



Glendale Arizona Historical Society

"preservation of the past"

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UPCOMING EVENTS

at a glance

Please Save these Dates

THELMA HEATWOLE
VIDEO PRESENTATION
Monday, Mar 23rd at 2:00 pm
Manistee Ranch

VISIT TO MANISTEE, MI
by Michael Ostapuk
Monday, April 27th at 7:00 pm
Manistee Ranch



Annual ICE CREAM SOCIAL
Saturday, May 23th at 4:00 pm

HERE'S WHEN
YOU ENJOY
YOUR
SUMMER
BREAK !!



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A Tribute to Thelma Heatwole

This month, the **Glendale Arizona Historical Society** will celebrate the career of **Glendale's famous journalist and author, Thelma Heatwole.**

Carol St. Clair, Vice-President of the GAHS will facilitate the program with Bruce Heatwole and family joining in with their stories about Thelma. She started her journalistic career in 1946 as a reporter for *The Glendale Herald*. She had a 16 year career as a reporter for the *Arizona Republic* covering eight cities and Luke AFB. She wrote three books, *Ghost Towns*, *Arizona Hideaways* and *Arizona-Off the Beaten Path*. Thelma received over 100 awards in journalism and photography from the Arizona Press Women. She was an active member of GAHS and did

extensive research on the history of Sahuaro Ranch to place the site on the National Register of Historic Places. The meeting is held in the afternoon to allow those members that cannot drive at night to attend. This is another rare opportunity for members, guests and interested persons to learn more about

Glendale's history and those who made history. Refreshments will be served.

As a reminder, this wonderful program will be presented on Monday, March 23, 2015 at 2:00 pm in the afternoon at Manistee Ranch (*directions on page 4*). We hope to see you there!



Thelma Heatwole (left) with Rodeanne Windom, former Glendale Head Librarian

happy st patrick's day





Ron Short, President
Board of Directors

President's Message

A couple of months have gone by in 2015, and the Society has experienced a fun potluck dinner with over 30 members and guests. The new Board was installed and is eagerly looking forward to building the Society and its services to the membership. Vesta Roper was installed as a new director. The Board honored the "Wedding Belle and Beau" volunteers in January with a complimentary lunch at the Spicery. These volunteers are crucial to the success of the Society facilitated weddings, which provide the funding to run the Society's programs and services to the membership and community. Martha Dennis organized a group of volun-

teers to be docents during the Tractor Days. The tours were a great success. Thanks to Martha and Marty Cole for their extensive service to the Society in coordinating and working the tours as well as many other responsibilities. Thanks to Carol St. Clair, Peggy Vise and Jessica Koory for coordinating tours at Manistee Ranch. This tour is very popular. There are over 200 members in the Society. Thank you for being members and help to fulfill the Society mission. The Board has sent out a second renewal letter to those members that did not respond to the first renewal request. The Board wants to keep you as a member.

25TH ANNUAL ENGINE AND TRACTOR SHOW AT HISTORIC SAHUARO RANCH PARK



Larry Rovey driving his 1937 JD Model G pulling a wagon with 5 grandsons, another wagon with 2 granddaughters and 3 more grandsons on following tractors

On February 14 and 15, 2015 the 25th Annual Engine and Tractor Show came to historic Sahuaro Park. It was an immensely successful event attracting over 6,000 attendees with nearly 200 antique engines and tractors. There were four large stationary engines. The Mayor and city council members were able to drive tractors from City Hall to the Sahuaro Ranch Barnyard to kick off the show. The first Engine and Tractor show event at Sahuaro Park was held in February 1991. It was held in a cleaned up and re-leveled barnyard accomplished by farming volunteers. The events brought attention to the historic Sahuaro Ranch and need for restoration of the buildings and yard space. Many old pieces of farm

equipment have been rescued from the junk pile and restored to appear in the engine and tractor shows. The show provided a fun and educational opportunity for the enthusiastic participants of all ages. It was amazing that many attendees were from Canada and many more from out of state. The Glendale Arizona Historical Society conducted tours of the Guest House and Adobe House experiencing over 400 visitors. The University of Arizona Venture had demonstration projects and hands on activities. This was the largest engine and tractor show to date. The members of the Arizona Early Day Gas Engine and Tractor Association as well as the City of Glendale staff are to be congratulated for their time in making this tractor show successful.

Glendale Memories

by Jessica Koory

Two of our life members have donated scrapbooks to the Glendale Arizona Historical Society. These wonderful collections of memories from the 1960s through the early 2000s are available for viewing by our members and the public. If you wish to look through them, please call our office at the Guest House at 623-435-0072.

The torches on 59th Avenue south of Missouri led the way to Glendale's premier restaurant. Bailly's restaurant was the gathering place for politicians, the produce community, couples or families celebrating a special occasion, and friends getting together after work. Charles and Dorothy Bailly were genial hosts for fine dining in the West Valley from 1964 to 1990. Dorothy was the former manager of both Durant's and the Stockyards restaurants. Thank you for bringing back wonderful memories through your scrapbooks, Dorothy.



Bailly's on 59th Avenue: *the* place to dine in the west valley for nearly twenty five years

The Phoedalian Woman's Club was a driving force in the civic and social life of Glendale from 1961-2008. The forty women came from Glendale and West Phoenix. Their name was a combination of the two cities. Cathy Terrill has recollections of working with Pat Sweet to finish the Adobe House and portions of the Guest House. They even obtained a bed that has belonged to Dr. Phil Rice. The women were docents at festivals at Sahuaro Ranch Park and were attired in period clothing. Cathy remembers making and selling soap. These hard working women organized Neighborhood Block Parties where policemen and city officials would meet and get acquainted with the families. The money earned from the many different activities was given for scholarships. Some of the women still meet together informally. We appreciate the gift of their scrapbooks.

Guest House Open for Engine and Tractor Show



More tractors on parade at Sahuaro Ranch

The Glendale Historical Society opened the Guest House for tours on February 14 and 15 for the annual tractor show at Sahuaro Ranch Park. We had approximately 400 guests come through the Guest House and about 300 visit the Adobe House. Donations for the weekend were \$315.00.

We could not have had the tours without all of our great volunteers. Martha Dennis was in charge and did a great job recruiting all needed help. Some of our members were there both days all day long. Those helping Martha were: Marty Cole, Jessica Koory, Carol Hook, Mike and Julie Fender, Lannie and Kerry Dewberry, Jack Rose, Peggy Vise, Vesta Roper, Rosemary Lynch, Yolanda Borsch, Dan and Jodie Kallberg, Harold and Dorothy Rucker.

Great job !!!

FUN at the POTLUCK

Nearly 30 members and guests had a fun time on January 26, 2015 starting with installation of the Board of Directors conducted by Beki Maynes. A great dinner and fellowship followed the meeting. Say hello to your 2015 GAHS Board of Directors.



Pictured Left to right: Treasurer Marty Cole, Directors Martha Dennis, Vesta Roper, and Rosemary Lynch, Vice President Carol St. Clair, Secretary Jessica Koory, President Ron Short, and Director Bud Zomok. Not pictured: Director Gary Hirsch

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Our next membership get together is

A Thelma Heatwole Video Program:

Presented by Carol St Clair and Bruce Heatwole

Monday, Feb. 23, 2015 at 7:00 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.

Join us in welcoming
our newest member:

GRACE KOBOJEK

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Ranch Tours

- Now through May, 2015 -

Glendale Parks & Recreation Department conducts tours of the **Main House** now through May on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, 10 am to 2 pm and Sundays from 1 pm to 4 pm. For more information, or to arrange group tours, call **623-930-4200**.

The **Glendale Arizona Historical Society** tours of the **Guest House** are conducted now through May every Sunday from 1 pm to 3:30 pm. Arrange group tours by calling us at **623-435-0072**. Tours of **Manistee Ranch and Office** are conducted now through May on Saturdays from noon to 4 pm (*Last tour starts at 3 pm*) - Remaining tours will be on March 7 and 21, April 4 and 18, and on May 2. Costs of Admission are: Adults - \$5, seniors - \$4 and Ages 6 to 16, just \$1. Arrange GAHS group tours by calling **623-435-0072**.

(Schedules are subject to change without notice)

WASHBOARDS



The Rosson House Museum in downtown Phoenix recently explained that in the 1880s, over 7 million washboards were manufactured and sold in the United States. There were over 20 varieties of washing boards. During the same period there were 2,458 patents granted for the washing machine. Washing machines could process 600 shirts per day, compared to 50 shirts per day on a washboard.