



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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Yard Sale Fundraiser Set for April 24-25: On Friday & Saturday, April 24 & 25, from 8 am to 2 pm, the Society will hold a fundraiser yard sale at the home of George Dana, 1425 Koch Ranch Road in Cornville. Donations of quality items (e.g. clean, workable, usable household items, glassware, books, decorator items, furniture, tools, vehicle accessories) are welcomed; and receipts can be provided for tax purposes. Please CALL George AHEAD OF TIME at 639-2988 to arrange to drop off articles AFTER April 20. Setup days will be Wednesday & Thursday, April 22 & 23. Volunteer helpers will be needed to set up and conduct the sale. To ask questions or volunteer, please call Judy Miller at 649-1916 or dvnydymr@cableone.net.



Holiday Raffle & Gift Drawings Successful: The lucky winner of the Cornville Quilt at the Society's December meeting was Don Godard, a long-time Cornville resident and historical buff. Don and his wife Carol are thrilled with their quilt, which was made by Jan Starkey and includes twelve historical photos from Cornville history. The Godards also received honorary memberships to the Society because they have lived in the community for more than 50 years. The quilt raffle resulted in \$512; and drawings for other gifts brought in \$245. THANKS to all who helped make these fundraiser projects a success!

Jan Starkey Named to Centennial Committee: Board member Jan Starkey has been named by Yavapai County Supervisor Chip Davis as one of three representatives from the Verde Valley to serve on the Yavapai County Centennial Committee, which is laying plans for the County's historical celebration of Arizona's Centennial in 2012. Jan has been selected as secretary of the committee, which meets monthly.

Annual Meeting Held March 5: The Society reviewed its 2008 accomplishments and financial report; adopted a budget; and elected Board members at its 5th Annual Meeting on March 5. A game of Cornville Jeopardy involved three contestants who responded with questions to answers about area history. Board members elected for 2-year terms were Linda Allen Kappel, Fay Page Mauk & Jan Starkey. Cheryl Chamberlain, Betsy Cook, Judy Miller, Sharon Morehouse & Patricia Taffora will continue until March 2010.

Officers Selected March 19: On March 19, the Board of Directors regretfully accepted Fay Page Mauk's resignation and selected officers for the new term: Linda Allen Kappel, President; Sharon Morehouse, Vice-President; & Jan Starkey, Secretary-Treasurer. It was agreed that each Director will assume lead responsibilities for important tasks, such as Membership, Communications, Development, Hospitality, Events, Records, Research, Oral History & Site Inventory). The Board now has two vacancies, so members in good standing are invited to serve. Call Linda Allen Kappel at 634-4698 to express your interest!

Membership Status Report: The first 120 members to join the Cornville Historical Society are considered Charter Members, in honor of Cornville's 120th birthday, which was celebrated in 2005, the year of the Society's incorporation. So far, 93 charter members have been recorded. With just 27 more to go, the Society would like to reach its charter goal in 2009. Please help us reach our goal! There are now 50 members in good standing, including 15 honorary members. Annual dues are \$15 for individuals; \$25 for families; and \$50 for businesses/organizations. Those who have lived in Cornville for 50 years or eligible for free honorary memberships. Benefits include a newsletter, informational meetings, fundraiser and research projects. Contact Sharon Morehouse at 634-8927 or stevesharmor@msn.com.

Cornville Homesteaders Identified in Report: The report summarizing federal land actions and homestead records for the Cornville-Page Springs area has been printed and is now available. The 44-page report includes a timeline, a list of homestead, cash & desert land entry patents issued, and map. The report is \$10.00 per copy; and it is hoped it will become a catalyst for further research and will help the Society learn more about its first families. Contact Judy Miller at 649-1916 or dnjdymlr@cableone.net.

Oral History Process Established: Oral history policy and procedures were developed at a work day in January. Oral history forms have now been developed; and a process is in place for conducting oral histories from long-term residents, particularly descendents of original homesteaders. To let us know of anyone who might be interviewed, contact Linda Allen Kappel at 634-4698 or losttango@sedona.net.

WANTED: Cornville Dance Hall Photos & Stories: The Society often hears tales of the gold old days when folks came from all around to Cornville to dance on Saturday night. If you have a story to tell or photos taken at the "Cornville Dance Hall" (or any other dance locations), we'd like to hear from you. We may compile the material for a display or publication. Please help by contacting Patricia Taffora at 646-0157.

Records Getting Organized: The Board or Directors held a work day in December to organize records and file news clippings, photos and reference materials. File boxes, binders, and archival quality materials have been purchased; and the group has made a good start. Future work days are planned. Contact Judy Miller at 649-1916 or dnjdymlr@cableone.net if you would be interested in helping on record projects.

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 meetings or project activities. If you have an idea, please contact Judy Miller at 649-1916 or dnjdymlr@cableone.net.

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