

The Oro Valley Historical Society Newsletter

Fall 2022

The Oro Valley Historical Society program year is underway!

In September, the doors at the Pusch House Museum opened with an exhibit featuring "A Place In Time", timeline panels that focus on the history of Steam Pump Ranch and the Greater Oro Valley area. The timeline project was funded by a grant from the Arizona Historical Society and a donor. The exhibit also detailed the project process and specific elements of the timeline content. "A Place in Time" is part of the OVHS permanent exhibit at the Pusch House Museum.



October Exhibit recap

September and October are German-American and Hispanic Heritage months. Believe it or not, the two heritages have overlapping cultural elements. This was featured in the October exhibit along with the biographies of notable German and Hispanic figures that contributed to the history of the Greater Oro Valley Area.

Walking Tours of the Steam Pump Ranch Historical Park take place on the third Saturday of each month September – April from 9 to 11:30. Please note: Tours are approximately 45 minutes and take place on uneven gravel terrain and are approximately ½ mile. Dress for the weather.

The Pusch House Museum is open on the 1st, 2nd, and 4th Saturdays of each month from September – March and the 1st and 2nd Saturdays in April. Hours are from 9 to Noon. The museum is not open on December 24 and 31.

STEAM PUMP RANCH
and the PUSCH HOUSE
10901 N. ORACLE RD.

Did you know that Steam Pump Ranch is one of only a few ranches in Arizona that was built in two eras under two private ownerships until its purchase by the Town of Oro Valley? George Pusch established the ranch circa 1875 and Jack Procter bought the ranch in a series of transactions beginning in 1938. Two of the rooms at the Pusch House Museum are dedicated to the Pusch family and Procter-Leiber family. A great place to learn local history!

Speaker's Bureau Events!

Don't miss an opportunity to hear lectures from noted speakers! All Speaker's Bureau events take place at the Pima County Oro Valley Branch Library located at La Canada and Naranja.

November 14/2:00 p.m. – Jim Williams; The History of Honey Bee Canyon

December 6/2:00 p.m. – Bob Simpson; Lloyd Golder III, Rancho Vistoso and the Rail N Ranch.

January 11/2:00 p.m. – Allen Denoyer; Native American Cultures.

March 13/2:00 p.m. – Jan Cleere; "Following the Bugle", a history of military wives of AZ in the 1800s.

And be sure to check OVHS monthly displays at the library near the local history section.



Keep up to date by visiting:

www.ovhistory.org

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UPCOMING EXHIBITS at the PUSCH HOUSE MUSEUM:

November: Native American Heritage. December: Traditions, Toys, and Trains. January: Cowboys, Cattleman and Ranchin'. February: Arizona; The Road to Statehood. March: Women of Oro Valley and Beyond. April: Celebrate Oro Valley.

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SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, February 19, 2023

Oro Valley Country Club

3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Oro Valley Historical Society
Fundraising Event!

Author Wynne Brown will headline the event with a discussion of her book:

The Forgotten Botanist,
Sara Plummer Lemmon's Life of
Science and Art

Tickets go on sale December 1

Check www.ovhistory.org for further information.

BOARD BRIEFS

A BIG welcome to new OVHS board member Devon Sloan. Current Board Members:

President - Henry Zipf, Vice-President - Teri Colmar, Secretary - Devon Sloan; Treasurer - Paul Loomis.

Directors: Sue Chambasian, Roxy Johnson, Twink Monrad, Sheri Graves, and Joyce Rychener.

The Board of Directors continues to work on strategies to achieve the goals and mission of OVHS: to promote research, preservation, education and dissemination of history related to the Greater Oro Valley area.

OVHS is currently working with U of A, Associate Professor of Art and Design, Kelly Leslie, and her students on a design project to improve exhibits at the Pusch House Museum. Kelly assisted OVHS in designing a new membership brochure.

The fire suppression system is near completion at the Pusch House Museum. The security system will be operating soon. This is part of continued Town of Oro Valley improvements at Steam Pump Ranch.

The Board is working on Bylaw revisions to streamline OVHS operations and management of the Society. Revisions will be presented prior to the March 2023 Annual meeting.

A team comprised of OVHS board members and author, Barbara Marriott, is working on a book project with Arcadia publishing.