

Oro Valley Historical Society

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Steam Pump Ranch Summer Camp 2018

Through a unique partnership with the Town of Oro Valley Parks and Recreation Department, the Oro Valley Historical Society and Archaeology Southwest, Inc., youth have been learning about the local history, geology, plants, animals, agriculture, ancient technology, weather, stars and more at the Steam Pump Ranch Summer Camp each summer. By learning about the place where they live, campers develop a deeper understanding of what makes our region so special, and how they can grow up to be future stewards of our habitat and heritage. A heavy emphasis on art, science and outdoor play keeps them coming back, year after year. Congratulations to Joyce Rychener, the volunteers and Town staff for another great summer experience!

Fundraising Committee

Committee Chair Matt Moustafis and his committee are planning a number of fundraisers for the 2018-2019 year. They include the Jim Click raffle, beginning in August. Tickets are \$ 25 each, or 5 for \$ 100, and 100% of the proceeds benefit the Society! Plan on buying tickets at Steam Pump Ranch on Second Saturdays. The committee is also working on a Bean Project to sell heirloom beans for soup, stews and chili. Peg O'Connell asks for volunteers to bag beans and sell them (pegoconnell@gmail.com). Also planned are the sale of Steam Pump Ranch notecards and a Yard Sale in November. If you can help with any of these fundraising efforts, contact Matt at mattart777@cs.com.



Children attending

Summer Camp

Upcoming Events

August 23

Board Meeting – 3:00 pm at
OV Library

September 27

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OV Library



Studying Bats at the Steam
Pump Ranch Summer Camp

Keeping Oro Valley History Alive

June Board Actions

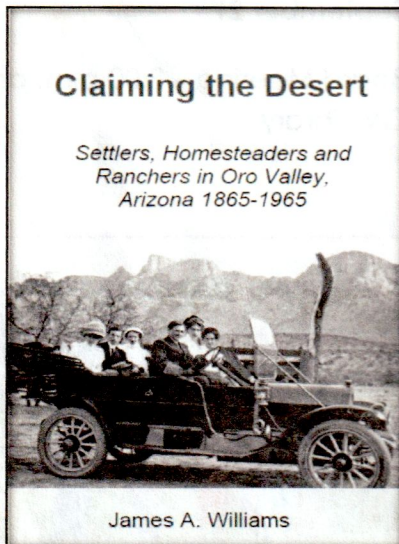
The Board agreed to set aside \$ 3365 of funds from the Z Mansion event for restoration projects at Steam Pump Ranch... Board member Carol Bull is working on collating all our membership lists into one list.

Chamber Breakfast

Paul Loomis, Twink Monrad and Jim Williams represented the Society at the Greater Oro Valley Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting and Breakfast on July 26. They displayed items at our table, answered questions and distributed literature.

More Important News

Board member Jim Williams has published a new history of Oro Valley from 1865 to 1965 entitled **Claiming the Desert**.



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This book is available currently on Amazon.com. It will be for sale at Western National Parks after October 1st.

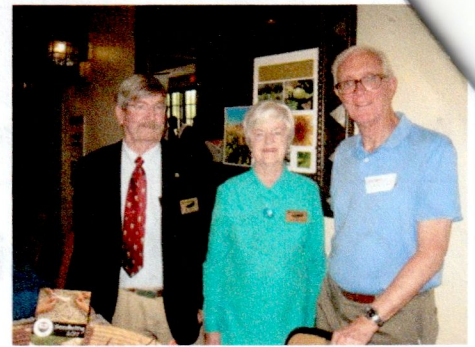
Jim will be selling and autographing books (\$14.99) at:

- Second Saturday at Steam Pump Ranch, September 8th, 9 to noon
- Book talk at OV Library, October 3rd, 2:00 pm

Profits from sales will go to the Oro

Please Pay Your Dues

Please support OVHS and pay your annual dues. They are \$30 for a family and \$20 for individuals. Dues may be paid at our website, www.ovhistory.org, or by sending them to the P.O. Box listed on page 1 of this newsletter. The fiscal year runs from March through



OVHS Members at the Chamber Breakfast



Support the Oro Valley Historical Society and Volunteer!

February. Those who join for the first time after January 1, 2018 are exempt from dues for one year.

Yard Sale Items Requested

Get ready for our Fall Yard Sale fundraiser! Please look through any seasonal items or gifts that you have hanging around and would like to donate. Fall, Halloween, Christmas ... get the idea? It's time to clean up, donate and help make money for the Society. All donors are asked to price tag the items donated along with their name or initials. The sales will occur at Steam Pump Ranch on Saturdays in October and November. All items donated that do not get sold must be picked up by donors on the last day of the sale, or will be donated to the Golden Goose. Please bring items for sale to Steam Pump Ranch on Saturday, October 6th between 9:00 and 10:30 am or contact Jo Di Gennaro at jojosamdg@gmail.com to set up a time to deliver items.

Volunteers

Carol Bull and Barbara McIntyre will hold a training session for those interested in volunteering for the Society on Saturday, October 20th at 1:00 pm at Steam Pump Ranch. If you would like to attend, contact Carol at carolpfc@icloud.com.

Speaker's Program

OVHS will again sponsor speakers at the Oro Valley Library in the coming months. Please encourage members and friends to attend. The events are free and open to the public, so arrive at least 15 minutes early to get a seat. All programs begin at 2:00 pm.

October 3rd – Jim Williams will discuss his new book, *Claiming the Desert*, and share stories about local early settlers and homesteaders.

December 5th – Gayle Hartmann will discuss "Recapturing Our Spanish Past," with emphasis on the history of the Presidio, a restored Spanish fort in downtown Tucson.

February 8th – Bob Simpson will share information on "The Sutherlands of Oro Valley." These early settlers lived on the northern boundary of today's Catalina State Park. The Sutherland Wash and Sutherland Trail are named for this family.

April – To be announced later.