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04/07/2011

Arizona's War Town: Flagstaff, Navajo Ordinance Depot and World War II, a presentation by John Westerlund
10:00 AM

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The Arizona Humanities Council is a finalist for Channel 8, Arizona PBS' **Be More Awards**.

The **Be More Awards** recognizes and honors outstanding, local non-profit organizations. AHC is a nominee in the *Be More Knowledgeable* category for our Project Civil Discourse program. As a nominee, AHC is also included in the *People's Choice Poll* which is driven by votes from the general public allowing citizens to honor the non-profit organization that they feel most exemplifies the spirit of the community.

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Urgent News from Capitol Hill

By Brenda Thomson
Arizona Humanities Council (AHC), Executive Director

AHC Chairman Neal Lester and I visited Capitol Hill on March 15th to meet with Arizona Representatives and Senators to ask them to maintain support for the National Endowment for the Humanities. As you know the visit was urgent because many public programs are being eliminated or drastically reduced, and the *Arizona Humanities Council's funding is on the chopping block*.



Brenda Thomson, Congressman Ben Quayle, & Neal Lester

Sun Valley Lodge, Sun City

04/09/2011

New Deal in Arizona: Roosevelt's Recipe for National Restoration, a presentation by J.J. Lamb
10:00 AM
Salazar-Ajo Branch Library,
Ajo

04/12/2011

Change and Continuity: 1500 years of Hopi Farming and Land Stewardship on the Colorado Plateau, a presentation by Micah Loma'omvaya
7:00 PM
Barrett Honors College,
Arizona State University,
Tempe

04/13/2011

Ancient Landscapes of the Desert Southwest, a presentation by Wayne Ranney
7:00 PM
Good Shepherd of the Hills
Episcopal Church, Cave
Creek

Arizona's War Town: Flagstaff, Navajo Ordinance Depot, and World War II, a presentation by John Westerlund
9:00 AM
Sedona Historical Society,
Sedona

04/14/2011

Arizona Women's Hall of Fame, a presentation by Reba Wells Grandrud
10:00 AM
Sun Valley Lodge, Sun City

04/15/2011

Panel Discussion on Immigration, Borderlands, and the Environment
6:00 PM
Orpheum Theater, Phoenix

Arts & Culture of Ancient Southern Arizona Hohokam Indians, a presentation by Allen Dart
3:00 PM
Saguaro National Park,
Tucson

04/17/2011

The Harvey Girls of Arizona, a presentation by Ann-Mary Lutzick
2:00 PM
Prescott Public Library,
Prescott

We stressed to each office how valuable the Arizona Humanities Council's contributions are to the people of Arizona. We told them of the thousands of dollars of grants awarded to the museums, libraries, schools and community centers in each district, and the jobs and tourism we helped to grow. Did you know that when out-of-state visitors come to Arizona that the most popular reason is to visit cultural, arts and heritage activities? 91% come to Arizona to "see interesting sites," and 82.7% come to "experience new & different places" and learn about Arizona history and culture.

AHC contributes to all of these through its film festivals, lectures, book discussions and youth programs. In fact for every federal (\$1) dollar AHC receives we generate (\$5) five dollars to the Arizona economy. And we do it without charging you; all of our programs are free to the public! We urged our representatives to maintain funding for AHC, because an investment in AHC is an investment in the cultural vitality and education of our state and our country. We urge you to support AHC too. Please donate your time, dollars and vocal support so that AHC can continue to be part of Arizona's future for another 40 forty years. We need you.

AHC's Programs & Grants Manager, Erica Kinias, Interviewed on KNAU

Erica Kinias, AHC's Programs & Grants Manager, was recently interviewed by KNAU about AHC's funding support for the Homol'ovi State Park.



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On March 18, close to 600 people attended the Homol'ovi State Park Re-Opening Celebration. Not only is the Park important because it preserves the ancestral homeland and history of the Hopi tribe but it also generates over \$3 million in tourism and 44 jobs for the community. The Arizona Humanities Council is proud to be a part of Navajo County's cultural and economic vitality.

[Click here to listen to Erica Kinias' interview.](#)

Key Ingredients in Oracle

[Key Ingredients: America by Food](#)

has reached the halfway point in its Arizona tour at the Oracle Historical Society & Acadia Ranch Museum. The grand opening reception included sampling of local foods provided by museum guests, with homemade tamales being the featured food of the day. The museum also launched its companion exhibit, *Let's Have a Picnic! Outdoor Eating from Wikiups to Homesteads to Hotels* as well as their very own cookbook entitled *Family Feasts: Recipes & Stories from the Galiuros to the Catalinas* with contributions from families in Mammoth, Oracle and San Manuel.



04/18/2011

The Indelible Memory, a presentation by Dick George
4:00 PM

Arizona Museum of Natural History, Mesa

Hopi Pönawit ~ Along Ancient Trails and the Cultural Landscape of the Hopi People, a presentation by Micah Loma'omvaya
10:30 a.m.
Encanto Room, Heard Museum, Phoenix

From the Deadly East German Border into National Parks: Life Returns and Defies All Borders, a presentation by Albrecht Classen
6:00 PM
Pima County Public Library, Himmel Park Branch, Tucson

04/20/2011

"Hopi Summer: Letters from Ethel to Maud," a OneBookAZ book discussion
7:00 PM

Glendale Public Library, Foothills Branch

Tony Hillerman, Yataalii of the Navajo Way, a presentation by Richard Wentz
9:30 a.m.

Heard Museum Steele Auditorium, Phoenix

Prescott Public Library Book Discussion Series: "Hopi Summer: Letters from Maud to Ethel"
6:00 PM
Prescott Public Library, Prescott

Sharlot Hall (1870-1943), a Chautauqua presentation by Jody Drake
10:30 AM & 1:30 PM
Sedona Winds, Sedona

04/21/2011

Spelunking for the Corps: The Civilian Conservation Corps at Colossal Cave, a presentation by J.J. Lamb
10:00 AM

Sun Valley Lodge, Sun City

04/25/2011

Armed with our Language, We Went to War: The Diné/Navajo Code Talkers, a presentation by Laura

The Key Ingredients exhibit and programs in Oracle will run through May 1. Look on the AHC for more information on the next stop of this exhibition in Fort Apache, running from May 7 to June 19.

Experience the Humanities this Year at the Arizona Humanities Festival!

Mark your calendars! The Arizona Humanities Council announces the first annual **Arizona Humanities Festival!**, a day-long celebration of the humanities, on **October 22, 2011 at Civic Space Park in Phoenix**. The festival, which will be free and open to the public, will feature engaging lectures, author readings, storytelling activities, panel discussions, pop-up events, and multimedia presentations, and will showcase the rich cultural contributions of Arizonans to the humanities. AHC is devoted to making the humanities a vital and vibrant ingredient of daily life. Join us as celebrate the humanities with activities that connect audiences of all ages to the rich mix of stories and cultures in Arizona.

Stay connected to AHC and get the latest festival news by joining [AHC's mailing list](#) and connecting to AHC on [Facebook](#).

Board Member Highlight

Shirley McKean



Shirley McKean has worked with Salt River Project since 1999, currently as a senior training analyst in Transmission and Generation Operations. Prior to coming to SRP, Shirley worked as a technical writer for several technology firms. She is a former Army Reserves Intelligence Analyst.

In addition to her board service with AHC, she also serves as a member of the Tempe Historical Museum's Advisory

Board and volunteers in the museum's Collections department. She is a 2008 graduate of Tempe Leadership and has extensive experience in a variety of political campaign functions including speech writing, issue research, and development of campaign materials.

Shirley holds a Master's degree in International Management from the Thunderbird School of Global Management, an M.A. in anthropology from the University of Northern Colorado and a B.A. in anthropology with a minor in history from Wright State University.

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4:00 PM
Chandler Public Library -
Downtown Branch

04/26/2011
*Food of Arizona-Many
Cultures, Many Flavors,* a
presentation by Greg
McNamee
5:30 PM
Copper Queen Library,
Bisbee

04/27/2011
*"Hopi Summer: Letters
from Ethel to Maud,"* a
OneBookAZ book
discussion
7:00 PM
Chandler Public Library,
Chandler

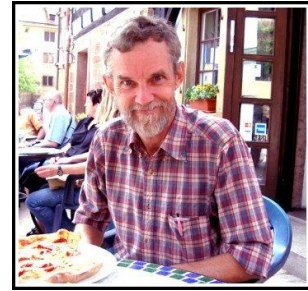
04/28/2011
*The Fight in the Salt River
Canyon: Skull Cave,
December 1872,* a
presentation by Dale Curtis
Miles
10:00 AM
Sun Valley Lodge, Sun City

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Road Scholar Highlight

Albrecht Classen

Dr. Albrecht Classen will be giving a new presentation entitled "From the Deadly East German Border into National Parks: Life Returns and Defies All Borders" on April 18 at the Pima County Public Library, Himmel Park Branch in Tucson. [Click here for more information about Dr. Classen and abstracts of his additional presentations.](#)



Dr. Classen is a University Distinguished Professor of German Studies at the University of Arizona and has been a member of the Speakers Bureau since 2007. His research focuses on the European Middle Ages, the Renaissance, and the history of German speaking Jesuit missionaries in 18th century Sonora.

Humanities in the News



Harvard Business Review

[Want Innovative Thinking? Hire from the Humanities](#)

People trained in the humanities who study Shakespeare's poetry, or Cezanne's paintings, say, have learned to play with big concepts, and to apply new ways of thinking to difficult problems that can't be analyzed in conventional ways. [Read more...](#)

Arizona Trivia

April's Question:

Who was the first Mexican American Governor of Arizona?

Tell us your answers on [AHC's Facebook page](#).

Answers will be revealed in next month's e-newsletter.

Answer to March's Trivia

Question: Where is the only place in the country where mail is still delivered by mule?

Answer: The village of Supai, located at the bottom of the Grand Canyon.

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