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Old Trails Journal

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

**You Are
Invited!**

**WHS
Annual
Meeting**

**Saturday,
November 8,
2 to 4 pm**

Winslow Visitors
Center/Hubbell,
523 West
Second Street

Free Admission

Dessert
Reception

Performance by
Mel Bradshaw

Board Elections

Door Prizes

WHS Annual Meeting on November 8

On November 8, the Winslow Historical Society (WHS) will host its 2014 Annual Meeting from 2 to 4 pm at the Winslow Visitors Center/Hubbell Trading Post, 523 West Second Street. Admission is free and all are welcome!

Join us at 2 pm for a dessert reception, socializing, and a slideshow of images from the 2014 High Desert Fly-In this past July. From 2:45 to 3:15 pm, we'll enjoy a performance by cowboy singer and artist **Mel Bradshaw**.

The meeting of the WHS Membership will run from 3:15 to 4 pm and include brief reports on museum activities over the past year and the election of new board members.

While there, attendees can join or renew their memberships for 2015; buy the museum's *Winslow* title and 2015 historical calendar, *Flying through History: The Winslow-Lindbergh Regional Airport*, (see page 4); and take a ticket for a chance to win a terrific door prize donated by the Old Trails Museum (OTM), the Winslow Public Library, the Winslow Arts Trust, and several current board members.

OTM's Upcoming Seasonal Programs

"History Highlights," OTM's quarterly program series, is going strong!

The museum's Fall History Highlight took place on October 18 when OTM partnered with Snowdrift Art Space and the Winslow Arts Trust to host the Snowdrift Art Space Centennial Celebration (images on page 3).

One hundred people attended the free event, which celebrated a century in the life of one of Winslow's most historic buildings. Snowdrift's main gallery was open for viewing, the Coyote Boys performed the Hopi Eagle Dance, and the Winslow Harvey Girls acted as hostesses for the event.

OTM also debuted its latest exhibit, *Snowdrift Art Space: One Hundred Years of History* at the event, which is now on permanent display at Snowdrift.

The exhibit tells the story of the building's evolution from the Babbitt Brothers' largest branch store to its present-day incarnation as an art gallery and community event space. The Babbitts operated one of the most influential and respected corporations in Northern Arizona for over a century.

OTM has scheduled its next three History Highlights, which will all take place in the Ballroom of La Posada Hotel. (Continued on page 3)



OTM Highlights Winslow's Historic Airport

2014 High Desert Fly-In: Over 300 residents, tourists, and pilots attended the 2014 High-Desert Fly-In on Saturday, July 26, at the Winslow-Lindbergh Regional Airport.

The Winslow Rotary Club kicked the day off with a pancake breakfast that attendees enjoyed in the unique setting of Winslow's historic airplane hangar.

They were also allowed on the tarmac to view the visiting aircraft, which included general aviation planes and medical transport vehicles flown by AeroCare and Guardian Air.

The Just Cruis'n Car Club also hosted a "Show-and-Shine" of vintage automobiles on the tarmac, which included the Winslow Historical Society's 1940 Seagraves fire truck.



Visiting planes on the tarmac

Inside the hangar, OTM debuted its new exhibit, *Flying through History: The Winslow-Lindbergh Regional Airport*, and its 2015 historical calendar of the same name (see page 4).

OTM also hosted its Summer History Highlight, made possible by Arizona Humanities, when **Erik Berg** presented *Coast to Coast in 48 Hours!: Winslow and America's First Transcontinental Airline Service*. Berg's talk explored the Winslow airport's pioneering role as one of twelve critical refueling stops selected by aviator **Charles Lindbergh** for Transcontinental Air Transport's "Lindbergh Line."

Author **Robert F. Kirk** presented his talk, *Flying the Lindbergh Line: Then and Now*, using video and images from his book of the same name to simulate a TAT trip from New York to Glendale, California, in 1929.

Visiting pilots were able to attend a seminar on the WINGS Safety Program presented by **Fred Gibbs** of the FAA. They also received special gifts bags from the HDFI Committee.



Attendees enjoy pancakes inside the historic hangar.

Support the 2015 High Desert Fly-In: Limited edition polo shirts from the 2014 event are available at the Winslow Chamber for \$20. Support this annual community event and get a great shirt while you're at it! For the latest news about the 2015 High Desert Fly-In, find us at www.highdesertflyin.org and on Facebook.

The High Desert Fly-In is a nonprofit partnership between the City of Winslow, Wiseman Aviation, the Winslow Chamber of Commerce, the Winslow Rotary Club, the Just Cruis'n Car Club, the Winslow Council on Aging, and OTM.

Airport Exhibit at La Posada: In partnership with the Winslow Arts Trust and the High Desert Fly-In, OTM's *Flying Through History* exhibit opened at La Posada Hotel on September 6 and runs through January 2015. Admission is free and exhibit hours are from 9 am to 9 pm.



Committee member Sarah O'Connell models the limited edition polo shirt.

The exhibit explores the story of the Winslow-Lindbergh Regional Airport from its celebrated beginnings through the present day. *Flying Through History* was made possible in part by a grant from Arizona Humanities.

OTM's Seasonal Programs (Cont)

(Continued from page 1) Here is the schedule for OTM's next three History Highlights in the Ballroom of La Posada Hotel:

Winter 2015 History Highlight on Saturday, January 31, at 2 pm

From Territory to Today: Northern Arizona's History Through Its Objects by Pioneer Museum Director **Bill Peterson**. Dr. Peterson will examine our region's history through exceptional objects from the Arizona Historical Society's statewide collections.

Spring 2015 History Highlight on Sunday, April 19, at 2 pm

Ancient Landscapes of the American Southwest by world-renowned geologist **Wayne Ranney**. Ranney will discuss how the Grand Canyon, Monument Valley, Meteor Crater, and the Petrified Forest were once the sites of tropical seas, coastlines stalked by dinosaurs, and rivers that flowed toward the Rocky Mountains.

Summer 2015 History Highlight on Saturday, August 15, at 2 pm

Armed with Our Language, We Went to War: The Navajo Code Talkers by ASU Professor **Laura Tohe**. Dr. Tohe will discuss the Code Talkers' cultural background, how the code was devised and used, and how Navajo spiritual beliefs were used to treat Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.



OTM Director Ann-Mary Lutzick with Sandy Thompson, artist Tina Mion, and Winslow Harvey Girl Marie LaMar



The Coyote Boys perform the Eagle Dance for the crowd.

Spring History Highlight a Success

In partnership with the Winslow Windmill Project and the Winslow Chamber of Commerce, OTM held its 2014 Spring History Highlight with a free two-day event, Winslow Branding Days, on May 23 and 24.

On Friday night, **Jan MacKell Collins** presented *The Hash Knife Around Holbrook* at the Winslow Visitors Center. She explored the diverse history of the brand in Texas, Montana, and Arizona through cowboy stories and historic images. Collins sold and signed copies of her new book of the same name after her presentation to 25 attendees.

The following day, Mayor **Robin Boyd** dedicated the new Winslow Windmill, an American West ornamental windmill located behind the Winslow Visitors Center at the west end of the First Street Heritage Park.

Area ranchers, including members of the **Chacon, McCauley,** and **O'Haco** families, then burned their brands onto the windmill tower. Meanwhile, a team of Dutch oven chefs served free "sinkers" and coffee from the chuck wagon to the 75 attendees.

Long-time museum supporters **David and Ann Hartman** spearheaded the project in order to recognize the historical significance and ongoing impact of the area's ranching industry.

Several companies supported the project, including American West Windmill & Solar, Gicon Pumps & Equipment, **Gene Hancock** and RT Rentals, Winslow Ready Mix and McCauley Construction, and Cross U Well Service. Thanks to all of you for a lovely addition to the park!



The new Winslow Windmill



Dave Hartman burns a brand.

Supporter Spotlight

Thanks to the Board of the Winslow Historical Society for hosting the OTM Volunteer Thank-You Party on May 12 at Snowdrift Art Space!

It was a great party, complete with delicious barbeque from **Neil Harrah**, homemade side dishes from several Board members, and a lovely Safeway cake provided by Board member **Frances McCauley Perkins**.

Linda Chambers decorated the space, created a magnetic frame gift for each volunteer, and developed a Winslow history trivia contest with fun prizes for correct answers.

In "donations" news, OTM received a quilt from Winslow High School graduate **Patricia McAdams Young**, who won it at her 50th Class Reunion in 2007 and generously donated it to OTM this fall.

Material Girls Quilt Guild member **Rozella Leonard** made the "tied" maroon-and-white quilt, which features images of the 1957 graduating class throughout the years and at several class reunions.

OTM prospers thanks to donors and volunteers who are so generous with their possessions, time, and talents. If you're interested in working with a great group of people and learning more about Winslow's history, come volunteer with OTM and join the fun!



OTM volunteers in the Main Gallery



OTM Volunteers Kathy Patton and Mary Heldt with Snowdrift resident Sophia the Doberman

From the Museum Floor

OTM's annual historical calendar is here!

The 2015 edition, *Flying Through History: The Winslow-Lindbergh Regional Airport*, features a selection of images and excerpts from OTM's exhibit of the same name, with monthly topics corresponding to sections of the exhibit.

Developed by OTM for the High Desert Fly-In, the *Flying Through History* exhibit is currently on display at La Posada Hotel (see page 2).

The calendar is available at the museum, the airport, La Posada, the Scoop, On the Corner Gifts, the Arizona 66 Trading Company, Winslow Dental, and the Winslow Chamber of Commerce.

The *Flying Through History* exhibit and calendar were developed by OTM Director **Ann-Mary Lutzick**, with invaluable help from OTM Volunteer **David Andreasen**. Thanks also to **Gayle Kasulaitis**, **Susi Kaufman**, **Ted Miley**, and **Orville Wiseman** for loaning their wonderful images; otherwise, all images came from the Old Trails Museum Collection.

Still priced at \$10, the calendar makes a great holiday gift! OTM would like to thank our faithful calendar advertisers and sellers for once again supporting our annual fundraiser.

When you come in to buy your calendars, please note that OTM has gone to our Winter Hours: Tuesdays through Saturdays from 11 am to 3 pm (instead of 10 am to 4 pm). We'll return to our regular hours in April.



OTM's 2015 Historical Calendar



A fuel truck outside Winslow's terminal in the 1940s. (Courtesy of Gayle Kaisulaitis)

Thoughts from the Director

There's a trend afoot at some museums (mostly art institutions in large cities) to do away with admission fees. I noticed this fact in an article about Chicago museums because the issue of charging admission has come up from time to time at OTM.

But as the article points out, "Any cultural institution that has even a smidgen of belief in the part of its mission statement that talks about education and outreach and community service would love to be free. So, all of them." (*More Museums Skip Admission* at www.chicagotribune.com)

OTM has this ideal imbedded in our mission as well. We do what we do "... in order to engage and enlighten all visitors to the Old Trails Museum's exhibits and programs." This means *all* visitors, whether they live here or not and regardless of their ability to pay.

Not all museums are able to offer this, either because their operating expenses are high or because they don't see the value in that level of accessibility. But we do see it at OTM, and we're grateful that city funds allow us to follow through with this ideal.

Visitors are delighted that OTM is free, especially if they have a large group and are used to fees adding up quickly. Many are so appreciative of the museum itself that they give us a \$5 donation, which is more that we would likely charge anyway.

I'm proud of OTM's admission policy and the egalitarian ideal it reflects. And I'm grateful for your support as WHS members, which helps us provide free admission and programs. It's the time of year to once again say, "thank you."

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Winslow Historical Society 2015 Membership Renewal Form

(All contact information is kept private by the Old Trails Museum.)

Name: _____

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Enclose this form with a check payable to the Winslow Historical Society and mail it to:
Old Trails Museum, 212 Kinsley Ave, Winslow, AZ 86047

Student Membership (max age 22): \$5 for biannual newsletter, special member events, 10% discount in the OTM Store

Individual Membership: \$15 for biannual newsletter, special member events, 10% discount in the OTM Store

Family/Group Membership (up to 4 people): \$30 for biannual newsletter, special member events, 10% discount in the OTM Store

Patron Membership: (1 to 2 people): \$100 for Basic Benefits plus calendar, newsletter and website recognition

Benefactor Membership (1 to 2 people): \$250 for Basic Benefits plus calendar, newsletter and website recognition, choice of historic photograph

Lifetime Membership (1 to 2 people): \$500 for Basic Benefits plus calendar, newsletter and website recognition, choice of historic photograph, autographed copy of *Winslow*

With you, we have a future; without you, we're history!

Membership Acknowledgments

(Winslow resident unless noted)

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- Allan Affeldt
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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. We welcome donations of cash as well as of equipment, supplies, and services.

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

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 10 am to 4 pm. Winter Hours are November through March from 11 am to 3 pm. Admission is free. Photography, group tours, and researchers are welcome.

OTM is located in the heart of Winslow's historic downtown business district and across the street from the Standin' on the Corner Park. There is free parking downtown, and our exhibits are wheelchair-accessible.

Housed in the 1921 First National Bank building, OTM has retained the original marble-faced counters, mosaic tile floor, and vault, which provide a historic backdrop for the museum's 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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