



# Glendale Arizona Historical Society

*"preservation of the past"*

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## UP COMING EVENTS

### Manistee Ranch

Please, save the dates

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Lorraine Zomok

“Downtown History and the History of the Historic Downtown Merchants Association”

Monday, Oct. 25 at 7:00

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Jon Froke, AICP

“History of Arrowhead”

Monday, Nov. 22 at 7:00

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Rosemary as the Women’s Club President; with the Sun City Pride; active with the Historical Society; receiving the Ruth Byrne Historic Preservation Award 2017



### ROSEMARY LYNCH DIES AT AGE 93

It is rare that one person has given as much to a community and its organizations as Rosemary Lynch. She is proof that one person can make a big difference. She was born February 25, 1928, and died May 21, 2021. In her endless effort to keep Glendale beautiful, Rosemary said, “I want to help keep our community clean and nice; it is a passion of mine.” She not only succeeded in her mission but was also instrumental in promoting and preserving Glendale’s history. Rosemary was one of the 1973 founding members of the Glendale Arizona Historical Society. For over four decades Rosemary actively served the society on the Board of Directors and volunteered at Sahuaro Ranch as a docent, fund raiser, and special events and wedding facilitator. She was also active in setting up exhibits at the Guest House and cleaning up the ranch, even pulling weeds. As a result of her passion for historic preservation, Rosemary was awarded the 2017 Ruth Byrne Historic Preservation Award by the Glendale City Council for her outstanding contribution to promoting and preserving Glendale’s history.

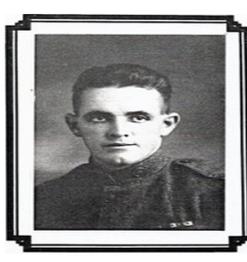
Rosemary was devoted to conservation and served on the Glendale Parks and Recreation Commission. In 1976, she and the Glendale Woman’s Club worked with the City of Glendale to promote plantings of red, white and blue flowers in yards and city parks. In the 1970s, Rosemary chaired the city’s Community Improvement Program, which along with the participation from the Glendale Woman’s Club, resulted in trees being planted and areas of the city made more attractive. Thanks to those efforts, the city’s mayor was awarded a national “Beautification Award” in Washington D.C.

Rosemary joined the Glendale Woman’s Club in 1966 and served as president in 1970-1971. She was the Conservation/Arbor Day Chairman and, as chair of the Club’s Adopt-a-street Program, had a passion to keep Glenn Drive attractive. She was also a member of the Glendale Garden Club and in 1992, served on the Glendale Centennial Committee. She worked for many years with the Glendale Arts Council, coordinating with the Glendale Woman’s Club to establish a one-day art show in the early 1960s. Now, years later, the event has grown to be a month-long juried art show held in the Packing Shed at Sahuaro Ranch.

Rosemary has been an amazing volunteer for Glendale historic preservation and community conservation/ beautification. In the 1970s she even dressed as the “Little Dutch Cleanser Girl” in the Glendale parade to promote the clean-up of the city. Thank you, Rosemary for a life well lived and an amazing devotion to making Glendale a wonderful place to live.



1942 Isaac E. Imes School



Isaac Earl Imes



WWI Isaac E. Imes

### WAR HERO AND EDUCATION HERO IN GLENDALE

Isaac E. Imes was referred to as, “a kind, patient and good person everyone loved,” and a Glendale newspaper headline stated, “Youth Loses Friend by Death of Mr. Isaac Imes.” Isaac died on April 12, 1956 at age 63. He was born in Montrose, CO and graduated from Telluride High School, first in his class. He received a life teaching certificate from Tempe Normal School in 1914. He taught in Arizona for 2½ years. Then he took a teaching position and later principal of Arington School. WWI started and Isaac enlisted in the Marine Corps as a private, 55<sup>th</sup> Company, Fifth Regiment, 2nd Division, American Expeditionary Forces at Soissons, France. He served in both Germany and France in five major battles until the end of WWI. Isaac carried dead and wounded men from the battlefields under heavy gunfire. He was awarded the Croix de Guerre, a Fourragère, and an emblem for the battles he fought. In July 1918, Isaac was awarded a Silver Star Citation for gallantry in action while serving with the Marines. President Woodrow Wilson personally shook his hand and thanked him.

In 1919, right after the war, Isaac started teaching in the Glendale Elementary School District, and after 12 years of teaching with a life certificate, he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Education degree from Western State College in Gunnison, CO on August 12, 1931. He dedicated his life to the students and youth of Glendale, making sure that needy students had school supplies, clothes and other necessities. In 1938, he married Harriette Frances Salsman, who passed away in 1952. The Glendale School District named an elementary school the Isaac E. Imes School in honor of Isaac’s considerable contributions to the Glendale community.



### GLENDALE WAS HOME FOR MARGARET

In 1939, making \$50 a week at age 15 being a Munchkin actress (the dog Toto made \$150 per week) was a great life experience. In 1936, Margaret Williams was discovered by side-show performers, who tried to get the 13-year-old 3-foot-4-inch teen to join their act. She said nothing doing, but two years later MGM pictures contacted her and off she went by herself on a train to Hollywood to spend a few months with 124 other Munchkins. Margaret was not a dwarf; she was just small. Judy Garland, who was a year older than Margaret, was kind to her and the other Munchkins. Margaret married Willie Pellegrini, a bantamweight boxer, and they had a son and daughter. She outlived all three and lived with her brother in Glendale until she died August 7, 2013. She acted in one other movie, “Johnny Got His Gun.” She was active with various “Wizard of Oz” events and a guest speaker at grade schools in the valley. She told the children that she never read the book [*The Wizard of Oz*], and the Munchkins never sang; it was adults singing with the speed turned up. She would dress up for events, speaking in her purple dress and white apron and signature flower pot hat. In a 1996 newspaper interview, she said she found *The Wizard of Oz* to be a moral lesson: “There are two roads in life you can take: the wrong road and the right road. And remember, there is really no place like home” --Glendale that is.

### PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

The Society Board was hopeful that over four months the Coronavirus 19 pandemic would be reduced in cases. The virus is still a serious issue in every state. Arizona has kept business, churches, organizations open with CDC recommended precautions.

The Board decided to proceed with the sixteen scheduled weddings at the Sahuaro Ranch Rose Garden and Guest House in the Fall and Winter. Participants will be limited in the Guest House and required to wear a mask. The weddings are critical to the Society survival. Please inform friends and relatives of the historic Sahuaro Ranch Rose Garden wedding opportunity. Have them call 623-435-0072 or email [gahs73@gmail.com](mailto:gahs73@gmail.com) for cost and details and schedule the wedding.



The October 25, 2021, 7:00 pm educational meeting is scheduled at Manistee Ranch. The November picnic is cancelled, and in its place will be the November 22, 2021, education meeting on “History of Arrowhead Ranch” with Jon Froke, AICP. December 20, 2021, at 6 PM will be the Christmas Party and Nominations at Manistee Ranch.

Tours will resume at Manistee Ranch in October-May on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month. Guest House tours will be by appointment only since the city will not have Main house tours during the fall.

Yes, history is back in Glendale and the Board urges you all to participate in the programs and tours.



# Columbus Day, October 11

## HISTORY OF DOWNTOWN GLENDALE AND THE HISTORIC DOWNTOWN GLENDALE MERCHANTS October 25 7:00 PM

Our featured speaker for the October 25 meeting at 7:00 at Manistee Ranch will be Lorraine Zomok. Lorraine has been a member of the Glendale Historical Society for many years. She is very active serving Glendale as a long time resident and business owner. Lorraine maintains a Tourism area in her business and is always on the lookout for ways to promote downtown Glendale.

Lorraine Zomok is the owner of Memory Lane Trinkets and Treasures located in Historic Downtown Glendale. She is also the President of the Historic Downtown Glendale Merchants Association (HDGMA). Lorraine retired from the City of Glendale after nearly two decades with the Tourism Office. A resident since 1972, she and her husband, Bud live in the Catlin Court Historic District in a National Register designated home built in 1918. Lorraine is also active in several nonprofit organizations including the Glendale Ambassadors, Glendale Sister Cities and serves on the Glendale Arts Commission.



### HISTORICAL TOURS ARE BACK

#### SAHUARO RANCH 1898 GUEST HOUSE

9802 N. 59<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE, GLENDALE, AZ

FREE TOURS of the Guest House tours by appointment for the fall

#### MANISTEE RANCH 1897 HOUSE

5127 W. NORTHERN AVENUE (enter from the parking lot on 51<sup>ST</sup> AVENUE)

Tours are conducted by the Glendale Arizona Historical Society docents from October through May: noon to 4 pm (last tour starts at 3 pm). Fees: Adults \$5, Seniors \$4, Veterans \$4, Ages 6-16 \$1, GAHS MEMBERS FREE. The 2021-2022 tour dates are the 1<sup>ST</sup> and 3<sup>RD</sup> Saturdays of the month on October 2, 16; November 6, 20; December 4, 18; January 15; February 5, 19; March 5, 19, April 2, 16 and May 7.

SAHUARO RANCH MAIN HOUSE No tours for the fall



### VESTA FAYE (BICE) ROPER PASSED



Vesta Roper was a cherished and active member of the Glendale Arizona Historical Society Board of Directors and a volunteer docent for the society's exhibits and other important tasks. Vesta was born May 6, 1927, in Rexford, Kansas, and passed away in Glendale, AZ on June 7, 2021. She came to Glendale in 1928, attended Glendale schools, and graduated from Glendale High School in 1945. She worked for Arizona Box Company until 1949. Vesta helped her husband Johnny with his business, Roper Custom Hay Baling. She and Johnny raised five sons. Vesta was active in the PTA and Cub Scouts and was a member of the Glendale United Methodist Church, where she attended regularly for 93 years and taught Sunday School. She was also a member and past president of the United Methodist Church Women. Thank you, Vesta, for a life of service and devotion to family, church, and community.

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HISTORY GUITAR AT MURPHY PARK

MARTY COLE, PAULETTE GEURS, MARTHA DENNIS

**GLENDALE HISTORY HANGING IN THE TREES**

The Glendale Arts Commission partnered with C+D Design to create 40 wooden guitar cutouts, that were painted and hung in the trees at Murphy Park for concert attendees and others to admire. The commission approved \$10,000 for project supplies for downtown businesses to paint what music meant to them on a 36 inch wooden guitar cutout. The Glendale Arizona Historical Society was invited to participate in the project. Marty Cole, Martha Dennis and Paulette Geurs created the society's offering for the guitars with Glendale's history displayed in photos. Each of the guitars has a QR code that links to a city page that describes the artwork and business that created it. Thank you Marty, Martha and Paulette for your artistic skills in promoting Glendale's history to hundreds of concert attendees and others.

**IN MEMORY OF**

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**TREVA CLARK**

**ROSEMARY LYNCH**

**EVELYN SEXTON PITTS**

**VESTA ROPER**

**WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS**

**EDWARD DOBBINS**

**CODY SMITH**

**MELANIE VUKUSICH**