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# River of Time Museum

Fountain Hills & Lower Verde River Valley  
MUSEUM & HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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November/December 2015

## Dates of Interest

### Nov. 9

Holiday Mart Begins  
Library/Museum Lobby  
10am-4pm

### Nov. 18

Dinner Discussion  
FH Community Center  
6-9pm

### Dec. 2

Member opening  
River of Time Museum  
6-8pm

### Dec. 5

Grand Re-Opening  
River of Time Museum  
10am-4pm



## What's in Your Water

## Fountain Hills?

### November 18 6-9pm

The community of Fountain Hills is only a few miles from one of the largest perennial streams in the state but nearly all of the freshwater in the town originates from the Colorado River carried here by the Central Arizona Project (CAP). In order for that water to be brought into homes and businesses a service provider is needed to work with CAP and that's where EPCOR Water comes in.

Jake Lenderking, Manager of Water Resources at EPCOR USA, will give an overview of the Colorado River and EPCOR's role and it's role in bringing it's water to the people of Fountain Hills.

Jake Lenderking has been with EPCOR Water USA for eight years as its water resources manager. He oversees the Company's water rights and water conservation programs for the regulated utility operations in both Arizona and New Mexico.

Previous to his tenure at EPCOR Water, Jake worked in the Water Conservation Office at the City of Phoenix, and at the Arizona Department of Water Resources. He has a Bachelor of Science degree in environmental resource management from Arizona State University

and a Master of Business Administration degree from the Thunderbird School of Global Management.

Reservations are required and can be made by phone: 480-837-2612 or online: [www.riveroftimemuseum.org](http://www.riveroftimemuseum.org). Cost is \$20 for members and \$25 for Non-members.



### MENU

Mixed Salad and Dressing, Turkey, Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Vegetables, Dinners Rolls and Butter, and Pumpkin Pie

River of Time

Open

Tues - Sat 10-4  
beginning 12/5





## On the Director's Desk by Luke Bate

### More than Just a Fun Phrase.

When the River of Time Museum (RoTM) opened in 2003 its purpose was to “.... recount the captivating past of the Lower Verde River Valley and to depict the importance of water in our Sonoran Desert.” The exhibits we’ve planned and other programs we’ve offered this past year have been an attempt to reconnect with this original propose. Considering this work, why have we been promoting a *Grand reopening of a new River of Time Museum?* In the last newsletter I mentioned how the RoTM Board of Directors and I had begun identifying potential long term goals. These goals have redefined our purpose and everything that we do going forward is done to support this purpose.

We aspire to be a relevant community resource for and about Fountain Hills and the Lower Verde River Valley. We want to engage, entertain, educate and inspire people about this region. We need to preserve and interpret the past, to understand the present, and promote future sustainability. The water is not the ultimate purpose of the RoTM. It is merely the first of many stages to create a museum that serves every resident and visitor in the Lower Verde River Valley, and becomes an asset to the town of Fountain Hills.

Naturally, we want to launch this initiative in the most impactful way possible, in full coordination with all our community partners. It’s more than just putting in a new exhibit and making a new website. It’s about becoming the museum that this community deserves and we need to be ready for that even if it means we have to delay. Our goal now is a re-opening in conjunction with other town events and activities on Dec. 5 (Fountain Hills’ Incorporation Day). We have many of the pieces in place and if we are able to be part of a major celebration, it will help increase our attendance and visibility with visitors to the town, as well as those residents who still don’t know of our existence.

In addition to much needed visibility a major factor to our success will be accessibility. Simply put we need to be open more. When we fully reopen to visitors we plan to be open 6 hours a day 5 days a week for a total of 30 hours, essentially doubling our accessibility during the busy season. The museum operates on an all volunteer basis we needed to wait for returning volunteers and give some more time to recruit new team members.

More than any new exhibit, program, or piece of merchandise, it’s this opportunity to become an integral part of the community, to build on our accomplishments and grow our institution that is the most exciting for me. I appreciate your patience and ongoing commitment to the success of the RoTM. Thank You.

Luke



**SOCIETY BOARD OFFICERS**

<b>President</b>	Debbie Skehen	<b>Executive Director</b>
<b>Vice President</b>	Anne Wicklund	Luke Bate
<b>Secretary</b>	Lorena Wigginton	<b>Liaison to Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation</b>
		Dr. William Myhr

**BOARD MEMBERS**

Ruben Balderas	Alan Cruikshank	Jean Linzer	Art Tolis
Gerard Bisceglia	Arlie Denomme	Sandy Myhr	Jane Wingert
Niobe Borman	Boe James	Lee Robinson	Kit Wyper
Teena Borman	Aggie Kramer		

## From the President's Desk by Debbie Skehen



Our November dinner meeting is the Annual Meeting of the Membership of the Historical Society. We therefore will recognize volunteers who are leaving their positions and then vote for approximately one-third of the total Board of Directors membership – some new and some up for re-election.

Resigning their Director positions are **Niobe Borman, Teena Borman, Sandy Myhr** and **Lorena Wigginton** and from his position as webmaster, **Wayne Wicklund**.

Those seeking re-election are **Gerard Bisceglia, Arlie Denomme, Jean Linzer and Debbie Skehen**. Members seeking election for the first time are **Maureen Theiring, Gerry Colbert, Pat Isaacson, Cynthia Magazine and Bob Wilson**.

**Maureen Theiring** has agreed to take on the responsibility of Treasurer of the society and we therefore propose her name for the 2015-2016 Board. In addition, to facilitate better coordination in planning, the Board proposed that the store manager, **Gerry Colbert**, be on the Board. **Pat Isaacson** has been the docent scheduler for the museum and with her knowledge and experience will be an excellent addition to the Board. For several years **Cynthia Magazine** served on the Friends of the Library Board, the last three as president. She will become active in planning programs at the museum. **Bob Wilson** is an active member of the Astronomy Club.

Finally, on the ballot will be a request to increase the number of slots on the Board of Directors. At present that number is 15 and we find that with the proposed growth of programs, we need more leadership in several areas. Our Bylaws set an upper limit of 25 and that number would allow more flexibility. With the approval of the present slate of officers, our number of Directors this year will be 18.



# Membership Report for 2015 by Debbie Skehen

## New Memberships

### Michael, Christine and Julie Beaudoin

\* Denotes Life Members

#### Wrangler Level:

\$1500- or more

Ft. McDowell Yavapai Nation  
Jim & Sharon Morgan

Friends in the Hills  
\*Debbie Skehen

#### Adventurer Level:

\$1,000-1,499

\*Alan & Diane Cruikshank  
\*Fred & Barbara Hansen

Hosea & Lily Harkness  
Phil's Filling Station

#### Pioneer Level:

\$500-999

Gerard & Anne Bisceglia  
\*John & Linda Kavanagh  
Stephen & Kathleen Kelbley

Sami Fine Jewelry  
Jim & Roberta Urban  
Wayne & Anne Wicklund and Snow

#### Wagonmaster Level:

\$250-499

Karen D. Baker  
Richard M. Carrabine  
Carl & Eunice Feinberg  
Franklin & Gloria Hardman  
Robert & Barbara Hegwood  
Elert & Chris Johnson

Aggie Kramer  
Bill & Sally Mantle  
Sternfels & White, PLLC  
Dori Wittrig

#### Pathfinder Level:

Virginia Abbott  
& Peter Clarkson  
Russ & Rosemary  
Bonaguidi  
John & Sharon Brodhun  
Dan Bros  
\* Gerry & Marge Colbert  
Bonnie Coolum  
Richard & Doris Dale  
Martin & Barbara Dawson

Harold & Arlie Denomme  
Walt Dunne, Jr.  
Robert & Mary Alice  
Fanslau  
Tom & Carol Frederick  
Jeff & Marla Fryer  
Bruce & Cassie Hansen  
Robert & Barbara  
Hegwood  
Pat Hemmer  
John & Beverly Hepburn  
Charles & Marilyn Humes  
Betty Isaacson

Stephen & Diane Jones  
Ed & Dolores Kehe  
Jon & Diana Klesner  
Gwen Laske  
Don & Lisa Lawrence  
Marvin & Darline Leader  
Jean Linzer  
Ed & Kathy Madden  
Paul & Cora Messinger  
Elizabeth Matej-Horchem  
Velma Monks  
Peter & Leatrice O'Reilly  
Don & Judy Peters

Jack & Monique Reynolds  
\*Dave & Edith Roberts  
Lee & Jane Robinson  
Pat Solski  
Joe & Nan Sommer  
David & Ruth Springob  
Val Stasik  
Earl & Ann Stavely  
Bob & Susan Titus

Bob & Joyce Walters  
Carl & Judy Weir  
Tom & Pat Wells  
Dave & Jane Wingert  
Kit Wyper

# Partnership Profile

When you become a member of the River of Time you also enjoy the membership benefits for the other institutions in the Arizona Small Museum coalition. We want our members to know all the great things happening at their partner museums, so they can visit and take advantage of the free admission and 10% off in the gift shop at all four locations. In order to do this we are introducing this new section in the newsletter to feature our partners and what they are doing.

## **The Rosson House Museum at Heritage Square in downtown Phoenix**

Heritage Square, 113 N Sixth St, Phoenix, AZ 85004

[heritagesquarePHX.org](http://heritagesquarePHX.org)

602-261-8063

Heritage Square is the oldest remaining residential block in the City of Phoenix. With ten fully-restored buildings, the Square offers visitors a unique look into the vibrant history of Phoenix at the turn of the 19th century. Let the memories of yesteryear envelop you as you tour a museum, stroll under the Lath Pavilion, or enjoy a meal al fresco at one of the eateries.

Today, the Square features the Rosson House Museum, exhibit galleries, three award-winning restaurants, a Victorian gift shop, a coffee bar and a spectacular event facility. While you are here, be sure to tour the Square's crowning jewel – the restored 1895 Rosson House Museum.

### **Special upcoming events:**

#### **First Friday**

December 4 is First Friday and also the Opening Night for Heritage Square Holidays. Come see the Rosson House decked out for the season by professional designers, enjoy performances by the Heritage Carolers as they stroll through the Square, and join us for some holiday refreshments. Tickets are \$7.50 per person, and are available at the Museum Shop on the day of the event.

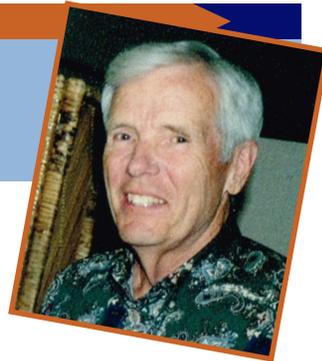
#### **Christmas Tea**

“There are few hours in life more agreeable than the hour dedicated to the ceremony known as afternoon tea.” Henry James

On December 5<sup>th</sup>, combine your tour of the Rosson House Museum with an elegant tea at Heritage Square this holiday season. This 1895 Victorian mansion is the must-see attraction for the holidays, with professionally decorated rooms that celebrate the season. The Stevens House will be transformed into a Tea Room, with tea, scones and clotted cream being served. Also that day, Heritage Square is hosting the Christkindlmarkt, a celebration of German holiday traditions. Reservations required for the Christmas Tea, and will be available beginning November 1<sup>st</sup>. Tickets are \$15, and include a tour of the Rosson House Museum, and afternoon tea in the Stevens House.

**Please contact Heritage Square for more information,**  
**or to register for the events.**

## *From the River Bank Store By* **GERRY COLBERT**



The closure of the Museum for the change out of some exhibits has obviously had an impact on the store. The store will reopen in conjunction with the Museum's annual Holiday Mart which opens on November 9<sup>th</sup>.

This is one month earlier than the reopening of the Museum. You definitely will want to keep us in mind for your holiday shopping needs.

The Holiday Mart will be held in the lobby of the Museum/Library building as in the past. A number of people have been involved in the activity and volunteers have begun the task of digging out boxes and boxes and boxes of ornaments, garlands, decorations, reindeer and much more. The red and green and glitter is being sorted as items are cleaned, polished and made ready for sale.

Many great items will be available. There will be decorated trees and wreaths, ornaments for the tree, plus numerous unique items that are perfect for the holidays.

Remember, the store and the mart will open November 9<sup>th</sup>, so stop in and enjoy the items that are available. This is a great place to purchase that special gift!!

## *From the Docent's Den By* **Jane Wingert**



Docents are returning for the winter! It's so nice to see their faces again. Those of us who are here all summer have missed you! As we all know there are changes occurring at the museum. The docents will again be volunteering at the museum when we reopen in December. Training materials are being developed to support the new exhibits. I will let the docents know, as we get closer to the time when we will be doing training. I plan to be very flexible so if they need a one on one it can be arranged.

I would like to thank the following people for volunteering to help me with our Halloween booth for the kids. It should be a great evening! This year we are doing a Halloween corn hole game for the kids. Thanks **Carol Frederick, Margaret Standerwick, Jeannie McGonigle, Pat Isaacson and Fran Intervallo!**

# THANK YOU TO RETIREES. . .

Board Members **Niobe and Teena Borman** worked together on many museum projects as well as serving on the Board for approximately ten years. For several years they were responsible for the Pony Express Days which highlighted the arrival of the Hashknife Pony Express riders followed by events in the Community Center. Together they have chaired bake sales, sold tickets and collected money at events, provided table center pieces at dinners and handled any task requested of them. They will continue to volunteer for specific events from time to time.

Board Member **Sandy Myhr** assumed responsibility for the Time Traveler program at the museum which involved training 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders to be junior docents – learning the history of our region as part of their social studies curriculum. Personal responsibilities now require her attention, but it is our hope that she will return soon to revitalize this important museum program.

**Lorena Wigginton** has been our Secretary since September of 2011. Her timely and accurate reporting of the society's meetings has been so appreciated and her departure from the Board will be a difficult position to fill.

Webmaster **Wayne Wicklund** and his wife **Anne** were both involved from the beginning in the building of the museum. Wayne provided his singular expertise of the computer world which was a severely lacking talent among the volunteers when the planning for the museum took place and beyond! Wayne built our website, installed computers and kept them running, answered a myriad of diverse technical questions and advised us as new technologies became available. His service to the museum for over 15 years has been considerable and we are truly grateful for his devotion to this special place.

We are so appreciative of the time and efforts these volunteers have given to our River of Time Museum. Their influence has made a positive difference!

**THE RIVER OF TIME WILL RE-OPEN**

**FOR MEMBERS ONLY EVENT ON**

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, AT 5:00 PM.**

**WE RE-OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ON**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, AT 10:00 AM.**



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*The River of Time Museum is certified  
by the Arizona Historical Society*

**WE'RE ON THE WEB!!**

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**NEW MEMBERSHIP AND RENEWAL APPLICATION**

General Individual Membership \$25 / Year	<b>PATHFINDER</b>	\$100 - \$249
General Family Membership \$35 / Year	<b>WAGONMASTER</b>	\$250—\$499
I would be interested in contributing On a higher financial level or a gift endowment or major bequest.	<b>PIONEER</b>	\$500—\$999
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	<b>WRANGLER LEVEL</b>	\$1,500 OR MORE

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