



# Glendale Arizona Historical Society

*"preservation of the past"*

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

at a glance

**Please Save these Dates**

### **MARCH 7 & 8, 2014**

Glencroft Quilt Auction  
Fri, 1pm - 6pm & Sat, 8am - 3pm  
\$5/person — Kids under 12 free  
For details, call 623.939.9475,  
or e-mail [gweide@glencroft.com](mailto:gweide@glencroft.com)

### **MARCH 22 & 23, 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  
"History of Dairy Farming in  
Glendale" by Eric Rovey

### **MAY 13, 2014**

Ice Cream Social  
4 pm at Manistee Ranch

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## **RUSSIAN CEMETERY: A PIECE OF GLENDALE HISTORY**

*GAHS Program set for March 24, 2014*

There were over 300 Russians that came to Glendale from California by train in 1911 to work the sugar beets. The Russians settled in the 75<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Glendale Avenue Area. They established the Russian Molokan Church on Griffin Avenue and a cemetery at 5726 N. 75<sup>th</sup> Avenue (NEC of Maryland Avenue right of way and 75<sup>th</sup> Avenue).



Pete Uraine, Russian Cemetery Maintenance / Groundskeeper

The March 24, 2014 GAHS meeting at 7:00 PM at Manistee Ranch, (driving directions on page 4) will welcome Pete Uraine, who for years has taken care of the Russian Cemetery. Pete will talk about the history of the cemetery and share unique stories of the people buried in or near the cemetery. This will be a very informative discussion about one of Glendale's most historic sites. Learn more about the history of your community by attending the meeting. Everyone is invited to this unique discussion. The host for this meeting is Candy Shepard.



## **Folk & Heritage Festival**

The annual Folk & Heritage Festival is coming to Sahuaro Ranch Park's Historic Area, Saturday and Sunday, March 22 and 23, from 10am to 5pm. Admission is FREE. This year's festival features over 150 performers, historic site tours, period costumes, blacksmith demonstrations, activities for the kids, a food court and so more. If you would like to help out at the Folk and Heritage Festival, please call our office at 623-435-0072.

# President's Message



## *Many Thanks for the Help of Outstanding Board and Members*



Ron Short, President  
Board of Directors

The months of January and February have been a challenging medical experience for me. I became very ill in mid- January and had my gall bladder removed. Recovery was slow, and I did not want to rush the process. I greatly appreciate the many members who stepped up to keep the Society's programs and activities going. The Board of Directors has been outstanding in their support during

my recovery time. Martha Dennis and Marty Cole put in extra time to make things work well. Thanks !!

Carol Hook, GAHS Secretary has resigned to spend more time with her ailing mother. Carol has done a wonderful job for the Society and we all appreciate her devotion to the job and Society. Elaine Scruggs recommended Josie Reardon for the secretary position. A group of Board members interviewed and hired Josie, who worked for the City of Glendale Neighborhood Services and 25 years with the City of Phoenix. I had the pleasure to work with Josie on developing historic districts and addressing neighborhood issues in Glendale.

The Glendale Arizona Historical Society has been at Sahuaro Ranch since 1986, facilitating weddings and providing tours of the Adobe House and Guest House, where the Society office is located. The City of Glendale owns Sahuaro Ranch, and its Parks and Recreation and Library Services Department has been an important partner with the weddings, tours and upkeep of the Rose Garden. Executive Director Erik Strunk met with me in early January to discuss how the Society and City can partner to improve the experience at Sahuaro Ranch. The City is interested in having a written agreement with the Glendale Arizona Historical Society for the use of the Guest House and Rose Garden. Over the years there have been many understandings of roles, rules and activities at Sahuaro Ranch for both the City and the Society, but never a signed agreement by both parties. Mr. Strunk has requested performance data, financial information, bylaws, annual report, wedding statistics, etc. as a basis for developing an understanding of the relationship between Parks and Recreation and Library Services and the Society operations at Sahuaro Ranch. This information will also be the basis for preparing the Use Agreement.

The Board of Directors has complied with the City's request and will work with them to accomplish a mutually beneficial Use Agreement for Sahuaro Ranch operations.

## Get on Back to School

Go back to school, way back, and see what is was like attending one of the nation's unique experiments in school design, the unit plan. On July 10, 1891, the Glendale School District No. 40 was established, but was officially called Jefferson School District until June 20, 1892. The first Glendale school was built in 1895, when the German Baptist and the River Brethren founded the community as a religious colony. The school was a large two story structure at the corner of 58<sup>th</sup> Ave and Palmaire. This building has since been demolished.



The school was sufficient until 1913 when the district purchased 20 acres to build five more buildings. Two additional buildings were added in 1915. In 1917, voters approved an auditorium, administrative building, healing plant, domestic arts building and nine unit buildings. Additional bonds were passed in 1919 to build ten more buildings. The buildings were completed in 1920 with construction of eight more buildings. L.G. Knipe, designed a complex of 34 separate classroom buildings, which allowed for better lighting, ventilation, reduced noise, better health control, reduced fire hazard, flexibility of adding and removing classrooms and ease in classroom grade configuration. The one remaining One-Room Class Building, listed on the National Registry of Historic Places, is still standing at 7301 N. 58th Ave, accessible from the administration building parking lot. This building has kept a high degree of integrity of its original design and materials.

Please go back to school and enjoy this important part of Glendale's history...and then get ready! In our April newsletter, we will be joining in as the Glendale Union High School Class of 1939 celebrates its 75th Reunion.



# EVERYBODY'S IRISH ON ST PATRICK'S DAY

## 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:

**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.

As rich in diversity as Glendale is, we can only imagine how our Irish ancestors might have shared their colorful heritage with friends and neighbors. Families that never saw or heard of the Emerald Isle are indeed **Irish** on March 17th of each year. Here's a traditional recipe that may have adorned many an Irish-American table, from one of our "not so" Irish members:



### Wicklow Pancakes



- 4 large eggs
- 600 ml of milk
- 4 ounces of fresh breadcrumbs
- 1 tablespoon of chopped parsley
- Some chopped thyme
- 2 tablespoons of chopped chives or scallions
- Salt and pepper
- 2 tablespoons of Butter

Beat the eggs lightly, then add the milk, breadcrumbs, herbs and seasonings, and mix well. Heat 1 tablespoon of the butter in a pan until foaming, then pour in the mixture and cook over a low flame until it is brown underneath and just set on top. Put under the grill to finish. Serve cut into wedges with a knob of butter on each piece. Serves 4

## Vintage Dress Exhibit Continues through the end of March

There's still time to visit the beautiful display of vintage dresses from Glendale's colorful past, and donated by Glendale families.



The display is in the Guest House at Sahuaro Ranch and open for viewing every Sunday afternoon during the scheduled public tours.

Coming in April will be the Wedding Dress exhibit, another lovely display, and one you won't want to miss. Please plan to visit the Guest House in the coming weeks and enjoy these two elegant exhibits.



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Our next membership program meeting will feature Pete Uraine, who will provide stories about the Russian Cemetery:

**Monday evening, March 24, 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.

#### **ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED**

## **SAHUARO NOTES**

from Julia Phillips

The weekend of February 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> was like spring day for Tractor Day visitors to the Ranch. Our volunteers showed 302 visitors through the Guest House and 95 guests visited the Adobe House. Many thanks to the following volunteers who made the weekend such a success — Yolanda Borsch, Emery Brown, Frankie Brown, Ruth Byrne, Marty Cole, Gloria Cryer, Martha Dennis, Karl Dennison, Lannie and Kerry Dewberry, Carol Hook, Rosemary Lynch, Kathy Palmer, Julia Phillips, Vesta Roper, Jack Rose, Dorothy and Harold Rucker and Peggy Vice.

We will need volunteers for the Folk and Heritage Festival coming up March 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, and to help out with weddings.

We are also still hoping to have a donation of a 1930's era wedding dress for our spring bridal exhibit. If you know of anyone who would like to donate a dress from this era, or if you would like to be a Society volunteer, please call our office at 623-435-0072 and talk to Josie.



Shown here are just a few of the hundreds of antique tractors and engines that were on display at the show.

**New Members:**  
Josie and Tim Reardon

### **March is National Women's History Month**

The Glendale Arizona Historical Society honors all the women who contributed so much to the growth, education and strength of Glendale