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[Upcoming Book Discussion & Speakers Bureau Programs](#)

06/8/2011

For God, Gold and Glory: The Coronado Expedition, 1540-42 - a Road Scholar program with Jim Turner
Glendale Public Library, Foothills Branch, Glendale

"The Women of Brewster Place," a book discussion
Carl T. Hayden VA Medical Center, Phoenix

The Arizona Humanities Council is honored to be the winner of the **Be More Awards Educational Outreach Award** for our Project Civil Discourse program!



Brenda Thomson, AHC Executive Director and Bruce Meyerson, AHC Board Member & Project Civil Discourse Founder

This past Thursday, at the [Be More Awards](#) luncheon, the Arizona Humanities Council (AHC) was honored to be named the winner of the *Be More Knowledgeable* category for our Project Civil Discourse program. Channel 8/ Arizona PBS hosts the *Be More Awards* which recognizes and honors outstanding, local non-profit organizations. The *Be More Knowledgeable Educational Outreach Award* recognizes an organization that strives to educate the community through guidance, knowledge, emotional or physical support, and/or a mentorship program.

[Project Civil Discourse](#) is a statewide initiative to create respectful dialogue and discourse on public issues. Working with organizations throughout Arizona, Project Civil Discourse brings individuals and groups together to talk civilly and find solutions on hot button issues that affect Arizona's and our nation's future.

Tune into Channel 8 on June 21 at 7:30pm, when AHC will be featured in a half-hour television special highlighting the winners of the *Be More Awards*.

Making Do With Less: Arizona Women During the Depression, a Road Scholar program with Mary Melcher Sedona Winds, Sedona

06/10/2011

"Hopi Summer: Letters from Ethel to Maud," a OneBookAZ book discussion
Sedona Public Library,
Sedona

06/16/2011

Set in Stone but Not in Meaning: Southwestern Indian Rock Art, a Road Scholar program with Allen Dart
Smoki Museum, Prescott

06/18/2011

Southwestern Rock Calendars and Ancient Time Pieces, a Road Scholar program with Allen Dart
Church of the Holy Nativity,
Payson

Arizona Women's Heritage Trail, a Road Scholar program with Mary Melcher
La Posada Hotel, Winslow

06/19/2011

The Arizona Women's Heritage Trail: Marking Her Sites, a Road Scholar program with Mary Melcher
Prescott Public Library,
Prescott

06/20/2011

The Food of Arizona: Many Cultures, Many Flavors, a Road Scholar program with Greg McNamee
Payson Public Library,
Payson

Sheep is Life Celebration
Diné College Rodeo
Grounds, Tsailé, Arizona

06/21/2011

"Where Our Food Comes From," a book discussion
Copper Queen Library,
Bisbee

06/28/2011

Jazz and the American Identity, a Road Scholar program with Janice Jarrett
Copper Queen Library,
Bisbee

06/30/2011

The Promise and Perils of Reform, a Road Scholar

Arizona Humanities FESTIVAL STORIES OF US

Mark Your Calendars! [The Arizona Humanities Festival: Stories of Us!](#) is coming your way on **Saturday, October 22, 2011, from 10 AM to 6 PM** at the **Civic Space Park in downtown Phoenix**.

Parking is free, and the park is accessible via Metro lightrail at north and south-bound stops on Central and 1st Ave. An exciting line-up of authors, performances, and humanities presentations will be participating in the inaugural Arizona Humanities Festival to celebrate of rich and diverse cultures, stories, and histories that connect all Arizonans.

A few featured presentations include:

- Join Dr. Neal Lester, English professor and dean of humanities at ASU, as he presents **"Nappy Edges and Goldy Locks: African Americans and the Politics of Hair,"** an engaging, interactive discussion about what "good" hair really is.
- **PBS's History Detectives** special investigator, Dr. Eduardo Pagán, will investigate the biggest mysteries of the southwest and brings history to life!
- Experience Arizona's vibrant Apache skateboard art culture with renowned **filmmaker Duntinn Craig** through film screenings and discussion.
- Workshops and book signings with **nationally-recognized authors**.
- Thrilling Lion Dance performance and discussion from the **Tucson Chinese Cultural Center**.
- **ASU School of Music's Lyric Opera** will perform compelling scenes from Mozart's *Marriage of Figaro*, followed by engaging audience Q & A.
- Experience the powerful rhythms and fascinating culture of **Japanese taiko drumming**. Through an excitingly unique blend of music, and history, **Fushicho Daiko** invites you into the world of taiko drumming for an exhilarating cultural experience.



program with David
Berman
Maricopa County
Department of
Transportation, Phoenix

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Want to get involved now? Visit the AHC's [Arizona Humanities Festival: Stories of Us!](#) webpage for more information on volunteering and becoming an exhibitor and sponsor. You can also stay connected with festival news, contests, and prizes through [AHC's Facebook page](#).

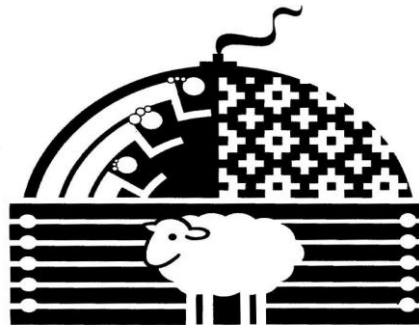
AHC is now accepting nominations for the 2011 Dan Shilling Public Humanities Scholar Award



Each year, AHC recognizes a humanities scholar who has distinguished him/herself by enhancing public understanding of the role that the humanities play in transforming lives and strengthening communities. The award honors Dan Shilling's many years and contributions as AHC's executive director from March 1984 to December 2003. AHC's board established the award to mark Dan's legacy, reflect the esteem in which he is held, and to recognize Dan's own respect for scholarship.

The deadline for submissions is August 31, 2011.

[Click here to download guidelines, past awardees, and a nomination form for the Dan Shilling Public Humanities Scholar Award.](#)



DINÉ BE' IINÁ, INC. PRESENTS THE 15TH ANNUAL
SHEEP IS LIFE CELEBRATION

On June 17-21, 2011, the Diné College Hatathli Cultural Center, Tsalie, will host "Sheep is Life: A Celebration of Shepherds and Weavers," featuring interactive, outdoors exhibits and demonstrations open to the public to explore the role of sheep and fiber arts in the Diné culture at the Diné College Rodeo Arena on the Tsailé Campus in the Navajo Nation. Activities include; a sheep camp, fireside storytelling, heritage programs for young adults, sheep and wool shows. Special hands-on activities for the family are featured on Friday and Saturday, June 17-18, 2011.

Diné be' iiná (Navajo Lifeways), Inc. (DBI), is a nonprofit organization founded in 1991 by Diné shepherds and weavers. DBI's mission is to restore the balance between Diné culture, life, and land. Its activities provide leadership, economic development, and support for maintaining Navajo lifeways, with a focus on sheep, wool, and fiber arts. AHC is proud to support this project with a project grant that was awarded in October 2010.

For more information on Diné be' iiná, Inc., and information on attending programs at "Sheep is Life: A Celebration of Shepherds and Weavers," visit: <http://www.navajolifeway.org/>.

Speakers Bureau Highlight

Road Scholar: Mary Melcher

Mary Melcher is an historian and consultant who works with organizations and museums throughout the state, including the Arizona Women's Heritage Trail which she co-founded. She is currently serving as the State Scholar for the Arizona Humanities Council's tour of the Smithsonian traveling exhibition [Key Ingredients: America by Food](#). Her publications on Arizona history focus on ranch and farmwomen, civil rights, public health, and the impact of World War II.

Mary will be on the road quite a bit this month, travelling to Sedona and Winslow for the Speakers Bureau. She will present her talk titled "Making Do With Less: Arizona Women During the Depression" at two venues in Sedona on June 8. She will be at the La Posada Hotel in Winslow on June 18, presenting her talk "Arizona Women's Heritage Trail." [Click here for more information about Mary Melcher and abstracts of her additional presentations.](#)

Payson to host Key Ingredients

Smithsonian's traveling exhibit, "Key Ingredients: America By Food," opens on Saturday, June 24, 2011 at the Payson Public Library with a special ribbon-cutting ceremony. Located in the heart of the Mogollon Rim, Payson is 85 miles from metro Phoenix, Flagstaff, Showlow, and Winslow. Historically a ranching community, Payson is home to the oldest continuous rodeo in the world, and deep-pit barbecue is synonymous with the cowboy way of life.

Special features of the Key Ingredients local exhibit:

- Photo exhibits of mining and ranching history including "August Doin's" rodeo, deep-pit barbeque, and Dutch Oven cooking
- Photo exhibits of the Tonto Apache's food traditions, including acorn and pinion harvest
- A 1940's kitchen display with antique stove and utensils
- Historic and current cookbook display
- Passes to Anna Mae Deming's historic kitchen at the Rim Country Museum

Key Ingredients Events in Payson:

- Demonstration of "How to Deep-Pit Meat" by Albert Hunt
- Fry bread and acorn stew demonstrations by the Tonto Apache Tribe
- Payson High School culinary class teaches "Cooking with Kids"

For more information exhibit and programming dates and times, visit: http://www.azhumanities.org/key_ingredients_hostsites.php.

Arizona Trivia

June's Question:

Where was the only recognized civil war battle fought in Arizona?

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

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

Answer to May's Trivia

Question: Where was Arizona's first capital located?

Answer: Fort Whipple

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Try it FREE today.

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