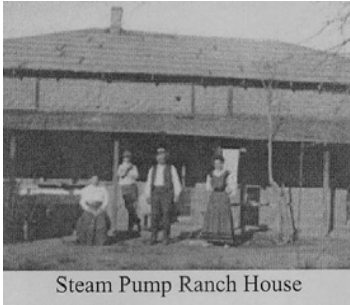


STEAM PUMP RANCH HISTORIC GARDENS

The Oro Valley Historical Society has initiated a project to re-create Historic Gardens at the Steam Pump Ranch. One will represent a late 1800's Pioneer Garden typical of German immigrants in the Arizona Territory. A future garden will be reminiscent of Native American gardens of the time.



Restoration of the Steam Pump Ranch buildings will take many years. We hope the Opening phase occurs in 2012 as part of the Centennial of Arizona statehood.

The Garden creation steps will include researching historically accurate plants, designing the gardens, clearing areas, installing watering systems, constructing fences, preparation of the soil, planting the seasonal gardens and the maintenance of them, organizing educational tours, and developing curriculum for interfacing to classrooms.

We believe this Garden Project will foster generational interactions with young people learning the benefits of growing food and learning local history. Others can share their gardening experiences as many were involved with Victory Gardens and kitchen gardens in their youth. Many disciplines will come into play such as water conservation, soil sciences, history, archaeology, and the fine arts.

Private donations are being solicited to fund and sustain the Historic Gardens Project. We have created levels for all to be able to participate.

THE SOCIETY

The Oro Valley Historical Society is a non-profit 501c(3) corporation established in 2005. It is run solely by its members and elects Board Members who appoint the four officers annually in March.

Memberships and contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowable by law.

For more information please see our web site:

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HISTORIC GARDENS



Steam Pump Ranch



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PIONEER GARDEN ARIZONA TERRITORIAL ERA



A re-creation of George and Matilda Pusch's Kitchen Garden (1880 to 1912) using foursquare raised garden beds, a pattern used by German immigrants. The garden area to be 30 feet by 60 feet with chicken wire fence, posts, native materials, water system including water harvesting and a gate.

Pioneer Garden Underwriter

One Time Donation of \$3,000 for the Construction of this Garden including soil, fencing, water system, gate, other materials.

Winter Planting

Plant late Sept-Dec/harvest March-May.

Might include kale, cabbage, spinach, celery, rhubarb, potatoes, onions, garlic, carrots, radishes, beets, peas, rosemary, mint, barley, wheat, oats, rye, buckwheat, petunias, roses.

Donation of \$75 for one season

Spring Planting

Plant after frost mid March when mesquites leaf out.

Might include lima beans, gourds, tomatoes, apples, grapes, sunflowers.

Donation of \$75 for one season

Summer Monsoon Planting

Plant with the rains July into early August. Might include maize, beans, melons, peppers, zinnia, marigold, cosmos, verdulaga.

Donation of \$75 for one season

Garden Patron - \$200

Friends of the Gardens - \$25

PIONEER GARDEN



Typical Foursquare Garden

FUTURE GARDENS

THREE SISTERS GARDEN
NATIVE AMERICAN GARDEN
PIMA AND WESTERN APACHE



Apache woman and child hoeing corn field

All donations will be appropriately noted in our newsletter, our web site, or at the Garden site. Volunteers will plant and care for the gardens.

Oro Valley Historical Society Donation Form - HISTORIC GARDENS

Please Print...

Name _____ Date _____ Amt. Enclosed \$ _____

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