

**Presentation by Jan Cleere
Thursday
February 18, 2010**



Jan will use a PowerPoint Presentation to review her latest book “Amazing Girls of Arizona: True Stories of Young Pioneers “

Award-winning Oro Valley author and historian Jan Cleere concentrates her writing on the desert southwest, particularly the pioneering women who first ventured beyond the refinement of eastern society. Her latest book, *Amazing Girls of Arizona: True Stories of Young Pioneers*, tells the narratives of enterprising young girls who conquered the west in their own style. Hardships and heartaches, accolades and applause, and just plain hard work encompass the lives of these resourceful young innovators. *Amazing Girls of Arizona* won a Glyph Award from the Arizona Book Publishing Association as one of the best books of 2009, and was a 2008 finalist for the National Best Books Award.

In *Outlaw Tales of Arizona: True Stories of Arizona’s Most Famous Robbers, Rustlers, and Bandits*, Jan brings together a selection of Arizona’s most notorious desperadoes with massacres, mayhem and mischief winding through the pages like a whodunit from the past. *Outlaw Tales of Arizona* won the 2007 National Federation of Press

Women’s Communications Contest for historic nonfiction, and was a Finalist for the Arizona Book Publishing Association’s Glyph Award.

Jan’s first book, *More Than Petticoats: Remarkable Nevada Women*, relates the compelling stories of pioneering women who displayed remarkable courage as they broke through social, cultural and political barriers to advance women’s roles. *More Than Petticoats* was a WILLA Literary Award Finalist. Jan was inducted into the Nevada Women’s History Project Roll of Honor for her “significant contribution in the preservation of Nevada women’s history.

She is now working on her next book that will bring together the numerous pioneering women of Arizona who forged some of the first westward paths.

Jan serves as Public Information Chair and sits on the Coordinating Council of the Arizona Women’s Heritage Trail, an organization dedicated to linking women’s history to historic sites throughout the state. Her freelance work appears in national and regional publications.

**The public is invited to join us..
Oro Valley Library - Meeting Room
Thursday, February 18, 2010, 6:30 PM**
