



Cornville Historical Society

E-MAIL NEWS

P.O. Box 1200, Cornville, AZ 86325

Issue No. 13

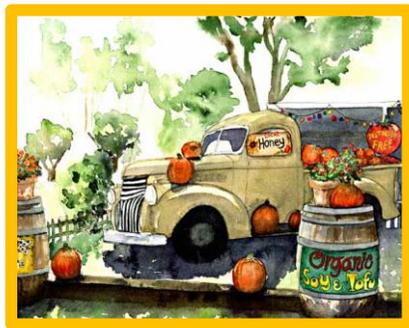
September 2013

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.

IN THIS ISSUE:

- **Special Meeting to Feature Art Raffle on October 9**
- **Restoration Progress on the Old “Cornville Post Office & Store”**
- **Fall Fundraiser Yard Sale Coming Up October 18-19**
- **Membership Renewal Time**
- **Got Time? Got Space?**
- **Check Out Our Website**

Special Meeting to Feature Art Raffle on October 9. All members and guests are invited to a special membership meeting of the Cornville Historical Society at 10 am, on Wednesday, October 9, 2013 at the Cornville Fire Station, 1120 South Page Springs Road. The meeting will include a power point presentation and discussion about current Society activities, refreshments, and feature a drawing to raffle off two beautiful framed prints titled “Local Honey” and “Dressed for the Holidays”. They are archival prints of paintings by Clarkdale Artist Judy Jaaskelainen, which were inspired by an old pickup truck that sat in front of Maxfield’s Produce Market, once located in the heart of Cornville. We are pleased to announce that the artist will be on hand to draw the winning tickets! The prints have been on display all summer at local Cornville businesses; and we extend a big THANKS to all who participated—Windmill Gardens, Up the Creek Grill, Desert Market, Verde Santa Fe Pro Shop, Cornville Post Office, Cornville Mercantile, and Javelina Leap Winery. Tickets may be purchased for \$2.00 each or three for \$5.00; and sales will continue until the drawing. Please join us for refreshments and an enjoyable morning event!



“LAST CHANCES” TO GET YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS FOR CORNVILLE ART!

Call Board Members Cheryl Chamberlain, Janet Cassagio or Judy Miller; stop by the Farmer’s Market; or come to the special meeting on October 9. That’s the day when Artist Judy Jaaskelainen will draw the winning tickets! Winners need not be present to win.



Restoration Progress on the Old “Cornville Post Office & Store”. Restoration of the old Cornville Post Office and Store has continued throughout the summer with volunteers meeting on Monday mornings from April through August to stabilize the landmark structure. The structure needed to be leveled and placed on a firm footing; and the roof needed repair. Interior reinforcement was needed and floors had to be fixed. Those steps have now been completed, using original materials to the maximum extent possible. Next, boards on the front will be replaced with rough-sawn boards that will match the old board and batten finish. The boards, from trees harvested in the Flagstaff area and sawn locally in a small mill, are now being cured and will be hauled to the site in the near future. They will form a strong framework for attaching the façade and porch that will match the original structure. Windows and doors are next in line for repair or replacement. A *BIG THANKS* goes to the diligent volunteer work crew--Dan Derrick, Pete Chamberlain, Stephen Cassagio and Steve Morehouse--for their work on the project during the heat of the summer.



Upper left: The historic landmark is now level and on a firm footing. Later, a new façade will replace the peaked roof overhang and a porch will be added.

Above center: Floors replaced with original materials.

Above right: Framing added inside to stabilize structure.

Left: The “original mail slot”, to be repaired and retained.

Lower left: Cindy Snyder says “*Yep, it’s level!*”

Now, with restoration well underway, the Society needs continued support. Last year, the Society kicked off a campaign to raise funds to cover moving costs and to preserve and interpret the historic landmark. In 2012, \$8,701.57 was raised and moving costs were paid. Now, with more donations and after purchases of construction materials, the *Fund* balance is \$705.49. More fundraising projects are planned; and 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



FALL FUNDRAISER YARD SALE COMING UP

The Cornville Historical Society will sponsor a yard sale on Friday and Saturday, October 17 & 18, from 8 am to 2 pm, at 2101 N. Page Springs Road in Cornville. 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 is collecting donations of clean, useful, workable household items, books, furniture, decorator items, collectibles, tools, vehicle accessories and more. No clothing please! Donated items may be dropped off at the home of Veronica Moody, 2101 N. Page Springs Road, on Thursday, October 16. To drop things off sooner, please call Veronica at 634-9221 to arrange a delivery time. A receipt for donation can be provided. For more information or to arrange for someone to pick up item(s), contact Judy Miller at 649-1916.

WE WILL NEED YOUR HELP!

Membership Renewal Time: It's that time of year again! In October, reminder letters will be sent to all members to renew their dues for Calendar Year 2014. We were pleased to end 2012 with 75 members in good standing, and, as of September 10, our membership stands at 88. 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.

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 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.