



Glendale Arizona Historical Society

"preservation of the past"

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UPCOMING EVENTS

at a glance

Please Save these Dates

Saturday, May 10th

Mother's Day Celebration
Historic
Downtown Glendale
10am to 4 pm

Sunday, May 18th

GAHS Annual
Ice Cream Social
4pm at Manistee Ranch

**Saturday June 7th
and Sunday, June 8th**

2014 Watermelon Festival
8am to 2pm
Historic Downtown
Murphy Park.

GAHS on Summer Hiatus
until October 2014,
when Newsletters and
Ranch Tours resume

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Society Hosts Annual Ice Cream Social

The Society's annual Ice Cream Social has been a long time tradition of the organization. The members are encouraged to make and bring their own homemade ice cream. Through the years the ice cream products have been simply delicious. It's not easy making ice cream, especially when the spouse has to keep cranking the handle. This is a disappearing art.

The members that provide this wonderful annual treat are to be commended and thanked for their outstanding contribution to the Society. The members and guests need to appreciate this unique and historic treat by attending the May 18, 2014, 4 PM Ice Cream Social at historic Manistee Ranch (enter off of 51st Avenue).



Cactus District Meeting Held at Manistee Ranch



CM Ian Hugh held his annual District Barbecue meeting at Manistee Ranch in March. There were nearly 100 participants, city staff and CM Hugh and his wife attending. About 60 people toured Manistee Manor with Carol St. Clair and Martha Dennis giving tours of the first floor. Manistee Ranch is a wonderful location for small events with beautiful grounds and charming historic buildings.





President's Message

GAHS ON SUMMER HIATUS



Ron Short, President
Board of Directors

The break in GAHS activities until the fall is almost here. The May 18, 2014 Ice Cream Social at 4 PM Manistee Ranch is the last event until October. Some of our members head for cooler weather or take vacations, while still others choose to stay in Glendale.

The GAHS office will be open with reduced hours, and we will be taking reservations for weddings in the fall and in 2015. The library is open for members or visitors to do research. The newsletter will cease publication until October. We may record a couple of oral histories in the summer. Historical photos and captions will still continue to be published in the *Glendale Republic* each Wednesday. In August the GAHS Board will hold its annual retreat to plan for the coming year. Please contact me with any ideas you may have for programs. The Board wishes you a fun summer and looks forward to your participation this fall.

SAHUARO NOTES

from Julia Phillips

Mr. Campbell, a Colorado banker and brother-in-law to Mr. Bartlett, came to Arizona for health reasons. He became Sahuaro Ranch's first superintendent. He lived in a tent until the Adobe House was built in 1897. After the City of Glendale acquired Sahuaro Ranch in 1977, they had to do major reconstruction to the Adobe House. Once it was completed, a women's group called ***The Phoedalens*** volunteered to furnish it and give tours of the Adobe House.

In the late 1980's the Historic Society took over the tours as part of their Saturday and Sunday tour program. In 1998 the City established the Sahuaro Ranch Foundation whose job it was to solicit financial support to operate the Ranch. The Foundation closed the Adobe House and some of the furnishings were moved to the basement and the kitchen of the Guest House.

The City terminated the Foundation in 2008 and the Parks Department took

over the operation of the Ranch. They hired John Akers to interpret and oversee the operation of the Historic area of the Ranch. John partnered with the Historic Society to refurbish and operate the tour program of the Adobe House. Presently, the Adobe House is opened only for special events at the Ranch. If you are interested in acting as a volunteer we will once again be able to make it a permanent part of our Sunday tours. The annual Wedding Exhibit is now on display, once again honoring the bride, Mary Wentworth Bartlett, who was married at the Ranch in April 1899. The exhibit displays dresses for every ten years starting with 1900 through 2000. The exhibit will be open through the middle of May.

Sahuaro Ranch tours continue to be well attended every Sunday. If you have not yet been out to the Ranch, come visit the exhibit and take a tour of the Guest House.

Bye Bye Birdies

The woodpecker damage is great at the beautiful and historic Manistee Ranch house! It is riddled with at least 15 holes, and the Board's research to repair it has yielded a wonderful result!



Charles GoodBallet, President of G & G Specialty Contractors, met with Carol St. Clair and myself to view the extent of the damage. Mr. GoodBallet provided an extraordinary proposal in which G & G Specialty Contractors will provide all of the labor and required general liability and worker compensation insurance. All materials will be donated by Home Depot, and Sun State Equipment will donate the use of a 45 foot telescoping boom truck. The entire repair project will cost the Society no money and will be done in just two days. Mr. GoodBallet also provided us with suggestions to prevent future woodpecker damage, such as having the Boy Scouts build woodpecker feeders. **Many thanks to Charles GoodBallet, Home Depot, G & G Specialty Contractors, Sun State Equipment and the Boy Scouts !!**



Above, the Adobe House during its roof renovation in 1987, and below, after the renovation is complete.



We also need volunteers to help at weddings and with tours. If you can help, call our secretary Josie Reardon at 623-435-0072. Thank you.

BEST ATTENDED MEETING THIS YEAR

Pete Uraine, Maintenance Groundskeeper for the Russian Cemetery, gave a thrilling talk about the Russian history in Glendale and told great stories about the Russian cemetery. Forty one people attended our March meeting and



several of them were first time visitors to Manistee Ranch. We urge you to come and join us at all our monthly meetings and social events. Next is our annual Ice Cream Social, coming up May 18th. We hope to see you there.

Tour the Ranches

Tours Resume this October

May 3, 2014 was the final scheduled tour at both Sahuaro Ranch and Manistee Ranch for the 2013–2014 season. During the eight month season, our volunteers guided more than one hundred tours. Examples of exhibits they viewed at the Sahuaro Ranch Guest House are the Military Uniforms, Vintage Dresses and Wedding Attire, all donated for display by many Glendale families.

Our guests thoroughly enjoy these Ranch house tours, and are impressed with the variety of artifacts and stories. Please make plans to visit the Ranch with your friends, classmates, students or colleagues when our "Tour the Ranches" resume again in October.

HEATWOLE HISTORY: FOCUS ON FRANKLIN

On October 21, 1985 the GAHS hosted Don and Merle Heatwole to talk about their father Franklin Strother Heatwole. The Heatwole sons provided an evening of historical information about one of Glendale's early leaders and their growing up in Glendale. Don Heatwole became Glendale's first fire chief in 1956 until 1973 and died in 2007. Merle "Pee Wee" Heatwole established a Frito distributorship and founded the Skull Valley Community Church, its minister for 32 years. He died in 2000.

Franklin was born July 3, 1886 in West Virginia. His father was murdered before Franklin was born. As a baby, Franklin had his foot permanently damaged by a rocking chair. The impairment did not deter him from living an active life, including hunting. In 1906 he married Josephine Baker Sine. Frank got a job for \$6 a week in a drug store and later at \$10 a week in a grocery store. Frank, his wife and two sons moved to Glendale on January 6, 1912, a month before statehood, to become a part of Sine Hardware, which was established

by his brothers-in-law. Frank's daughter Helene was born in Glendale in 1913 and died in 2008.

Frank served on the Glendale City Council for 12 years from 1922 to 1934, and as Town Treasurer from August 1929 to June 1930. In his last year of service, the council decided to pay each council member \$5 a month. Later a local resident challenged the salary in court and Frank had to repay his \$60 annual salary. Frank was first President of the Glendale Commercial Club and Treasurer of the Glendale Church of the Brethren for 35 years. He was also in-

strumental in getting bonds sold to pave the streets. As a volunteer fireman, his job was to work the valves to get water distribution to the main line with fire hydrants. Once, while on the City Council, a car dealer was behind on the water bills. The city needed a new truck for the sprinkler wagon. So, Frank helped work out a deal where the down payment for the truck was the past due water bills and monthly truck payments paid the monthly water bill. The city got a new truck and the car dealer got a lot of water. The complete transcript of this story is in the GAHS Library.



Left to right, Don Heatwole, born in 1907, and his father Franklin Heatwole, born in 1886, ca 1970

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Our next membership get together is our annual Ice Cream Social to be held:

**Sunday afternoon, May 18th, at 4 pm
Manistee Ranch, 5127 W. Northern**

Please enter the driveway to Manistee Ranch from 51st Avenue, just south of Walgreens. Proceed through the parking lot, and continue through the open vehicle gate. Then keep right, and park along the dirt driveway.

We are pleased to welcome four new members to the Glendale Arizona Historical Society:

Daryl & Jami Griffiths
Judy Rodriguez
Hank Stabler

We bid a sad farewell to longtime member Floyd Wyatt who passed away peacefully on March 24th at the age of 80.

We send our thoughts and prayers to Floyd's large and loving family.

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2014 Arizona Watermelon Festival

In 1949, Glendale held its first Watermelon festival. It became a tradition of the agricultural community. There were beauty pageants, games, food and fun for the participants. The festival in some years drew over 40,000 people and 80,000 pounds of watermelons. Last year this festival was successfully revived by local businesses. The 2014 Watermelon Festival will be held **June 7th and 8th, 2014 from 8 AM to 2 PM at Historic Downtown Murphy Park.**

There will be a beauty pageant, games, food, music, beverages and YES, ALL THE WATERMELON YOU CAN EAT. Come and join your neighbors and visitors to this unique and fun Glendale festival sponsored by your downtown businesses.

