



Glendale Arizona Historical Society

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UPCOMING EVENTS

at a glance

Please Save these Dates



May 23, 2015

Annual ICE CREAM SOCIAL
Saturday Afternoon at 4:00 pm
Historic Manistee Ranch
(driving directions on page 4)

Miracle on the Salt River

author Meredith Whiteley
October 26, 2015 at 7:00 PM
Manistee Ranch

Old Timers Picnic
Saturday, Nov 14, 2015
NOON
Manistee Ranch

Annual Christmas Party
Sunday Afternoon
December 13, 2015, 2:00 PM
Manistee Ranch

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The
GLENDALE ARIZONA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
proudly presents its annual



**SATURDAY
AFTERNOON
MAY 23, 2015
AT 4:00 PM**

This is the last Society activity for the 2014-2015 season before summer break. It is always a **FUN TIME** for members, guests and friends to taste homemade ice cream and some commercial ice cream in historic Manistee Ranch house (driving directions on page 4) with many friendly people, who are anxious to share their experience growing up in Glendale.

Mark it on your calendar as a "must do" event.

Please bring homemade ice cream or other ice cream to share with members and guests. Also, it would be appreciated if you could bring cakes, cookies, pies or candy. Water and coffee will be provided.

So loosen up the belt on your pants and wear a little larger dress so you can thoroughly enjoy the

high quality ice cream and desserts that you can only get at the annual GAHS Ice Cream Social.



NOTHING BEATS EATING ICE CREAM WITH YOUR FRIENDS



HONORING OUR HEROES

There are two holidays in May that remind us to pay homage to those men and women who are fighting for our freedom now, those who have served in the past, and those who have paid the ultimate price. Armed Forces Day is May 16th, and Memorial Day is May 25th. Please set time aside to remember these brave military heroes in your thoughts and prayers.

President's Message

Summer break is almost here when many Society activities are reduced. The office hours will be reduced for the summer. Other activities such as oral histories will continue. Carol St. Clair and Lonnie Dewberry will work together on oral histories of the Glendale Civic Pride Ambassadors history.

The Manistee Ranch House will get much attention to get repairs completed before the fall. The Board is working with the city of Glendale Facilities Department to address various issues at the Guest House and rose garden. There is a leak in the grass area at the Rose Garden. Water is coming through the basement walls under the porch at the Guest House through power washing and rain, which get the support beams wet. The screws are coming out of the porch floor boards and need to be replaced and firmly secured. This fall the Society has facilitated 32 weddings and the total for 2015 should be between 65-70 weddings. The Board is so very grateful to the wonderful volunteers who have facilitated the weddings and helped with Saturday and Sunday tours at Manistee Ranch and the Guest House.

Welcome to our new members and life members. Please fill out your membership applications and send them in for 2015. Also, think about donations to the GAHS on behalf of loved ones who have passed away and the thought in estate planning of including GAHS in your will. Have a safe and fun summer and the Board looks forward in seeing you at the fall GAHS activities.



Ron Short, President
Board of Directors

Manistee Ranch Roof Repair

The GAHS Board of Directors approved \$17,220 to re-roof with wood shingles the south and east portion of the roof at Manistee Ranch House. This amount will need to be increased to account for painting the wood shingles green to match the existing wood shingles. This task was not in the original bid. The total roof is not in good shape, but it would cost about \$46,000, including the painting to do the whole roof. The Board decided to reroof the south and east roof portion which gets most of the sun and has the lower sloped roof segments. The lower slope roof area is where the leak issues are occurring. Diamond Roofing, Inc., who is expert in historic restoration of wood shingle roofs, was hired to do the roofing. The company has re-roofed many historic homes in Phoenix.

The re-roofing will last more than 10 years and will resolve the current leaks. The re-roofing does not cover fixing the water damaged ceiling in the kitchen or master bath. The Board will find another contractor to make those repairs. The cost is excessive for the roof and ceiling repairs placing a financial burden on the Society's finances. Any donations towards Manistee Ranch repairs would be appreciated. Please make the check out to Glendale Arizona Historical Society with note Manistee Ranch repairs and send to GAHS P.O. Box 5606, Glendale, AZ 85312.

Thelma Heatwole Tribute



Thelma's family, from right:
Son Bruce, grand niece Sharon Heatwole-Chicks and her husband Matt

The Society had perhaps its best attended monthly meeting on March 23, 2015 at 2:00 PM at Manistee Ranch. There were 61 participants. Carol St. Clair put together an immense amount of research with the help of the Heatwole family to create an informative power point. Carol weaved stories about the family and others to paint an amazing picture of a person devoted to her family, church, community and profession. Ed Sharpe, Daily Planet, video-taped the presentation and will no doubt have excerpts from the meeting on his web site www.glendaledailyplanet.com. Members of the Heatwole family were at the meeting and expressed their appreciation to the Society for the program to honor Thelma.

Frank Heatwole Makes his STAMP on Glendale

By Jessica Koory



Tools of the Trade for Frank Heatwole

Stepping off the train at the Santa Fe Depot on Grand Avenue in Glendale, Arizona the Frank Heatwole family headed for the hotel on the second floor of Sine Hardware. The family of four, included Frank, Josephine Sine Heatwole, and their sons Mere and Frank. Seventy-Eight years ago, they moved into their home at present day 6013 W. Glenn Drive. Their home had a sleeping porch on the second floor which was necessary in an era without air conditioning. Later they built another house on the same property. Sadly, this house was recently demolished.

Frank joined his brothers-in-law as part owner of

the Sine Brothers' Hardware. During some sixty eight years at the same store, he used his **Notary Public** seal (*shown at left*). It was the second seal issued by the State of Arizona. He would verify the identity and signature of a person, record the information in a journal, and imprint the document with a seal. He reluctantly charged twenty-five cents for the service. His grandson, Bruce, had his driver's license application notarized by Frank.

Very active in the our business community, the Glendale Church of the Brethren and other civic endeavors, Frank Heatwole's contributions helped to shape the wonderful city of Glendale, Arizona.

Can You Hear Me Now?

The original phone service in Glendale started in 1909 when the People's Independent Telephone Company served 22 subscribers. Most of the customers were beet sugar farmers who used the phone as a quick way to discuss irrigation issues. Mountain State Telephone went into business on May 20, 1912 buying out Arizona Telephone and Telegraph Company.

The first office, with three operators, above the Newman's Department Store at the corner of 1st and Glendale Avenue served 250 Glendale subscribers in 1912. The company expanded and moved its offices in 1929. Glendale was one of the early communities converting to dial service, eliminating manual service in 1937 for its 500 customers. In 1962, Arizona was one of the first states offering 100% dial service.



Telephone ca. 1909



Telephone ca. 1919



Telephone ca. 1929



Telephone ca. 1939

FOLK & HERITAGE FESTIVAL A GREAT SUCCESS



The recent festival at Sahuaro Ranch drew a large crowd and many visitors to both the Guest House and Adobe House. There were 583 visitors at the Guest house and 529 at the Adobe House. We had \$110 in donations. The Board of Directors thanks the following volunteers for their help with the tours: Martha Dennis, Marty Cole, Rosemary Lynch, Carol Hook, Mike Fender, Barbara Thomas, Vesta Roper, Gloria Cryer, Carmen McConnell, Karl Dennsion, Jack Rose, Yolanda Borsch, John and Paulette Geurs.

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Our next membership get together is

OUR ANNUAL

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Saturday, May 23, 2015 at 4:00 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.

New Life Members:

Karl Dennison
John Jones

In Memoriam:

Ileta Turner, Burbank, CA
Our prayers are with Ileta's family

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Sahuaro & Manistee Ranch Tours

- Tours Conclude for the Season this Month -

The **Glendale Parks & Recreation Department** and the **Glendale Arizona Historical Society** tours of the ranches wrap up for the season this month after a very successful year, and will start up again in October. Thank you for allowing us to show you Glendale's beautiful, historic ranches during the 2014-2015 season.

Throughout May, the Parks Dept tours of the **Main House** will be conducted each Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10 am to 2 pm, and on Sundays from 1pm to 4 pm. To arrange group tours of the Main House, call **623-930-4200**.

This season's final tours of the **Sahuaro Ranch Guest House** will be conducted each Sunday in May from 1 pm to 3:30 pm. You may still arrange group tours by calling us at **623-435-0072**.

The final tours of the **Manistee Ranch and Office** will be May 2nd, from noon to 4 pm, with the last tour starting at 3 pm. Costs of Admission are: adults - \$5, seniors - \$4 and children ages 6 to 16, just \$1. Arrange GAHS group tours by calling us at **623-435-0072**. *(Schedules are subject to change without notice)*

Happy Mother's Day