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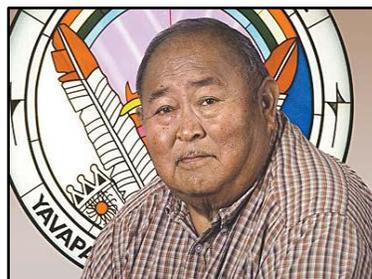
*The mission of the Cornville Historical Society is to gather, preserve and share information about the history of rural life from 1860 to the present within the Cornville postal area.*

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**Annual Meeting on March 19 to Feature Vince Randall:** The Society's ninth annual meeting is set for Tuesday, March 19, 2013, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm, at the Cornville Fire Station, 1120 S. Page Springs Road. Members, friends, business owners and anyone interested in history are welcome!

The guest speaker will be Vincent Randall, former Chairman and historian will speak on "Yavapai-Apache History". The Cornville-Page Springs area was part of the Rio Verde Indian Reserve from 1871 to 1875, during the period when settlers first came to the Verde Valley. The military reserve period is one part of the dramatic story and rich culture of the Yavapai-Apache Nation. Randall is a life-long member of the Clarkdale community, living on the same property where he was born. He has a Bachelor of Science degree in Education from Northern Arizona University and taught at Clarkdale-Jerome School for 28 years. A former Chairman of the Yavapai-Apache Nation, Randall is a historian and manager of the Apache Cultural Resource Center.



Apache Cultural Resource Center Director  
& former Y-A Chairman Vincent Randall

The Society's annual business meeting will include progress reports, budget approval, and board elections. Continuing board members are Janet Cassagio, Judy Miller and Diana Stipek. New candidates for two-year terms are Cheryl Chamberlain, Ann Schaefer and Cindy Snyder. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor.

**2013 Art Raffle Begins March 13:** Two beautiful prints, with seasonal rural motifs inspired by Cornville's old Maxfield's Produce Market, will be displayed and ticket sales will begin at the Cornville Merchant Showcase, Wednesday, March 13. They are framed archival prints of paintings by Clarkdale Artist Judy Jaaskelainen, that were donated to the Society--one by local resident Chay Ferro and one by the artist, who also donated matted and framing. Tickets will be sold for \$2.00 each or three for \$5.00 at the Merchant Showcase and continue throughout the summer. The prints will be displayed and tickets will be sold at local businesses, starting in April. Display locations will be announced. The drawing will be held on October 9, and purchasers need not be present to win. Be sure to get your tickets and support the Cornville Historical Society! Watch for announcements and local displays during the summer!



*Working "from the ground up", Old Post Office restoration work is underway.*

**Cornville Post Office Restoration Update:** Restoration on the old Cornville Post Office and Store has begun and volunteers are meeting onsite regularly to assess condition, determine material needs and incrementally work from the ground up to stabilize and rehabilitate the landmark. Donations of materials will be sought and purchases will be made when needed, during restoration. Now, that the landmark has been moved, the Society needs continued support for the restoration process. In October, the Society kicked off a campaign to raise funds for the "Cornville Historical Society Post Office Fund", to cover moving costs and to preserve and interpret the historic landmark. So far, \$8,886.57 has been raised. The balance is now \$1,345.26.

We urge you to become a part of Cornville history by sending a tax-deductible contribution to the "Cornville Historical Society Post Office Fund", PO Box 1200, Cornville, AZ 86325. Funds will be used solely for preservation and interpretation of the old post office & store as a historic landmark. For information, contact Janet Cassagio at 649-1426 or [janetcassagio@me.com](mailto:janetcassagio@me.com)

**Pay Your Membership Dues Now:** It's that time of year again! In October, reminder letters were sent to all members to renew their dues for Calendar Year 2013. We were pleased to end 2012 with 75 members in good standing, but we'd like to have still more! There are four categories of membership: Individual \$15; Family \$25; Business or Organization \$50; and Contributing \$100. Those who have been in the Cornville area for 50 years or more are entitled to an honorary membership for the asking. Please consider joining the Cornville Historical Society! There is a lot going on, more to be done, and YOU can be a part of it all! For more information, contact Membership Chair Stephen Cassagio at 649-1426 or [St3ph3n@mac.com](mailto:St3ph3n@mac.com).

**Got Space?** The Society urgently needs a secure place to consolidate and store records, hold board meetings, and do research. Please let us know if you have (or know of) an office, small building, or other spare space somewhere within the Cornville-Page Springs area that you would be willing to share. The Society maintains liability insurance; would furnish and maintain the space; and would pay utilities. Only Board members and their invitees would use the space. If you have a suggestion or space to offer, please contact any board member listed below.

**Got Time?** We'd love to have more board members; and we are always looking for help with oral histories, site inventories, restoring the post office, fundraising activities, and more. Whether short term tasks or longer term projects. There's something for everyone. If you like history and have even a little time to spare, or information to share, please contact any of the board members listed at the end of this newsletter. Please help!

**Go to Our Website:** Go to [www.cornville-historical-society.org](http://www.cornville-historical-society.org) to learn about the Society's mission and goals; get a membership form; see lists of site inventories and oral histories completed; read past issues of *E-Mail News*, learn about available publications; and more! It's a good place to keep up with Society activities, learn Cornville history, and e-mail comments or questions. Let us know what you think!

**Cornville Historical Society 2012-13 Board of Directors:** Linda Allen Kappel (*President*), 634-4698; Diana Stipek (*Vice President*), 639-3632; Judy Miller (*Secretary*), 649-1916; Janet Cassagio (*Treasurer*), 649-1426; and Dan Derrick, 634-4358