

MARCH, APRIL, MAY, 2014
ARIZONA HISTORICAL SOCIETY (AHS)
NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Information about several of these activities and more can be found at
www.ArizonaHistoricalSociety.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The AHS Pioneer Museum in Flagstaff will reopen on March 1, 2014. It was closed January and February, 2014, for renovations.
- The Library and Archives in Tucson will be closed on March 14, 2014 and on March 21, 2014.
- The 55th Annual Arizona History Convention is April 10 – 12, 2014, in Prescott, Arizona. See details below.

EVENTS

MARCH 2014

March 1

Chandler event - National History Day Arizona Regional Competition & Call for Volunteer Judges

Kyrene Aprende Middle School, 777 N. Desert Breeze Blvd. East #2, Chandler, AZ 85226.
For more information please contact Nancy York, AHS National History Day Coordinator for Arizona, at nyork@azhs.gov or 480-929-0292, ext 137. A flyer about National History Day competition can be found at www.arizonahistoricalociety.org/wp-content/uploads/National-History-Day-Flyer-UPDATED.pdf.

March 1

Kingman event - National History Day Arizona Regional Competition & Call for Volunteer Judges

Lee Williams High School, 400 Grandview Ave, Kingman, AZ 86401.
For more information please contact Nancy York, AHS National History Day Coordinator for Arizona, at nyork@azhs.gov or 480-929-0292, ext 137. A flyer about National History Day competition can be found at www.arizonahistoricalociety.org/wp-content/uploads/National-History-Day-Flyer-UPDATED.pdf.

March 1 – May 3 (first Saturday of each month)

Historic Downtown Yuma Walking Tours

AHS Sanguinetti House Museum, 240 S. Madison Ave., Yuma, AZ 85364.
Phone: 928-782-1841 Email: ahsyuma@azhs.gov.

The Yuma County Historical Society (a volunteer support group of the Arizona Historical Society) is pleased to present historic walking tours of Old Yuma. Relive the days when Yuma transformed into a busy mercantile center and stars like Marilyn Monroe and Jimmy Stewart stayed here. See the hotel where John Wayne kept his horse on the patio roof. Want to know more? You have to take this tour to find out! Tours last approximately 2 hours and cover around 1.5 miles.

Cost is \$10.00/person. Reservations are required or the tour will not take place. For additional information (including starting time of tour) and to make reservations, contact Kate Cook at 928-231-6433. Tours are also offered every Tuesday and Thursday through May 29, 2014.

March 4 – May 29 (every Tuesday and Thursday)

Historic Downtown Yuma Walking Tours

AHS Sanguinetti House Museum, 240 S. Madison Ave., Yuma, AZ 85364.

Phone: 928-782-1841 Email: ahsyuma@azhs.gov.

See full description at March 1, 2014, listing above.

March 4 - March 8

Arizona Pathfinders' Tour of Mesilla, New Mexico Area (departs from Tucson)

Pathfinders will be conducting a five-day bus tour. Some highlights: Guided tour of Old Mesilla Plaza; El Paso Missions tour; Walking tour of historic downtown El Paso; Visit to the Zuhl Museum; Tour of the New Mexico Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum; Visit to the White Sands Missile Base Museum; Stop at the Geronimo Springs Museum; Visit to Spaceport America; Stop at the Deming Luna Mimbres Museum; Visit to the mining ghost town of Shakespeare.

For reservations and more information, contact Pathfinders' John Flynn at kc7fqh@gmail.com or Mary Flynn at 520-579 7508. The Arizona Pathfinders, Inc. is an organization of dedicated volunteers whose purpose is to support the Arizona Historical Society, Southern Division.

March 7, 14, 21, and 28

Tucson Guided Walking Tours of Fort Lowell Park Ruins and Hardy Village Archaeological Site

10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

AHS Fort Lowell Museum, 2900 N. Craycroft Rd., Tucson, AZ.

In conjunction with Arizona Archaeological and Heritage Awareness Month, AHS will offer guided walking tours of the Hardy Village Archaeological Site and the ruins of Old Fort Lowell. Hardy Village is a Hohokam site occupied from about 300 A.D. to 1300 A.D. Finish up the tour viewing the museum exhibit of Hohokam artifacts found at this site and hold in your hands a pottery shard that might be 1,000 years old.

Walking tour included with General museum admission: \$3.00; Ages 60+ and Ages 12-18: \$2.00; Ages 11 and younger and all AHS members: Free. For more information contact AHS Curatorial Aide Bette Richards at the Museum (520-885-3832 Fridays and Saturdays only; brichards@azhs.gov). A flyer about the tours can be found on the AHS website at <http://www.arizonahistoricalsociety.org/wp-content/uploads/Walking-Tours-March-2014.pdf>.

March 8

Yuma driving tour -- The Olive Oatman Story: Where it all began

8:00 a.m. -- 3:00 p.m. Call for reservations and tour starting location.

AHS Sanguinetti House Museum, 240 S. Madison Ave., Yuma, AZ 85364.

Phone: 928-782-1841 Email: ahsyuma@azhs.gov.

The AHS Sanguinetti House Museum is pleased to announce the resumption of special driving tours. One of the most famous stories to come out of the Old West is that of Olive Oatman, the young girl who with her sister was captured by Yavapai and later sold to the Mojaves. You have seen her picture wearing an elegant gown in striking contrast to a prominent tattoo on her chin. You have doubtless read the numerous stories and magazine articles about her life. But have you ever seen the site where in 1851 her adventure began? Now is your opportunity to re-live history. On this trip, you will stand on the site of the massacre and see the remains of the rough wagon

road, the graves of Olive's family, and the ravine where her brother Lorenzo was left for dead but survived. The valley has remained virtually unchanged from when the Oatman family was there. The trip will continue to Agua Caliente, which was an ancient hot spring used by Native Americans. King Woolsey, rancher and Indian fighter, settled at the springs. Sometime before 1900, the Modesti and Pancrazi families of Yuma started a health resort there and built a hotel which still stands. At the site is a swimming pool made of local volcanic rock, which was built by soldiers from the nearby desert training camp during WWII.

The tour cost is \$12/person for AHS members and \$15/person for non-AHS members.

Advance reservations by 4:00 p.m. March 7 are required. This trip is by caravan and a high clearance vehicle is recommended. Be sure to have plenty of gas, water, a lunch, chair, hat, and wear good hiking shoes. Maps and handouts will be furnished. Call the museum at 928-782-1841 for further information and to find out the tour starting point.

March 8

Tempe event - National History Day Arizona Regional Competition & Call for Volunteer Judges

AHS Museum at Papago Park, 1300 N. College Ave., Tempe, AZ 85281.

For more information please contact Nancy York, AHS National History Day Coordinator for Arizona, at nyork@azhs.gov or 480-929-0292, ext 137. A flyer about National History Day competition can be found at www.arizonahistoricalsociety.org/wp-content/uploads/National-History-Day-Flyer-UPDATED.pdf.

March 8

Flagstaff event - National History Day Arizona Regional Competition & Call for Volunteer Judges

Northern Arizona University.

For more information please contact Nancy York, AHS National History Day Coordinator for Arizona, at nyork@azhs.gov or 480-929-0292, ext 137. A flyer about National History Day competition can be found at www.arizonahistoricalsociety.org/wp-content/uploads/National-History-Day-Flyer-UPDATED.pdf.

March 8

Flagstaff lecture – *Beale Wagon Road Re-Visited*

7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Visitor Center, Riordan Mansion State Historic Park, 409 W. Riordan Rd., Flagstaff, AZ 86001
Phone: 928-779-4395.

Using Global Positioning Systems, Kaibab National Forest archeologists have mapped the historic Beale Wagon Road across the Kaibab so that the public can now follow the route with ease. Join us for an evening mixed with historic and modern day photographs from along the trail. We will also read fascinating excerpts from Beale's diaries and learn about what it was like to be a traveler on the route in the mid 1800s. Presented by Kaibab National Forest archaeologist Neil Weintraub.

This event is free to the public. Does not include tour admission to Riordan Mansion. The Park website is www.azstateparks.gov/Parks/RIMA/index.html.

March 10

Flagstaff lecture at Riordan Mansion

12:15 p.m.-1:00 p.m.

Visitor Center, Riordan Mansion State Historic Park, 409 W. Riordan Rd., Flagstaff, AZ 86001
Phone: 928-779-4395.

This event is free to the public. Phone for details on lecture topic and speaker. Does not include tour admission to Riordan Mansion. The Park website is www.azstateparks.gov/Parks/RIMA/index.html.

March 14

AHS State Board of Directors meeting in Tubac, Arizona

12:00 p.m.

AHS members and the general public are welcome to attend. Prior to March 14th the meeting agenda, including the meeting location, will be posted under the “State Board of Directors” tab on the AHS website Board of Directors webpage: www.arizonahistoricalociety.org/welcome-to-the-board-of-directors/.

March 15

Yuma Driving Tour -- El Camino del Diablo or The Devil's Highway: Water, Sand, and Death

8:00 a.m. -- 3:00 p.m. Call for reservations and tour starting location.

AHS Sanguinetti House Museum, 240 S. Madison Ave., Yuma, AZ 85364.

Phone: 928-782-1841 Email: ahsyuma@azhs.gov.

The AHS Sanguinetti House Museum is pleased to announce the resumption of special driving tours. The Devil's Highway is an ancient road beginning in Mexico and winding west to Yuma. Famous explorers such as Father Garces, Juan Bautista de Anza, and others over a period of almost 400 years wrote about the hardships of traveling the trail. It gained its dangerous reputation because of the scarcity of water and the hundreds of people who died along the trail. What little water there was would be found in natural water tanks which collected rainwater. The most famous of the tanks were Tinajas Altas or High Tanks, a series of nine rock pools, one above the other. This tour will take you to the famous tanks and to see other sites mentioned in historic writings.

The tour cost is \$12/person for AHS members and \$15/person for non-AHS members.

Advance reservations by 4:00 p.m. March 14 are required. This trip is by caravan and a 4-wheel drive vehicle is required as per the Marines. You must obtain a permit for the Barry Goldwater Range available at the Marine Base. Be sure to have plenty of gas, water, a lunch, chair, hat, and wear good hiking shoes. Maps and handouts will be furnished. Call the museum at 928-782-1841 for further information and to find out the tour starting point.

March 16

Flagstaff event – St. Patrick’s Day

2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Visitor Center, Riordan Mansion State Historic Park, 409 W. Riordan Rd., Flagstaff, AZ 86001

Phone: 928-779-4395.

Celebrate St. Patrick’s Day with Irish-themed crafts for the kids, demonstrations, and refreshments.

This event is free to the public. Does not include tour admission to Riordan Mansion. The Park website is www.azstateparks.gov/Parks/RIMA/index.html.

March 20

Tucson event -- Arizona Pathfinders' Potluck and program: “The ‘Lake Elmira’ Story: Tucson’s Sexy, Submersible Stone Avenue Subway.”

6:00 p.m. Social Hour/Potluck; 7:00 p.m. Program

AHS Arizona History Museum, 949 E. 2nd St., Tucson, AZ 85719 Phone: 520-628-5774.

Enjoy an evening with one of Tucson's finest historians and dry humorists, Dave Devine.

Free and open to the public. Donations are welcome. For more information contact Arizona Pathfinders c/o Tommy Friedmann at amarillo56@mac.com or 520-498-4737. The Arizona Pathfinders, Inc. is an organization of dedicated volunteers whose purpose is to support the Arizona Historical Society, Southern Division. Free parking one block west of the museum in the Arizona Historical Society garage at the northeast corner of E. 2nd St. and N. Euclid Ave. Use the E. 2nd St. entrance.

March 22

Tucson event – Meet Tucson's Pioneers Cemetery Tour

9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Evergreen Cemetery, 3015 N. Oracle Rd., Tucson, AZ.

Visit gravesites of Tucson pioneers. Hear fascinating stories of early Tucson from living history interpreters. Registration is at 9:00 a.m.; tour begins at 9:30 a.m. Light refreshments provided at conclusion of tour. An optional additional tour of Grand Army of the Republic gravesites begins at 11:30 a.m.

Cost: \$15.00 per person for the Meet Tucson's Pioneers gravesite tour; \$5.00 additional per person for the Grand Army of the Republic gravesites tour. RSVP by March 17, 2014. AHS

Docent Council/Southern Chapter sponsors this annual fundraiser for the AHS Education and Outreach Division. For more information or to RSVP, please contact docent Betty Cook at 520-886-3363 or cbetty@cox.net. Parking at north end of the cemetery near Oracle Road. Look for the big tent. A flyer about the event can be found on the AHS website at

<http://www.arizonahistoricalociety.org/wp-content/uploads/2014-JAN-15-Cemetery-Tour-for-publicity..pdf>.

APRIL 2014

April 5

Scottsdale event - National History Day Arizona Final Competition & Call for Volunteer Judges

ASU SkySong Scottsdale Innovation Center, 1375 N. Scottsdale Road, Scottsdale, AZ 85257.

For more information please contact Nancy York, AHS National History Day Coordinator for Arizona, at nyork@azhs.gov or 480-929-0292, ext 137. A flyer about National History Day competition can be found at www.arizonahistoricalociety.org/wp-content/uploads/National-History-Day-Flyer-UPDATED.pdf.

April 5

Exhibit Opening -- *A Bite to Eat: Feeding the Troops* at AHS Fort Lowell Museum in Tucson

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

AHS Fort Lowell Museum, 2900 N. Craycroft Rd., Tucson, AZ.

The new exhibit shows the food and dining of the enlisted men, which was quite different from the food and dining of the officers. The Indian Scouts, while being issued regular rations, also made use of the native foods their wives gathered and cooked for them. Special opening day activities include: Re-enactors portraying historical military units (Spanish era, Mormon Battalion, Civil War, and Indian Wars); the 4th Cavalry Regimental Band and Ft. Huachuca

62nd Army Band entertaining visitors with 1800s music; displays and demonstrations depicting the feeding of the troops throughout history.

This April 5, 2014, opening day event is free to the public, including free admission to the AHS Fort Lowell Museum. Free parking in Fort Lowell Park. This new exhibit made possible through generous donations from the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution and the Arizona State Society Daughters of the American Revolution. For more information about the exhibit opening, contact AHS Curatorial Aide Bette Richards at the Fort Lowell Museum (520-885-3832 Fridays and Saturdays only; brichards@azhs.gov).

April 5

Flagstaff lecture – *St. Louis World’s Fair*, presented by Park Ranger Nikki Lober

7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Visitor Center, Riordan Mansion State Historic Park, 409 W. Riordan Rd., Flagstaff, AZ 86001

Phone: 928-779-4395.

This event is free to the public. Does not include tour admission to Riordan Mansion. The Park website is www.azstateparks.gov/Parks/RIMA/index.html.

April 10-12

55th Annual Arizona History Convention in Prescott, Arizona

Prescott Resort and Conference Center, 1500 Highway 69, Prescott, AZ 86301.

This year’s conference will celebrate the sesquicentennial of the establishment of Arizona Territory and the legislative authorization of the Arizona Historical Society. The three-day event includes presentations on various topics by professional and amateur historians, workshops, field trips, book vendors, awards and prizes. Space for meals, tours, and special events is limited.

Please register early.

Registration: \$40.00 (does not include meals and tours); Students free. For information, contact Nancy Stonehouse or Bruce Dinges, AHS Publications Division, at 520-628-5774, or nstonehouse@azhs.gov or bdinges@azhs.gov. The Arizona History Convention program and registration form are posted on the Convention website, www.arizonahistory.org. Prescott Resort phone number is 800-967-4637; website is www.prescottresort.com.

MAY 2014

May 9 – May 10

Arizona Pathfinders trip to Fort Apache/Theodore Roosevelt School National Historic Landmark (departs from Tucson)

Save the date. Details to follow. Trip is in conjunction with the annual Great Fort Apache Heritage Celebration. There will be an Apache dance competition, arts and craft demonstrations, and a visit to Kinishba Ruins NHL. For more information contact Arizona Pathfinders c/o Tommy Friedmann at amarillo56@mac.com or 520-498-4737. The Arizona Pathfinders, Inc. is an organization of dedicated volunteers whose purpose is to support the Arizona Historical Society, Southern Division.

May 10

AHS State Board of Directors meeting in North Phoenix

12:30 p.m.

AHS members and the general public are welcome to attend. Prior to May 10th the meeting agenda, including the meeting location, will be posted under the “State Board of Directors” tab

on the AHS website Board of Directors webpage: www.arizonahistoricalociety.org/welcome-to-the-board-of-directors/

May 10

Flagstaff lecture – *Whiskey River*

7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Visitor Center, Riordan Mansion State Historic Park, 409 W. Riordan Rd., Flagstaff, AZ 86001
Phone: 928-779-4395.

Join river historian Richard Quartaroli, the Special Collections Librarian Emeritus at Northern Arizona University, for a lively discussion of the water of life, from rivers and whiskey.

This event is free to the public. Does not include tour admission to Riordan Mansion. The Park website is www.azstateparks.gov/Parks/RIMA/index.html.

May 26

Memorial Day holiday

The AHS Pioneer Museum in Flagstaff and the Riordan Mansion State Historic Park in Flagstaff will be open. The Arizona Historical Society administrative offices and all other AHS museums will be closed Monday, May 26, 2014, for the Memorial Day holiday.

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join, renew, or gift Arizona Historical Society memberships online! Making an AHS membership payment online is a secure and easy option we offer. There is no additional fee to pay this way. Visa, MasterCard, American Express, and Discover credit cards are accepted. Just visit the membership page on the AHS website at www.arizonahistoricalociety.org/membership/.

Free admission and tours for AHS members at Riordan Mansion State Historic Park in Flagstaff. The Arizona Historical Society is part of a partnership created in 2010 that allows for the continual operation of Riordan Mansion State Historic Park (409 W. Riordan Rd.) in Flagstaff after state budget cuts threatened to close this state park. **A benefit of this arrangement for current AHS members is the opportunity to visit this historic treasure for free.** Advance reservations for Mansion tours are highly recommended. Contact the Park at 928-779-4395. The Park website is www.azstateparks.gov/Parks/RIMA/index.html.

The AHS Arizona History Museum in Tucson is currently exhibiting the Silverbell Artifacts featuring the Desert Crosses. In the 1920s, thirty-two lead artifacts were found near Tucson, proving to be one of the most bizarre and baffling incidents in Arizona History. Some believe that the artifacts prove the existence of a Roman colony in Tucson between 790 A.D. and 900 A.D. The artifacts were featured on the H2 Channel's "America Unearthed." The AHS exhibit opened March, 2013, and will remain on display for a limited time period. **Exhibition included with general museum admission: \$5.00; Ages 60+ and Ages 12-18: \$4.00; Ages 11 and younger and all AHS members: Free.** AHS Arizona History Museum, 949 E. 2nd St., Tucson, AZ 85719 Phone: 520-628-5774. Museum hours are 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Mondays – Saturdays. Closed Sundays and state holidays. Free parking one block west of the museum in the Arizona Historical Society garage at the northeast corner of E. 2nd St. and N. Euclid Ave. Use the E. 2nd St. entrance.

***The Journal of Arizona History* index is online.** Readers and researchers have access to 53 years of Arizona history articles published in *The Journal of Arizona History*. The award-

winning quarterly *Journal* is a benefit of AHS membership. To access the journal's cumulative index on the AHS website, [click here](#).

Follow the Arizona Historical Society on Facebook! Keep updated on Arizona's heritage from the Grand Canyon to the Mexican border. Find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/arizonahistoricalsociety.

The AHS Library and Archives in Tucson has a blog! Created to give everyone a better understanding of what library/archives does on a daily basis, the blog features announcements, regular posts by the archivists, and other educational or interesting snippets of archives life. Check it out at <http://ahslibraryandarchivistucson.wordpress.com/>.

Your used ink and toner cartridges from your printers and copiers can raise money for AHS! The AHS Arizona History Museum in Tucson is collecting these cartridges. They are given to a company that pays AHS for them and then recycles them. It is a win-win-win for you, AHS, and the environment. AHS Tucson Administrative Assistant Nicola Brownlee is coordinating this program. Bring your used cartridges to her. She can be contacted at 520-617-1141 or nbrownlee@azhs.gov.

We are increasingly providing our members with emails to communicate about Arizona Historical Society events, programs, and news. If you prefer that we not use your email address for this purpose, or if you have a different email address that you would rather we use, let us know via email to membership@azhs.gov.

Established by an Act of the First Territorial Legislature on November 7, 1864, the Arizona Historical Society is Arizona's oldest historical agency.