood

Elert & Chris Johnson
*Jerry & Jackie Miles

Pathfinder Level: \$100-249

Charles & Carol Axtell
Gerard and Anne Bisceglia
Robert & Linda Burns
*Jeanette Carpentier
Judy Confer
Harold & Arlie Denomme
Walt Dunne, Jr.

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Bill & CharlotteMcCluskey
VelmaMonks
Roald & Ruth Nelson
Ken & Phyllis Osterberg

John & Judy Peters
*Dave & Edith Roberts
Joe & Nan Sommer
Val Stasik
Earl & Ann Stavely
James & Roberta Urban
Bob & Joyce Walters
Tom & Pat Wells

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

ONE FINGER CANNOT LIFT A PEBBLE. – HOPI

We at the River Bank Store had a very good year in 2011. Sales were great and our receptions to our shoppers were great. We held two seminars and a Christmas in July event that were well received. However our thanks have to go to all the wonderful volunteers this year. **Dee Bravos, Sharon Brodhu,** **Carol Coates** (and who could forget the wonderful job her and her fellow Carolers did at the Christmas in July celebration) Much thanks go to them and to Carol who arranged it all, **Arlie Denomme, Carol Frederick, Ellie Hanson, Carol Neuwohner, Judy Peters, Cindy Ruiz, Pat Solski,** and **Margaret Standerwick.** Our thanks go to all for a good old year.



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WE WILL OPEN THE BOOK. ITS PAGES ARE BLANK. WE ARE GOING TO PUT WORDS ON THEM OURSELVES. THE BOOK IS CALLED “OPPORTUNITY” AND ITS FIRST CHAPTER IS NEW YEAR’S DAY. – EDITH L. PIERCE

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The shop is restocking books and jewelry, novelty items, pottery and much more. We also have a new supply of the artist Amado Peña, whose artwork is defined by its bold color and form and dynamic composition. We have both original art works and hand signed reproductions. Come in and make a selection of his paintings that you love. We also have jewelry made and signed by him. The shop is gearing up for the Centennial Celebration on February 12, 2012 with many items to remember it by.

Do stop in and let us show you our New Year’s items and let us wish you all a very Happy New Year. Remember that we are Tax Free and all the proceeds return to the Museum to help make it a museum that you want to return to many times and bring all your family and friends to.

And don’t forget to visit our website at <http://www.riveroftimemuseumstore.com/>

Happy New Year!

~ ~ Patt Canning, Store Manager

Volunteer of the Month

Four years ago, **Kit Wyper** moved to Fountain Hills to live near her daughter. She had visited the area several times and knew it was the place to be. Coming from Stonington, Connecticut, her history background of the southwest was minimal. She joined the Museum to learn more about the history of her new home town and volunteered as a docent to learn even more.

Kit and her husband lived in Stonington for about 20 years enjoying sailing and golf. With a degree in Health Education, Kit served as Director of Patient Services at Hospice. She also volunteered at her church. In her spare time, she helped found a local art museum and served on its board. A beautiful mansion had been left to the township and at the rate of \$1 per year, the mansion was turned into the art museum. Kit also served as Chair of the Juried Art Shows.

In addition to her volunteering at the River of Time Museum, Kit is a docent for the Art Walks, and a member of the Lutheran Church and the local Republican Club.

We are so fortunate that Kit Wyper decided to settle in Fountain Hills. She is a delightful, inquisitive and helpful person who always greets you with a smile on her face.



From the desk of **our Museum Archivist**

The following is excerpted from [The Arizona Daily Star](#), Friday, December 2, 2011, p. A10. As we near the date celebrating 100th years as a state, we thought it appropriate to include some interesting centennial information for our readers. The following was originally printed on November 10, 1912.

Infamous Cattle Thieves Were Convicted -- Finally

"The Marleys, the noted cattle thieves, for whom the cattlemen have been on the lookout for years to obtain evidence of their thefts, have at last been convicted.

"Concerning their arrest and subsequent conviction, the Southwestern Stockman says: 'The notorious cattle stealing case of over one year ago in Navajo County in which the Marleys figured, and the value of the livestock alleged to have been stolen was said to have reached the gigantic sum of \$65,000, was ended at Holbrook, when the jury brought in a verdict of guilty against the father and his three sons . . .

'This case attracted very much attention in livestock circles throughout the west and was without a parallel in criminal transactions of its class. The father and his sons conducted a wholesale butcher business. It was alleged, in supplying the Santa Fe Pacific with beef on the block, and at such a reduced price that the avenue of supply was naturally questioned, and later developments led to the discovery of the ways and means they had of filling the various contracts.

'A canyon north of Winslow was found where the beeves were driven to and butchered, and the precaution was taken to burn the hides that carried the various brands of the many rangemen who were losing their cattle one by one and with the regularity of the rising of the sun . . .

'Associated with this crime, the Marleys kept a scrap book of press notices published throughout the nation, which was so wide in the range of notoriety that hundreds of papers mentioned the wholesale transaction. The book was nine by twelve inches in size and carried over 100 pages of printed matter of the standard column in width and in small type, with no two clippings from the same paper.'"

New Centennial Exhibit in the

Clinton Pattea Gallery



A new exhibit opens Sunday, January 22, at the River of Time Museum which includes many different items that tie in with our centennial celebration. One section entitled "May Baker's Measuring Devices," has been seen on national television and is a nice compliment to the Centennial Quilt which is also featured in the Pattea Gallery. This quilt is the result of many hours spent by many quilters in the area contributing various sections to the completed work.

A small exhibit of Centennial coins and stamps will also be included. We are grateful to **John Gibson**, President of the Fountain Hills Coin Club, for their donation of two beautiful Centennial Coins - one copper and one silver.

Membership Drive

If you have not yet sent in your dues, please do so. ***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.

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.

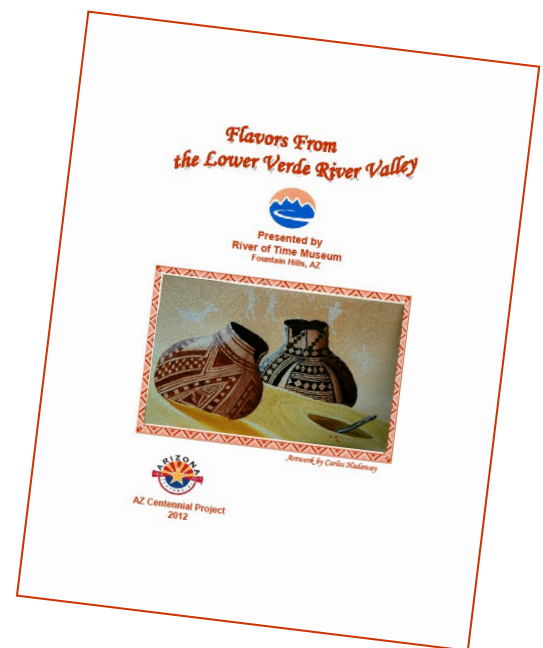
Cookbook Project

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

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 or download the form from the website 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.



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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

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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I would be interested in contributing On a higher financial level or a gift endowment or major bequest.	PIONEER	\$500—\$999
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