



# Cornville Historical Society

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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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***Yavapai County Designates Page Springs Scenic Historic Road:*** The Yavapai County Board of Supervisors recently voted to designate Page Springs Road as the County's first scenic & historic road, under a new County program. The designation honors the road's historic significance, as well as its scenic attributes. Signs will be placed at each end of the five-mile segment, which runs from Stewart Hill north to State Route 89A. **A public dedication is planned for Monday, October 26, at 10 am, at the Page Springs Fish Hatchery.** In cooperation with the Cornville Community Association and the Historical Society, County Supervisor Chip Davis invites everyone to attend, celebrate the designation, and enjoy refreshments.

### ***Win "The Old Cornville Post Office"***

***Painting:*** Tickets are now on sale for a special gift drawing to be held at the Society's annual Holiday Meeting on December 10. The lucky winner will receive a 28" x 14" giclee' print, matted and framed, of the Benton Henry painting. Tickets are \$2 or three for \$5. The painting will be displayed at several events and business locations during October & November. Watch for further announcements. For information, contact Patricia Taffora at 646-0157. All proceeds benefit the Cornville Historical Society.



*"The Old Cornville Post Office" (circa 1960) by Clarkdale Artist Benton Henry*

***Coming Events:*** The Society will have a table or booth to share information, invite membership, and offer tickets for the holiday fundraiser. Members will host a table at the Cornville Community Potluck on Wednesday, November 11, at 7 pm at Oak Creek School; Old Town Cottonwood's "Walkin' on Main" event on Saturday, November 14; and at the Cornville Country Fair at Oak Creek School on November 21. Come see us and learn more!

**Cornville Historical Society is Five Years Old:** In November 2009, it will be five years since the Cornville Historical Society was incorporated. On October 14, at the Cornville Community Association meeting, CHS Board Member Judy Miller will present a "Five Year Progress Report" on the Society and its activities. The meeting will be at 7 pm, Wednesday, October 14, at Oak Creek School in Cornville. "Often, it seems like things move VERY slowly; but when you add up five years worth of effort, it's fairly impressive", she says.

**Help Meet Our Charter Member Goal:** The first 120 members to join the Cornville Historical Society are considered Charter Members, in honor of Cornville's 120<sup>th</sup> birthday, which was celebrated in 2005, the year of the Society's incorporation. So far, 93 charter members have been recorded. Please help us reach our goal of 120 charter members in 2009! Annual dues are \$15 for individuals; \$25 for families; and \$50 for businesses/organizations. Those who have lived in Cornville for 50 years are eligible for free honorary memberships. Benefits include a newsletter, informational meetings, fundraiser and work projects! Contact Sharon Morehouse at 634-8927 or [stevesharmor@msn.com](mailto:stevesharmor@msn.com).

**Homesteader History Update:** The Society's goal is to obtain oral and written histories from long-term Cornville residents, particularly descendants of original homesteaders. Currently, we are concentrating on the earliest homesteaders, and the Society is compiling information from available sources, then searching out family members to clarify details and learn more. So far, we're focusing on original homesteaders and/or subsequent owners for lands patented to Abraham Kiewe (1880); William Munds, Benjamin F. Copple, Samuel C. Dickinson & Robert H. Jack (1885); James T. Munds (1889); Andrew Jackson (1891); William G. Dickison (1896); Charles S. Chick (1901); and David W. Stewart (1916). Recently, information has been received from Grady Loy (grandson of Edward Loy and second owner of the William G. Dickison homestead); Enone Chick Gordon and Doug Gordon (daughter and grandson of Charles S. Chick) and Betty Stewart Norton and Harley Thompson (grandchildren of David W. Stewart, who apparently purchased part of the original Kiewe homestead). We are also compiling information about Margaret Jackson Dumas, wife of Andrew Jackson, homesteader of the property that is now the Oak Creek Valley residential area; and we've received information from the Girdner family (who lived on or near the Dickinson Homestead). The Society welcomes all information about early settlers of Cornville. Contact Judy Miller at 649-1916, [dvnjdymlr@cableone.net](mailto:dvnjdymlr@cableone.net) or Linda Allen Kappel at 634-4698 or [losttango@sedona.net](mailto:losttango@sedona.net).

**Cornville Post Office...Over Time:** If you've been to the post office lately, you've probably noticed a display of five photos of the Cornville Post Office at various times since the early 1900's. The display also includes a framed copy of the Benton Henry painting, which will be awarded to a lucky winner on December 10.

The display is made possible with the cooperation of Postmaster Patrick Shamrell, shown here with the display.



**We Now Have Email:** Please contact the Society at [cornvillehistoricalsociety@yahoo.com](mailto: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!

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