

2018 Winter Newsletter

Upcoming Events

January 9

Volunteer Training 1:00 pm to 2:30pm

Learn how you can help at OVHS! This informational meeting will be held for current members and those interested in volunteering. Meet at the Pusch Ranch House at Steam Pump Ranch.

Additional training will be held quarterly throughout the year on 2nd Wednesdays (January, April, July and October) and will continue in 2020.

Become a member and join in the effort to "Keep Oro Valley History Alive".

January 12

Second Saturday at Steam Pump Ranch. A variety of activities from 9 to noon including tours of the Pusch Ranch House, children's craft and demonstration in the Heritage Garden, the Heirloom Farmer's Market, and more!

The Second Saturday in January will feature information and a display on the Tully/Ochoa raid. Stop by the Pusch Ranch House from 9:00-noon and discover local history.

OVHS Website

For up-to-the-minute information about the Society's activities, be sure to visit our website: www.ovhistory.org, and our Facebook page: Oro Valley Historical Society. "Share" the OVHS Facebookpage on your Facebook timeline!

We are in the process of improving our website and would like your feedback. Also, if you would like to submit a story, photo or event information, contact Teri Colmar at teri.colmar@gmail.com.

Thanks to Teri for her work on the website!

Paul Loomis at our information booth

The Holiday Sale has netted \$ 159.00 thus far. All remaining items will be for sale on December 8th. After that, they will be donated to the Golden Goose. Thanks to Jo Di Gennaro for organizing these sales.

More Important News

News from the November Board Meeting

Jo Di Gennaro volunteered at the Town of Oro Valley's Hayride event and received \$ 85 that was donated to the Society...Al Efron has donated \$ 5000 to the Society for engineering studies to be completed at Steam Pump Ranch. Thank you! ... Joyce Rychener recently hosted a home school group for local history education at Steam Pump Ranch over a two-week period. The students ranged from 2nd grade through high school. Joyce noted that the winter crops have been planted in the Heritage Garden.... Jim Williams donated \$1200 from sales of his book, [*Claiming the Desert*](#).

Collections Corner

The OVHS was recently notified by the Arizona State Historical Society that it is the recipient of an AHS Small Grant in the amount of \$820 for the preservation and display of collection items.

Peg and Sue met with Kate Stewart – the Tucson Arizona Historical Museum Archivist – to review how to organize, catalog, file, store and preserve OVHS archival materials. Kate will visit the Tack Room in January 2019 to view the Collections and evaluate their past work.

New Oro Valley History Available

Board member Jim Williams has published a new history of Oro Valley from 1865 to 1965 entitled *Claiming the Desert*. This book is currently available on [Amazon](#) and at the Western National Parks Association.

Profits from the sales of this book go to the Oro Valley Historical Society.

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Thanks to Helen Cates for her presentation on the history of a platform cradle and child's rocking chair at the Second Saturday in November and for her kind donation!