

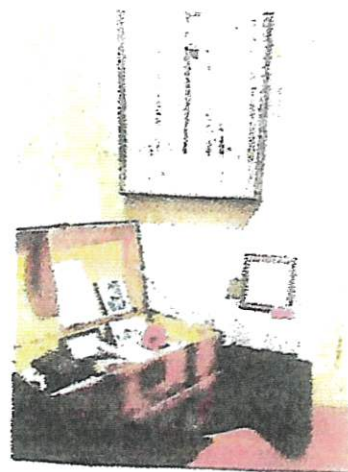


ORO VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

NOVEMBER 2024

Since it is that time of the year to GIVE THANKS, we would like to acknowledge those who have supported our mission to promote research, education, preservation, and dissemination of history related to the greater Oro Valley area.

Thanks to Devon Sloan for submitting our application to the Arizona Historical Society small grant program. We received \$1,000 from that grant and with some additional society funds we were able to preserve Gertrude Pusch Zipf's wedding shawl in a shadow box. The shawl was donated to the society in 2005 by Henry G. Zipf, Gertrude's son. It is on permanent display in the Pusch House Museum along with Gertrude's brocade heels, calf skin gloves, personal bible and steamer trunk.



Thanks to Otton Suarez who helped convince the Oro Valley Chamber Foundation that permanent signage adjacent to the buildings at Steam Pump Ranch was needed. The Foundation subsequently awarded a grant of \$3,600 for the permanent outdoor signage. The signs will tell the story of the buildings and the people who once lived or worked there.

Thanks to Jim Williams who donated funds for an outdoor, permanent sign for the Pump House building. And thanks to Bob Kellar who coordinated the purchase, delivery and recent installation of the sign adjacent to the Pump House.



Jim and Bob

Thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Paul for their donation of \$200. With input from the Pauls and the OVHS Board, a decision will be made as to how to further our mission through their generous donation.

Thanks to Devon Sloan for coordinating the annual Jim Click raffle and to Bob Kellar for driving the Jeep Rubicon Hybrid (Grand Prize \$61,000) down to the ranch on Sat. October 12th during the Farmers Market. Also thanks to Bob, Otton and Charlie Harrison for selling 25 Click tickets that morning; having the Jeep adjacent to our Farmers Market booth must have done the trick.



Charlie, Otton, Devon, Bob

*** Last Day to purchase tickets on Saturday mornings at our booth, in our Museum or at our website is November 23rd.**

SPECIAL THANKS to all our society's dedicated and talented volunteers. Whether they be Board members, committee chairs, docents, booth ambassadors, researchers, writers, exhibit designers / installers, hands-on helpers or advocates, we appreciate all of your time and efforts in promoting the society and the history of the greater Oro Valley area.

BOARD BRIEFS

The Town of Oro Valley received a \$30,000 grant and will add \$20,000 toward funding a study to determine how the Procter-Leiber house could be refurbished.

The Lease agreement discussion between the TOV and our OVHS concerning the storage room attached to the garage, continues. Once finalized some of our Collections items which are currently stored in the Tack Room (no utilities) will be moved into this lighted, climate controlled, secure facility for proper preservation.

Currently the society needs a Computer programmer specialist and a Speakers Bureau coordinator. We also need help in forming a fundraising committee and a 20th OVHS anniversary committee. Contact any Board member if you are willing to help fill these positions.

HAPPENINGS

October 15th: Venetia Gibson-Lewis presented a fascinating account of her award winning book *CHANGING WOMEN: A NOVEL of the CAMP GRANT MASSACRE* through our Lecture series at the OV Library. Her book is available for purchase at our Museum or Farmers Market booth.

October 26th - 27th: During the SAACA's "Fall Foodie and Art Festival" our volunteers - Devon Sloan, Lynn Zoylopoulos, Charlie Harrison, Twink Monrad, Annette Munoz and Sue Chambasian - promoted the society. Thanks to Devon for organizing the booth and for scheduling volunteers.



Devon, Lynn, Annette

November 6th: Stacks Book Club will be hosting Lyla Sage author of *LOST and LASSOED* for a presentation and book signing event at SPR from 5pm-8:30pm. Our docents will be offering tours of the Pusch House Museum, per Stack's request.

November 9th: We urge Military Veterans to tour our military exhibit and sign our Military Veterans Log book in our Museum from 9am to noon in order to receive a complimentary patriotic mug (while they last) in thanks for their service.

November 20th: Carolyn Niethammer will speak at the OV Library at 1pm. The title of her presentation is "What's for Dinner: Northern Pima County, 1000 B.C." Her book *A DESERT FEAST CELEBRATING TUCSON'S CULINARY HISTORY* will be available for purchase.

Welcome to our new volunteers: Lynn Zoylopoulos, Linda Midgett, Charlie Harrison, Marge Furash and Karl Kurrie. They have been orientated, and are now being scheduled as docents or booth ambassadors.

REMINDERS

OVHS Board meetings are open to all at the OV Library on the fourth Thursday of the month at 2pm.

Note: November's meeting will be on Dec. 5th due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

Check out our website ovhistory.org for events, historic documents and photographs, recently completed Oral histories, and to purchase books or Jim Click raffle tickets.

*** \$25 each or five for \$100. The last day to purchase is November 23rd**

Please keep in mind that our society has changed from a membership dues-based organization to a donation-based organization. The donations we receive are essential in order to support our lecture series, exhibits in the Museum and OV Library, preservation of our Collections and to educate the public about the history of the greater Oro Valley area. We all thank you for your continuing interest and support.

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