



ORO VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Newsletter, January 7, 2007

**HAPPY NEW YEAR! WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO A
YEAR FILLED WITH HISTORY AND HISTORIC EVENTS FOR
THE ORO VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY.**

PLEASE NOTE:

If there is an Oro Valley Historical Society brochure enclosed in this letter it means your membership expired on December 31, 2006. We hope you will renew and help through this year to carry out the goals and objectives of the Society. We currently have a voting membership of approximately 160.

Please mail your membership payment to PO Box 69754, Oro Valley, 85737 or bring it to the January 18th or February 15th meeting.

JANUARY MEETING

Thursday, January 18, 2007, 6:30 p.m.—"Interpreting the Honey Bee Village Preserve: A community Panel Discussion." Co-sponsored by the Oro Valley Historical Society.

Where: Oro Valley Council Chambers, 1100 N. La Canada Dr.

This is the last of the four meetings being held by the Center for Desert Archaeology on Honey Bee Village. These sessions have been well attended with 100 to 140 in attendance at each of the meetings.

Panelists – Bruce Hilpert, retired, former Curator of Public Programs, Arizona State Museum; Joe Joaquin, Cultural Affairs Office, Tohono O'odham Nation; Patricia Spoerl, Archaeologist, retired, U.S. Forest Service; Peter Steere, Cultural Affairs Office, Tohono O'odham Nation. **Moderator** – Douglas Gann, Center for Desert Archaeology

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FEBRUARY MEETING

Thursday February 15, 2007. 6:30 PM. General Membership
Update and Participation

Location: Oro Valley Library Meeting Room

The purpose of this meeting is to provide all members with an update on Committee activities and an opportunity to become more involved with committees and special upcoming events. Many exciting things are underway. We also anticipate being able to initiate Society planning to assist the Town in preservation and restoration of the historic Steam Pump Ranch. Don't miss it!

If you have volunteered to help the Society and will serve on a committee this will be an important meeting for you to attend. OVHS Committees are: Archival, Educational, Fund Raising, Grant Application, Interview, Membership, Public Relations and Public Displays, Research, Special Events, and Steam Pump Ranch Development Plan.

MARCH ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

March 15, 2007, 6:30 PM. ORO VALLEY LIBRARY MEETING ROOM
MORE INFORMATION WILL FOLLOW AT A LATER DATE ABOUT THIS MEETING.

ADDITIONAL ORO VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY INFORMATION

1. Steam Pump Ranch Acquisition.

- a. The eastern portion (about 9 acres) of the 15 acres being purchased is now in escrow. The final purchase and transfer of title could occur anytime.
- b. The remaining 6 acres is being held up by a lawsuit between the former owner and the current owner who was proposing to a commercial development for the site. The Town is waiting for a court ruling which would allow for the transfer of the land to the Town even before the above mentioned lawsuit is settled.
- c. The Town has formed a Master Plan Task Force who will work on establishing a proposed design for the entire site.

2. Corporate Donation.

- a. The Wal-Mart Corporation has donated \$3000 to the Oro Valley Historical Society. A formal presentation of this donation is planned for the Grand Opening of the Wal-Mart Neighborhood Market located in Oro Valley at the Magee-Oracle intersection.