



Glendale Arizona Historical Society

"preservation of the past"

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UPCOMING EVENTS

at a glance

Please Save these Dates

MEMORIES OF GLENDALE

Karl Dennison & Mary Morgan Vandever
Monday, Feb 22 at 7pm
Manistee Ranch

TOWN OF DREAMS

Ron Brewster
Monday, March 28 at 7pm
Manistee Ranch

MODELING HISTORIC GLENDALE

West Valley Railroad Historical Society
Monday, April 25 at 2pm
Manistee Ranch

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Sunday, May 22 at 4pm
Manistee Ranch



ENJOY YOUR SUMMER

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What a unique opportunity members and guests have to hear first-hand from people who are long-time residents of Glendale.

Karl Dennison and Mary Morgan Vandever will share with the audience their personal stories and recollections of growing up and living in Glendale. These two individuals experienced the changing character, culture and development of Glendale over the years.

So, if you are looking for gripping, on the edge of your seats, true life stories that will keep your attention then this is the event for you. Join the membership and guests on **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2016 at 7:00 PM at MANISTEE RANCH** for an enchanting and historical evening. Bring a friend and encourage them to join the Society. Refreshments will be served.

WHERE DID THAT NAME COME FROM?

For decades historians have tried to solve the mystery of why this community was named Glendale without any consensus. Mr. W.J. Murphy, who built the Arizona Canal in 1883-1885 and in order to pay debts on the canal, sold land south of the canal referring to the area as "Glendale".

The name, is English and a boy's name. It means "wooded valley" or "glen". In 1893, Arizona Republican Columbian Edition ran an ad by B.A. Hadsell, referred to as founder of the colony, lauded the Glendale Temperance Colony of Quakers, Dunkards, Menonites, River Brethren and other temperance people with all deeds forever prohibiting the manufacturing or sale of intoxicating liquors. Until 1890 the area was simply referred to in writings as "near Alhambra", near Peoria, Arizona or northwest Phoenix and sometimes called Westfield. After the Arizona Canal was completed Laura and W.J. Murphy in their "love" letters referred to their "Glendale Castle". Alas, the mystery will continue to perplex historians.



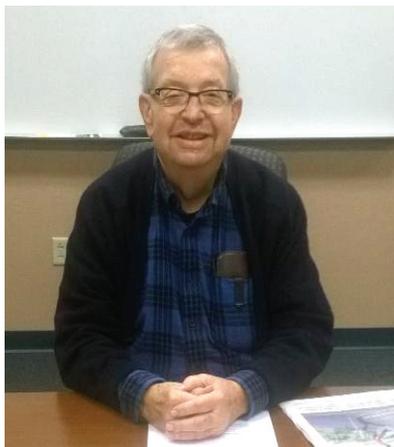
Glendale's "logo"... in 1910 and Today

YOUR MEMBERSHIP IS SO IMPORTANT



Renewal Notices for our annual members went out in January. Your Society could not survive without your support. Dues are very low and the return is very high. So please, if you haven't done so already, renew your GAHS membership today. Our lifetime members have our sincere gratitude!

President's Message



*Ron Short, President
Board of Directors*

The most recent repairs of installing a new ceiling in the Manistee Ranch house kitchen, new step in front, new rear porch boards, repaired doors and screens, woodpecker holes and broken window is nearing completion and the Board thanks **Buzz Sands** for his generous contribution to cover the cost of these repairs.

Doug Rentschier owner of **Anything for Money**, contractors, is doing the work on the house. The Board approved a budget for 2016, which is briefly explained in another article. The Board will be meeting with city staff in January 2016 but no later than February 2, 2016 to review the proposed agreement for Society use of Sahuaro Ranch.

The next step would be City Council workshop for discussion and direction to staff. The agreement would then be placed on City Council meeting agenda for formal action. It may be necessary for the Board to revisit and revise the 2016 budget to reflect the terms of the agreement.

The work of each and every Board member is greatly appreciated as well as our secretaries of **Marty Cole** and **Carol Hook** who share the part-time secretary position. Recently, **Nelda Crowell** agreed to coordinate the Oral Histories program. She will be asking others to join her as a committee to continue recording and transcribing oral histories of our older members and residents of the community. **Laura Hirsch** and **Candy Shepard** have consistently lead the effort to maintain and renew the Sahuaro Ranch rose garden. The Board strongly supports their successful effort. **Diane Williams**, Operations Manager, City of Glendale was recently promoted and is responsible for Sahuaro Ranch, Community Centers and the Glendale Civic Center operations. Diane is the primary contact with the city for Sahuaro Ranch.

2016 GAHS Budget HIGHLIGHTS

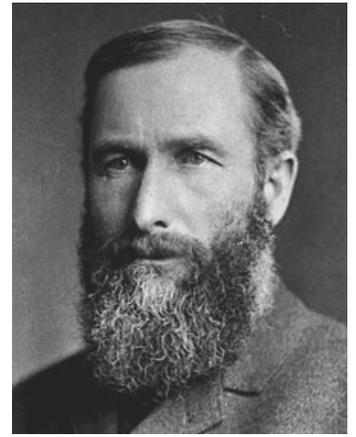
The Board of Directors approved the 2016 GAHS budget on January 5, 2016. The total budget is \$44,130. About 68% or \$30,000 income is anticipated from wedding facilitation. A membership of 136 provides \$3,000 in dues with projected cash donations of \$5,000 and grants of \$5,000. Tour donations at the Guest House and Manistee Ranch are limited to \$1,000. Expenses are dominated by salaries for part-time secretary, handyman and photo tech, telephone, cleaning, chair handlers, newsletter and insurance. An approved new line item establishes a Manistee Ranch Restoration Fund of \$2,000 in the budget. It is critical that the Society keep Manistee Ranch house, office, garage and barn in excellent condition. This is an ongoing task due to age, storms and vandalism. The money will be used for major repairs. There is still a need to finish the re-roofing of Manistee Ranch house for \$28,000. The Society welcomes any specific donation for Manistee Ranch restoration. Please write a check to Glendale Arizona Historical Society with a note for Manistee Ranch fund and send to GAHS, P.O. Box 5606, Glendale, AZ, 85312.



If you would like to view the detailed budget, contact your Society office at 623-435-0072.

William John Murphy

Glendale's Founding Father



W. J. Murphy

Mr. Merwin L. Murphy, Murphy's nephew, helped commemorate the deeding of Murphy Park in a ceremony held October 19, 1984 at Murphy Park. He pointed out several milestones his uncle was responsible for. W.J. came to the Valley in 1883 looking for grading contracts and contracted to build the 40 mile Arizona Canal starting in May 1883.

Murphy picked three locations that would be irrigated by the Arizona Canal for future town sites: Glendale, Ingleside (near Scottsdale) and Orangewood (on North Central Avenue). The land needed to be homesteaded to be claimed. W.J. persuaded friends and relatives to file on parcels. The limit was 640 acres at \$1.25 per acre. He got control over an immense amount of land. Murphy started experiments with high yield crops. He built Grand Avenue in 1888, laid out five points to McDowell and 19th Avenue, persuaded Burgess A. Hadsell to bring his Brethren Colony to Glendale, filed a plat for a four section town site in 1892, and built the Beet Sugar Factory.

The Reclamation Service Control required no one individual or firm could hold water rights for more than 160 acres that stopped the sugar beet production and processing in 1912. Murphy helped to bring the Santa Fe railroad to Glendale in 1895, constructed the original Phoenix Street Railway and in 1911 the Phoenix-Glendale car line. Murphy never named a street or company after himself, but Glendale did name the park after W.J. Murphy.

THE 2016 WINTER ANTIQU TRACTOR SHOW NEEDS YOU !!



It's a fun time for both kids and adults at the **WINTER ANTIQUE TRACTOR SHOW, February 13 and 14, 2016 from 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM at Historic Sahuaro Ranch.** Admission is \$5 and ages 12 and under free.

This means the Guest House and the Adobe House will be open for tours operated by the Glendale

Arizona Historical Society. The **Society needs your help** with this event as docents to guide visitors through the two buildings.

There will be shifts of a couple hours for docents. Please call **Marty** or **Carol** at **623-435-0072** and sign up to be a docent.

The next major event will be the

2016 Glendale Folk and Heritage Festival March 19 and 20, 2016 from 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM; Admission is **FREE.** The Society will need docents to help those two days in couple hour shifts.

Please mark these dates on your calendar and call the office to volunteer.

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Our next membership get together is
Memories of Glendale
by Karl Dennison and Mary Morgan Vandever
Monday, February 22, 2016 at 7 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 our new members:
David and Linda Irick
Kenneth and Linda Nelson
Leslie Newcomb
Amanda Schleuter



PRESIDENTS DAY is FEBRUARY 15th

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Tour the Ranches

The Guest House at Sahuaro Ranch is scheduling its public tours between 1pm and 3:30pm each Sunday afternoon by the Glendale Arizona Historical Society from October to May. Call 623-435-0072 to arrange group tours. (Last tour is at 3:00 PM) Schedule is subject to change.

The Glendale Parks and Recreation Dept conducts tours of the Main House on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 11am to 2pm, and on Sundays from 1pm to 4pm. For more information, or to arrange a group tour call 623-930-4201.

The Historical Society conducts tours of the Manistee Ranch House and Office from October to May, on the first and third Saturdays of each month, noon to 4 PM. The last tour starts at 3 PM. The 2015-2016 season's remaining tour dates are February 6 and 20, March 5 and 19, April 2 and 16, and May 7. Tour fees: adults \$5, seniors \$4. Ages 6-16 \$1. GAHS members are free; (schedule is subject to change.) Please call 623-435-0072 for group tours and schedule information. Tours will close for the summer, and resume in October.



Peggy Vise has been coordinating members to act as host or hostess at the GAHS program meetings for years. She has had some medical issues and is not able to continue in this role.

The Board thanks Peggy for her excellent work in the past years, and is now asking members to step forward and offer to host the upcoming meetings. This person would be responsible for refreshments at the meeting. He or she can enlist the help of others in hosting these meeting dates:

- * **February 22, 2016, 7 PM Manistee Ranch**
- * **March 28, 2016, 7 PM, Manistee Ranch**
- * **April 25, 2016, 2 PM, Manistee Ranch**
- * **October 24, 2016, 7 PM, Manistee Ranch**

Please call **Marty Cole** or **Carol Hook** at **623-435-0072** to sign up as host for a specific meeting date.