



# Glendale Arizona Historical Society

*"preservation of the past"*

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

at a glance

Please Save these Dates

APRIL 28, 2014

GAHS Program Meeting:  
7pm at Manistee Ranch  
"The History of Dairy  
Farming in Glendale"  
by Eric Rove

APRIL 26, 2014

Rose Society of Glendale  
Garden Tour  
9:30am to 4pm

MAY 3, 2014

11th Annual Historic  
Preservation Commission  
2014 Tour - 8:30am - Noon  
Seating is limited, so e-mail  
your reservation to:  
mmartrell@glendaleaz.com

MAY 18, 2014

GAHS Annual  
Ice Cream Social  
4pm at Manistee Ranch



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Join us April 28<sup>th</sup> for a Great Story:

## GLENDALE'S HISTORY IN DAIRY FARMING

The GAHS members, guests and friends are in for a real treat at the April 28, 2014 meeting at 7:00 PM, Manistee Ranch, address and driving directions are shown on page 4). Eric Rovey, Manager at Rovey Dairy will provide a presentation on the history of dairy farming in Glendale, and specifically on the history of the Rovey Dairy.

Emil Rovey, graduated from Glendale High School in 1934. He attended the University of Arizona, College of Agriculture and graduated. Emil married Helen Louis Beck in 1941. Mr. Rovey bought a 145- acre farm in 1943 and started milking cows. His son, Paul Rovey, bought the farm from his father and with his five children, manages the cows, the land and the employees.

To this day, Rovey Dairy is a proud producer of high-quality milk and dairy products. Don't miss this terrific program to learn more about the history of Glendale's Dairy Farming.



Dairy Manager, Eric Rovey...and "Friends"

In observance of National Poetry Month, we are sharing an excerpt from a poem by Sharlot Hall, published in 1953 as part of her work *Poems of a Ranch Woman*.



## SMELL THE RAIN

by Sharlot Hall

Smell of drought on every side;  
Every whirlwind flings aside

Acrid, evil-smelling dust  
Like some burning mold or musk.

Wind across the garden brings  
Scent of blistered, dying things.

Deep corral dust trampled fine  
Stings the lips like bitter wine.

Warping boards ooze drops of pitch  
Scented with a memory rich

Of cool forests far away.  
In the sunbaked fields the hay

Yields a piteous, panting breath  
As it slowly burns to death.

Roses in the ranch-house yard  
Turn to mummies dry and hard.

Out of dusk and out of dawn  
Every fragrance is withdrawn.

Hot, hot winds, and clear, hot sky  
Burn the throat and sear the eye.

Then, at last, a cool dawn wind  
Pitying and deeply kind,

Brings a far-off scent of rain.  
Ah the sick earth lives again!

# President's Message



*Two Important Issues:  
CM Hugh Interview and Irrigation Update*



*Ron Short, President  
Board of Directors*

Glendale City Councilmember Ian Hugh taped his Channel 11 television show at Manistee Ranch on March 11, 2014. His special guest was Buzz Sands, who grew up in the ranch house. Buzz had a tour of the house and told a few stories about the house. Carol St. Clair and I were also interviewed. The program first airing was on March 21, 2014. Be sure to watch the encore presentations of the program.

One unique event occurred during filming: A woodpecker constantly pecked away on the side of the house with a loud hammering noise. The photo shows the terrible damage woodpeckers are doing to this historic building.

The Urban Irrigation discussion took place at the March 5, 2014 Water Services Advisory Commission meeting. There were fifty or more property owners in attendance. The several speakers urged the Commission to preserve the urban irrigation system. The system is operating at a deficit.

The speakers asked that the item be tabled and community meetings be set up to have more discussion with property owners within the urban irrigation boundaries. The Commission did table the item.



*Woodpecker damage at Manistee Ranch*

## SHARLOT HALL ~ PIONEER & POET



*Sharlot Hall, ca 1890*

Sharlot Hall was born in 1870 in Kansas. She came to Arizona on the back of a pony in 1882 with her parents. Sadly, the pony threw her and she suffered a severe injury which caused her back problems all of her life. The family settled about 15 miles from Prescott on a cattle ranch in Lonesome Valley.

At twelve years old, Sharlot already had a strong drive to learn and read. She attended a small school, learning all the teacher could teach her and then moved to a larger one. She wanted to become a poet. Sharlot was able to continue her education until her mother became ill, which forced her to quit school to nurse her mother.

During that time, a severe drought occurred. The creek dried up, grasses disappeared and the cattle died. Sharlot learned how to survive and keep her family from starving. Then the rains came that flooded the ranch for months.

An excerpt from one of her poems, ***Smell the Rain***, capturing the horrible experience of drought and the joy of recovery, is shown on page 1.

## GLENDALE'S FIRST ORDINANCES

The first Glendale Town Council met on August 1, 1910 to appoint its officers. On August 2<sup>nd</sup> they met again to pass Ordinances 1 through 8, to address governance, taxation, sanitation, gambling, voter registration and prohibiting the sale of fireworks. Ordinance 1, Article 5 addressed such misdemeanors as wearing a dress in public not belonging to the sex of the party wearing it, keeping a noisy house disturbing neighbors or passers-by, riding an animal more than 8 miles per hour, or a motor vehicle over 10 miles per hour on public streets.

On August 8, 1910 the Town Council reconsidered Ordinance 1 and added "Any person or persons, company or corporation who shall sell, barter or exchange or offer to sell, barter or exchange any merchandise, except tobacco, confectionary, newspapers, periodicals or soft drinks in the Town of Glendale on Sunday shall be guilty of a misdemeanor provided that the meat markets may be open for sale of meats only on Sunday until 10am only."



## Folk & Heritage Festival a Great Success



Thousands of people visited Sahuaro Ranch on March 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> for the annual Folk and Heritage Festival.

And...we welcomed 831 guests between our Guest and Adobe Houses. It was truly a great weekend!

## THE ROSE SOCIETY OF GLENDALE PRESENTS ITS 2014 GARDEN TOUR

The Rose Society of Glendale will conduct a tour of six beautiful gardens on Saturday, April 26, 2014 from 9:30 am to 4 pm. Snacks will be served at each garden, and at 1:30, a delicious casual dinner of ham, chicken, salad, desert and beverages will be provided at the Sahuaro Ranch ramadas. The ticket price of \$25 includes your meal and one free raffle ticket, your entry to win a great prize.



Tickets are available from any Rose Society member. Contact Candy or Bill Shepard at 623-878-9607, or email them at [rosebuds1@cox.net](mailto:rosebuds1@cox.net) for information. Write a check to Rose Society of Glendale" and send it to Candy Shepard, 13159 N. 82<sup>nd</sup> Ave, Peoria, AZ 85381. Tickets will be mailed to you.

## Tour the Ranches

### Remainder of the 2014 Season

The Guest House at Sahuaro Ranch is conducting its scheduled public tours between **1:00 pm** and **3:30 pm** each **Sunday Afternoon** (the last tour begins at 3:00 pm).

The tour schedule for Manistee Ranch is: The first and third Saturdays of each month with just a couple of exceptions. Following is the remainder of this season's schedule:

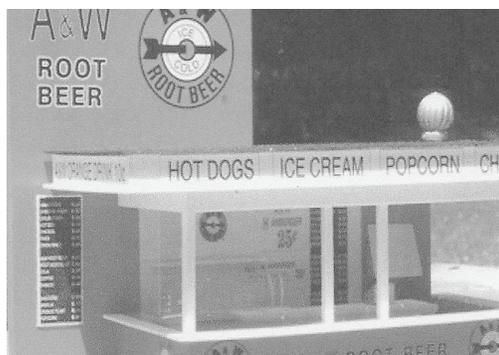
April 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>

Season Finale, May 3<sup>rd</sup>

Hours for the scheduled tours at Manistee Ranch are Noon to 4:00 pm (the last tour begins at 3:00 pm). Group tours of 8 or more are by appointment; call 623-435-0072. Fees are: Adults-\$5, Seniors-\$4, Children 6 to 16-\$1. Glendale Arizona Historical Society members are free. All schedules are subject to change.



## GROWING UP IN GLENDALE, EPISODE 1: HEAT STROKE AT THE DRIVE-IN



A vintage A & W Root Beer stand, and one of Glendale's cutest Car Hops in 1957, Marty Cole



parking lot (no spaces, you parked wherever you could). The Pattons had a little trailer out back so they could go rest between shifts. There were tables and benches outside, but most people stayed in their cars and waited for the car hops to come to them.

Root beer was always served in ice cold glass mugs straight

from the freezer, in sizes Regular, Large and Baby (given free to little kids). Root beer floats, hot dogs and chili dogs were the only other items on the menu. I can't remember what they cost, but it wasn't much.

The summer after my junior year in high

school (1957) I was one of those car hops that ran back and forth between the cars and the stand. I worked from 11 am to 4 or 5 pm. My mother urged me time and again to wear a hat, but being a teenager I knew better. Then, one June day, as the temperature approached 116, I brought a loaded tray back to the stand, set it on the counter and that's all I remember. I woke up in the trailer with cold packs on my head. **HEAT STROKE!** I'm happy to report that I didn't break any mugs before I passed out. I worked there the rest of the summer, but you know what? I wore a hat.

Marty

Martha Noble Pitts Cole

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Our next membership program meeting will feature Eric Rove with a presentation on The History of Dairy Farming in Glendale: **Monday evening, April 28<sup>th</sup>, at 7 pm Manistee Ranch, 5127 W. Northern**  
Please enter the driveway to Manistee Ranch from 51<sup>st</sup> 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 two new members to the Glendale Arizona Historical Society in February:

**Beverly Dingman  
Michelle Hepworth**

Find a friend, neighbor or family member to invite to join the GAHS.  
Our Ice Cream Social on May 13<sup>th</sup> is a great first event for a new guest.  
We'll see you there!

### ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

## SAHUARO NOTES from Julia Phillips

In October 1985 the Glendale Arizona Historical Society signed an occupancy agreement with the City for the Guest House. Thus the Guest House was established as the home of the Historical Society.

In the 29 years we have occupied the Guest House there has been many changes. Our first two exhibits were an eclectic display (on loan) in the basement that included a stuffed puma. The second exhibit was in the third bedroom, known as the Rice Room, on the second floor. We displayed a rope support bed along with a female and male mannequin attired in vintage clothing. Also there was a show case that along with other items displayed a collection of political buttons. The remaining two bedrooms were used by bridal couples to get ready for their wedding. The bride's room has not seen too much change; however, the groom's room was

furnished with a sleigh bed that is now on display in the Main House. There was also the divided bathroom and a trunk room where we stored our accessions at that time.

The smallest bedroom in the house, located in the back, was used as an office by the Ranch rangers until the mid 1990's when the City moved them to an office in the garage, surrendering the room to our Society. We had the room repainted and moved the rope support bed down stairs and added a dresser and a wardrobe. A wardrobe was not necessary in the House as all seven bedrooms had their own closets. This was rare at the time, since as a lot of municipalities charged a tax on a closet as if it was a room...so to make a closet, people just strung a curtain across a corner of the room.

This room was known as "Mrs. Campbell's" bedroom (she was

the mother-in-law of Mr. Bartlett). Mrs. Campbell came out with the family in 1898-99 in order to care for the Bartlett's son, Willie being treated for tuberculosis. This room was dedicated as an addition to our exhibit area, and Vice Mayor Tom Eggleston was part of the ceremony.

The third bedroom was then converted into an accessions room because as time passed we were receiving contributions of military uniforms, clothing, a fan collection, pictures, etc. Because of the depression many brides were married in street dresses rather than long wedding gowns. These dresses represent that era and we are still hoping to have the donation of a 1930s era wedding dress for our wedding exhibit.

We also need volunteers to help out at weddings and tours, if you can help us call Josie Reardon, our Secretary, at 623-435-0072.