



Glendale Arizona Historical Society

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UPCOMING EVENTS

at a glance

Please Save these Dates

NELDA CROWELL

"Bisbee Mass Deportation"

Monday, Feb 27 at 7pm
Manistee Ranch

ED ALLEN

"William Beardsley & the Arizona Canals"

Monday, March 27 at 7pm
Manistee Ranch

LINDA IRICK

Monday, April 24 at 2pm
Manistee Ranch

ANNUAL ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Sunday, May 21 at 4pm
Manistee Ranch



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February Program:

MASS DEPORTATION IN ARIZONA



The Glendale Arizona Historical Society **February 27, 2017, 7:00 PM meeting at Manistee Ranch, 5127 W. Northern Avenue, Glendale, AZ (enter off of 51st Avenue)** will have an extremely interesting program by **Nelda Crowell "Bisbee Mass Deportation"**. This was an amazing kidnapping and deportation of 1,300 striking mine workers and others by 2,000 members of a deputized posse on July 12, 1917. The whole event

was coordinated by Phelps Dodge Corporation, who provided a list of workers and supporters to be arrested. The deportees were loaded into cattle cars and taken on a 16 hour journey without food or water 200 miles east to New Mexico and dumped being warned not to return. Phelps Dodge colluded with the Sheriff to block communication of the action to the outside and later claimed it was done to

reduce threats to the nation's interest in WWI. The action was declared by a federal commission as illegal, but no company, agency or individual was ever convicted in connection with the deportation. Don't miss this exciting program and bring a guest. The public is invited to attend. Refreshments will be served.



Don't Miss the Reunion

MARCH 11, 2017 is the date for the **2017 GUHS/GHS ANNUAL ALL CLASS ALUMNI REUNION FROM 10:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M. IN THE GLENDALE HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA. THE DEADLINE TO REGISTER FOR THE REUNION IS FEBRUARY 24, 2017.**

The cost is \$2.00 per person. Tickets can be bought at <http://ghsaar.myevent.com/> or mail a check to GUHS/GHD AAR Committee at PO Box 6228, Glendale, AZ 85312. Please include your name (Maiden name), graduation year, name of spouse or other attending with you and your phone number, email and or street address and city, state and zip code.

President's Message



*Ron Short, President
Board of Directors*

This past year the community has lost two major leaders of historic preservation and effective contributors to the Glendale Arizona Historical Society- Ruth Byrne and Charles St. Clair. Their contribution to the Society has made it an important and effective part of Glendale. In 1996 the

Society bought Manistee Ranch to save the historical structures. Chuck and Ruth both were active in the acquisition process. Chuck led the restoration of Manistee Ranch. Ruth educated thousands of people at the Guest House as a docent about Sahuaro Ranch and Glendale. Chuck did intense scholarly research on Sahuaro Ranch and Glendale. These people cannot be replaced, but the Society needs people with the passion of Ruth and Chuck to step up and become leaders of the Society so the Society can continue to provide outstanding service to the community in preserving and promotion of Glendale's history. Call 623-435-0072 to volunteer to be a docent at the Guest House or Manistee Ranch tours, help as a wedding facilitator, assist with school tours and special events and assist in oral histories and the library.

CHAMPION CABLE GLIDER

During the 1870's Black Mountain in Cave Creek was called Mormon Boy Mountain.

A prospector, named Sweeny, found gold on the southwest side of the mountain (just east of Cave Creek Road). He named his mine Mormon Girl Mine-giving the mountain a girlfriend. William Hoyt Bartlett, Surveyor, from the Glendale area



Arizona Gold Mine, ca 1902

tells the story of the Taylor family boys, in 1889, had set up a stamp mill on the Arizona Canal to crush the mine ore, but it was too expensive to haul the ore from the mine to the canal. The boys then built new stamp mill in 1889 on Cave Creek with a residence. They sunk a 60 foot inclined shaft on the ore vein, but the mountain was too steep for a road, so they built a 300 foot long cable from the mine to a loading station. The boys and friends, one Sunday, were at the mine looking for fun. Ed Taylor took a braided fence wire (no barbs) and swung it over the cable and started to slide down the cable, but it went too fast and he dropped within 25 feet. However Ed Karls, a cousin, made a larger braided fence wire loop and off he went, while all the while Ed was yelling "Don't go Ed; for God's sake, don't go". Karls was in his wire swing swaying back and forth and accelerating speed. The swaying saved his life. The wire loop broke and Karls landed squatted on the loading station plank floor and rolled into the rocks, missing the huge anchor post. The impact was so great that his toes shoved right through the uppers of his stout "Buckingham and Heck" mining shoes. He yelled "Hoorah" No broken bones. Thirty-Five years later he walked into William Hoyt Bartlett's Phoenix office and without introduction Mr. Bartlett said "You are the Cave Creek Champion Cable Glider"

FIRST IN THE NATION

The dairy processing business was established in Glendale in 1916 with the Pacific Creamery located at 5440 W. Maryland Avenue. It manufactured canned milk under the name of Armour. The company shut down in the early 1920's. In 1930 the plant was bought by Dudley Webster, former owner of the Mariposa Creamery in Phoenix, It took two years to remodel the plant and in 1933 the plant began production of longhorn cheese, buttermilk, butter and milk bottled in glass bottles. **It was the first plant in the nation to package milk in paper cartons for the market. It was the first to use all metal churn and first to distribute all products in refrigerated trucks.** Mr. Webster died in 1939. In 1956 the plant was bought by Beatrice Foods of Chicago and became known as Webster's Meadow Gold and Associated Dairy



Products. It became the State's largest distributor of milk products, with a fleet of 72 trucks and other plants at Tucson, Prescott, Coolidge and Miami. Due to the Federal Trade Commission order, Beatrice Foods was forced to sell the business. It was purchased in 1969 by Sea Containers, Inc. as Associated Dairy Products of Arizona, Inc. New offices were built in the plant for the home offices of Coldwrap Foods Corporation, the parent company of Associated Dairy products Company of Arizona, Inc. On March 1, 1971, the Arizona business and certain assets were sold to Shamrock Dairy of Phoenix, AZ and the plant was shut down. The structure was demolished and a car sales business occupied the location. A few years ago, construction workers building the Maryland Avenue overpass accidentally dug up part of the dairy's foundation and basement. ADOT excitedly asked the Glendale Arizona Historical Society what was there in the past.



From 1911 to 1926 The Phoenix Street Railway ran five streetcars from Phoenix to Glendale and charged 50 cents for a round trip ride. The Glendale extension open on May 5, 1911 and ran through the Orangewood District along Myrtle Avenue from 3rd Street to 51th Avenue and then down to Glenn Drive and south on 58th

A FUN TRIP FOR 50 CENTS

Avenue to the Santa Fe Depot at Grand Avenue. It was a 70 minute run from Phoenix with stations at 15th Avenue (Orangewood), 37th Avenue (Stouts Station) and Glenn Drive Station. The line opens with cars #30 and #31. The cars were of the interurban type fitted with vestibules and express compartments. The cars were equipped with two thirty-five horsepower Westinghouse motors. Additional cars were bought for the Glendale extension. The electrical power was provided by a substation constructed at Third Street and Maryland Avenue. S.H. Mitchell claimed the extension would help build up the

suburbs and increase land value in the district. Passengers could enjoy a scenic ride through farm fields, desert and mountain views. Customers complained that the cars were cold in the winter and no water or restroom facilities. The cars carried passengers, freight, express mail and farm products between Phoenix and Glendale. The increased competition with automobiles and busses reduced ridership and the Glendale extension service west of Central Avenue ended in 1926.

Experience Glendale's History



Never been to historical **Sahuaro Ranch** or **Manistee Ranch** or it's been a long time ago. Well, get off the couch and grab a relative or friend and see and learn about some fascinating Glendale history. Sahuaro Ranch is located at the NWC of Mountain View Road and 59th Avenue. The Sahuaro staff provides free tours of the **1895 Main House** on Friday and Saturdays (September-May) from 10 am to 2 pm and on Sundays from 1pm to 4 pm. The Glendale Arizona Historical Society offers free tours of the **1898 Guest house** on Sundays 1 pm to 3:30 pm and during

special events from October –May. **Manistee Ranch**, 5127 W. Northern Avenue, Glendale, AZ (enter off of 51st Avenue) The Glendale Arizona Historical Society conducts one hour tours of the **house (1897)** and **office** October to May on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month from 12 pm to 4 pm with the last tour starting at 3 pm. Call 623-435-0072 for group tours. Tour fees: Adults \$5, seniors \$4 and ages 6-16 \$1. The schedule and fees are subject to change. The remaining tour dates are February 18; March 4, 18; April 1, 15 and May 6.

Something Old...Something New

The Glendale Arizona Historical Society works with the City of Glendale Sahuaro Ranch staff to provide educational school tours of the ranch. Carol Hook is demonstrating how clothes were washed on a scrub board and hand ringer to some of the 90 elementary school children from the Litchfield Park Elementary school on December 13, 2016. The children toured the Adobe House as well as other areas of the ranch. Ron Short helped with the tour, explaining the ranch history, that was coordinated by Brenda and Rene of Sahuaro Ranch staff.



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Our next membership get together is a presentation by Nelda Crowell on the **BISBEE MASS DEPORTATION, February 27, 2017 at 7:00, 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.



We are sad to bid farewell,
to Charles St Clair, John Faris,
and Kerry Dewberry,
each long time, active members.
We send their families
our love and best wishes.

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Charles St. Clair is Gone

On December 18, 2018, as the Glendale Arizona Historical Society was holding their annual Christmas Party at Manistee Ranch, Charles St. Clair peacefully passed away a few blocks away with his family at his bedside. Charles and wife Carol, have been a major force behind decades of successful contribution to preserve Glendale's history. The research library at the Sahuaro Ranch Guest House is full of careful

documentation of historical records by Charles St. Clair. Charles helped to guide the development of the GAHS in assurance all of the necessary financial and non-profit paper work was done and submitted within the deadlines. He was the primary person that coordinated the outstanding restoration of Manistee Ranch house through grants, city funding and donations. Chuck was the person who coordinated all of the contractors working



Carol and Charles St Clair

on the house. Thank you Chuck for your love and devotion to Glendale, Arizona through your outstanding scholarly work and intense successful effort to assure that Manistee Ranch was restored to its early beauty and function.