



# CORNVILLE COURIER

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## THEN & NOW: Old Post Office Restoration

Two pictures only begin to tell the story! THEN (top December 2012); and NOW (bottom March 2015), with more to be done: exterior finish, exhibit, walkway and more!



## Eleventh Annual Meeting Held

The Cornville Historical Society held its eleventh annual meeting Wednesday morning, March 18, 2015, at the Cornville Fire Station, with a “standing room only” crowd of about 45, who showed up to hear guest speaker Leon Girdner share his memories of “Growing Up in Cornville — 1931 to 1951”. Girdner was introduced by Cindy Dunn, Manager of Page Springs Fish Hatchery.



The annual business meeting included a progress report, budget approval, bylaws amendments, and board elections. Continuing board members for one more year are Frances Baxter, Janet Cassagio, Don Godard, Judy Miller, Diana Stipek and Muffy Valley. Members re-elected for two-year terms were Cheryl Chamberlain and Cindy Snyder. A willing volunteer is still welcome for board appointment to fill one more vacancy. If you are interested (or know someone who is!), please call any board member listed on page 4. Officers for 2015-16, will be elected at the April 8 Board Meeting,

“It’s been another good year for the Society”, said outgoing President Judy Miller. “Support is growing with the restoration of the old post office; and our holiday fundraising event at the D.A. Ranch was extremely successful.” The annual meeting is a good time for members to catch up on all the activities of the Society. Refreshments were served. There were opportunities for attendees to ask questions and to meet neighbors.

## Membership Update

We now have 70 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. For information, contact Membership Chair Don Welcome at 649-3340 or [donwelcome@q.com](mailto:donwelcome@q.com). Join the Cornville Historical Society! Tell your friends, too. There is a lot going on, more to be done, and YOU can be a part of it all!

### Cornville Historical Society Benefit

8 to 2, Fri & Sat, April 17 & 18

650 Cottonwood Way

(Deliver donated items on April 16)

For info, call Muffy Valley at 639-9558 or [vallely@q.com](mailto:vallely@q.com)



The Society will participate in two upcoming events hosted by the Cornville Community Association: **Wine-Tasting at Windmill Gardens on April 25** and **Cornville's 130th Birthday Party at Windmill Park on July 11**. Please join the fun! For information or to offer help, call Janet Cassagio at 649-1426:

## Leadership Opportunity Knocks

The Cornville Historical Society needs your help! Do you have (or can you suggest someone who has) the interest and ability to serve in a leadership role? If so, the Board urgently needs to fill a vacancy. At the April board meeting, three officers were re-elected as Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer; but no one stepped forward to fill the role of President. Judy Miller's officer term ended; and she requested a leave of absence due to travel and other priorities. **Another board appointee is needed to preside and serve on the Executive Committee.** Please contact any board member listed below to learn more and express interest. This is a unique opportunity to be a part of Cornville's history! Whether an old-timer or newcomer, call now! **Opportunity is knocking!**

## Current Activities

—The Society has again applied for a Yavapai Community Foundation Grant for the next phase of the Post Office Restoration Project. In 2014, YCF awarded CHS \$1,000. The 2015 grants will be awarded in July.

—Work is progressing on a "settlement timeline" to be part of a remodeled exhibit at the Page Springs Fish Hatchery Visitor Center. The timeline will cover 1860 to 1960, when James Page settled in the area, expanded his ranch and started the trout farm that would later be acquired by the AZ Game & Fish Department.



December 7, 2014



### HIGHLIGHTS: DA Ranch Holiday Event

Gift Basket Raffle, Holiday Treats, Ranch History Talk, and more than \$1,500 raised, on a perfect day in a beautiful setting!

*THANK YOU for your Support!*



## Cornville Historical Society 2015-16 Board of Directors

**Officers:** Vacant (President); Diana Stipek (Vice President), 639-3632;

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