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03/09/2011

*Flamenco Dancing and Spanish
Bullfighting*, a presentation by
Adair Landborn
11:30AM
Tempe History Museum,
Tempe

Key Ingredients Opens in Oracle

[Key Ingredients: America by Food](#) opens at [Oracle Historical Society](#) and Acadia Ranch Museum (825 Mt. Lemmon Rd., Oracle) on **Saturday, March 19th**. This Smithsonian exhibition provides an entertaining and informative overview of our country's diverse regional cooking and eating traditions, and investigates how culture, ethnicity, landscape, and tradition influence foods and flavors we enjoy across the nation.

A special feature of the Oracle exhibition is ***Let's Have a Picnic! Outdoor Eating from Wikiups to Homesteads to Hotels***. Food played a central role in the pioneer life of the Tri-Community - from the Apache, Mexican and Anglo homesteaders along Aravaipa Creek and San Pedro River to the Mexican-Anglo ranchers and cowboys of the Catalina foothills to the Chinese chefs and African American proprietors of Oracle's largest health resort hotel. Hotel menus, old cookbooks, newspaper articles, photos and interviews will tell the story of the region's food production, preparation, eating and celebration, lending insight into the area's socio-cultural diversity, as well as changing ideas about food and well-being.



Picnickers in Oracle, circa 1907

The Terry-Lawson Collection, Oracle Historical Society

*Silver Images on Glass Plates-
Early Photography in Arizona,*
a presentation by Jeremy
Rowe
6:30PM
Glendale Public Library,
Foothills Branch, Glendale

Carl T. Hayden Book
Discussion Series, "*A Thousand
Splendid Suns*"
1:00PM
Carl T. Hayden VA Medical
Center, Phoenix

03/10/2011

*Arts and Culture of Ancient
Southern Arizona Hohokam
Indians,* a presentation by Allen
Dart
7:00 PM
Santa Cruz North County
Facility, Tubac

03/12/2011

*Ruins & Shrines: Visual
Identity & Arizona's Kino
Missions,* a presentation by
Dori Griffin
10:00 AM
Salazar-Ajo Branch Library,
Ajo

03/15/2011

*Archaeology and Cultures of
Arizona,* a presentation by
Allen Dart
7:00 PM
Lake Havasu Museum of
History, Lake Havasu City

"The Bingo Palace," a book
discussion
5:30 PM

Copper Queen Library, Bisbee

*A Third Country? Cultural and
Economic Melding on the
Arizona/Sonora Border,* a
presentation by Edward
Williams
2:00 PM
Joyner-Green Valley Library,
Tucson

03/16/2011

Buckeye Public Library Book
Discussion Series, "*The Devil's
Highway*"
1:00 PM
Buckeye Public Library,
Buckeye

*"I Know Why the Caged Bird
Sings,"* a book discussion
10:30 AM
Sierra Vista Public Library,
Sierra Vista

"Desert Solitaire," a book
discussion
3:30 PM

Our House is Your House

For over twenty years the Arizona Humanities Council (AHC) has made its home on the second floor of the Ellis-Shackelford House, an authentic craftsman bungalow built in 1917 by architect R.A. Gray for Dr. William C. Ellis, a prominent local physician.

The Ellis-Shackelford House is listed on the national register of historic places and is the sole remaining intact mansion along Central Avenue of the structures formerly known as Millionaire's Row. The house features wire-cut bricks from Colorado, and an elaborate staircase of mahogany imported from the Philippines and milled on site. The Ellis family occupied the house until 1964, when the house was sold to the Arizona Department of Transportation to be conserved for the public good. Over the years it has been occupied by a boys home, the Arizona Historical Society, and of course the Arizona Humanities Council. Visitors to downtown Phoenix frequently stop by to inquire about the grand old house across from the Burton Barr Library and next door to the Trolley Museum.



AHC is pleased that the house will undergo extensive preservation and renovation beginning in March, thanks to the City of Phoenix and voters who approved bond funds for the project. We will undergo electrical and plumbing upgrades, ADA accessibility improvements, landscaping and beautification of the interior over the next six months. The house will then be available to the public for meetings and events, and AHC functions. Stay tuned for details! Special thanks to ASU student Anita Keitel for use of the photos, part of her project on building structures.

Homol'ovi Ruins Re-Opening Celebration



In AHC's most recent grant round, the **Homol'ovi State Park, Winslow**, was awarded a Project Grant to support public humanities programming at the Park's [Re-Opening Celebration on Friday, March 18, 2011](#). With support from the Hopi Tribe, the Homol'ovi State Park will re-open again to the public after being closed due to state funding cuts. The Re-Opening Celebration will feature lectures, pottery firing demonstrations, exhibits, and presentations of traditional Hopi social dances. Visitors will also have an opportunity to tour the archaeological site using the Park's podcast audio walking tour, a project also supported by AHC with a Cultural Heritage Tourism Grant. Visitors can download the podcast on site or from the [Park's website](#).



Queen Valley Homeowners
Association, Queen Valley

"The Life of Pi," a book
discussion
10:00 AM

Tri-Valley Improvement
Association, Wenden

03/17/2011

*Hisatqatsit Aw Maamatslawa ~
Comprehending our Past Life-
ways and Thoughts about a
Hopi Archaeology*, a
presentation by Micah
Loma'omvaya

7:00 PM

Smoki Museum, Prescott

03/19/2011

Prescott Public Library Book
Discussion Series, "The
Names: A Memoir"

6:00 PM

Prescott Public Library,
Prescott

Capirotada: A Nogales Memoir,
a book discussion
10:00 AM

Tucson Museum of Art, Tucson

03/20/2011

*Adventurous Spirits: Arizona's
Women Artists, 1900-1950*, a
presentation by Betsy Fahlman
2:00 PM

Prescott Public Library,
Prescott

"Don't Cut the Ham Too Thin,
Boys": *The Key Ingredients of
Harvey Houses*, a presentation
by Ann-Mary Lutzick
2:00 PM

San Manuel Historical Society
Museum, San Manuel

03/21/2011

*For God, Gold, and Glory: The
Coronado Expedition, 1540-
42*, a presentation by James
Turner
10:30 am

Encanto Room, Heard
Museum, Phoenix

03/22/2011

Sharlot Hall, a Chautauqua
presentation by Jody Drake
5:30 PM

Copper Queen Library, Bisbee

03/25/2011

*Visual Humor: Some
Humorous Analogies between
Language and Art*, a
presentation by Don Nielsen
2:00 PM

Nanini Branch Library, Tucson

03/28/2011

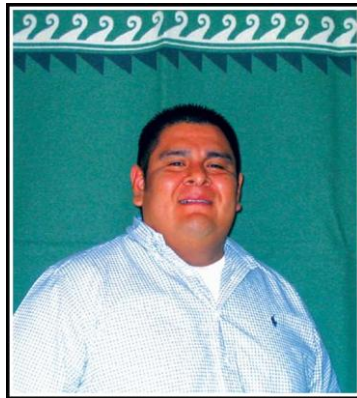
Urgent News from Capitol Hill

Many of you have been following the news over the past few weeks regarding threats to severely cut funding to public programs that are dear to us, the National Endowment for the Arts, National Public Radio, PBS, and of course our funder the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH).

The Arizona Humanities Council (AHC) has provided valuable resources and programs to Arizonans for almost 40 years. These programs have touched hearts and minds from across the state, from cities large and small, without regard to political affiliation. Our programs are for the people you live with, work with, and go to school with every day. Our programs are free to all. For this reason we ask for your help.

Please show your support for AHC and NEH by [clicking here](#) to send a message to your representative. A cut to NEH's budget will directly impact the federal funds that support the Arizona Humanities Council (AHC). Since the inception of AHC in 1973, our programs and funding of approximately \$10 million for public humanities projects have reached approximately 4 million people throughout Arizona.

Board Member Highlight - Sam Tenakhongva



SAM TENAKHONGVA currently serves as the Marketing/ Special Events Manager for the [Hopi Education Endowment Fund \(HEEF\)](#) and is coming up on his 1st year of service on the Arizona Humanities Council (AHC) Board.

He stated, "It has been a great year of service since my term began. I have learned what the humanities mean, not only in an academic context, but how it shapes our everyday lives. I am truly blessed and honored to help support the work of the various organizations and groups who remind us of the role of humanities, and to also serve with 25 other wonderful and committed board members in ensuring the

continued work of the AHC."

A staff member of the HEEF since 2003, his duties and experience have allowed him to oversee various functions that are vital to the success of any non-profit organization including: marketing, community education, development, fundraising events and activities.

As a member of Hopi Tribe, Sam is very involved with his Hopi cultural activities and responsibilities, while also engaging in his other interests, which include farming, ranching, art and spending time with family and friends. He is a 2002 graduate from the University of Arizona with a Bachelors of Fine Arts in Visual Communications. Sam is from the village of Sichomovi located on First Mesa and a member of the Kachina/ Parrot Clans.

America's First Major Transportation System: The Erie Canal, a presentation by Barbara Jaquay
7:00 PM
Monte Vista Village Resort, Mesa

03/30/2011

Sedona Winds Book Discussion Series, "A Room of One's Own"
1:30 PM
Sedona Winds, Sedona

03/31/2011

Lewis and Clark: The Arizona Connection, a presentation by Todd Weber
10:00 AM
Sun Valley Lodge, Sun City

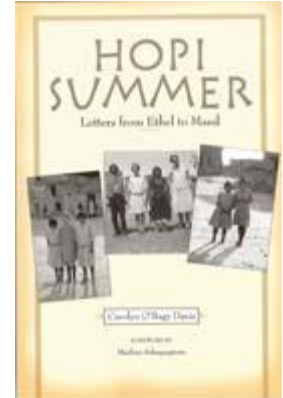
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Community Book Discussion Highlight

Hopi Summer: Letters from Ethel to Maude by Carolyn O'Bagy Davis

The newest addition to our Community Book Discussion library is also the adult title for this year's OneBookAZ program, coordinated by the Arizona State Library. We are proud to continue our involvement in this program which encourages communities across our state to read the same book at the same time and participate in related discussions and programming. This book relates the true story of Maud Melville of Massachusetts and Ethel Muchvo of the Hopi village of Polacca. After a chance encounter in Arizona, the two women began a letter correspondence which lasted many years and a friendship that crossed both physical and cultural boundaries.

Interested in booking a Community Book Discussion? [Click here for guidelines about AHC's Community Book Discussion program and a full list of our fiction and non-fiction titles.](#) AHC will waive the \$50 administrative fee for any organization which selects *Hopi Summer* for a program in 2011.



Humanities Trivia

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

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

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

Answer to February's Trivia

Question: Who was Winnie Ruth Judd?

Answer: [The Trunk Murderess](#), a Phoenix, Arizona medical secretary found guilty of murdering one of her two former roommates and later sentenced to death.

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