



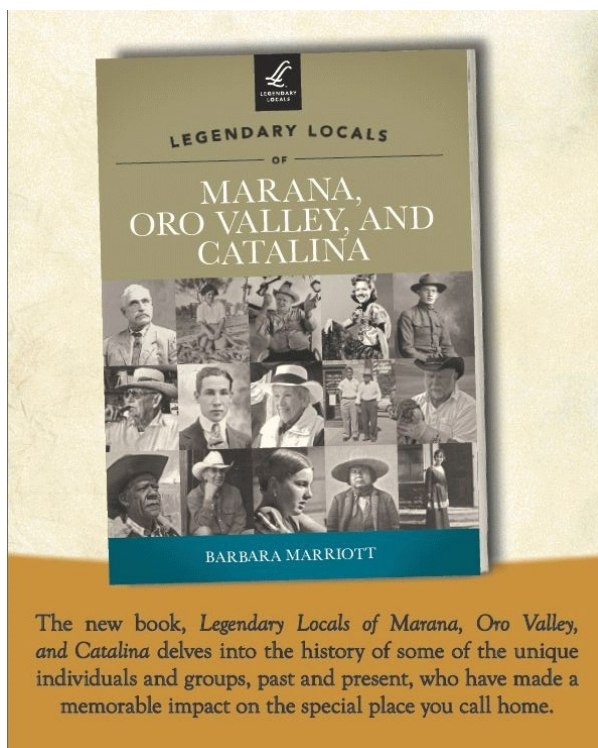
ORO VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Newsletter of the Oro Valley Historical Society

September 2012

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“LEGENDARY LOCALS of Marana, Oro Valley & Catalina”



Join Us for a Book Signing Event!

Thursday 2 to 4 PM
September 13, 2012
by author Barbara Marriott
(see page 3 for Barbara's Bio.)

Oro Valley Public Library

1305 W. Naranja Dr.
SE Corner at La Canada

Comments by the Author at 2:15 PM
Books are available for
purchase at \$21.99
Questions call 297-3448

The Life of Louise Foucar Marshall Lecture by Jane McCollum

October 23, 2012 - Oro Valley Public Library at 2:00 PM

Our first lecture of the season will feature the life of Louise Foucar Marshall (1864 –1956). Louise was the first female professor at the Univ. of Arizona in 1900. She was a savvy business woman and helped to develop much of the real estate around the university area. In 1931 the Tucson newspaper headlines were abuzz because Louise had been accused of first-degree murder. She led a full and colorful life.

This lecture will be presented by Jane McCollum of the Marshall Foundation on October 23 at 2:00 pm at the Oro Valley Public Library. We hope you can join us.



Early Photo of Louise

President's Message



Dear OV Historical Society Members,

The summer is almost over and the OVHS Board has been busy planning fall activities.

Our season will begin with a "Bang" on September 13th with a Book Signing for award winning author Barbara Marriott's new book, "Legendary Locals of Marana, Oro Valley & Catalina". A quote from Barbara is "If people make history, then Oro Valley is a treasure trove of the country's past and present." (Details about this event are elsewhere in this newsletter).

We will be helping the Town of Oro Valley with tours of Steam Pump Ranch at their fall festival – "Steam Pump Ranch Fall Festival" on October 13. This will be similar to the Centennial Celebration Event held last February, and there will be activities for the whole family.

On October 23 we will have our first speaker program of the season at the OV Public Library. Jane McCollum of the Marshall Foundation will present "The Life of Louise Foucar Marshall." Louise was the first female professor at the Univ. of Arizona in 1900. She owned much of the real estate around the university area and helped develop it. She was the founder of The Marshall Foundation and she had a full and very colorful life.

We hope that you will be able to join us for some of these activities. They are Open to the Public and Free.

Best wishes,
Lois Nagy, President

Don't Miss This Event

October 13, 2012 - Fall Festival

The Town of Oro Valley will hold a "Steam Pump Ranch Fall Festival"

The newly restored 1876 ranch house will be open for tours and there will be horses, food and fun for the whole family.

Oro Valley Historical Society

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Donations are always welcomed, much appreciated and needed. We are a 501(c)3 Non-Profit Corporation with donations being tax deductible to the extent of the law.

Memberships:

Family: \$25
Individual: \$15
Student: \$10
Corporate/Institution: \$100

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Oro Valley Public Library, 1305 W. Naranja Dr. at La Canada.

Barbara Marriott's insatiable curiosity has sent her tumbling into some unique adventures and earned her several awards for her writing. Her move to the west turned into several non-fiction history books including *Images of America: Oro Valley*. Her latest book also focuses on the local area. In *Legendary Locals of Marana, Oro Valley and Catalina*, Marriott paints a picture of the historical significance, and the character, of three small communities north of Tucson using vintage and contemporary pictures. If people make history, then Oro Valley is a treasure trove of the country's past and present. She blames her Ph.D. in cultural anthropology for sending her down the path of researching the lives of pioneers.



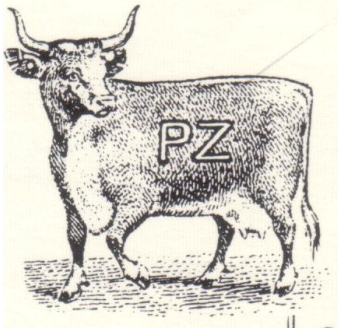
Marriott's other Arizona history books include *Annie's Guests*, *Canyon of Gold*, and *In Our Own Words: The Lives of Arizona Pioneer Women*. She has also written two non-fiction history books on New Mexico, and a historical novel: *Contact Creed*. Not one to concentrate on one area (says she gets bored easily), she wandered over into military history. *Banana River*, is the story of a little know navy base, and will soon be joined by her latest navy book, *The Fleet Angels of Lakehurst*.

A BIG Thank You to Bill Adler

The OVHS wants to thank Bill Adler for all his support and generosity over many years. Bill has been a major supporter of our Native American Garden at SP Ranch. He also has donated funds for the purchase of the two display cases for our historical exhibits in the OV Public Library. He has spoken about our activities to such groups as the OV Town Council and the OV Historic Preservation Commission.



As a small token of our appreciation we gave Bill an old Hopi coiled (plaque) basket with a turtle design. Mark Bahti, (a national authority on Southwest Native American art & artifacts), authenticated this basket.



The "P" "Z" Brands Owned by the George Pusch Family and the Oro Valley Historical Society



The **PZ** brand is the best known of George Pusch's livestock brands. The brand was originally recorded by Pusch and John Zellweger in the 1870s when they formed a partnership to run cattle north of Tucson on what later became known as the Steam Pump Ranch.



In 1883 John Zellweger sold his interest in the PZ brand to his partner. The sale was duly recorded in Pima County records, and the original letter of transfer, signed by Pusch, was donated to the Oro Valley Historical Society by his grandson, Henry Zipf in 2005.



The transcription reads:

P.Z.

The interest of John Zellweger in the above brand was by me purchased on the 15th day of June 1883, that John Zellweger made his certain bill of sale to me of his said interest, which bill of sale is recorded in the office of the County Recorder of Pima County A.Z. in Book One of Bills of Sale Page 246. That the said above brand is now on record in the said office as the brand of Pusch and Zellwegger recorded in Book 1 of Records of brands, page 114.

By reason of the matters herein above stated the whole of the right title and interest is vested in me and the right to use the same by virtue of the matters aforesaid -- and I adopt the said above brand as my individual brand -- for branding my horned cattle. That I purchased the interest of John Zellweger in the brand P [reverse] Z and that the right title and interest of the whole of said brand, and the right to use the same. By reason of the Bill of Sale herein above mentioned and recorded as aforesaid is vested in me, and the whole thereof and that I adopt the same as my individual brand for branding my horses, mules and burros.*

Signed

George Pusch.

Nortary public recording October 4th, 1887.

Territory of Arizona

County of Pima

*The "P reverse Z" is clear in the handwritten statement, and there has been confusion about this brand and the two identical PZ brands also owned by Pusch. The "P reverse Z" was registered solely for horses, while one PZ brand was for cattle and the second for cattle and horses. The end of the transfer statement includes "horses, mules and burros", probably to indicate that all animals were included in the brand transfer from Zellweger to Pusch.

George Pusch continued to use the PZ brand, but it passed out of family ownership sometime after 1916. Many years later, in 1973, Roberta Pusch (George Pusch Jr.'s wife) wrote to Henry Zipf: *"Geo tried to buy the original PZ brand when we first went to Steam Pump in 1936 but they, whoever they were, wanted too much money for it. I think \$1,000. Anyway, a time back, brands were very hard to get."*



A **PZ** branding iron that had been in the Pusch family for many years was donated to the Oro Valley Historical Society in 2009 by Pusch's great grandson, Walter Pusch III (see photo).

The **PZ** brand is not to be confused with the **"P swinging Z"** brand registered by Pusch's eldest son, George Pusch Jr., sometime between 1898 and 1904. This brand did remain in family ownership. George Jr. held it until his death in 1957. Ownership was then transferred to his wife, Roberta Pusch. She sold it to Henry Zipf, George Pusch's grandson, in 1973.

Zipf held the brand until 2010 when he sold it to the Oro Valley Historical Society to preserve as part of the historical record of Steam Pump Ranch and the Pusch family. The Society will maintain that ownership. Brand ownership must be renewed with the Arizona Department of Agriculture every five years. The current certificate expires July 15, 2015. The Brand Number is 07017, and the brand location is the left hip for cattle and the left thigh for horses.

When one thinks of Steam Pump Ranch it is not only the PZ brand established by Pusch and Zellweger that should be considered. There are many other brands that help tell the story of Steam Pump Ranch and the transactions that took place there. Pusch registered eight brands, individually and with partners, before 1898 that are listed in the "Territorial Book of Brands and Marks . . . Cattle, Horses, Sheep and Hogs" for that year. Livestock branding became law in the Territory in 1897 and a brand tax was passed in 1903. Over 11,000 brands were recorded in the Arizona Territory by 1908.

ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE BRAND CERTIFICATE

NAME OF OWNER(S): ORO VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY PATRICIA SPOERL OR INGRID (TWIN) MONRAD
 MAILING ADDRESS: PO BOX 68754 ORO VALLEY AZ 85117
 NAME UNDER WHICH LIVESTOCK WILL BE SHIPPED OR SOLD: ORO VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
 RANGE: ORO VALLEY
 LOCATION OF RANGE(S):
 COUNTY: Pima
 BRAND NUMBER: 07017
 LOCATION OF BRAND: PZ
 CATTLE: LH
 HORSE: LT
 SHEEP: NO
 GOATS: NO
 ANIMALS MUST BE BRANDED EXACTLY AS SPECIFIED
 BRAND DESCRIPTION: P OVER Z CONNECTED
 EAR MARKS: 8 UNDERLOPE 1 SHALLOW FORK
 I HEREBY CERTIFY THE BRAND AND MARKS APPEARING ABOVE WERE DULY RECORDED FOR THE OWNERS LISTED HEREIN AND THIS CERTIFICATE IS A FULL TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF ENTRY AS THE SAME APPEARED ON THE RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE 3000 WEST ADAMS, PHOENIX, AZ 80007
 AS WITNESS MY SIGNATURE AND THE DEPARTMENT SEAL HEREBY AFFIXED AT PHOENIX, AZ
 THIS DATE: Wednesday, June 30, 2010
 THIS CERTIFICATE WILL EXPIRE: Wednesday, July 15, 2015
 STATE BRAND CLERK

Native American Heritage Garden at Steam Pump Ranch



Jenny Adams (left) and
dedicated volunteer
Margaret Parnell

Joyce Rychener, Heritage Garden Director, and dedicated volunteers continue to tend our wonderful demonstration garden.

Very early this spring a small crop of Tohono O'odham peas and green onions were planted; these two vegetables were first introduced by the Spanish. The planting season continued with Native American crops such as Chapalote, a very ancient flint corn, and a traditional Three Sisters Garden of corn, beans and squash. Harvest for the Three Sisters Garden is expected to be late October.

Our Garden is Helping
Science: Jenny Adams,

PhD. an internationally known archaeologist with Desert Archaeology, again this year will be using small samples of our Chapalote corn for her research. She is an expert in prehistoric stone grinding tools. Basically, we want to learn more about how prehistoric people ground their corn and the stone tools that they used.



A prehistoric stone grinding tool used
to grind corn

OV Historical Society Display at the Library



The Tohono O'odham basket weavers are noted for their miniature baskets. Tribal history of basketry includes functionality, ritual, enterprise and artistry. Three such baskets made of bear grass and devil's claw were recently on exhibit in the OVHS display case at the Oro Valley Public Library.

These baskets were woven by Caralina Antone, Bernadette Velasco and Daisy Velasco, who are members of the Tohono O'odham Tribe. For centuries the Tohono O'odham people have traded their baskets with other native and non-native people.

Are You a Current 2012 Oro Valley Historical Society Member?

**If you have already renewed your membership and paid your dues for 2012,
we thank you very much. Consider encouraging a friend to join us too.**

But if you have not yet had a chance to renew your Membership or join the Society,

Please Do It Today. If you join now, your dues will also be good for 2013.

You can use the form below and mail a check or go to our website at www.OVHistory.org and
join online using PayPal or a charge card.

You can also make a tax deductible donation online, we are a 501(c)3 organization.

Your dues help with the costs of our events such as the speaker programs, our educational exhibits at the
OV Public Library, the Native American garden, tours at Steam Pump Ranch and publishing newsletters,
articles and brochures.

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THANK YOU.

Branding "Speak"

PZ just read as "P Z"

Ǝ "Crazy R" **Я** "Reverse R"

Ɔ "Crazy Reverse R"

℞ "Lazy R" or "Lazy Down R" or "Lazy Right R"

℞ "Lazy Up R" or "Lazy Left R"

℞ "Tumbling R" **R** "Walking R"

R "Running R" **℞** "Rocking R"

R "R Over H" **H** "R Hanging H"

℞ "Bar R" or **-R** "Bar R"

R "Rail R" **Ⓡ** "Circle R"

HR "H R Combined" or "H R Conjoined"

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for a color copies of our Newsletters.

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