



Glendale Arizona Historical Society

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UPCOMING EVENTS

at a glance

Please Save These Dates

Dan Kallberg

**History of the
Glendale Police Department**

Monday, October 23, 2017
7:00 pm - Manistee Ranch
(see page 4 for directions)

ANNUAL GAHS PICNIC

Saturday, November 18, 2017
11:30 am to 2:30 pm
Manistee Ranch

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Monday, December 18, 2017
7:00 pm
Manistee Ranch



Your membership dues do so much good in helping us preserve Glendale's history!
If you've already renewed, we thank you.

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THE HISTORY OF THE GLENDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Glendale Arizona Historical Society is pleased to feature Dan Kallberg as our Guest Speaker for the October 23, 2017, 7:00 PM meeting to be held at Manistee Ranch, 5127 W. Northern Ave. (enter off of 51st Avenue.) Dan is a twenty-five year veteran of the Glendale Police Department, retiring in 2004. Dan worked with the Glendale Arizona Historical Society researching and collecting historical information regarding the police department; put

together the Police Museum, which opened in 2002 and received the "Ruth Byrne Historic Preservation Award" for his curator work with the museum. Over the past 15 years Dan has devoted considerable time and effort in research, documentation and operation of the museum. Dan will talk about how the Police Department got started, and have some fun facts about the Police Chiefs over the years. He will discuss when different units started and about some



of the officers of the past. This is a great opportunity to learn more about the history of your community and enjoy some excellent refreshments and fellowship.



GLENDALE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION 14th Annual Motor Coach Tour

On the morning of May 6, 2017 over 80 people boarded two 45-passenger buses for a magical trip back to the past. They started at the Civic Center and their first stop was the 1913 **C.H. Tinker House** at 6839 North 59th Drive. Visitors were greeted by owners Natalie and Scott Stahl who showed them around. Not only is the Tinker House their residence, but it is also used as a beautiful wedding venue. Next stop was the **Glendale H. S. Auditorium**, built in 1939 by the Works Progress Administration. Miss Vanessa Bernal told dramatic stories of its resident ghost **Joe** and how he haunts the facility to this day. Participants saw the 1896 **Henry Lehman House** and the original 1800's **Irrigation Ditch**. The group then toured the **Woods House**, 5837 W. Gardenia Avenue,

so beautifully restored by owner Tim Quinn. The last place visited was Michael and Raianne Melton's amazing restoration of the 1925 historic home at 5837 W. Northview Avenue. The group paused briefly at Carl's Jr on Northern Avenue, and then continued on through the beautiful **Thunderbird Estate and McDonald Historic District**. They saw the **Myrtle Avenue Historic Gateway**, the 1897 **Jonas McNair House**, the 1932 **George O. Dowdy House**, and the **Floralcroft, Northfield, and Sands Estates Historic Districts**. This annual event honors May as National Historic Preservation month. The tour was a presentation of the **Glendale Historic Preservation Commission** and sponsored by the **Glendale Civic Pride Ambassadors**.



President's Message

2017 Annual Board Retreat

The Board of Directors annual retreat on August 19, 2017 covered several topics for future planning and operation of your Society. Here are some highlights of our discussions and objectives:

MANISTEE RANCH

The retreat's main focus was Manistee Ranch, a critical historic landmark for Glendale. The Board will proceed with a bid to complete the re-roofing of the house and another bid to paint the entire exterior of the house. Past donations for Manistee Ranch will be used for the projects. The Board decided to create a Capital Funding Campaign to raise funds specifically for maintaining Manistee Ranch, declining an offer to acquire Manistee Ranch for private purposes. The Board will be working with Boy Scout Troop 262 to replace the wooden signs for the farming equipment display. The Photo Collection Project will continue at Manistee Ranch with a paid part-time tech and help from an Arizona Historical Society Grant.

MARKETING and COMMUNICATION

Gail Meyers provided the Board with marketing, wedding and tour brochures, which were approved by the Board and 3,000 copies have been printed, and are now available at our office. Tracy Marsh showed the Board a whole new GAHS website, which was approved and will be up on the internet soon.

LIBRARY / RESEARCH and PRESERVATION

Nelda Crowell, with the Library and Research Committee provided an aggressive Library/Research program and timetable to be completed over a three year period using the software "Past Perfect." All research information will be moved to the Guest House at Sahuaro Ranch. The current library and exhibit room will be the new office and research center and the current office will be the new exhibit room.

THIS COMING YEAR'S ACTIVITIES

The Board developed the programs and dates for 2017-2018 meeting programs and socials. The Society has 58 weddings scheduled for the year. The Society will be giving Sunday tours and school tours of the Guest House and Adobe House. This means a critical need for volunteers. Please call the office 623-435-0072 and sign up for weddings, school tours, Sunday tours and Manistee Ranch Tours. The President has been asked by the City to be a member of the review committee for a consultant proposal to do the Sahuaro Ranch Master Plan update. The city has completed a re-decking of the Foreman's House with cedar planks. The same project will be done in front of the Main House and the Guest House.



Ron Short, President
GAHS Board of Directors

It was a busy, engaging and successful retreat; we are anxious to get to work on our objectives. Thank you for your continued membership.

Respectfully,



Ron Short, President

REMEMBERING MARTY ROBBINS



Anne Owens
Presenter

The last GAHS program meeting on May 22, 2017, before the summer break, was packed with 38 participants who enjoyed several taped testimonials from the 1992 Marty

Robbins Tribute. In spite of some technical problems with the audio-visual equipment, Anne Owens (pictured above) provided an intriguing review of her efforts in putting together the tribute that was held at the Murphy Park Amphitheatre, now the E. Lowell Rogers Amphitheatre.

The audience was composed of members, guests and several people who wanted to hear about Marty. They enjoyed sharing memories of Marty, and expressed appreciation to Anne for putting together the evening's program, as well as for creating the 1992 Marty Robbins tribute. The audience was also treated to delicious ice cream and root beer floats.

THE GUEST HOUSE MYSTERY EGG



Visitors to the Sahuaro Ranch Guest House are met by a huge ostrich egg and feather, encased in glass. Questions fly, like: "Wow! What is it?" and "Where did it come from?" This preserved egg, laid in 1912 and a keepsake of Glendale's Byron Peck family, survived and was donated to the Glendale AZ Historical Society. Ostriches came to America from South Africa in 1882. Chicks from that small herd were brought here in 1888 and a major ostrich feather industry developed, that is...until the fashion



I DO NOT bury my head in the sand!

fad stopped. For more on Glendale's fascinating ostrich story, call or visit your Historical Society office. Ahhh...do you remember the fan dance?

Glendale's PIONEERS

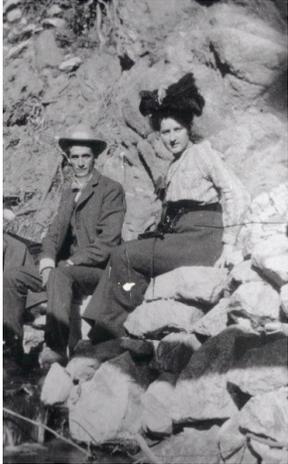
Only a handful of individuals or families were part of the early Glendale settlers and some of those were instrumental in the life and development of Glendale and the Salt River Valley. Edgar Ewing Jack, a rancher, lived to 79 and his wife Mary Lettie Mossman Jack lived to the age of 100, dying in 1976.



Mary "Lettie" Mossman Jack

Edgar Ewing Jack

Young Edgar (20), came to Arizona in 1890 to work on the Wolfe Dam. He then spent two years at Stanford University and returned to Arizona in 1893 as a ranch hand at Rancho del Higo Ranch. He became superintendent and later ran all of the Bartlett's interests including Sahuaro Ranch. He left the Bartletts in 1903 and bought his own 160 acre ranch at 43rd Avenue, Grand Avenue and Camelback Road staying there until his death. He had orchards, dairy cows and was a cattle-feeder.



Edgar and "Lettie" Jack, ca 1903

Edgar was active in agricultural organizations and helped organize the Salt River Water Users Association. He was active in the First Presbyterian Church, Chairman of the Alhambra School, Member of the Knights of the Round Table, Rotary Club, Glendale Chamber of Commerce, Farm Bureau, and helped in construction of the Good Samaritan Hospital.

Mary Lettie Mossman was born in Vinton, Iowa in 1875 and came to Arizona in 1897 to teach at the Alhambra School for \$50 a month. She stayed at her Aunt and Uncle "Watermelon" Smith's farm. She met Edgar on a Sunday afternoon selling ice cream at the First Methodist Church. They married in 1901 and lived at Del Higo Ranch for two years. Edgar bought Lettie's Aunt and Uncle's ranch and added more land over the years for a total of 500 acres.

The land was later sold to John F. Long and Lettie moved to Glendale. Lettie became very active in town starting the Self Culture Club - to be known later as the Glendale Woman's Club, saving the library and the town park; circulating a petition to pave Grand Avenue; had the first telephone in the area (her number was 13) helping to set up Arizona's Pioneer Living History Museum and donating her farmhouse to the park; instrumental in selling bonds for the Northwest Hospital. Lettie and Edgar had four daughters Katharine Louise, Elizabeth Nicolls, Margaret Mossman and Josephine Burrell.

2017-18 Ranch Tour Schedules

SAHUARO RANCH 1895 MAIN HOUSE

9802 N. 59th Avenue, Glendale, AZ

FREE TOURS of the Main House September- May: 10 am – 2 pm , Fridays & Saturdays; 1 pm – 4 pm, Sundays June and July: 10am- 2pm (closed during August and on holidays, Thanksgiving weekend, December 24, 25, 31 and January 1.) Ranch Site Tour: September 30, 2017 from 11am to noon. Please call 623-930-4201 for group tours of 10 or more.



SAHUARO RANCH 1898 GUEST HOUSE and 1887 ADOBE HOUSE (inset)

9802 N. 59th Avenue, Glendale, AZ

FREE TOURS of the Guest House October – May: 1pm – 3:30pm on Sundays, **FREE TOURS** of the Adobe House during festivals and prior arrangements. Please call 623-435-0072 for more information, if you have any questions, or for group tours.



1897 MANISTEE RANCH

5127 W Northern Avenue, Glendale, AZ (enter from the parking lot on 51st Avenue)

Tours conducted by the Glendale Arizona Historical Society docents October – May: noon to 4pm (last tour starts at 3pm). Fees: Adults \$5, Seniors \$4, Ages 6-16 \$1, GAHS MEMBERS FREE. 2017-2018 tour dates - the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month from October to May - will be on the following dates: Oct. 7, 21; Nov. 4, 18; Dec. 2, 16; Jan. 6, 20; Feb. 3, 17, March 3, 17, April 7, 21 and May 5. Please call 623-435-0072 for group tours.



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Our next membership get together is a presentation by **Dan Kallberg**, entitled "**The History of the Glendale Police Department**" on October 23, 2017, at 7:00 pm, Manistee Ranch, 5127 W. Northern Avenue.

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

to our newest members:

Lisa Baker
Judith Clark and David Reiter
Robert Corella
Enos King-Lewis II
Manistee Manor

Farewell

as we celebrate the lives of those we
have lost. They will be missed.

Nelson Butler
Dirl Dennis
Carlton Pitts

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Rosemary Lynch Honored by the Glendale City Council

On September 12, 2017, Mayor Jerry Weiers and the Glendale City Council awarded Rosemary Lynch the prestigious Ruth Byrne Historic Preservation Award for outstanding contribution to preserving Glendale's history. Rosemary was a founding member of the Glendale Arizona Historical Society in 1973 and hasn't slowed up in her support, volunteering and providing effective leadership since then. She has devoted over 40 years of service to historic preservation by serving on the Board of Directors, docent, weed puller, fund raiser, exhibit organizer, wedding facilitator volunteer and promoter for

events. Rosemary helped to care for the many historic buildings at Sahuaro Ranch over the years. In addition to historic preservation Rosemary found time to be on the Park and Recreation Board and Glendale Women's Club, serving as President from 1970-71 and Chair of the Arbor Day activities. Her work leading the Community Improvement Program in the 1970's to plant new trees and area clean-up resulted in the city receiving a National Beautification Award. She has worked with the Glendale Arts Council creating the famed juried art show at Sahuaro Ranch.

Congratulations Rosemary for your amazing and lasting service to Glendale through historic preservation, conservation/beautification, arts and public service.



Rosemary Lynch,
Dedicated Volunteer
and Dear Friend