

ARIZONA HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD MEMBER

JANICE RYAN BRYSON

At-Large Member



Janice Ryan Bryson is an Arizona native whose ancestors arrived in the state in 1881. She is co-founder of the Irish Arizona Project and co-author of *Irish Arizona*. Selected as an Arizona Culture Keeper in 2008, Janice received the Anam Cara award from the Irish Cultural Center for her Irish research in 2014. With her ranching background, Janice has interviewed pioneer stockmen and contributed their stories to the Arizona National Livestock Show's Pioneer Stockman Ranch Histories as well as writing articles for the *Arizona CattleLog* and a column for the *Desert Shamrock*. The Arizona Cattle Growers Association named her the Top Wrangler of 2014 for her support of the cattle industry in Arizona and the Arizona State Cowbelles honored her as Cattle Woman of the Year in 2016.

Janice is a member of the DAR, The St. Patrick's Day Parade and Faire Board, The Arizona National Livestock Show Board, The First Families of Arizona and Arizona State Cowbelles, as well as serving on the Arizona Historical Society Board of Directors. A 4-H Leader for 30 years, she was named to the Arizona 4-H Leader's Hall of Fame in 2013 for her work with youth in agriculture.