

Oro Valley Historical Society

Newsletter

April 2021

NEWS FROM THE COLLECTIONS COMMITTEE

The Steam Pump Ranch educational tours continued in March and April. Since March was National Women's History Month, the Society focused on the lives of Ina Gittings, Catherine Reidy and the Countess of Suffolk with displays at our OVHS booth. Also, docents dressed in period costumes to promote the month's theme. Special groups visited the Ranch, including the All Seasons Retirement Community, the Sun Country Road Runners RV Group, and the Bear Den of Boys Scouts of America Pack



303. Thanks to our docents - Sue Chambasian, Teri Colmar, Alice Hutchinson, Roxy Johnson, Anne Keeler, Annette Munoz, Joyce Rychener, Devon Sloan and Tina Zogott - for their time and efforts over the past five months.

The Society has received donations from the following individuals:

Twink Monrad – four silver plated dinner knives from the Pioneer Hotel and three sets of curtains for the Tack Room and Pusch House office.

Pat Spoerl – 17 CDs/DVDs and two cassettes on a variety of topics related to Oro Valley, Steam Pump Ranch and OVHS.

The seven outdoor posters dating from 2009 were updated with information from Pat Spoerl and Jim Williams. They were partially funded by proceeds from the 2018 Z Mansion event and the Society. They were placed on display for the March 27th tours.

Docent Alice Hutchinson

STAY TUNED!

Unlike most places in the U. S., Arizona goes into hibernation in the summer! Snowbirds return home and "full-timers" head out to vacation in cooler climates or stay in their air-conditioned nests. Our outdoor tours of Steam Pump Ranch will end on April 24 to coincide with that trend. But, stay-tuned for next fall when the ranch might be back to "normal" and we resume indoor exhibits in the Pusch House.

We hope to announce a fundraising event for the fall. OVHS is working with a local author for a possible speaking presentation as she launches her new book. We are hoping to have the event at Steam Pump Ranch which would be an ideal location. Keep your fingers crossed!



We hope you are staying abreast of the Master Plan update for Steam Pump Ranch being conducted by the Town of Oro Valley Parks and Recreation division. Go to the Town website for Parks and Recreation and Town Council meeting videos and other information. The TOV will be giving residents an opportunity to weigh in, so don't miss your chance!

www.orovalleyaz.gov

All Seasons Retirement Community at SPR

The restoration of the Garage building near the Proctor-Leiber House will begin soon! If you want to archive it in its original state, now is the time! OVHS is still featuring articles on the Let Oro Valley Excel (LOVE) BlogSpot at <http://letorovalleyexcel.blogspot.com>. We hope to communicate Oro Valley's rich history, stories, and personalities to our residents.

You can keep in touch with up to the minute "happenings" on the OVHS website: ovhistory.org and Facebook page (Oro Valley Historical Society).

HOW YOU CAN HELP "KEEP ORO VALLEY HISTORY ALIVE!"

Your membership supports the ongoing programs of OVHS. This includes our displays, exhibits, and collections preservation. Not a member? It's easy to join or donate on our website: ovhistory.org. The Oro Valley Historical Society is a wholly volunteer, self-sustaining 501 (c) (3) and your membership is even tax-deductible!

You can be a volunteer! Do you have a few extra hours on your hands? We are seeking docents, hosts, tech support, administration assistants and other hands on help. We are happy to train you any in capacity! Contact Teri Colmar (tcolmar@comcast.net)

SPREAD THE WORD!!! There's nothing like a personal endorsement. Tell a friend, neighbor, relative, and teacher about OVHS. There are so many new Oro Valley residents who know little about our great local history and are fascinated once they find out!

WIN ONE OF THREE GREAT PRIZES!

GRAND PRIZE
NEW 2021 FORD BRONCO SPORT

2ND PRIZE
TWO ROUND-TRIP FIRST CLASS AIRLINE TICKETS TO ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD*

3RD PRIZE
\$5,000 CASH

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The Jim Click Automotive Team is presenting a new 2021 Ford Bronco Sport to the entire community to be used as the featured prize in our 2021 raffle. We raise millions of dollars for non-profit organizations in Southern Arizona. With your \$25 contribution for 5 tickets for \$100, you could win this stylish vehicle or one of two other great prizes. The best part? A 100% of your contribution will support Southern Arizona charities that keep all the proceeds from the maximum 100,000 tickets which will be sold. The drawing will be held on December 17, 2021. Entries must be received by December 10, 2021 at Raffle Headquarters.

Buy a Jim Click Millions for Tucson Raffle ticket. All proceeds from OVHS ticket sales stay with us! Tickets are \$25 each or 5 for \$100. First prize; a decked out Ford Bronco, Second Prize, 2 Round-trip tickets (First Class, of course) anywhere in the world, Third Prize; \$5,000 (can you ever have too much money?) To purchase a ticket contact Teri Colmar (tericolmar@comcast.net)

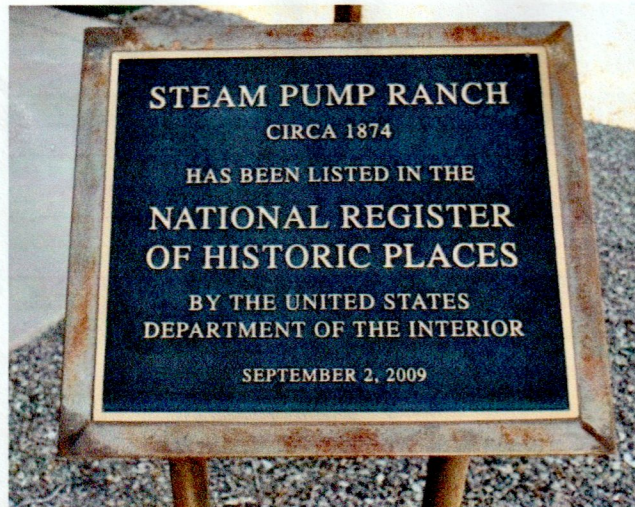
LAST CHANCE TO TAKE THE OUTDOOR STEAM PUMP RANCH TOUR!

The Oro Valley Historical Society is presenting the last docent-guided tours of the Historic Steam Pump Ranch property on April 24! Find out what makes Steam Pump Ranch stand out in local history and earned it a spot on the National Register of Historic Places.

Tours leave on the hour and every fifteen minutes thereafter, between 10 a.m. and 11:45 (the last tour). Tours are about 50 minutes. Each tour is limited to 6 participants. First come first serve...no reservations. Check in at the south end of the Farmer's Market. Look for the Oro Valley Historical Society tent. Be sure to dress for the weather and bring water. Suggested donation is \$5 per person to help our continued programs and exhibits.

NEWS FROM THE MARCH ANNUAL MEETING

The Society and the Town of Oro Valley have completed an agreement for the OVHS use of office space in the Pusch House. This was the culmination of a long negotiation process. It will give OVHS more exclusive use of the office space and will allow for storage space as well...The Heritage Garden received a \$5,000 grant. Also, the Town of Oro Valley refunded the \$5,000 from the Garage Concept Design Study...We have had increased visits to both our website and Facebook, including over 400 "hits" on the recent Ina Gittings article...Sue Chambasian reported that the outdoor tours have been successful and are gaining momentum each week...Teri Colmar encouraged members to sign up for the Fry's



Community Awards program and designate OVHS for the donation. This can be done through the OVHS website....Joyce Rychener reported that the Heritage Garden is participating in the Native Seed Search to preserve pure, heirloom seeds. Joyce will be creating the Steam Pump Ranch Book Trail inside the garden, featuring book stations for diverse age groups. The Heritage Garden will serve as a Monarch waystation, with milkweed species to attract butterflies...Alice Hutchinson was introduced as the new Volunteer Chair. She plans training sessions for docents in the near future...Paul Loomis reported that he is working with TEP and the Town to supply electricity to the Tack Room. This could improve working conditions in that space and provide temperature control... Lynanne Silverthorn-Dellerman explained that the Celebrate Oro Valley program will continue for the year, with virtual programs centered on five pillars of local history. The programs can be viewed on the Parks and Recreation Facebook page and their You Tube channel.

Have a wonderful Summer!