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The Mission of the Cave Creek Museum is to preserve the artifacts of the prehistory, history, culture and legacy of the Cave Creek/Carefree foothills area through education, research, and interpretative exhibits.
Chloe and the Desert Heroes: A Tale of Adventure in the Sonoran Desert was awarded third place in the 2017 Arizona Literary Award, children’s literature division.

“It is a good feeling to be recognized for something that has been a labor of love and has done so much good in promoting conservation and stewardship of the Sonoran Desert,” said Diane Vaszily, spokesperson for the Desert Awareness Committee (DAC).

“Chloe and the Desert Heroes” is a coming-of-age tale that has become an important supplement of the fourth grade Arizona Studies curriculum, enhancing understanding of the desert ecosystem through a hands-on desert classroom program and field experience. The DAC hopes to expand the popular program statewide and nationally.

The DAC is a longtime collaborator with the museum, creating the museum’s desert garden and the natural history display in the Ansbaugh Auditorium, as well as assisting with children’s programming.

**In Memorial**

Ann Goldberg passed away November 11. Always cheerful and enthusiastic, Ann was involved in many aspects of the community, including membership in the museum.

Member Peter Corpstein gave the museum his turquoise Bolo Tie collection, which was on display last year, as well as the Burr print collection.

A native Arizonan, Pete’s roots went back to pioneer days. He served in the state legislature for five terms. Pete passed away November 28 at age 87.

**January**

**Artifact of the Month**

The Chicago World’s Fair was a huge event in 1893, meant to mark 400 years since Columbus arrived in the Americas.

What does that exposition have to do with Cave Creek? While many residents of our area can trace their roots to the Chicago area, and many Arizonans were among the estimated 26 million visitors, there is a more intriguing link, especially to our museum.

Prior to the World’s Fair, collections were mostly displayed in depositories or “curiosity” cabinets, filled with various items of interest to the collector. The items sat on shelves in no particular arrangement and with little signage or clarification.

When Chicago won the right to host the World’s Fair, designers of the Exposition were determined to present to the world a spectacle like none other. For the first time collections were exhibited in a way that put them in the context of their use and history.

The idea of creating exhibits that relate objects to events, thus constructing a visual story, inspired small museums to evolve. Exhibits such as our TB cabin or Assayer’s Office set a scene with various objects that now relate to time and events, giving the visitor a strong sense of the scope and reality of the tableau.

**Museum Admissions Changes**

As of January 1, admission rates have changed: $7 for adults; $5 for seniors and students; children under 5 free!
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Bev’s Bits
“CAVE CREEK REVIEW”

WHEN I MARRIED BILL METCALFE, my late husband, in 1960, we lived in the house that is now the mini-storage building in the center of Cave Creek. Bill’s real estate office was in the building just in front of it, where the Guitar Company is now. There, we were neighbors with Bud and Lora Hostinger.

Lora wrote and published a little weekly newspaper called The Cave Creek Review, a newy collection of little tidbits about things going on in Cave Creek. In 1953, she also wrote a little history of Cave Creek, in which she talked to some of the old timers, and got some history of “old” Cave Creek. She captured my feelings, especially how it was when I first visited the Sierra Vista Guest Ranch in 1958 before I moved here in 1960. I am so grateful I arrived here for the last of the “old” days, and knew the “real” cowboys who could handle a herd of cattle. Just putting on cowboy boots and a pair of Levis does not a cowboy make.

The last paragraphs of Lora’s history read as follows:

“Cave Creek may some day, be a moderately large town at least double..or even triple..its present ‘700 plus’ residents within the ‘old Cave Creek’ area.
But always..no matter how many modern conveniences of living appear on the Cave Creek horizon..and no matter how many buildings are silhouetted against the setting sun..for many of us who have chosen Cave Creek as home, there’ll be an almost imperceptible echo of wagon wheels in the distance.
And, if you look closely, perhaps a pioneer rider from a century ago..almost visible on a distant hill. And, there’ll be a sudden feeling of kinship with those who first came upon this land..loved it..and lived here.

And, finally, there’ll be the ‘feel’ of Cave Creek..modern..but somehow still a little bit in the territorial days..with the beauty of the desert and the peace of the everlasting mountains around our tiny valley making our way of life in Cave Creek exquisitely unique.
And we’ll give thanks that this is home.”

Lora said it perfectly!!

—Beverly Metcalfe Brooks

YESTER YEAR

River. Was it lost by a cavalry officer on patrol in the remote desert? Was there a battle where owner and gun were separated, perhaps by death?

The rifle is now part of the museum collections and will be displayed in the future. It, as with so many of the museum’s artifacts, spark memories, imaginations and speculation, all rich experiences for the mind and soul.

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to, as Francis Carlson describes them, a wealthy eastern family who built a substantial house. That wealthy eastern family was the Dart family. Justin Whitlock Dart and Charlotte Ruth Walgreen Dart (known as Ruth) purchased the 400-acre cattle ranch. Ruth was the daughter of drugstore founder Charles Walgreen (Ruth founded the Poetry Center at the University of Arizona in 1960).

Justin and Ruth Walgreen married in 1929. Justin, a Northwestern University graduate, was hired by his father-in-law to be a sales clerk. In three years he was Walgreen’s Director of Store Operations.

Have you noticed that pharmacies are usually at the rear of most drugstores including Walgreens? Such a layout affords privacy but also promotes sales as customers walk through the store, past displays. This pervasive concept was conceptualized by Justin Dart, possibly while they owned their winter residence on Continental Mountain.

Eventually Mr. Dart left Walgreens and divorced Ruth. He became the President of the United Drug Company, owner of Rexall Drug, which he made into a very profitable chain. During this time Justin Dart acquired substantial stables in Avon, West Bend Housewares, Ralph Wilson Plastics, Archer Glass, and Hobart, collectively known as Dart Industries. In 1980, Dart Industries merged with Kraft Foods. On January 26, 1984, Justin died of heart failure. Ruth died on April 9, 1974, an apparent suicide.

One final note regarding the Continental Mountain area: fossils from an extinct mammal called an oreodont have been found in volcanic tuff. This pig-like creature lived from about 23 to 35 million years ago. While this is after the extinction of the dinosaurs, I pass on the following from the Arizona Museum of Natural History: “...the Age of Dinosaurs...is well represented in Arizona by many rich and important fossil sites...” There is some discussion that if a creature similar to the mighty bipedal carnivore known as the Tyrannosaurus Rex was found or near Continental Mountain, it may be called the Tyrannosaurus Rex-all.

Craig Nelson, Docent and Historian