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OTM Fall History Highlight

The Ballad of Arizona

Saturday, December 5, at 2 pm

Virtual, Multi-Media Program

Presented by Jay Cravath & Dan Shilling

From Arizona Humanities

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OTM Reopens in August 2020

The Old Trails Museum reopened on August 4, 2020, after its closure on March 13 due to the global pandemic. The museum and gift shop are now open Tuesdays through Saturdays from 11 am to 3 pm by reservation, which can be made by calling ahead or simply ringing our new doorbell during open hours.

OTM welcomes our visitors back with new policies designed to protect their health and safety. We hope that visiting the museum, and learning about Winslow's rich history, will outweigh any inconvenience of these policies. During their 45-minute visit, visitors are asked to wear a face mask (provided if needed), allow us to take a touchless temperature, and stay at least six feet apart from other groups of visitors.

OTM staff members sanitize the museum before each shift and take the same precautions as our visitors. Since OTM's dedicated volunteers fall into the highest-risk category, only staff members are hosting visitors and researchers at this time.

Our reopening preparations included health and security modifications, deep-cleaning and installing signage in the museum, and publicizing the reopening and new policies both on site and online. Our new countertop protective barriers – donated by La Posada Hotel – are made from original hotel windows that were replaced during renovations by energy-efficient versions (see Page 2).

The response to OTM's reopening policies has been positive thus far. Visitors include travelers who plan ahead, referrals from La Posada and the Winslow Visitors Center, and "walk-ins" who ring the bell or call from the front door. Even though our numbers are down, visitors have been very grateful that we're open, highly engaged with the exhibits, and very generous with donations and spending in the OTM Store.

OTM's reopening policies were developed based on guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the State of Arizona, as well as on recommendations from other museums. OTM is committed to staying current on the latest information and updating our policies as needed.

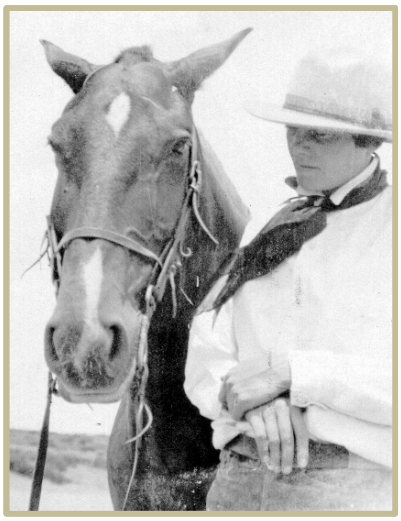
OTM's New Winslow History Video

"You're never too old or young to learn something new!"

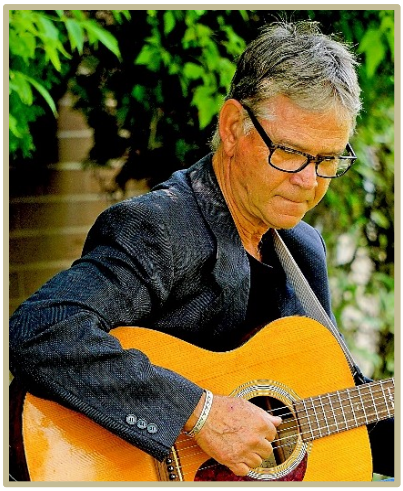
That's the inspiration behind the new online classes offered by Northland Pioneer College. In their mission to provide lifelong learning opportunities, NPC is offering a free series of noncredit, personal-interest classes – many lasting just a week or a day or two – ranging in topic from fitness to gardening to local culture.

OTM thanks NPC's **Kathryn Matott** for giving the museum the opportunity to contribute a video on Winslow's history to the series. OTM Director **Ann-Mary Lutzick** has given many slide-show talks on Winslow's history, but creating a video posed a new and daunting challenge. (continued on Page 2)

The museum's new protective barriers



Cecil Creswell's story is featured in the Winslow history video.



Dr. Craváth performing

Winslow History Video (cont.)

Luckily, **Lori Bentley Law** – co-owner of Motor Palace Mercantile and recent addition to the Winslow Historical Society Board – came to the rescue! Before moving to Winslow in 2018, she was an Emmy-award winning photojournalist for NBC-Los Angeles for twenty-three years.

Law brought her expertise to the project, and *A Brief History of Winslow, Arizona* is vastly improved for it. The short film uses historic and contemporary images as well as filmed segments to present the city's major historical themes and several residents' personal stories.

Beyond providing a basic overview of Winslow's history, the video will hopefully give viewers a framework to absorb even more information whenever they read about regional history or visit one of Winslow's many historic sites and buildings.

You can review the NPC Community Learning Department's full list of offerings at www.npc.edu/noncredit-classes. You can view our new video on the OTM Website starting in February 2021.

OTM Fall History Highlight

Although our in-person programs have been cancelled for the remainder of 2020, OTM will present our Fall History Highlight (originally scheduled at the Winslow Arts Trust Museum in October) online via Virtual AZ Speaks.

Arizona Humanities has temporarily transitioned their popular speaker presentations online as Virtual AZ Speaks, so that statewide audiences can still enjoy high-quality cultural programming in these challenging times.

OTM will host *The Ballad of Arizona* – a blend of music, video, and lecture similar to *A Prairie Home Companion,* but with an Arizona twist – online on Saturday, December 5, at 2 pm. Registration information for the virtual program will be available soon on OTM's website (www.oldtrailsmuseum.org).

Scholars **Jay Craváth** and **Dan Shilling** will present important but often little-known chapters of the state's unique cultural and natural history, including the Buffalo Soldiers, dude ranches, the Code Talkers, forester **Aldo Leopold**, Japanese-American Internment, famous cattle drives, and the assassination of reporter **Don Bolles**.

Dr. Craváth is a composer, writer, and scholar in the field of music and Indigenous studies. He creates programs and interactive discussions that include stories, musical performances, illustrations, and photography. His latest book is *Iretaba: Mohave Chief and American Diplomat*, and his latest album is *Songs for Ancient Days*.

Former executive director of Arizona Humanities, Dr. Shilling has since coordinated institutes on environmental ethics, presented extensively on place-based economic development, and authored or edited publications including *Traditional Ecological Knowledge: Learning from Indigenous Methods for Environmental Sustainability*. He has served on dozens of boards and commissions and is the recipient of ASU's Distinguished Alumnus Award.

OTM's 2020 Fall History Highlight is made possible by Arizona Humanities.

Homolovi Exhibit Extended, Talk Added

The *Life Along the River: Ancestral Hopi at Homol'ovi* exhibit was originally scheduled to close at the Winslow Arts Trust Museum this January. Thanks to the generosity of the exhibit's creators at the Arizona State Museum in Tucson, *Life Along the River* will be on view through January 2022.

The exhibit's Winslow run is hosted by a partnership between Homolovi State Park, the Winslow Arts Trust (WAT), and the Old Trails Museum, and in cooperation with the Hopi Cultural Preservation Office. *Life Along the River* features images, maps, and present-day Hopi voices that tell the story of the people who lived in seven villages along the Little Colorado River – near what is now Winslow – in the 1300s.

Life Along the River synthesizes more than thirty years of archaeological research by the Arizona State Museum's Homol'ovi Research Program. The Winslow partners will host a virtual presentation by **Dr. E. Charles Adams,** director of the program from 1985 to 2017, on January 23 at 2 pm.

In "New Knowledge from Old Sites: Hopi at Homol'ovi," Dr. Adams will discuss how that research revealed a timeline for the area, the relationships among its inhabitants, and the importance of the river in their lifeways. Registration information for the virtual program will be available soon on OTM's website (www.oldtrailsmuseum.org).

You can see the *Life Along the River* exhibit at the WAT Museum by making a reservation with the La Posada Front Desk at 928-289-4366. You can also visit Homolovi State Park, located just a few miles east of La Posada, which is currently open with some restrictions (www.azstateparks.com/homolovi/).

Visitors exploring the Homolovi exhibit at the WAT Museum

OTM's 2021 Historical Calendar

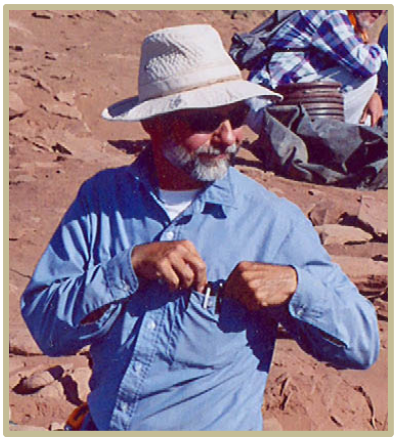
OTM's 2021 historical calendar, *Winslow Through the Decades*, will be on sale for $10 by mid-December, just in time for holiday giving. You can purchase it through the OTM Online Store (oldtrailsmuseum.square.site, or linked from www.oldtrailsmuseum.org), and an additional $2 takes care of shipping.

The calendar will also be available at the museum, Arizona 66 Trading Company, On the Corner Gifts, La Posada Hotel, and the Winslow Visitors Center. We thank these vendors for their ongoing support.

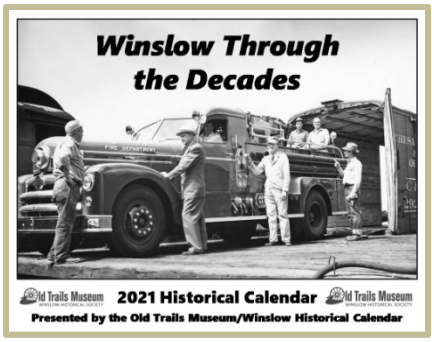
The 2021 edition explores the history of Winslow chronologically from its founding in 1880 through the 1960s. It features images from the museum's collections and supporters that have never been published in an OTM calendar, exhibit, or in our *Images of America* book, *Winslow*.

Although the "past" does not unfold in distinct time periods, dividing the calendar's images and text by decade is a useful way to illustrate how Winslow's history corresponded with events on the national and even international stages.

As always, our historical calendar is the museum's primary fundraiser thanks to our generous advertisers: Arizona 66 Trading Company, Barton Architecture, Bojo's Grill & Sports Club, Cox's Automotive, Dominique's On the Corner, Harley Hendricks Realty, Kenna Properties, La Posada Hotel, the Leavitt Group, Mojo Coffee Company, Motor Palace Mercantile, Snowdrift Art Space, and the Winslow Chamber of Commerce.



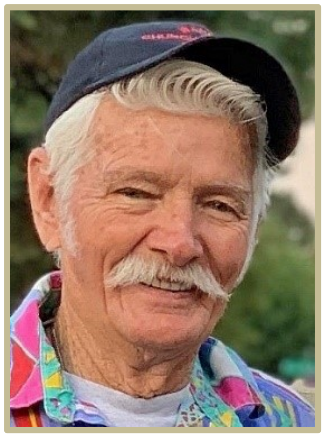
Dr. Adams on site at Homolovi



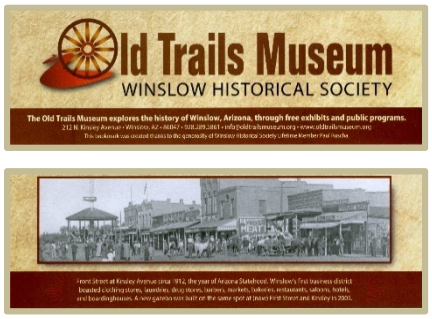
The 2021 Historical Calendar

OTM Supporter Spotlight

The 1940 Seagrave Truck in a Winslow Christmas Parade



Glen Edward Cochran



The new OTM Bookmark

AZE Electrical Contractors at OTM

Although we cannot hold an in-person event this year, the Winslow Historical Society will "host" our annual business meeting and celebrate our membership another way. The 2020 Annual Meeting Mailer – which features historical society business as well as some fun items – recently went out to all current members, volunteers, and board members.

The mailer includes annual reports from WHS President **Curtis Hardy**, Secretary **Carol Gilliam**, Treasurer **Gale Jones**, and OTM Director **Ann-Mary Lutzick.** It provides instructions for historical society members to accept the reports and to elect new WHS Board members.

Carol Eitenmiller and **Linda Mansfield** recently resigned from the board, and we thank them for their service. **Lori Bentley Law** and **Harold Soehner** agreed to complete their terms and to be on the slate of upcoming nominees.

Each historical society member that responds to the meeting business will be entered into a drawing for exciting gift packages donated by La Posada Hotel and Motor Palace Mercantile. The mailer also includes this newsletter as well as the new OTM Bookmark (see below), the latter as a small thank-you for our supporters' critical and ongoing support.

The 1940 Seagrave Fire Truck – the largest object in the OTM Collections – has recently undergone some improvements. Thanks to donations from **Curtis Hardy, Dave Hartman, Tess Kenna**, the Just Cruis'n Car Club, Winslow Chamber, and Winslow Harvey Girls, **Kenn Evans** purchased and installed four new tires and is in the process of doing additional maintenance.

Glen Edward Cochran – who passed away on October 10 – helped Evans maintain the truck over the past twelve years. A 1956 graduate of Winslow High, Cochran's love and knowledge of vintage vehicles helped preserve the truck's historic fabric and running condition. The Seagrave was at his funeral on October 17 and will be a part of the Winslow Christmas "Porch" Parade on November 21.

From the Museum Floor

Thanks to the generosity of WHS Lifetime Member **Paul Ruscha**, OTM developed a new promotional bookmark during the shutdown. Winslow Public Library Director **Brandee Leary** inspired the piece when she asked OTM to contribute a favor for their *Imagine Your Story* Summer Reading Program.

We now include the bookmark with every sale from the on site and online stores, as well as in board orientation packets, City of Winslow report packets, and in this year's Annual Meeting Mailer. It features the museum's contact information along with an historic image and caption, so we hope the bookmark is a fun, useful, and educational favor for all its recipients.

OTM recently had to replace our air-conditioning system, which was both good timing (we were closed for the shutdown anyway) and bad timing (it was a considerable expense during these financially precarious times). We thank AZE Electrical Contractors for a great job installing and maintaining our new rooftop package, which is more accessible, efficient, and safe (it uses HEPA filters).

Thoughts from the Director

It's hard for me to believe, but I became the Director of the Old Trails Museum in the fall of 2010 – ten years ago! Given the uncertainty of the future, it's somewhat comforting to reflect on this past chapter, which has been an amazing adventure both personally and professionally.

I could not have guessed that when I first visited Winslow while working on a project for Arizona Humanities, that I would end up meeting my future husband, quitting that job in Phoenix, and moving to a rural community for the first time in my life. I also did not know that I would be hired by the museum two years later and be able to stay in my field of public history.

I could not have foreseen that in my role as Director, I would have the opportunity to host a Smithsonian exhibit, author a book on Winslow, create exhibits for community events and spaces, participate in a documentary film featuring Winslow residents, and meet a Medal of Honor recipient. I have also been able to coordinate programs that involved branding a windmill; watching all kinds of aircraft land at Winslow's airport; hosting a play, a documentary, and a musical performance; and getting to ride a camel!

I've learned so much over the years, about Winslow's history itself and about how to run a rural museum as well as a small nonprofit organization (each have their own challenges). And I'm grateful to have met so many wonderful people along the way – volunteers, board members, community partners, museum colleagues, and Winslow residents both past and present – without whom none of the work could have been accomplished. Like so many things in life, running a community museum is a community effort, which is the most valuable lesson of all.

Winslow Historical Society • 2021 Membership Form

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

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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!

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OTM is also online on Facebook and at the Arizona Memory Project.

Support the Old Trails Museum

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

The Old Trails Museum 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 historical 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 by reservation Tuesdays through Saturdays from 11 am to 3 pm. Admission is free. Photography, group tours (6-person limit), and research appointments are welcome. Call 928-289-5861 anytime to make a reservation for a 45-minute visit.

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 collections.

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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