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Positions available on our Board of Directors

The Society's nine-member Board of Directors meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month from 10 am to noon, at Up the Creek Grill, in Page Springs, 4 times per year, from October through February (*except December*) and has a 5th meeting immediately following the annual meeting in March.

Please consider volunteering for a position on the board or for one of our committees. We expect to have some vacancies this year and really need some help!

Annual Meeting, March 21, 2018

The 13th Annual Meeting of the Cornville Historical Society will be held on Wednesday, March 21, 2018, from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m., at the First Southern Baptist Church, 11340 Circle Dr., in Cornville.

The agenda will include CY 2017 Reports, CY 2018 Budget Approval, Election of Board members, followed by a special program. Board members up for election include Janet Cassagio, Nita Rinehart, Diana Stipek and Don Welcome. Nominations from the floor will be accepted.



The program will feature Don & Chris Godard talking to us about the "History of Cement & the Clarkdale Cement Plant," along with a photo



slideshow. The presentation will be followed by an opportunity for questions; and refreshments will be served.

The meeting and program are open to the public. We look forward to seeing you.

Holiday Fundraiser Event December 17 – Another Success!

The Society held its Annual Holiday Fundraiser Event at Apache Maid Ranch and Oak Creek School on Sunday, December 17, 2017. Due to inclement weather, there was a last-minute change in the program and venue and we wish to thank all attendees for being so understanding and accommodating. The event started at the ranch with a short tour to allow everyone an opportunity to see behind the gates. It then continued at Oak Creek School with a history presentation by Janet Cassagio.



Refreshments, donated by our members, were provided throughout the program and about 20 gift baskets filled with merchandise, wine and gift certificates were raffled off. The event netted just over \$1,400 to support historical society activities.

Sincere appreciation is extended to Rex Maughan, the owner of Apache Maid Ranch and Don Glasgow, ranch manager for their



hospitality, and to their employees who assisted us on the day of the event, especially, Hector, seen in photo (left) who helped with the basket raffle. Also, thank you to the local businesses and individuals who donated items for the gift baskets including: Up the Creek Grill, Blazin' M Ranch, Verde Canyon Railway, Canyon Mesa Country Club, Coyote Trails Golf Course, Cornville Mercantile, DA Ranch Wines, Harry's Hideaway, Javelina Leap Vineyards & Winery, Page Springs Cellars & Vineyards, Oak Creek Winery, Salon West, Windmill Gardens, Val Chanda, Verde Santa Fe Golf Course, and Society board members – past and present. Thanks to all for assisting us to make this event a success.

Want a Memorial Brick at the Old Post Office?

We had so many requests from people who missed buying our Memorial Bricks, the board has agreed to open the sale of bricks again for a short time. If you missed your chance the 1st time around, contact Cindy Snyder at Windmill Gardens (649-9628) for more information.

In Memoriam

Alice Selch Stephenson was born on September 12, 1941 in Steamboat Springs, Colorado. Alice died on December 18, 2017 at her home in Oak Creek Valley surrounded by her loved ones, including her husband, John. Alice was a Registered Nurse, who never stopped caring for other people. She was an active volunteer and an avid outdoorswoman. She only recently completed a rafting trip down the Colorado River. She was an author, having published two books ([Three Scuffed Suitcases](#) and [Letters to My Children](#)). In 2011, Alice assisted the Cornville Historical Society when she researched and completed the application process for the Arizona Women's Heritage Trail, nominating the first woman settler in Cornville, Margaret Jackson Dumas. Although the nomination was denied, we were grateful for all the time and effort Alice put forth in this endeavor. We will miss her smiling face and strong support at all our events.



Mary Swain Huffaker was born August 16, 1921 near Junction City, Oregon, and died on December 31, 2017 in Yukon, Oklahoma. A long-time resident of Arizona, Mary graduated from Prescott High School. Mary was a WAVES veteran of WWII. Mary married William L. Huffaker in 1946. For more than 30 years, the couple owned a farm in Cornville, from which they 1st sold chickens (fryers), more than 5,000 every 2 weeks at one point, and then they switched to hens, selling the eggs from more than 4,000 chickens. Many people growing up in Cornville remember working for the Huffakers. They sold the business in 1979 but continued to live in Cornville. William died in 1992; Mary moved to Cottonwood in 1997. After more than 50 years in Cornville, Mary was always supportive of the efforts of the Cornville Historical Society. Anytime a question arose, we would email Mary for help. She also donated numerous newspaper articles and clippings from her vast collection. Her assistance and wealth of knowledge will be sorely missed.



**We remember and honor these ladies
contributions to Cornville history.**

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Once Upon a Creek in Cornville (from our files)



Road Petitions filed with Yavapai County

Mike Spencer from Prescott recently contacted us to share some documents he has obtained and is collecting related to early road documents filed with the County. These primarily consist of petitions to create roads and or to appoint road overseers. These show original signatures on the petitions and many of our early settlers in Cornville signed these. Shown below are excerpts from 3 of these petitions, showing the signature of Henry Mortimer Cone, for whom Cornville was to be named:

From the Michael Spencer Collection:

From August 24, 1884:

From August 24, 1884, another petition:

And from January, 1886:

The story of Cornville is that it was supposed to be named Coneville for Henry Mortimer Cone. You be the judge: Could these signatures, and one like it, possibly be read as Corn, for Cornville, and misread on an application.

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