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October 2, 2019 through May 31, 2020

Wednesday – Sunday
1:00 to 4:30 p.m.
Open Fridays 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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Admission

Adults $7
Seniors $5
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All memberships include a ten percent discount in the Museum Store, free entry to the Museum with membership card, and monthly newsletters. For membership, volunteer opportunities or other Museum information, call 480-488-2764 or Email: info@cavecreekmuseum.com

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The Mission of the Cave Creek Museum is to preserve and interpret the natural resources and cultural heritage of the Northern Sonoran Desert

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**Historic Highlights**

by Kraig Nelson

**The Battle of Pima Butte**

The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (SRPMIC) has enjoyed an important relationship with the Cave Creek Museum for years. Many important exhibits from their Museum, called Huhugum Ki, reside, on loan, at the Cave Creek Museum. The SRPMIC reservation was established by President Rutherford B. Hayes (19th President) June 14, 1879; today, it encompasses about 54,000 acres east of Scottsdale (think Talking Stick Resort and Casino, and baseball venue, Salt River Field). The Pima (Akimel O’odham) and the Maricopa (Pipaiash) are two distinct tribes who came together farming on the Gila and Salt Rivers prior to Arizona becoming a territory. (Continued on page 3)

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**In Memoriam Patricia Lee Brock (1928-2019)**

Patricia Lee Brock of Camp Verde, AZ, passed away August 17, 2019 surrounded by family and friends. She was born August 1st, 1928 in San Fernando, CA, to Bob (Luther Lee) and Abigail Hayes. Patricia and Roger Brock married in 1947, then lived in California and Arizona until their retirement to Sedona, AZ.

Patricia was a community club leader for Cave Creek 4H, and volunteered for Desert Foothills Library, Cave Creek Museum, Salvation Army, the Sedona Heritage Museum; and was a member of the Sedona Chapter of Questers International. Patricia is survived by her daughter, Tracy Franklin of Camp Verde, AZ, and grandchildren Beau, Abigail, Tyler, and Tatum.

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**From Our Director…**

Welcome, Everyone, to our 50th season—our Golden Jubilee Year, 2019-2020. We will celebrate several important milestones in our Desert Foothills community over the next two years: 2019’s exhibits and programs mark Carefree’s 60th year; we commemorate the Museum’s 50th Birthday April 4th, 2020; and prepare for Cave Creek’s Sesquicentennial events in our 2020-2021 season. We hope to make great progress in fulfilling our mission and serve our community for many years to come.

The featured 2019-2020 Exhibit, The Legacy of Gerry Jones, fills the Museum’s Ansbaugh Auditorium. This summer we had the great privilege to work with architectural designer and builder, Gerry Jones; his gracious wife, Leslie; and their assistant, Kathy Greene. Selecting from over 327 homes in 67 years, Gerry and Kathy curated over a dozen photo vignettes of beautiful Desert Foothills homes on Black Mountain and in the Valley of the Sun. Members and guests will have access to exclusive opportunities to meet Mr. Jones, plus our Homes Through Time Tour visits 6 of his local residences in the Spring of 2020.

The Cave Creek Museum is YOUR place for great memories, wonder, and excitement. Our regular monthly programs include the Stamp Mill run on the 2nd Saturday of the month from October to May; and the Kiwanis’ Family Sundays that bring the Sonoran Desert’s life and legacy up close and personal. We plan to add special events in the course of the year that will continue our Steam Punk Science theme for both adults and students from our kids’ summer camp last July. Please visit the Cave Creek Museum soon. We eagerly anticipate your Fall arrival!
NOTICE FOR OUR MEMBERS

The Cave Creek Museum staff enjoys the opportunity to send Nuggets to our members! When we create our newsletter each month as a benefit for you, we also incur mailing costs and labor organizing, printing, folding and taping each copy.

We have a question for you, our members. Would you be willing to receive a digital copy (PDF) version and as a bonus, your digital copy would be in color.

Or, would you want to continue to receive Nuggets as a printed copy. We are exploring having the printed copy in full color, but at this time, we are unable to justify the added expense. Please send your responses to:
director@cavecreekmuseum.com

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 Thomas Brace (tlbrace@me.com) for details and deadlines. All are welcome to contribute. CCM reserves the right to edit.

**Museum Admissions**

**Admission rates are:**
- $7 for adults; $5 for seniors and students; children under 5 free!
- $3 for members and guests!

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**The Original Camp Verde**

Many Cave Creek Museum history-aficionados know Fort McDowell, near today’s Fountain Hills, was established September 1865. This seminal fort fostered and facilitated Phoenix’s early development and growth. This was accomplished by protecting the early miners and ranchers from the feared and aggressive Tonto Apaches and their allies, the Yavapai. Fort McDowell was established at the confluence of the Verde River and Sycamore Creek less than two years after Arizona became a territory February 24, 1863.

The same history-buffs might be aware the Fort’s name for about fourteen years was “Camp McDowell,” changing to Fort McDowell May 1879. What many history buffs probably may not know—Fort McDowell’s original name was ‘Camp Verde.’ So, what about today’s Camp/Fort Verde about seventy-five miles north of Phoenix via I-17? When our Northern neighbor was garrisoned in 1865, it was originally known as “Camp Lincoln.”

Our Phoenix-area Camp Verde lasted until the first Monsoon season wreaked havoc and washed it away. When rebuilt, it became Camp McDowell, named after Civil War General Irvin McDowell. Fort McDowell closed in 1890. Today, this location is a very successful gaming operation owned by the Yavapai Nation. And its name? Fort McDowell Casino!

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They also formed a “military” alliance. That “alliance” was involved in the last Native American versesp Native American battle in North America! It was a major battle that took place September 1, 1857 about eight miles north of today’s Maricopa, AZ. The combatants included two tribes from the Colorado River area known as the Yuma (Quechan) and Mohave (or Mojave) against the Maricopa and Pima. The Colorado River warriors were aided by local Natives including the Tonto Apaches and the Yavapai.

The Yuma and Mohave walked 160 miles to attack primarily the Maricopa resulting from generations of conflict. The battle lasted about two hours; and because most of the Apaches and Yavapai left the area prior to the battle, the Yuma and Mohave were annihilated, hundreds met their maker with deadly, approximate two-foot, mesquite war-clubs. The Battle of Maricopa Wells or the Battle of Pima Butte is one of Arizona’s most historic battles.

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