



Glendale Arizona Historical Society

"preservation of the past"

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UPCOMING EVENTS

at a glance

Please Save These Dates

Annual Christmas Party
Monday, December 17, 2018
7:00 PM
Manistee Ranch

Potluck & Elections/Installation
Monday, January 28, 2019
6:00 PM
Manistee Ranch

Sands Family Trip to Taos, NM Exhibit
Tricia Loscher, Curator
Scottsdale Museum of the West
Monday, February 25, 2018
2:00 PM
Manistee Ranch

Where the Girls Are?
Martha Dennis and Marty Cole
Monday, March 25, 2018
7:00 PM
Manistee Ranch

History of Sahuaro Ranch
Liz Duncan
Monday, April 22, 2019
2:00 PM
Manistee Ranch

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You're Invited to the 2018 Glendale Arizona Historical Society Annual Christmas Party & Nominations

DECEMBER 17, 2018 at 7:00 PM

Manistee Ranch, 5127 W. Northern Avenue (enter off 51st Avenue)



Are you nostalgic about Christmas of the past and long for those days again? Then the Glendale Arizona Historical Society's Annual Christmas is exactly what you need to lift your spirits and put a smile on your face. For anyone who enjoys open and friendly people, come to the Christmas party.

For anyone who wants to learn more about Glendale's history come to the Christmas Party. Join this merry group to sing Christmas carols and enjoy some delicious Christmas desserts. Marvel at the beauty and grandeur of the historic Manistee Ranch House. Bring a guest to share these fun times.

There will be a list of nominations for directors and officers of the Society for members to approve. Please bring one of your special Christmas desserts to share. The Society will provide beverages, plates and utensils. See you at the Christmas Party.



"My youngest boy...is seriously sick"

William H. Bartlett (pictured at left) bought 640 acres of desert in 1886 north of Glendale and developed it into Sahuaro Ranch, one of Arizona's most successful farming enterprises. Mr.

Bartlett wrote many letters to his ranch supervisor Harry Adams, and to others about the ranch.

On August 4, 1898, Bartlett wrote Harry Adams "My youngest boy (Willie) returned from Europe . . . and is now seriously sick... with a low fever and

lung complications are feared." Then on August 19, 1898, Bartlett wrote to George Patton Esq. "A fifth of the left lung was apparently involved ... Dr. Babcock says the boy must go West... I hope the family can go to Arizona about the first week in October . . . I am having a new bedroom built onto the ranch house, so we can accommodate lots of people." The bedroom addition was the Guest house that contained seven bedrooms and five baths. Willie, his doctor, servant and friends stayed in the Guest house while Bartlett and his wife lodged in the Main House. Willie's health did improve; born in 1880, he died of pneumonia at the age of 39 in 1920.

President's Message

The Board of Directors had a full agenda and great discussion at their November 7, 2018 Board meeting. The main agenda item was repairs to historic Manistee Ranch house. The piers holding up the porch are in poor condition. The watering of the bushes next to the house has eroded the integrity of the brick. A bid will be provided to replace all the piers.

The Board approved installing gutters and downspouts all around the main house, repair the extensive woodpecker damage, replace stair treads and wood trim and rebuild the wood trim ledge and repair water damage to the porch. The Board approved the 2019 Society budget for \$38,350. The Society facilitated 54 weddings in 2018 and has booked 14 weddings for 2019 so far.

The President made a presentation to the Anasazi Chapter DAR and to the Glendale Rotary Club; and testified before the Glendale Planning Commission twice and before the City Council urging preservation of the air control tower, Founders Hall and the hangar at Thunderbird School of Global Management.

The nomination committee will develop a list of persons wishing to run for Board director (two positions) and officers. Please call 623-435-0072 and express your interest in serving on the Board of Directors. The nominations will be approved by the membership at the December Christmas party and meeting with election and installation at the January potluck and meeting.



Ron Short, President
GAHS Board of Directors



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The Glendale Arizona Historical Society is an important part of Glendale in promoting and preserving its history.

On August 27, 1973 the revival of the Glendale Historical Society and development of a museum was discussed at a public meeting at the Glendale Community Building. Ron C. Murphy, assistant superintendent of Glendale High School chaired the organizational meeting. He stressed the need for participation by youth. Representatives of service organizations, ethnic groups and local high schools attended the meeting.

The Glendale Woman's Club was a leading group that fostered the creation and development of the historical society. The need for a museum was acknowledged the previous year through the Glendale Leadership Forum, which recommended creation of an all-purpose public facility for concerts, theater and a museum. The Glendale Woman's Club held a fashion show to raise funds for the Historical Society.

The Glendale Arizona Historical Society received a 501(c)3 designation in 1978. In 1985, the

Society moved into the Guest House at Sahuaro Ranch and set up an office, library and exhibit area. In 1986, the city asked the Historical Society to assist a couple that wanted to get married in the Sahuaro Ranch Rose Garden.



Since then the Historical Society has facilitated nearly 2,000 weddings at Sahuaro Ranch. Donations from the weddings are the principal means of funds to operate the Society.

In 1996, the Sands family was selling their ranch property and historic buildings. The city and the Glendale Arizona Historical Society submitted and received two Heritage Fund grants from the State of Arizona for acquiring the historic buildings and grounds. The Historical Society restored the buildings through the leadership of Chuck and Carol St. Clair.

The Society conducts public tours and has their meetings at Manistee Ranch. Manistee Ranch has been the primary ongoing project for the Society.

CREATING GLENDALE'S CHAMBER of COMMERCE



After a few informal meetings of businessmen, a formal organization took place on March 15, 1927 with the adoption of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Glendale District Chamber of Commerce. "The purpose and object of this organization shall be the promotion of civic, economic and social welfare of

the entire Glendale District, and all things thereunto belonging and pertaining."

The Chamber is people--people working together for the benefit of the entire community. The Chamber is the only vehicle that binds these people together for the performance of a stated purpose. People whose service above self to their community include "Mr. Glendale," D.H. 'Harry' Bonsall, Sr., the first organizing President of the Glendale Chamber of Commerce for 2 ½ years. Early workers for a Better Glendale included Dr. Harold W. Smith, Recreation Chair, Jack Brazill, Membership Chair and H.D. McKee, Russell Jones and Dr. W.A. Kales on the Industrial Committee, Fred Chesney, Legislative Committee and Frank Heatwole, Glendale and Valley Beautiful Committee.

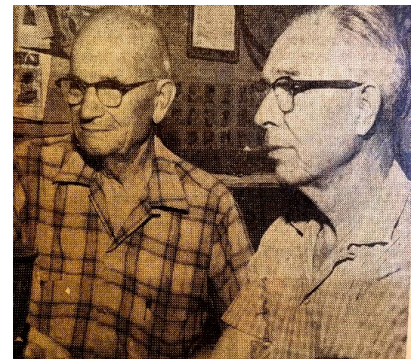
The first annual meeting had 56 members. The Chamber was very effective in the early Poultry Farm days and supported such projects as Glendale Community College project, paving lateral 18 and others, improving west Glendale Avenue, clean-up campaigns in 1938-1939 and encouraging business development ranging from small business establishments to E.L. Gruber company with 1,200 employees.

The Glendale Chamber continued on from the 1960's to the present to be an important organization in moving Glendale forward.

5850 West Glendale Avenue An Address to Remember

The address, 5850 W. Glendale Avenue, is a very important address for the citizens of Glendale and it is historic. The current Glendale City Hall is located at the address. However, before City Hall there was Hearn's Furniture and Hardware store. Tom Hearn came to Glendale from Wyoming and started the furniture business with his brother Carl in 1938. The business was active in downtown for 33 years until the City of Glendale bought their property in 1971 and the business was terminated. The city bought the Hearn's property along with five other properties. The historic 1906

furniture store building and the 1890 blacksmith shop in the rear of the store were torn down. Tom died in 1973 at age 82, having served as Welfare Chairman of the Glendale Community Fund for fifteen years. Both men were veterans: Tom in WWI and Carl in WWII. Both were present to watch the historic buildings bulldozed down. Tom said, "It's kind of sad to see the old landmark go" and Carl said "Yes - but you can't stop progress." Tom then commented, "Usually the closest associated friends go to the cemetery for the burial."



Tom and Carl Hearn,
Hearn's Furniture and Hardware
5850 W. Glendale Avenue

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Carl Pleasant
1886-1930

CARL PLEASANT'S GREATEST ENGINEERING FEAT

Thousands of people enjoy the beautiful water at Lake Pleasant, but few know the story behind the dam and lake.

Carl Pleasant is credited with engineering of the Waddell Dam. The

intent of the dam was to control the flood of the Agua Fria River, which varied greatly by season. The dam, finished in 1927, was the largest multiple arch dam ever built by man. The massive structure stood 76 feet tall and 250 feet long with a crest length of 2,160

feet. The maximum height above bedrock is 250 feet. It was a greater piece of construction than the Theodore Roosevelt Dam according to some. The dam, built at a cost of \$4 million dollars - twice the amount estimated, tamed the Agua Fria River. The dam was first named Frog Tanks Dam, then named Carl Pleasant Dam and the lake named Carl Pleasant. In 1963 the dam was named Waddell after Donald Ware Waddell, a financier, who sold the bonds to finance the dam.

Carl Pleasant was born in 1886 in Kansas and enrolled at the University of Kansas in 1905, becoming one of greatest football players ever to play for the school. He majored in engineering and after graduation received a master's degree in engineering. He married his college sweetheart Gertrude Copley and had five girls - his "wee chubbies" as he called them. He moved to Tulsa, Oklahoma for a few years, until the family moved to Phoenix, Arizona in 1926. He developed a strong reputation as an engineer with bridge projects, municipal water systems, the largest single paving project ever done in Kansas City, a canal,

and road building as a private engineering consultant.

Pleasant was away often and greatly missed his family writing his wife and the girls often. On the same paper on which he had drawn his designs, he wrote his children, *"The moonlight that falls on your pillow,/Shall rise again in the blue,/And the light of your eyes shall reward me,/As I look up on Heaven and you."* On March 15, 1930, three years after the Waddell Dam was completed, Carl Pleasant died at age 43 from cerebral meningitis following a mastoid operation.



1927 Waddell Dam



1927 Carl Pleasant family

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Our next member get-together is:

Annual Christmas Party

Monday, December 17, 2018

6:00 PM, Manistee Ranch

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 our newest members:

Kathryn Christmann

and

Darlene Keller and Family



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What a wonderful Christmas treat for you, your loved ones and visitors to enjoy the blessings of Christmas by taking a tour of Glendale's unique and memorable historic masterpieces. Great and fascinating history is in Glendale. Take your family for a unique guided tour of Glendale's agricultural past. The City of Glendale Parks and Recreation staff at Sahuaro Ranch offers free tours of the Main House and the Glendale Historical Society provides free tours of the Guest House and Adobe house. The Historical Society also conducts tours of historic Manistee Ranch.

SAHUARO RANCH 1895 MAIN HOUSE, 9802 N. 59TH AVENUE

FREE TOURS of the Main House September to May: 10 am to 2 pm, Fridays & Saturdays; 1 pm to 4 pm, Sundays, (Closed August and on holidays, Thanksgiving weekend, December 24, 25, 31 and January 1.) Please call 623-930-4201 for group tours of 10 or more.

SAHUARO RANCH 1898 GUEST HOUSE and 1887 ADOBE HOUSE, 9802 N. 59TH AVENUE

FREE TOURS of the Guest House October to May: 1 pm to 3 pm on Sundays.

FREE TOURS of the 1887 Adobe House during festivals and with prior arrangements. Call 623-435-0072 for more information, if you have any questions, or for group tours.

1897 MANISTEE RANCH, 5127 W. NORTHERN AVENUE (enter from 51st Avenue)

Your Society's docents conduct tours October to May: noon to 4 pm (last tour starts at 3 pm). Fees: Adults \$5, Seniors \$4, Ages 6-16 \$1, **GAHS MEMBERS are FREE**. 2018-19 tour dates - the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month on the following dates: December 1 and 15, January 5 and 19, February 2 and 16, March 2 and 16, April 6 and 20, and May 4.