



ORO VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Newsletter of the Oro Valley Historical Society

March/April 2008

Web: www.ovhistory.org

Upcoming OVHS Events

March 20th - Thursday

Oro Valley Historical Society (OVHS) General Meeting, open to all members and the public. Oro Valley Town Hall chambers, 6:30 PM to 8 PM. Speaker and Election of Directors. See details in the adjacent column.

April 10th - Thursday

Book Signing Event - Images of America: Oro Valley by Barbara Marriott at the El Conquistador Country Club, 5 to 7 PM, No-Host Cocktail Party and fundraiser. RSVP required by April 1st, \$30 per person. See details on page 2, invitation enclosed.

April 17th - Thursday

Book Signing - Images of America: Oro Valley by Barbara Marriott at the Oro Valley Library. Part of the town's birthday celebration. From 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM.

May 15th, Sept. 18th, and Nov. 13th

Mark your calendar for our other OVHS General Meetings for 2008, 3rd Thursdays, 6:30 PM. Topics to be announced in future newsletters and our web.

OVHS Board Meetings

Board meetings are generally held once a month and vary as to date and time. They are open to the public and are usually held at the Oro Valley Library. Please check our web calendar for specifics.

Enclosed with this newsletter are:

- Invitation to Book Signing for you to RSVP.
- Ballot(s) to vote on OVHS Directors, one ballot for Individual, Student, and Corporate memberships, two for Family memberships.
- Please note that your Membership Status is noted on the mailing address page, bottom left corner, let us know if you think this is incorrect.

March 20, 2008 at 6:30 pm

“Geronimo’s Surrender: The 1886 C. S. Fly Photographs”

Presented by Jay Van Orden, Tucson



Jay Van Orden worked for the Arizona Historical Society (AHS) for thirty-two years. As Director of Field Services, he made and maintained connections with most of the state’s local history museums. He remains busy in retirement with research and writing

related to Geronimo, the Apaches, and the Civil War in Arizona, as well as the restoration of classic automobiles and motor scooters. He represents AHS on the State Historic Sites Review Committee.

In March 1886, representatives of two warring nations met at Cañon de los Embudos near the Arizona-Mexico border. The names and deeds of Geronimo and the Chiricahua Apaches, and of General George Crook and the U.S. Army, have long been recorded in history books. Most major publications, however, have presented a one-sided view of the event and inaccurately or incompletely identified participants. In this presentation, Van Orden reexamines both the historical accounts and the photographed records of the surrender talks, and discusses critical, and heretofore missing, information.

The short business part of our meeting will be our Annual Meeting, required by our bylaws to elect Directors to replace those with expiring terms (terms are 3 years). Those with expiring terms are Dick Eggerding and Pat Spoerl and one vacancy left by the recent passing of our president Jim Kriegh. The Board has opted to add two additional Directors as allowed by the Bylaws. A total of five positions will be filled.

The meeting location is at the Town of Oro Valley Council Chambers, 11,000 N. La Canada, Oro Valley.

OUR WEB SITE

Here are some interesting stories and documents that you can find on our web site: www.ovhistory.org

Steam Pump Ranch

History and photos of the ranch from early 1980 to present and links to TOV Steam Pump Ranch development project.

Honey Bee Village

History and photos of the archaeology project that uncovered centuries of occupation starting around 400 AD.

The Beginning of a Town

A 30 minute narrative by Jim Kriegh, the founder of Oro Valley discussing how the Town of Oro Valley was formed.

Lady Suffolk

A unique woman who built a resort style residence in what is now Suffolk Hills. It is now part of Immaculate Heart and her second residence is now part of Biosphere II.

Rattlesnake Queen

A unique story about Catherine Reidy who caught and used rattlesnakes in unique ways during the depression to help make ends meet.

Arizona Desert School

Originally a private eastern run "boys only" boarding school in the Catalina Mountain foothills, circa 1930. Academics, polo, outdoor skills and horsemanship were taught.

Publications

Our web site has membership forms, flyers, society information, financial statements, calendars, brochures DVD stories, newspaper clippings, photos and other information that can be viewed or printed. We are always looking for more contributions.



Jim Kriegh, our Oro Valley Historical Society co-founder and first President. Jim passed away last October and has left us with a huge void to fill. One such void is to prepare the newsletter every few months. This is the first formal newsletter since his passing.

Jim was also the primary mover to get many activities and initiatives started. Dick Eggerding and Pat Spoerl were also very instrumental in getting the Society formally incorporated as a non-profit, April 2005, and have served with Jim as the founding members.

Four Directors were subsequently elected to serve three year terms to 2009. The three year terms of the first three officers are expiring in March 2008, thus we are holding elections for these positions. The Board voted to add two additional Directors as allowed per our By-Laws. The total number to be elected is five, bringing the Board to nine.

Ballots are included in this newsletter for members to return by mail or bring to the March 20th meeting, the deadline for voting is midnight, March 20th.

If you have not renewed your membership for 2008, please consider doing so now and send in you ballot with your payment. Please check your Membership Status, bottom left on address label page.

We appreciate and need your support as a member and a volunteer for the continued growth and prosperity of the Society.

Oro Valley Historical Society

Officers:

President: Dick Eggerding (2008)
520 575-0462
Vice President: Pat Spoerl (2008)
Secretary: Roxy Johnson (2009)
Treasurer: Lyra Done (2009)

Directors:

Joe Frannea (2009)
Georgia Hollinger (2009)

Note: Officers are selected by Directors each year from the elected Directors. The numbers in parenthesis are the year the Directors term expires in March.

Committees:

Membership: Roxy Johnson
Fund Raising: Georgia Hollinger
Archival: Joe Frannea
Speakers: need help...
Education: Tom Moser
Oral Histories: need help...

Editor: Joe Frannea
joe@ovhistory.org

Donations:

Donations are always welcomed, much appreciated and needed. We are a 501(c)3 Non-Profit Corporation with donations being tax deductible to the extent of the law. We receive no funding from the Town of Oro Valley.

Memberships:

Family: \$25
Individual: \$15
Student: \$5
Corporate/Institution: \$75
Life-Family: \$200
Life-Corp./Institution: \$400

Web: www.ovhistory.org

Send Comments and Email to:
info@ovhistory.org

Other Events and News

Upcoming Event

Arizona Archaeology and Heritage Expo

March 1-2nd – 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Free and open to the public

Arizona State Museum, University of Arizona

March is Arizona Archaeology Awareness month, a program of events and activities held throughout the state and sponsored by the State Historic Preservation Office. The Archaeology and Heritage Expo is a major event in this program and this year's Expo is being held at the Arizona State Museum in Tucson. Enjoy two days of educational and interactive displays and activities related to Arizona's past and present. There will also be a used book sale, book signings, and tours. Activities give visitors new insights into Arizona's prehistoric and historic cultures. Further information is available at www.azstateparks.com.

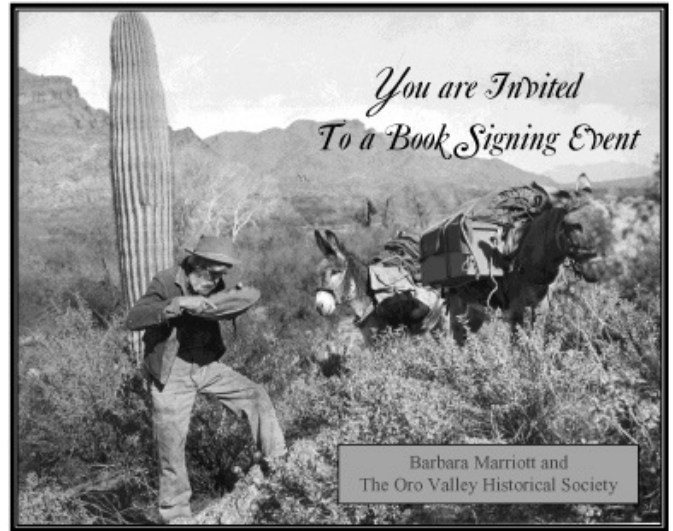
Oro Valley Library Exhibits

The OVHS provides changing exhibits in two display cases donated by Town resident Bill Adler at the Town's Library. The current exhibit is "Making History with Meteorites: the Jim Kriegh Meteorite Collection". Jim's collection was donated to the OVHS by his family in November. Stop by and take a look.

Historic Preservation Commission News

The master planning process for Steam Pump Ranch is nearing the final stages. The consultant presented a preferred design scenario and economic model to the Commission and Town Council in February based on Task Force recommendations and public input.

The Master Plan Report is scheduled for completion in April with subsequent review by the Commission and Town Council. Commission members are Bob Baughman, Chair, Salette Latas, Vice Chair, Marilyn Cook, Lois Nagey, Pat Spoerl, and Dan Zweiner. The position held by Jim Kriegh on the Commission as Town Historian is currently vacant.



You're Invited to a
Celebration of the publication of
Images of America: Oro Valley
A book of Oro Valley's vintage pictures by
Barbara Marriott
This is the first book published solely about
Oro Valley.

Come help us celebrate, meet the author
and some of the descendants of our pioneers.

Thursday, April 10, 2008

5:00 to 7:00 pm

El Conquistador Country Club

10555 N. La Canada Drive

Sunset Room

RSVP Required, \$30 per person

"No-Host Cocktail Party"

fund raising event for the

Oro Valley Historical Society

Special signed and numbered collectors' editions
will be available for purchase.

Send **reservation** and **payment** by **April 1st** to:

Oro Valley Historical Society

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Oro Valley, AZ 85737

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Your OVHS Membership Status

Type: Family - Individual - Student - Corporate

Dues paid through: Dec. 2007 - Dec 2008 - Life