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The mission of the Cornville Historical Society is to gather, preserve and share information about the history of rural life within the Cornville postal area from 1860 to the present.

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Fall Yard Sale Planned: A fundraiser yard sale will be held **Saturday, October 9, from 8 am to 4 pm**, at 10620 E. Valley View Drive (Oak Creek Valley) in Cornville. The Society is collecting donations of **clean, useful and workable household items**, such as glassware, dishes, cookware, decorator items, furniture, books, tools and vehicle accessories. **Arts and crafts items** are welcome. **NO clothing or magazines, please!** To arrange for pickup or delivery of donated items, contact Judy Miller (649-1916), Linda Allen Kappel (634-4698), Sharon Morehouse (634-8927), or Veronica Moody (634-9221). A receipt can be provided for tax purposes. If you have questions or would like to help, please call Judy Miller at 649-1916.



Cornville's 125th Birthday Party: On July 10, the Society was pleased to be a part of Cornville's 125th Birthday Party at Windmill Park. Sponsored by the Cornville Community Association, with support from many businesses and organizations, the party attracted 100+ attendees on a 100+ degree day! The Society hosted a booth with information about area history and Society activities. According to Sharon & Steve Morehouse, Linda & Garry Kappel and Veronica Moody, the booth was well-attended. Visitors enjoyed looking at old pictures and the homestead map.

Dale Spude Honored: Dale Spude, owner of Red Rock Masonry, became the first "Honorary Business Member" of the Cornville Historical Society. A membership plaque was presented by Board members at Spude's office in July in recognition of Dale's generous donation of storage and meeting space for over a year at Thistle & Thorn Plaza. The society is gratified by Dale's ongoing support and looks forward to working with him on projects in the future. **THANK YOU** Dale and all your staff!

Coming Events: The Cornville Historical Society will have a booth at the **Olde Tyme Country Fair at Oak Creek School, Saturday November 20 from 10 to 4**. Watch for the booth, with exhibits, publications, a homestead map, and new notecards for sale. Enjoy the fair and learn about area history besides! The Society will host its **Annual Holiday Fundraiser** with guest speakers, gift basket raffle and holiday treats **Thursday, December 9 from 7 to 9 pm**. Mark your calendar for this fun event..

Step Up! Become a Board Member: With the departure of Board Member Judy Abood, who moved to Ohio in May, the Society now has another opening on its Board of Directors. The Society's Bylaws call for "not less than three nor more than nine directors" (*Bylaws Article V.1*). So, the Board can expand by three members! If you would like to help the Society in its efforts to gather history and figure out ways to share the information, please step up now! The Board meets monthly (except in summer), guides all the Society's activities, and could use more help! To learn more, call President Linda Allen Kappel at 634-4698.



Long- Time Resident Clint Self Interviewed: In April Clint Self & his wife Nancy sat down with Linda Allen Kappel and Judy Abood for an interview, as part of the Society's ongoing effort to gather information about Cornville's history from long-time residents and descendants of early settlers. Clint came to the Verde Valley in 1930 from Liberty, Arizona (between Phoenix & Buckeye) when he was one year old. Since then, he has lived in Camp Verde, Clarkdale, Cottonwood and Cornville--with a few breaks when he went to Texas, served in Korea, moved to Colorado for awhile and worked in Flagstaff for a few years. He now lives in Page Springs with Nancy, who is the daughter of one of Cornville's early settlers, Rev. Jacob Frey. Clint has story after story to tell about his life in the Valley. He worked in the mines at Jerome, helped build the first power lines, was a farmer and rancher, managed a Ford garage, ran all kinds of heavy equipment, drove a propane truck, owned a service station, worked for Yavapai County and the City of Cottonwood; and he's a cowboy poet! The interview transcript is now part of the Society's Oral History files and will serve as reference for further research. For more information or to arrange an interview, call any Board member.

More Founding Members Needed to Reach Charter Goal. The Society now has a charter roster of 99 members, with 37 members now in good standing, including individual, family, business and honorary members who have lived in Cornville 50 years or more. The first 120 members are considered founding members in honor of Cornville's 120th birthday in 2005, the year the Society was established. So, we need just 21 more members for a full charter roster! Individual, family, business and honorary memberships are available. For information call Sharon Morehouse at 634-8927.

NEEDED: Storage & Meeting Space: One goal of the Historical Society is to find a secure place for meetings and records storage. If anyone knows of someone who could donate a room, small building, guest house or similar space, please let us know. The Society would furnish and maintain the space. Only Board members and their invitees would use the space for project activities or meetings. If you have an idea, please contact President Linda Allen Kappel at 634-4698 or losttango@sedona.net or Vice President Sharon Morehouse at 634-8927 or stevsharmor@msn.com.

We've Got Email: Please contact the Society at cornvillehistoricalsociety@yahoo.com. It's a good way to offer information about Cornville history, ask questions, volunteer to participate or express interests. The Society is always seeking information about the area's early settlers, historic sites, transportation routes--anything relating to our rural life since 1860. With your help, the Society can fulfill its mission to "gather, preserve and share" information about the history of the Cornville postal area. Let us hear from you!

Cornville Historical Society 2010-11 Board of Directors: Janet Cassagio (Treasurer), 649-1426; Linda Allen Kappel (President), 634-4698; Judy Miller (Secretary), 649-1916; Veronica Moody 634-9221; Sharon Morehouse (Vice-President), 634-8927; and Diana Stipek, 639-3632