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Old Trails Journal

The newsletter for supporters of the Winslow Historical Society and Old Trails Museum.

This is Your Invitation to Free Special Events!

**Friday, June 17
7 to 9 PM
Special Exhibition
Preview & Member
Reception:**

Arizona Women's
Heritage Trail's
*How Splendid
is our Past*

&
Old Trails Museum's
Women of Winslow

**Saturday, June 18
2 to 3 PM
Presentation:**

"The Arizona Women's
Heritage Trail:
Marking Her Sites"
by Dr. Mary Melcher

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**Free
Second Saturdays
in Winslow
at La Posada**

July 9 @ 2 PM
Winslow Harvey Girls
Trunk Show and
Presentation

August 13 @ 2 PM
"Ahead of Her Time:
Architect Mary Jane
Colter in Arizona"
by Ann-Mary Lutzick

Celebrate Arizona's 100th Birthday!

To celebrate Arizona's State Centennial on February 14, 2012, the Winslow Historical Society and Old Trails Museum (OTM) will present *Second Saturdays in Winslow*, a year-long series of programs starting this June that explore different aspects of Winslow's diverse history.

To kick things off, OTM will co-host, along with the **Winslow Arts Trust** and **Winslow Harvey Girls**, the **Arizona Women's Heritage Trail** (AWHT) traveling exhibit, *How Splendid is our Past*, in La Posada's Ballroom from June 17 through September 5, 2011.

AWHT has an Arizona Centennial Legacy Project designation, and both the statewide trail and their traveling exhibit include the Harvey Girls and **Mary Colter**, La Posada's architect.

OTM will also present a concurrent exhibit, *Women of Winslow*, as well as free *Second Saturdays in Winslow* programs at La Posada on related topics throughout the run of the traveling exhibit (sidebar).

Members and other supporters of the Winslow Historical Society are invited to a special **Exhibition Preview and Member**

Reception on Friday, June 17, from 7 to 9 PM (sidebar).

Come enjoy a greeting from the Winslow Harvey Girls; a welcome from AWHT's Director, **Joanie Meacham**; and light refreshments as you get a first look at both exhibits.

At the public opening the next day, **Dr. Mary Melcher** will highlight northern Arizona women and sites on the trail in a presentation made possible by the **Arizona Humanities Council**.

We hope to see you there!

A New "Trail" for Winslow's Museum

This past year has been one of great transition for OTM. **Lila Atkins**, the museum's Director since 2007, moved to Mississippi in February 2010 to be closer to family.

Without any paid staff, a dedicated group of board members and volunteers kept the museum open until **Ann-Mary Lutzick** was hired as Museum Director in November of 2010 (see "Director's Corner," page 4).

Meanwhile, safety dictated that the museum close for

the better part of May, as the city was completing street construction on Kinsley Avenue.

Despite these challenges, OTM had visitors from all but six states and seventeen different countries in 2010, including many from Europe and as far away as Australia and Japan! Visitation was close to what it was in 2009, around 2,500 people.

This first edition of **Old Trails Journal** will update

you on the museum's accomplishments since the last OTM newsletter, **Trails**, was published in the fall of 2009.

We decided to re-name the newsletter because of the gap in publication, as well as for its new look and publishing schedule.

The newsletter is one of the benefits of membership, so we thank you for your support and hope that you enjoy it.

Jefferson 3rd Graders Visit OTM



In May of this year, two third grade classes from **Jefferson Elementary School** visited the Old Trails Museum.

Teachers **Kim Gonzales** and **Allyson Fraser** thought the museum would help bring to life a story the class read called "Boom Town," about the first businesses and buildings that spring up when towns are founded.

They also came to the museum prior to the class visit and developed a historical "scavenger hunt," which also helped their students engage with OTM's artifacts and photos.

Students paired up to search for answers to questions like:

- Did mammoths live in Winslow?
- Where was the Anasazi pot found?
- What was in the safe box that was found at Clear Creek?
- What color were the dishes at La Posada?

The content of the questions as well as the activity itself connected to several of the Social Studies Standards of the Arizona Academic Standards.

The teachers felt the visit was a success, and we thoroughly enjoyed having everyone at the museum. We invite each student to come back soon with family and friends!



A New Look for OTM

OTM's publicity materials have a new look!

We've developed a new logo with the help of local graphic artist **Deidre Burton**, which is featured on everything from our business cards and letterhead to the new OTM website and rack card.

Speaking of the new rack card (sidebar), we'd like to thank the **Winslow Chamber of Commerce** and **La Posada Hotel** for funding its development and printing, the latter by Chamber member **The Print Raven** of Flagstaff.

Both the Chamber and La Posada are helping OTM distribute the rack cards, which will also go to visitor's centers, museums, and other cultural attractions in northeastern Arizona and along the I-40 corridor.

This new promotional tool will help get the word out about our hometown museum, which we hope will lead to increased visitation, donations, and volunteers.



Supporter Spotlight

Instead of just one individual, the first edition of "Spotlight" will highlight a whole group of hard-working people.

Between the departure of the former museum director in February 2010 and the arrival of the new one the following November, OTM volunteers and WHS Board members maintained the museum's operations, with the only closure in May due to street construction.

In the process, they donated 1,308 hours to OTM. A volunteer hour is currently valued at \$19 in Arizona, so the "in-kind" total of these hours is almost \$25,000!

OTM hosted a thank-you breakfast for these dedicated people at Denny's in August 2010, and most of them were able to attend.

At the annual meeting in December 2010, held at the Winslow Visitors Center/Hubbell Trading Post, we said goodbye to retiring Board members and elected new ones.

Departing members included **Docia Blalock**, **Donna Guiher**, and **Mary Heldt** (sidebar, with Director Ann-Mary Lutzick and Volunteer **Sally Schroeder** in background), and **Michelle Simmons**.

New members include **Linda Chambers**, **Curtis Hardy**, **Mary Jo Jennings**, **Vel Marcotte**, and **Pat Raygor**,

Continuing members include **Sue Currier**, **Dave Hartman**, **Marjorie Herron**, and **Bill Mead**.

OTM prospers thanks to these dedicated people who are so generous with their time and talents.

If you're interested in working with a great group of people and learning more about Winslow's history, please contact us today!



From the Museum Floor

OTM continues to improve the display of our collections.

Before she left, **Lila Atkins** secured an almost \$2,000 grant from the **Arizona Historical Society** to build two display cases designed specifically to exhibit our textile collections.

OTM provided the materials, and the cases were constructed this past winter by **John Maine** (sidebar, with his daughter and a cabinet), some of his

students at Winslow High School, and longtime museum volunteer **Randy Hummel**. They did all this for free, and we're so grateful!

A group of museum volunteers and board members rearranged the museum floor and installed the cases in March, and two of them are currently working on new, archival-quality mannequins for the displays.

The **OTM Museum Store**, begun by Lila in 2009 at

the suggestion of Board Member **Margie Herron**, also got a renovation thanks to the donation and installation of new display cases by longtime museum supporter **Dan Lutzick**.

The new cases will hopefully lead to increased sales of the regional Navajo and Hopi arts and crafts in which we specialize. We also offer books on local history, as well as our annual historical calendars on various aspects of Winslow history.

Come check us out!





OTM Historical Calendars

Despite the gap in directors, a small group of volunteers and paid staff developed OTM's 2011 historical calendar, *The Schools of Winslow, Arizona*, over the summer of 2010.

The calendar was researched and compiled by WHS Board President **Bill Mead**, OTM volunteer **Coraleen Mead**, Interim Director **Ann-Mary Lutzick**, former Director **Lila Atkins**, and **Janice Henling**, with additional help longtime Winslow residents.

Lutzick coordinated calendar production, with graphic design by **Deidre Burton** and printing by **Aspen Digital Printing** of Flagstaff.

To further commemorate Arizona's State Centennial, and in addition to *Second Saturdays in Winslow*, OTM's 2012 historical calendar will explore Winslow's history since Arizona Statehood.

Look for the new calendar in time for the Standin' on the Corner Festival in this September.

Thoughts from the Director



Hello everyone, I'm **Ann-Mary Lutzick**, and I've been the Director of the Old Trails Museum since November of 2010.

I'm thrilled to have been hired by the WHS Board to be the half-time director, and I want to thank them for their vote of confidence as well as the opportunity to be a part of the museum's continued growth.

I'm also extremely indebted to the current Board members and museum volunteers, without whom the museum wouldn't have survived and prospered during this last, somewhat unpredictable year-and-a-half.

Every day that I work at the museum, I realize that I benefit from the hard work

and legacy of each director that came before me.

My immediate predecessor, **Lila Atkins**, oversaw a period of great growth and change at OTM. She directed interior and exterior renovations of the building, and created wonderful exhibits throughout the museum.

She also coordinated the submission of the five OTM collections on the Arizona Memory Project (see "Online News, page 5), as well as the Winslow stop of the Smithsonian traveling exhibition *Between Fences* in 2008.

I first came in contact with the museum at that time, when I was coordinating the statewide tour for the **Arizona Humanities Council** (AHC).

I met artist **Dan Lutzick** in 2006, at the start of the three-year project, because the exhibition was to be installed in Snowdrift Art Space, his gallery, studio, and home. We were married by the time the exhibition opened there two years later!

I've been on a great adventure ever since, both personally and professionally. I'd always enjoyed Winslow and have now grown to love it, thanks in no small part to getting to know its people and history so much better through my role at OTM.

I look forward to getting to know you all, so stop by the museum sometime for a visit!

Collections Corner

OTM accepts donations of artifacts, documents, photographs, and textiles that directly relate to the history of Winslow and the surrounding area.

Over the past year and a half, we've continued to receive and process generous donations of these items from current and former Winslow residents. Here are just a few examples:

Longtime museum supporter and former Harvey Girl **Verna Welch** donated documents, photographs, and artifacts from the Shipley family, including **Major Shipley's** French Legion *Medal of Honor* from World War I.

Bob Hayes donated documents and photographs dating back to his family's homesteading days, as well as a large collection of historic postcards.

Gregory and Diana Taylor donated several old print plates from the *Winslow Mail* and the *White Mountain Pioneer*, including one of the KANC radio station's service area.

Board member and volunteer **Mary Jo Jennings** donated a "California Poppy" pitcher, now displayed with other Santa Fe pieces in the **Fred Harvey** collection.

On another note, we have undertaken the massive project of reorganizing the

storage of our archives, which include both documents and photographs.

The new filing system will make them more accessible for the many research inquires we field from family members, authors, and members of the press.

If you would like to help with this project while learning more about Winslow's history, please contact us soon.



Verna shows off her wedding dress, now on display at OTM.

Online News

OTM's website, www.oldtrailsmuseum.org, is undergoing a complete renovation!

In addition to a new look, the website will feature a news and events "feed," an online Museum Store, the options to become a WHS member and donate to OTM online, and a button to "like" us on our new Facebook page!

You can also sample our collections online on the **Arizona Memory Project** (AMP) at: <http://azmemory.lib.az.us>.

So what is the AMP? It's the **Arizona State Library's**

online repository that allows researchers as well as the general public greater access to the unique collections of Arizona's cultural institutions.

The museum's AMP collections illustrate the wealth of information we have on the diverse history of Winslow and the surrounding area.

We have a combined average of about 7,800 "hits" per month on these pages, so the AMP is a terrific way for us to reach more people.

OTM's collections on the AMP:

- ❖ Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway Company
- ❖ Harvey Girls of the Winslow Harvey Houses
- ❖ Indigenous Peoples near Winslow
- ❖ Old Trails Museum Collection Highlights
- ❖ Trading Post Families of Winslow, Arizona

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Support the Old Trails Museum

The Old Trails Museum is owned and operated by the Winslow Historical Society (WHS), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation.

OTM is funded primarily by the City of Winslow, with additional support from memberships, donations, and sales.

Become a member to enjoy *The Old Trails Journal*, invitations to special member events, and 10% off in the Museum Store on Navajo and Hopi arts and crafts, regional history books, and our annual Winslow history calendars.

We welcome donations of cash as well as of materials and supplies.

Please join us in our efforts to keep the Old Trails Museum thriving. With you, we have a future; without you, we're history!

Visit the Old Trails Museum

The Old Trails Museum is open Tuesdays through Saturdays from 11 AM to 3 PM.

Admission is free. Photography, group tours, and research opportunities are available.

OTM is located in the heart of Winslow's historic downtown business district, across the street from the Standin' on the Corner Park.

There is free parking downtown, and OTM's exhibits are wheelchair accessible.

The former Valley National Bank, built in 1921, has retained the original marble-faced counters, mosaic tile floor, and vault, providing OTM with a historic backdrop for its exhibits and archives.

Our Mission...

Founded in 1997, the Winslow Historical Society receives, preserves, and interprets information and artifacts representing the history and cultures of the Winslow area, in order to engage and enlighten all visitors to the Old Trails Museum's exhibits and programs.

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