



Glendale Arizona Historical Society

"preservation of the past"

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UPCOMING EVENTS

at a glance

Please Save these Dates

NOW thru MARCH, 2014
Membership Drive
"START SPREADIN' THE WORD."

FEBRUARY 8TH & 9TH, 2014
24th Annual Tractor and Engine Show,
Sahuaro Ranch
9 am to 4 pm

MARCH 22ND & 23RD, 2014
Folk & Heritage Festival
Sahuaro Ranch
10 am to 5 pm

MARCH 24, 2014
GAHS Program Meeting
"Stories of the Russian Cemetery" by Pete Uraine
7 PM Manistee Ranch

APRIL 28, 2014
GAHS Program Meeting
7 PM Manistee Ranch

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GAHS Program, February 24 2014: MAKING YOUR DIGITAL PHOTO ALBUM

"Digital Scrapbooking" will be presented at the February 24th Glendale Arizona Historical Society meeting at 7pm, to be held at Manistee Ranch, 51st & Northern Avenues. Kim

Yancy, a consultant with Heritage Makers, and long time member Kathy Palmer will lead viewers through the process of what it takes to go from that box of family photos, treasures and documents to a finished book to be proud of and to pass on to generations to come. Kim and Kathy will have samples of finished digitized family histories as well as other ideas for saving family treasures. Bring a friend. Refreshments will be served.



Kim Yancy, Heritage Makers

Volunteers Keep the Society's Heart Beating

The Glendale Arizona Historical Society is proud to support special events held at our ranches with volunteers as needed. Our next opportunity to help is on **February 8th & 9th for the annual Antique Tractor & Engine Show**. We are also reaching out to you for help at the **Heritage Festival up on March 22nd & 23nd**, and with the **Beautiful Weddings** we have in the Rose Garden. Please

call Carol in the office if you can make time to volunteer.

President Ron acknowledged 83 volunteers in his annual report, who helped in 2013 with exhibits, tours, weddings, research and so much more. Many thanks to all of you for everything you do!



Volunteers pictured left to right are: Marty Cole, Yolanda Borsch, Kathy Palmer, Martha Dennis, Rosemary Lynch and Julia Philips.

President's Message

Highlights: 2013 Annual Report Glendale Arizona Historical Society



Ron Short, President
Board of Directors

GAHS President Ron Short is resting at home after a very serious surgical procedure, and will be returning to service as his health allows. Our thoughts and prayers are with him, and we wish him a speedy recovery.

Meanwhile, President Ron provided us with the Glendale Arizona Historical Society Annual Report for 2013, and asked that we include highlights from it in this issue.

Ron reported that, in keeping with the Society mission to promote the past during 2013, we published eight newsletters, which were distributed to members, friends, officials and businesses throughout the community. We also held four monthly program meetings and four membership socials.

The Society created scores of educational exhibits and provided many hours of educational tours at both Sahuaro and Manistee Ranches. Tours were also conducted at other historical locations in Glendale. In conjunction with the Arizona Republic, the Society began producing an on-going column to be printed monthly. It will feature historical photos and articles about Glendale.

Preservation goals were met in 2013 as our Accessions Committee continued to seek out donations of Glendale's historic documents and artifacts. The Oral Histories program recorded personal interviews with long-time residents, who recall and share past stories and experiences. More than 10,000 photos have been digitized, thanks to the Society's Photo Digitalization Project.

To meet the Society's strategic goals established in February of 2013, Ron reported that the Society created a membership and marketing committee, launched efforts to increase volunteerism, created a new brand and logo for our Society, expanded our public outreach options, broadened our funding resources, and strengthened our commitment to historic research.

President Ron concluded his report with statistical data about the number of tours and exhibits conducted during 2013, a financial report showing that the Society finished the year in the black, with a balance carried forward of more than \$3,000 in net revenue.

He closed by extending his sincere thanks to the Board of Directors and Committee Chairs, to Carol who works in the office, to the City of Glendale for its support in so many ways, and to the members, donors and sponsors who made the work we do possible.

Tour the Ranches 2013-2014 Season Schedules

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:

February 15, 2014

March 1 and 15, 2014

April 5 and 19, 2014

Season Tour Finale: May 3, 2014

Tour hours for the scheduled tours at Manistee Ranch are from 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. Tour fees are: Adults - \$5, Seniors - \$4, Children ages 6 to 16 - \$1. Glendale Arizona Historical Society members are free. All schedules are subject to change.

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WENT THE TROLLEY Roger and Lani Savage rode through town on the Glendale Town Trolley, ca 1993

The clang of the Glendale Town Trolley bell could be heard throughout the streets of downtown Glendale in the 1990s. In 1992, the City awarded a \$14,000 grant to the Downtown Development Corporation to build a trolley, which transported tourists between Old Towne and the Catlin Court shopping districts. The late Roger Savage, the trolley driver, designed many of Glendale's architectural features. His sister, Lani Savage, donated the beautiful replica that Roger crafted, his driver's vest, and the commemorative shirts to the GAHS, which are on display at the Sahuaro Ranch Guest House.

IT'S COMING UP ROSES AT SAHUARO RANCH PARK ROSE GARDEN

by Laura Hirsch

What a beautiful sunny day it was on Saturday January 4th, 2014. The Rose Society of Glendale along with the City of Glendale Parks and Recreation Department put on their annual rose pruning event: IT'S COMING UP ROSES!

This annual event has been put on in the past by the Rose Society of Glendale, but this year was the first year to include the City of Glendale and the newly formed group "The Deadheads". By having this pruning event, the SRP rose garden starts fresh for the New Year. By late March, early April, the rose garden will be "Coming up Roses" !!

Prior to the event Tyler Francis, of Francis Roses, and his crew donated and planted 283 bare root rose bushes. The rest of the empty spots were filled during the pruning event with additional rose bushes donated by Francis Roses and purchased at Berridge Nursery with grant funding provided by the Glendale Civic Pride Ambassadors.

The Mayor of Glendale, Jerry Weiers, and Councilmember Gary Sherwood were on hand to say a few words and present rose wood plaques and certificates of appreciation. The Mayor and his wife, Sandy, also helped with pruning rose bushes! The Rose Society of Glendale gave hands-on demonstrations on how to prune and plant the rose bushes and gave seminars on rose care.

There were several informational booths that included the GAHS; Sahuaro Ranch Park Historic Area; The Rose Society of Glendale; Glendale Water Conservation Department and the West Valley Master Gardeners.

This is an IMPORTANT annual event for GAHS! Without the beautiful rose garden, there would be no reason to have weddings held at the park, therefore no Wedding Belle/Beau income revenue for the GAHS. For further information on this annual event and pruning dates throughout the year, please call Laura Hirsch at: 602 920-1697 or email her at: laurahirsch27@gmail.com

Membership Drive Going Strong!

The GAHS Winter Membership Drive is now in full swing, and we've done very well so far...5 new members this month, 61 renewals and two new life memberships. Still, each of us needs to open our heart and invite just one member to join. And...our membership drive is really fun, Here's what you could win:

- ✿ Prizes for Bringing in Members
- ✿ Prizes for the New Members
- ✿ Grand Prize for the Most New Members
- ✿ New Member Appreciation Celebration

So keep up the good work. If you haven't already invited a friend to join, do it now. If you haven't had a chance to renew your membership, do that now too. Your Society needs your help!

Gary Hirsch, Membership Chairman



Laura Hirsch, Rose Society of Glendale Chairman and Gary Hirsch, GAHS Membership Chairman, at the Sahuaro Ranch Rose Garden where some of Glendale's most beautiful weddings are held.



Mayor Jerry Weiers presents a Rosewood Plaque and certificate of appreciation to Glendale Rose Donor Tyler Francis



Dedicated Rose Society members and caring guests helped prune roses at Glendale's Annual Rose Pruning event held at Sahuaro Ranch on Saturday, January 4, 2014



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Our next membership program meeting, featuring a presentation on making your own Digital Photo Albums will be held:

**Monday evening, February 24, at 6 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.

Welcome New Members

Dean and Catherine Synan

In Memoriam

In December, we lost one of our longtime members, Jack Moody.

Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife Jean and their family.

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SAHUARO NOTES from Julia Phillips



Our new exhibit, ***Elegant Vintage Wear & Accessories*** is now open. Many thanks to the following volunteers who were responsible for putting this display together: Yolanda Borsch, Marty Cole, Martha Dennis, Carol Hook, Rosemary Lynch, Kathy Palmer and Julia Phillips. One dress, worn by Edna Brazil, dates back to 1924, and is just one of the many beautiful vintage dresses in our exhibit.

Thanks to Rosemary Lynch and her crew, Kathy Palmer and Jack Rose, for sprucing up the basement, a very important part of our tours. As you descend the stairs, women who had hair permanents in the 30s and 40s, will recognize the ***Permanent Wave Machine***. The next stop is the room that houses the dental chair from Dr. Trueblood's dental office, very big among our young tour visitors. Outside that room is the ***Children's Area***, featuring dolls, doll carriages and other toys. The dolls are much different than the Barbie Dolls girls play with today. Then, as you enter the main room, our older tour visitors feel like it's a walk down memory lane as they view the potbellied stove, the wood burning cook stove, and the 6-inch television screen that required a magnifying glass on a stand to allow everyone in the room to see it. These are just a few of the wonderful items in the basement display.