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JOIN OR RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP NOW

We thank so many of you for your support and invite you to join or renew your membership for 2026!

With the Cornville community being so rich in history, the Cornville Historical Society takes pride in our efforts to gather, preserve and share information from the time of pioneer settlement to the present. Many of you have enjoyed the oral histories of longtime residents, inventories of historic sites, reports on original homesteads and our postal history, and brochures regarding the many facets of Cornville, which are found at www.cornville-historical-society.org.

You also may be familiar with our annual fundraiser. This year the event will take place at the Busich Family Ranch in the Bridgeport area of Cottonwood. Don Godard and Rob Busich will be sharing information about the history of the ranch. A bonus is that this spot is easy to drive to. Of course, we will again do the Gift Basket Raffle!

We are coming closer to finding a permanent home to store our growing volume of supplies, records, and historic materials. If any of you know of space that could be rented reasonably and might be a nice spot for the Society, please let one of the board members know.

Please send your application and dues payable to Cornville Historical Society by December 31, 2025 to join or renew your membership. Honorary members need not reply unless contact information has changed.

A membership form is included in this newsletter.

HOLIDAY EVENT COMING TO BUSICH FAMILY RANCH

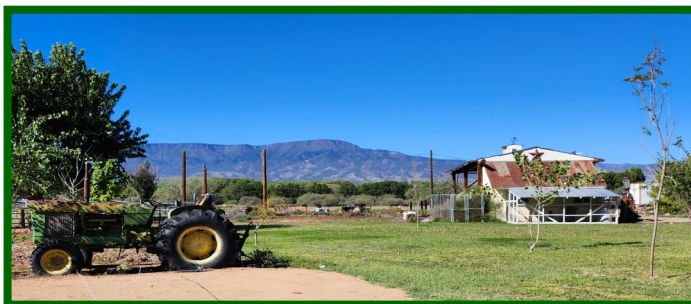


The Society is pleased to announce this year's Annual Holiday Fundraiser Event at the Busich Family Ranch, 3985 E. Busich Lane in the Bridgeport area of Cottonwood. The event will be from 1 to 3 pm, Sunday, December 7, 2025. Drive east on 89A from Cottonwood to Zalesky Road, then south about one mile to Busich Lane. Watch for event signs.

The event is hosted by ranch owners Rob & Sarah Busich. "The Story of the Busich Ranch" will be introduced by Don Godard, a well-known Cornville old-timer with a wealth of knowledge about area ranches. Rob Busich will be the speaker. The 45-acre Ranch was established three generations ago and is the largest single-owned parcel remaining in the Bridgeport neighborhood. The event is a great opportunity to enjoy a Sunday afternoon drive and learn about another historic ranch!

The program will be followed by the Society's popular raffle of gift baskets that feature gift certificates and themed items. Refreshments will be served. The event is outdoors and seating is limited, so bring a lawn chair! In the event of rain, the event will move to Oak Creek School at 11490 E. Purple Sage Road, in Cornville.

Tickets may be reserved for \$10 each and held for pickup at the event. Contact Karen Wilkens by December 4 at 920-650-1702 or kewilkens500@gmail.com to reserve tickets. Send payment to Cornville Historical Society, PO Box 1200, Cornville 86325. Tickets sold at the event will be \$15 each. All ticket-holders will receive 5 free raffle tickets. More raffle tickets will be sold during the event for \$1 each or six for \$5. **We'll see you there!**



CORNVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

The Cornville Historical Society, Inc. was established in 2004 to communicate the history of Cornville through inventory, preservation and presentation. In honor of the community's 120th Birthday celebrated in July 2005, the Society established a membership base, where the first 120 members are considered founding members. The Society filled its 120-member "Charter Roster" in March 2012. Families who have been in the Cornville area for 50 years or more will be given an honorary membership for the asking. Please join the Cornville Historical Society and be a part of this historic moment in time for Cornville, Arizona! Tax-deductible donations are also greatly appreciated.

Dues are payable on January 1 for each calendar year and become delinquent on February 10. Categories, with applicable annual dues or contributions, are shown below. Please check appropriate items.

RENEWAL MEMBERSHIP:

- _____ Individual (\$15)
- _____ Family (\$25)
- _____ Business/Organization (\$50)
- _____ Contributing Membership (\$100)

NEW MEMBERSHIP:

- _____ Individual (\$15)
- _____ Family (\$25)
- _____ Business/Organization (\$50)
- _____ Contributing Membership (\$100)

TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATION:

- _____ Facility Fund
- _____ Old Post Office Restoration Fund

Date: _____

Name/Organization: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Physical Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Comments? Interests? Services to offer? Contributions? We welcome your ideas!

**Please send this application and payment to:
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