



# 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 from 1860 to the present within the Cornville postal area.*

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*Have a Happy  
Holiday Season!*



**See Cornville Folk Singer & Song Writer Dan Engler Onstage.** The Cornville Historical Society is pleased to announce that singer & song writer Dan Engler will present a program of folk music titled "Simply Stated and Simply Played", at the Society's eighth annual holiday fundraiser at 6:30 p.m., Saturday, December 7, at Oak Creek School, 11490 East Purple Sage Road in Cornville. The event will feature the popular holiday gift basket raffle, which has become a local tradition; and a big array of holiday refreshments. All proceeds will support the Cornville Historical Society.

Engler will perform his original folk music and traditional songs; and he will talk about folk music origins and his song-writing process. His story-telling songs reflect his life experiences and observations over the past 40 years in Arizona. He combines wit, wisdom and a knack for expressing real-life truths; and his straight-forward guitar playing adds a folksy counterpoint to his "down home" lyrics. Dan is an avid student of music and the icons of folk, rock and blues. "My music is simply stated and simply played," said Engler. "My songs are stories; and I hope listeners can relate them to some aspect of their own life."

Engler is a Cornville resident and news editor for Verde Valley Newspapers. "Dan's 28 years of news experiences in the Verde Valley are sure to influence his stories," said Society President Judy Miller. "This is a great opportunity to showcase his talent in his home territory. It will be fun to learn more about the history of folk music and listen for references to our local history, as well."

Mark your calendar for a unique holiday celebration in Cornville!

**Art Raffle Winners Announced.** Two framed archival prints of paintings by Clarkdale Artist Judy Jaaskelainen were awarded by the Cornville Historical Society on October 9 in time for the holidays. The paintings were inspired by an old pickup truck that used to be decorated for the changing seasons at a produce stand on Cornville Road. The artist was on hand to draw the winning tickets; and lucky winners were Jan Thompson and Jean Kleck, both of Cornville. During the summer, local businesses displayed the holiday themed prints “Local Honey” and “Dressed for the Holidays”; and the Society gained over \$500.00 from the raffle. Sincere appreciation is extended to Cornville Mercantile, Desert Market, Javelina Leap Winery, Up the Creek Grill, Verde Santa Fe Pro Shop, and Windmill Gardens for their support.



L-R: Judy Jaaskelainen, Jean Kleck, Jan Thompson, Judy Miller

**Old Post Office Restoration Update.** On November 7, volunteers began digging holes for footers for the porch that will be added to the front of the old post office. Rough sawn boards have been picked up from the mill near Flagstaff and are now onsite, where they continue to cure. The boards will be used to replace deteriorated ones and to match the original board and batten finish. Work on the porch will begin during the holiday season. Stephen Cassagio is now serving as liaison to the Society’s Board of Directors, which manages the project. The work crew also includes Pete Chamberlain, Dan Derrick, Steve Morehouse, and Dave Miller; and others have offered their services and materials. As work proceeds, become 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 historic landmark. For information, contact Janet Cassagio at 649-1426 or [janetcassagio@me.com](mailto:janetcassagio@me.com)

**NOW ... and THEN.** On the left is the old Post Office and Store as it looks NOW in 2013. On the right is the only photo the Society has that shows how it looked THEN, during the period 1909-1914. Watch for changes as our volunteers add a porch and façade to look like the old one. We’ll keep you posted!





**Fall Yard Sale a Big Success.** The Cornville Historical Society yard sale held at the home of Veronica Moody, October 17 & 18, brought in \$1,032.17! Proceeds of the sale will be used for Society activities, including placement of historic markers in the area and restoration of the Old Cornville Post Office & Store on Cornville Road. The Society extends heartfelt appreciation to Veronica Moody for hosting the sale at her home; to everyone who donated items; and to all the volunteers who worked so hard for three days to make it a success. Those who donated and helped included Frances Baxter, Janet & Stephen Cassagio, Cheryl & Pete Chamberlain, Nancy Crawford, Don Godard, Linda Allen-Kappel & Garry Kappel, Dave & Judy Miller, Veronica Moody, Steve & Sharon Morehouse, Ann Schaeffer, Diana Stipek, Elaine Williams, Elaine Vallely, and others unknown. A BIG THANKS to all!

**Renew Your Membership Now.** Reminder letters are on the way to all members, friends and business leaders inviting them to join or renew their membership dues for Calendar Year 2014. We are pleased to end 2013 with 89 members in good standing. 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 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, organizing files, and more ... whether short term or long term! There's something for everyone. If you like history and have even a little time to spare, or information to share, please contact any board members listed below. There's a task for every talent. We welcome your assistance!

**GOT SPACE?** The Society urgently needs a secure office space to store records, hold meetings, and do research. Please let us know if you know of an office, small building, or other unused space somewhere within the Cornville-Page Springs area that would meet our needs. If you would be willing to pledge funds to defray rental costs, please let us know that, too! The Society maintains liability insurance; and only Board members and their invitees would use the space. The Society would also pay utilities, furnish and maintain the space. If you have a suggestion or space to offer, please contact any board member listed below.

**Check Out 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 is THE 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 2013-14 Board of Directors:** Judy Miller (*President*), 649-1916; Diana Stipek (*Vice President*), 639-3632; Cheryl Chamberlain (*Secretary*), 639-0865; Janet Cassagio (*Treasurer*), 649-1426; Ann Schaeffer, 634-5144; and Cindy Snyder, 649-9628.