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ARIZONA HUMANITIES COUNCIL AWARDS \$67,035 TO PROGRAMS THROUGHOUT ARIZONA

(Phoenix, AZ) - Did you knowthat the Arizona Humanities Council has directed over \$10 million to public humanities programs throughout Arizona? These cultural and educational programs offered by museums, libraries, schools and other community organizations have reached approximately 4 million people.

In its most recent funding cycle, the Arizona Humanities Council awarded \$67,035 to support fourteen Arizona organizations for projects that engage the general public with the humanities. Any findings, conclusions, or recommendations expressed in these programs do not necessarily reflect those of the National Endowment for the Humanities or the Arizona Humanities Council.

The grant recipients and their programs are:

Arizona Museum for Youth, MESA. "Play Ball: The Cactus League Experience (Phase 2)." AHC funds will support the continuation of Mesa Historical Museum's "Play Ball" exhibit at the Arizona Museum for Youth; a multi-media exhibition opening in early 2010 that examines spring training in Arizona from the 1920s to the present. Project Director: Lisa Anderson, 480/644-2848. Total grant award: \$7,700.

Litchfield Park Historical Society, LITCHFIELD PARK. "Celebrating 100 Year of History: The Historic Sites and Sacred Places of Litchfield Park." This oral history project will document and preserve the history and stories around Litchfield Park's sacred places, and will result in a short documentary film that includes a public screening in March 2010. Project Director: Rosemary Lang-Fiebig, 623/694-0022. Total grant award: \$5,000.

Arizona Archaeology Society, Northern Chapter, FLAGSTAFF. "Picture Canyon: Petroglyphs, People, and Preservation: a Museum of Northern Arizona publication." AHC funds will support a magazine-style publication of Picture Canyon and public programs exploring Picture Canyon in the summer of 2010. The publication will document Picture Canyon's human history and its present cultural resources, including; more than 125 petroglyph panels, a historical railroad trestle used in northern Arizona's early lumbering industry, and more information on Picture Canyon's diverse ethnobotanical history. Project Director: Evelyn Billo, 928/526-3625. Total grant award: \$7,000

University of Arizona, Arizona State Museum, TUCSON. "Mexico: The Revolution and Beyond, the Casasolas Archives 1900-1940." AHC funds will support a panel discussion, book signing, and reception around the Museum's exhibit "Mexico: The Revolution and Beyond, the Casasolas Archive 1900-1940," opening in December 2009. Project Director: Lisa Falk, 520/626. Total grant award: \$1,735.

Mesa Media, Inc., POLACCA. "Owi, nu' Hopi yu' a' ata (Yes, I speak Hopi): A Hopi History Booklet and CD." AHC funds will support the development and production phase of an audio CD and booklet of that interprets and preserves selected events in Hopi history. The project includes plans for a public program and radio broadcast in the summer of 2010. Project Director: Anita Poleahla, 928/737-2255. Total grant award: \$6,600.

University of Arizona, Center for Educational Resources in Culture, Language and Literacy (CERCLL), TUCSON. "Second International Conference on Developing and Assessing Intercultural Competence." AHC funds will support a conference and workshop for K-16 teachers in January 2010, providing educators with historical and cultural content in order to enhance intercultural competence and instruction. Project Director: Beatrice Dupuy, 520/626-8071. Total grant award: \$5,000.

San Tan Historical Society, QUEEN CREEK. "The Crossroads of Historic Higley." AHC funds will support an oral history project designed to preserve and share the history of historic Higley. The project will culminate in the collection and transcribing of oral histories available through the San Tan Historic Society and public presentation highlighting civic tourism in October 2010. Project Director: Leslie LeRoux, 480/220-0341. Total grant award: \$2,000.

Vail Presentation Society, VAIL. "Voices of Vail." This project will seek to document and share the history of Vail by researching Vail's historic sites, utilizing GIS mapping technology, public programs, and the development of a portable exhibition that can be utilized by schools. Project Director: J.J. Lamb, 520/419-4428. Total grant award: \$5,000.

ASU School of Public Affairs, College of Public Programs, Morrison Institute for Public Policy, PHOENIX. "Read All About It: Public Policy from a Humanities Point of View." AHC funds will support the creation of public policy-oriented book discussion resources, including readers' guides and discussion materials, and moderated online discussions that will be available on the Morrison Institute for Public Policy's Web site at <http://morrisoninstitute.asu.edu/>. Project Director: Monica Stigler, 602/496-0900. Total grant award: \$2,500.

ASU Valle del Sol, Inc., PHOENIX. "Embracing America." AHC funds will support the production/marketing phase of a documentary film exploring the highly controversial topic of immigration in Arizona. Project Director: Luz Sarmina Gutierrez, 602/248-8101. Total grant award: \$2,500.

Tucson Magnet High School, Four Elements Art Education and Literacy Team, TUCSON. "Four Elements Teacher Workshop." AHC funds will support the planning phase for a K-12 teacher workshop that explores the history of hip-hop through engaging students in the issues of social justice and artistic expression. Project Director: Curtis Acosta, 520/891-7327. Total grant award: \$5,000.

University of Arizona, Poetry Center, TUCSON. "Ten Years of Young Corridistas." AHC funds will support the development of an audio anthology titled, "Ten Years of Young Corridistas," which will capture the past prize-winners of the Poetry Center's annual High School Bilingual Corrido Contest. The audio CD will include a companion booklet featuring essays by humanities scholars, and will be featured alongside public events exploring and celebrating the "corrido" in the fall of 2010. Project Director: Gail Browne, 520/626-5880. Total grant award: \$5,000.

Yavapai College, Hassayampa Institute, PRESCOTT. "The Literary Southwest." AHC funds will support a discussion-based lecture series at the Hassayampa Institute scheduled for spring 2010. Project Director: James Natal, 928/778-1134. Total grant award: \$7,000.

University of Arizona, Department of Women's Studies, TUCSON. "36th Annual African American Literature Association Conference." AHC funds will support costs associated with the 2010 African Literature Association's Annual Conference entitled, "Eco-Imagination: Africa and Diasporan Literature and Sustainability." Project Director: Irene d'Almeida, 520/621-8036. Total grant award: \$5,000.

About the Arizona Humanities Council

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The Arizona Humanities Council, founded in 1973, is an independent nonprofit organization and the state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Stories convey our histories, traditions, social mores, beliefs and insights about what it means to be human. The Arizona Humanities Council creates opportunities for sharing these diverse stories through critical thinking and public discussion, to better understand and appreciate one another, so that we can make informed decisions about our collective future.

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