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Annual Meeting Set for March 16



The Cornville Historical Society will hold its annual membership meeting Wednesday, March 16, 2016, from 1:00 to 3:00 pm, at the Cornville Fire Station, 1120 S. Page Springs Road, in Cornville.

The business meeting will include a progress report, budget approval, and board elections. Continuing board members for one more year are Cheryl Chamberlain, Veronica Moody and Cindy Snyder. Members running for reelection are Janet Cassagio, Diana Stipek and Muffy Valley. Nominees are needed to fill three vacancies for those whose terms expire this year (Frances Baxter, Don Godard & Judy Miller). If you (or someone you know) are interested in serving on the board, please call any board member (see Page 2) or let us know at the annual meeting. We welcome you!

The program will feature a PowerPoint presentation titled "Once Upon a Creek in Cornville", presented by board members Judy Miller and Janet Cassagio. The presentation will include an introduction about the Society, its mission goals and activities. Then Janet will trace the area's history from 1876 when the first settlers were attracted to natural springs and lower Oak Creek.

Refreshments will be served; and there will be opportunities to ask questions and to meet neighbors. See you there!

Indian Creek Ranch Event Successful

The Cornville Historical Society extends appreciation to everyone who supported the 10th Annual Holiday Fund-raiser at the beautiful Opera House at Indian Creek Ranch on December 13. The event included a presentation by Janet Cassagio about the Loy Family and remaining historic structures; and she explained the family relationship to the current Indian Creek Ranch on Loy Road.



Society members assembled twenty-three baskets for the popular gift basket raffle, filling them with merchandise, art, wine and gift certificates. Net proceeds from the event brought in about \$1,100 to support Historical Society activities, including research, publications and restoration of the original Cornville Post Office & Store on Cornville Road.

Sincere appreciation is extended to Earl Weatherwax & Ranch Managers Jason and Jamie Dumas for their hospitality. Seating was limited and tickets sold out quickly; but for those who attended, the event provided a rare opportunity to visit the ranch, enjoy refreshments and learn about local history. Among the guests was Yavapai County Supervisor Tom Thurman.

The local businesses and individuals who donated items, wine, and gift certificates were: Blazin' M Ranch, Canyon Mesa Golf Club, Cornville Mercantile, Harry's Hideaway, Haunted Group, Javelina Leap Vineyards & Winery, Manzanita Inn, Oak Creek Winery, Page Springs Cellars & Vineyards, Salon West, Verde Canyon Railway, Windmill Gardens, and the Society's Board of Directors and members. THANK YOU everyone who helped make the event a success!

New Page Springs Timeline Exhibit

Work is complete on a “settlement timeline” as part of a remodeled exhibit at the Page Springs Fish Hatchery Visitor Center. The timeline covers the period between 1860 to 1960 and displays local history and photos in context with State and national events. Included are first settlers, establishment of the Cornville post office, and arrival of James Page, for which the natural springs, surrounding community and hatchery are named.



Page settled in the area in the 1880's, expanded his ranch, and started the trout farm that later was acquired by the Arizona Game & Fish Department. His family remained in the area, owned the Page Springs Store and Gas Station (now Up the Creek Grill), and have been long-time active members in the community.

Membership Update

As of February 11, the Society has 70 members in good standing—29 Honorary, 45 Individual/Family and 5 Business. There are four categories of membership: Individual \$15; Family \$25; Business/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. For information, contact Membership Chair Don Welcome at 649-3340 or donwelcome@q.com. Join the Cornville Historical Society! Tell your friends, too. There is a lot to do; and YOU can be a part of it all. Please join us!



Join the Leadership Team

The Cornville Historical Society needs your help! The Society urgently needs nominees to fill three board vacancies; and nominations will be welcome at the annual meeting on March 16. Duties of directors are to attend five board meetings per year in October, November, January, February and March. The Board takes the summer off, then works as a team from Fall through Spring on projects like research, publications, old post office restoration, historic markers, oral histories, raffles (including the popular Holiday Gift Basket Raffle), yard sales and community events. There is “something for everyone” to do and help out, according to individual interests. Please contact any board member listed below to learn more and express interest. This is an opportunity to be a part of Cornville’s history! Whether an old-timer or newcomer, call now and help out. Opportunity is knocking!

Old Stove Shined Up for Old Post Office



In May, The Society received a generous donation of an antique stove that was actually used in Cornville’s Old Post Office while it was part of the Old West Town in Camp Verde. It was later auctioned and then purchased by Steve Ayers of Camp Verde. Ayers has now donated it back for display in the restored structure. With some stove black and elbow grease provided by volunteer

Dave Miller, the stove shined up good!

The cast iron cylinder wood-burning stove (41” high) is Postal Model No. 15, manufactured by The Wehrle Company, Newark, Ohio, between 1900 & 1910. It will be a nice addition to the Old Post Office exhibit.



Cornville Historical Society 2015-16 Board of Directors

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