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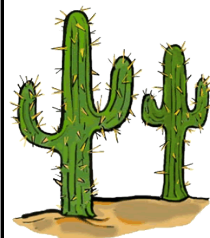
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Karrie Porter Brace, Executive Director, Remington Pettus, Administrative Assistant; Thomas Brace, Nuggets Editor



## Cave Creek Mining District- “Good Mines– 1896”

Contributed by Charlie Connell, Stamp Mill Expert and Dream Team Leader and the Arizona Republic.



Fleming and Shirley, two mining men of Chapparral gulch, have purchased ten stamps from the Phoenix Mining Company and will ship the stamps north today. Of the 100 stamps at the Phoenix mine but seventy remain and other parties are now negotiating for the purchase of thirty or forty more stamps. A prominent mining man, now in Phoenix said yesterday that the Phoenix mine would yet prove one of the best properties in the country. A mistake, he said, was made in trying to run 100 stamps when enough ore was not being taken out to keep them running. The ore was of a good grade, but there seemed to be a body of it, but no defined loads. There is every indication that the body is there and when it is found it will be a very rich one. The load could be picked up, he thinks, with an outlay not to exceed \$5,000. The Phoenix Mine is situated in a rich mineral belt; most collaborative reports have been made on the property by the best mining engineers in the country. The mine, which is now in litigation, will probably be running full blast after the next term of the court.

The Maricopa Mine is another promising property adjacent to the Phoenix Mine that will yet be a heavy producer. About 2,000 tons of the ore was run through the mill of the Phoenix Mine at a good profit. The owners, Messers, McDonaly and Shaw, will endeavor to lease about forty stamps from the Phoenix mine, which on account of being so close would be much cheaper than putting in a mill of their own.

The Gold Hill Mine, about eight miles east of the Phoenix Mine in the same district, is another good property. The Mormon Girl Mine which is in the same mineral belt, is now successfully working a five stamp mill and continues turning out bullion. The Blue Bell and Gila Monster Mines are also fine properties and give promise of being very valuable in time.

# NUGGETS

## February 2020

## Our Next Stamp Mill Run SATURDAY

February 8th, 2020 at 1:30pm



Kiwanis Family Sundays:

We Love Arizona!

Sunday, February 9th, at the

Cave Creek Museum

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Join us as we welcome the Rosson House Museum to discuss how the Territory of Arizona transitioned to become the Valentine State we love today!



## UPCOMING EVENTS

February 8th, 2020– Stamp Mill Run, 1:30 pm

February 9th, 2020– Kiwanis Family Sundays:

We Love Arizona!, 2– 4pm

February 27th, 2020- Gerry Jones Town Council Lecture,  
5 pm



# Cave Creek Museum Nuggets

## Historic Highlights: By Kraig Nelson Shopping in Early Cave Creek

When did the first general store open in Cave Creek and who was the proprietor? The first general store reported by the late Cave Creek historian Frances C. Carlson was on Continental Mountain and the proprietor was William B. Hellings. If the name sounds familiar, it is because Mr. Hellings' name is embedded in early Salt River Valley history. He was one of the founders of Phoenix. He started as a civilian storekeeper or fort-sutler at Camp (later Fort) McDowell, established 1865, and keenly observed the need and opportunity for feeding hungry cavalry horses in the new Arizona Territory (1863). He became one of the first homesteaders in early Phoenix, Hellings established the *Salt River Flouring Mill*, and operated a hog-raising enterprise selling pork, bacon, and lard. Around 1870, he opened one of the first stores in Phoenix. Historian Patrick Grady indicates Mr. Hellings opened a store in Tucson in 1875. Later, the prospect of gold in Cave Creek attracted Mr. Hellings' entrepreneurial spirit and he became one of the most important founders of early Cave Creek. In 1876, Mr. Hellings purchased several mines on Continental Mountain, including The Continental Mine (hence the Mountain's name). He also purchased The Golden Star Mine (later called The Golden Reef Mine); the Golden Star Mining Corporation was soon established; this was the first mine in the area to be capitalized with the sale of stocks, ten million dollars in this case, about \$244 million in 2020 dollars. Hellings' thriving mountain-mining-colony included an assay office, dining room, quarters for the miners, a saloon, and Cave Creek's first store! Most of the hard-working miners' income stayed on Continental Mountain and with Mr. Hellings. In 1900, James D. Houck purchased the original Anglo Cave Creek settlement called *Cave Creek Station*, established in 1877 by Jeriah and Amanda Wood. A *Station* is a place where a traveler could get food and lodging for a short time. Mr. Houck purchased Cave Creek Station from rancher, and second owner, Andrew Jackson Hoskin. The *Arizona Republican* (later *Republic*) called James Houck the "Sheep King of Cave Creek" as the respected, tough frontiersman operated a successful sheep-shearing enterprise on his historic property, complete with weekly stage-service to the new territorial capital, Phoenix (capital in 1889). James D. Houck's general store at Cave Creek Station did have a saloon, post office, and was the community, cultural, and business center until the store and post office moved a short distance to the Howard Ranch towards the end of Houck's life. Houck died in 1921 at the age of seventy-four. Cave Creek Station and the Howard Ranch operated near today's Rancho Manana Golf Resort. What could one find in a General Store like Mr. Houck's? The following list is not complete but will give you an idea of typical general store inventory: milk, butter, eggs, beef, lamb, coffee-beans, salt, tea, spices, baking powder, flour, sugar, rice, molasses, dried beans, oatmeal, crackers, hard candy, fruit, vegetables, cornmeal, cheese, syrup, honey, tobacco, cigars, soap, early medicines, and toiletries. Additional items included dungarees, hats, shoes, pins, needles, cloth, thread, buttons, undergarments, farm and ranch equipment, seeds, ammunition, rifles, lanterns, lamps, kerosene, rope, pots, pans, utensils, dishes, and mining supplies.

## 2020 Home Tour— ON SALE NOW!

Sunday, March 8th, 2020  
9-12, 12-3, 3-6 (3 tours)  
\$75 per person

Please join Cave Creek Museum for the 2020 Home Tour! This year's home tour will feature the architectural feats of Gerry Jones, the man who raised the question "Must we destroy in order to build?" Integrating the unique desert terrain into his homes, Gerry Jones has had a 67 year career of architectural work. Approached by Tom Darlington and K.T. Palmer, Gerry Jones laid out the foundations of Carefree, hiking in front of the bulldozers to map the town. From his earliest work of the DeMille House in 1959 to his newest home of Nighthawk in 2018, buses will take participants to six houses to tour and become enamored by his architectural legacy. Each participant **must** select a tour time (9-12, 12-3, 3-6) when purchasing their tickets. There will also be a stop at Cave Creek Museum to check out exhibits and see the Home and Garden boutique!

**Check out [www.cavecreekmuseum.org](http://www.cavecreekmuseum.org) for more details or give Cave Creek Museum a call at 480-488-2764.**

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## Home and Garden Home Tour Boutique!

It's a very special year for us. The Home Tour will be on March 8th from 9:00am to 6:00 pm this year. The Boutique will be located at the Cave Creek Museum during these times. We are asking for 10-15 volunteers to work the Boutique and for volunteers to bake or make those delicious cookies, brownies and homemade candies. There will be two shifts of volunteers working the boutique, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. Please let me know which you would prefer.

This will allow the volunteers to tour the homes themselves. For those wonderful baked goods, the museum will start accepting those items on Thursday, March 5th, during Museum hours. Please let me know if you have any questions Contact Rita Treat at [rktrat@gmail.com](mailto:rktrat@gmail.com) or call 602-692-5040.



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## Become a Cave Creek Museum Member Today!

Cave Creek Museum's newsletter seeks fascinating history and fun facts from all over the Desert Foothills! You may have something to share, but wondered, "How could I get my item in the Nuggets monthly newsletter?"

We will consider your submissions for publication.

If you are interested in contributing articles to the Cave Creek Museum's newsletter, contact Editor Remington Pettus ([asst@cavecreekmuseum.com](mailto:asst@cavecreekmuseum.com)) for details and deadlines. All are welcome to contribute, CCM reserves the right to edit.

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## BEV'S BITS— CAVE CREEK ROADS BY BEVERLY METCALFE BROOKS

The first one that I can remember when I moved to Cave Creek in 1960 the road that is now called Lone Mountain Road SOUTH, was called Holcomb Road after the old Holcomb Ranch that had been there. The House had apparently burned down some years previously, but you could still see where it had stood southeast of the intersection of Holcomb Road and Cave Creek Road. There was a large wooden sign which had Holcomb Road painted on it at the Intersection. Then eleven years later, I was a den mother for my ten year old son, and the lady that was over all of us den mothers came to the school one day where we were all having our den sessions. She asked me to sign her petition, and I asked her what it was for. She said she wanted to change Holcomb Road to Lone Mountain Road. I said, "oh please don't do that, I already live on Lone Mountain Road". It is the one that we now call Lone Mountain Road North. It is the original, and it comes straight out from the Lone Mountain that is in Carefree. There is no Lone Mountain south of Black Mountain. There were only about five families living down there at the time, and she was able to get all of them to sign. At any rate, the Board of Supervisors (who were in charge of Cave Creek at the time) changed the name. Several of us tried to get it changed back, but were told that it would be a longer road someday, and they could do nothing about it. I had more trouble getting things delivered for the longest time, as this was before everyone had cell phones, and the drivers could not find our address; they were going back and forth on Lone Mountain Road south. Then they would have to go back to their dispatchers, who would call me, and then I would tell them they were on the wrong road, so about a week later when they made their rounds out here, we would get our package. I could not say a thing to the lady who had asked me to sign the petition, as she was my best friend's mother. But the one that really gets to me is Carefree Highway. It had been Black Mountain Road for decades and decades, and then Carefree Development Corp. wanted a connection to what was then called Black Canyon Freeway (I-17). It was so they could sell real estate. Here again the county let them do anything they wanted (as they always did). So, Black Mountain Road became history, and Carefree Highway it was. There was only one good thing that came out of it. One time a few years ago, my husband and I went to Gammage Auditorium in Tempe to see Gordon Lightfoot, the Canadian folksinger. He wrote most of his songs and would tell us what gave him the inspiration for each one. When he wrote Carefree Highway, he said that his group had had a "gig" in the valley and were going up to another one in Flagstaff or Prescott. And while they were going up on the Black Canyon Freeway, they saw a road sign that said Carefree Highway.

The last road was Tom Darlington. The road was named Tom Darlington after he died, as he had been one of the founders of Carefree.

## From Our Director...

February is a fun month for Arizonans! Several days on our calendar celebrate significant things—great leaders, love, and new beginnings...especially Statehood. We celebrate George Washington and Abraham Lincoln during February. These leaders shepherded the country during times of conflict and chaos to order and progress. Each man is honored with monuments, holidays and places bearing their names. We, as Americans, remember their dedication and sacrifices. One Presidential birthday made an impact on when Arizona joined the Union as a state of the contiguous forty-eight. President Taft delayed the recognition of the State of Arizona two days due to his schedule and Lincoln's Birthday. "The principal cause of disappointment to the people of this state is not over the delay of a couple of days, but because they could not celebrate admission and the anniversary of Lincoln's birth on the same day," read a front-page story of the Arizona Republican on February 11, 1912. President Taft bestowed Arizona's official acceptance of statehood on Valentine's Day. Celebrated in Europe to commemorate the Martyrdom of St. Valentine, the occasion affords us to share heartfelt expressions to those about whom we care. A Valentine's Statehood Day, to me, is the perfect occasion to share the great love we have for the amazing place we call home.

**- Karrie Porter Brace,**  
**Executive Director**



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## In Memoriam... Ian Cordwell (1958-2019)



Ian Cordwell was a man  
with a wonderful sense of  
humor, a passionate artist  
who loved watercolor  
painting and jewelry,  
and a designer at heart.

Ian Cordwell loved the outdoors and music, often  
performing in the Desert Foothills Christmas pageant  
for many years.

Born and raised in Chicago, he moved to Arizona in  
1997. He utilized his Bachelors in Art History and  
Masters in Historic Preservation to be an urban  
planner for Cave Creek for 22 years. He then was  
promoted to become the Director of Planning in  
2001.

Ian Cordwell may now rest peacefully in the arms of  
his father, John, mother, Justine, and his sister,  
Claire eternally. He is survived by his wife, Julie Ann,  
and children, Ryan and Cailan.

## In Memoriam... Frank Louis Ziskovsky Jr. (1943-2019)



Frank Ziskovsky was an  
avid photographer, reader, and lover of the  
outdoors. Frank Ziskovsky was a veteran of the  
United States Army and the Army Reserves. A  
resident of Cave Creek for 31 years after  
arriving from St. Paul, MN, Frank Ziskovsky  
was a realtor for over 40 years and owned  
several local businesses. He is survived by his  
daughter, Kris, and three grandchildren,  
Jolana, Zach, and Mackenzie. May he rest in  
peace.

## In Memoriam... Phyllis Heikens (1937-2020)



Phyllis was a feisty,  
fun loving and interesting  
lady who greeted everyone with a warm smile  
and friendly attitude. She grew up in Dayton,  
Iowa and lived many years in Ankeny, Iowa  
before moving to Carefree, AZ in 1992. While in  
Carefree, she was president of Cave Creek  
Museum from 1998-1999 and extremely involved  
in the Desert Foothills Women's Club as  
President from 2000 to 2001.

She is survived by her two children, Laird and  
Jennifer. Laird and his wife Michelle have twins,  
Shawn and Amber. May she rest in peace as  
she joins her husband Burdette in eternal rest.

## In Memoriam... Joyce Rabidoux (1937-2019)

Joyce Rabidoux was a  
longtime Carefree  
Resident. Born in Texas,  
she moved to Carefree  
in 1975. She became a  
real estate broker for Russ Lyon Realty,  
making lifelong friends.  
She is survived by her children, Mitchell and  
Leslie, her grandchildren Coral and Justin, and  
great-grandchildren Blake and Claire. May she  
rest in peace as she joins her parents in  
eternal rest.