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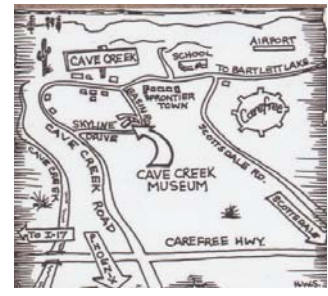
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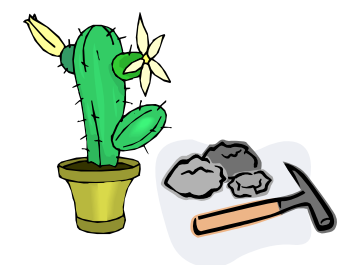
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The Mission of the Cave Creek Museum is to preserve the artifacts of the prehistory, history, culture and legacy of the Cave Creek/Carefree foothills area through education, research, and interpretative exhibits.



HOW THE PIECES FIT: A STAMP MILL DIARY

By CHARLIE CONNELL

WHEN THE STAMP MILL was donated to the Museum, many parts were missing. Since these crushing machines had been idle for over 100 years, parts are hard to find.

Among the many stories to tell about acquiring parts is the quest for the main bearings that hold the camshaft/bull wheel mechanisms in place, critical to mill operation.

We needed three five-inch bearings for our application. These are not something that you can buy at the local Home Depot. We followed leads in California, Nevada, Montana and Colorado. After many dead ends, we found two locations that might have the correct bearing housings.

One of the locations was in Virginia City, Nevada, at the Chollar Mine, which was featured in "Ghost Stories" on the History Channel. A second location



Paul Diefenderfer by the first stamp to be installed November 16.

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Centennial Celebration February 11 to 19 Special Opening February 14

ARIZONA BECAME THE 48TH state on February 14, 1912. To celebrate the Centennial, the Cave Creek Museum invites you to visit between February 11 and 19 for special exhibits that look back 100 years.

In addition, the Museum will open on Centennial day, Tuesday, February 14th, from 1:00 to 7:00 p.m. Please join us for samples of ginger beer (non-alcoholic) and Tootsie Rolls, both of which were available in 1912! Enjoy informative displays that will bring you back to by-gone statehood days.

Antique Appraisal Days

Saturday, January 21
 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

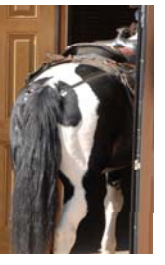
YOU'D HAVE TO BE cuckoo to miss having professional antique appraiser **Sean Morton** provide anecdotal assessments of your treasures!

Join us and learn what Sean has to say about your cherished items as well as those of other participants. Sean has a tremendous knowledge of the history and value of antiques, from readily recognizable to the obscure.

Cost: \$20 per item
 Limit two items per session with unlimited sessions.
First come, first served.

In addition to Antique Appraisals on Saturday, January 21, the Museum will host **Susie & Steve Snider**, who will offer to purchase gold, silver or platinum.

Free Children's Program: 'Miners' Diets'



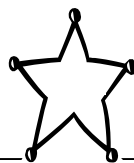
Cowboy Christmas: NOT the "end" of children's programs —see page 5.

NOTE CHANGE OF DATE:
Sunday, January 22
 Learn about area history on from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at
**A Miner's Diet:
 A Good Meal Was Worth
 More Than Gold**

After a long day looking for gold, a miner wanted a hearty meal. What did he have for dinner? Who fixed it?

This program introduces children and their families to the diet and life of the 19th century Cave Creek miner. Taste some miner's cuisine, delight to a blacksmith demonstration, see the miniature Stamp Mill operate, witness the primary crusher for the Golden Reef Stamp Mill crush rocks, and more!

Call to reserve your space—480-488-2764



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~President's Letter~

ENTER 2012! The Museum has many things planned for this coming year, and we hope that you will join us for at least some of the events, if not all!

I just want to mention briefly that 2011 ended on a bad note for me. My one and only email account was hijacked at the beginning of December. It took several weeks to get it up and working properly again. I realized how much I had come to rely on that means of communication. Instead of one email account, I now have five. I need to remember all of the names and passwords. How frustrating! Enough said about emails.

Let's talk about events. Mark your calendar for the exciting things that are planned -

We begin with the Antique Appraisal on Saturday, January 21st. I'll bet you have a relic of some sort whose value you would like to find.

The children come on the next day to learn about how and what miners had to eat after a long day of digging for gold. It's a fun, hands-on experience.

Of course, February brings us our annual Author's month and the celebration of Arizona being 100 years old. See the highlight right next to this letter for the list of great authors will be here on each Saturday in February. And watch for information on what we will be doing for the 100th birthday celebration.

Keep an eye out for details on our Home Tour that will be happening this spring. You'll be able to visit some of the area's outstanding homes.

Check out what is happening at the Museum by visiting us, not just once in the year, but often. Consider becoming one of our docents. We always have need more individuals to be on hand to meet visitors. You can wait until fall to take training or start now and learn by "fire". All you have to do is have a love for history and enjoy talking about it. If I can be a docent, anyone can!

One final event for you to consider, and that is helping during the summer months to put together displays for the new museum season. You might discover a talent you didn't know you had.

Best wishes for a wonderful 2012.

Pam DiPietro

~Your membership supports collections, preservation and educational programming at the Cave Creek Museum.~

Preview of Coming Attractions ! February is Authors' Month

SET ASIDE SATURDAY AFTERNOONS this February to meet local authors who share their Arizona tales in lively, free programs that are sure to be engaging and interesting. Following presentations, enjoy light refreshments and more intimate opportunities to chat with the authors.

Scheduled to present their works are as follows:

- Les Conklin - on Saturday, February 4
- Patrick Grady - on Saturday, February 11
- Becky Burgoyne - on Saturday, February 18
- Philip Waring - Saturday, February 25

Programs begin at 2:00 p.m. Please call the Museum to confirm speakers and to reserve seating.



Remember!
Museum members receive a ten percent discount at the Museum Store.

Cave Creek Museum Store

Start the New Year right with a spree in the Museum Store!

Notice!

THE CAVE CREEK MUSEUM is converting to a new database! Please be patient with us as the conversion and updating continues.

Our new system will be fantastic but will require double-checking on several levels. **Please** report any address changes or corrections to the office as soon as possible.

Second, please email us your email address for our records. We now have capability of keeping email contact info in our new database.

Be assured that your privacy is paramount to us. Your email information will be for Museum use only.

Did you know?....

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Best Wishes to the Cave Creek Museum

Pam and Pete



ONE OF THE BEST DEALS in town, Culture Pass is a free admissions program to such venues as the Heard Museum, Phoenix Art Museum and, of course, the Cave Creek Museum! Passes, good for seven days for two people, are available at a local public library, including the **Desert Foothills Library**, until April 1, 2012. To see a full listing of **FREE** attractions and more, visit: www.theculturepass.org.

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MUSEUM HAUNTINGS

The Museum Ghost is baa-aack.

She says:
 Someone called me an old relic. I think Appraiser Sean Morton would set him straight.....have Sean check out your old things on Antique Appraisal Day, January 21.

Visit our ghost on twitter:
twitter.com/cavecreekghost

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 Find great jewelry and gift ideas at the Museum Store!

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open during Museum hours

NOT-TO-BE-MISSED!

~UPCOMING MUSEUM EVENTS~

★Time to Be Announced in January :
Museum Garage Sale!
 Watch your Email for details!

★Saturday January 21:
 ✦Antique Appraisal Days ✦
 ✦Precious Metal Purchase✦

★Sunday, January 22:
 Children's Program—Miner's Diets

FEBRUARY IS AUTHORS' MONTH

Keep your Saturday afternoons open for free lively programs presented by local authors.

Thanks to all our **Business Members**

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The Goldberg/Stallcup Legacy Part One

LOCAL HISTORY RESEARCH often reveals surprising twists. This story was to be about Chester and Ann Goldberg, Jr. of Carefree.

Chester's great-grandfather, Hyman Goldberg, a merchant, arrived in Phoenix in the mid-1870s. Chester and his wife Ann moved to Carefree in 1982. However, their family roots in the Desert



Foothills area actually began in the late 1920s, when Ann's father and mother, Evan and Mabel Stallcup, moved to Cave Creek, more particularly south of Black Mountain.

The Goldberg/Stallcup legacy to our area is both interesting and substantial.

Let's look at the Stallcup side of the family. While Evan was born in Denver, Colorado in 1890, Mabel was born in Tacoma, Washington five years later. They met in Tacoma where Evan's father (a prominent judge) had moved, believing Denver had no future. Evan went to Stanford and then to Columbia University for his law degree, returning to Tacoma, where he and Mabel married. After service in World War I, they moved to Phoenix in 1919. Evan was an attorney, working for a local title company. He and Mabel bought and sold several properties in the 1920s and 1930s. Their permanent residence con-

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tinued to be in a neighborhood just northwest of McDowell and Central.

On August 6, 1929, Evan Stallcup entered his homesteading application for 640 acres in the Cave Creek area. Between July 17 and August 31, 1929, he was one of 46 to apply for this new area south of Black Mountain, which opened up initially for World War I veterans. His property claim was east of today's Scottsdale Road between Jomax and Dynamite. Family records show that he actually spent considerable time and money in an effort to "prove up." In a letter to the Land Office in Phoenix, Evan stated that he lived there with his family during the following periods: November, 1929 to June 30, 1930; and then November, 1930 to July, 1931. The 1930 Census shows Evan, Mabel and four-year old Evan, Jr. living in Cave Creek. Their home was a small red-wood bungalow. Personal notes attest to indoor plumbing, both a road and bridge being built for access to the home, and a 300-gallon water tank.

During this brief time in Cave Creek, the Stallcups became engaged in the community, for Evan served as School Trustee for a year. He and Mabel had daughters in 1930 and 1932, both born in Phoenix in St. Joseph's Hospital. Later, in 1935, there is a family file with a copy of another letter from Evan to the Land Office, claiming economic hardship and the inability to pay \$800 to purchase the land at \$1.25 an acre. Evan clearly had not met the continuous residency requirement under homestead law and likely wished to simply pay the "commutation" cost but lacked the funds. No other records exist in family files but the Land Office Tract Book contains a

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SPIRALS

SPIRALS ARE ONE of the oldest symbols found at rock art sites throughout the prehistoric world. Different meanings have been given to this design by many people.

One investigator writes that it is an indicator to show the location of water. Another defines it as an indicator of direction of travel.

The spiral petroglyph on the boulder that is featured this month is from the Blue Wash Site. It was found imbedded in the east wall of a room in block I. Only one other petroglyph was found on the site. It is

Artifact of the Month

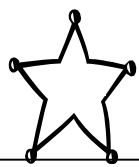


unusual to find rock art on interior walls. This room was possibly a special use place. Two antlered deer skulls were found on the floor of this room.

This petroglyph was created by the direct percussion technique, which means that a harder object (perhaps an antler) was used to strike the rock to create the spiral.

Dating rock art is almost impossible. This spiral is probably is the same age as the ruin which was inhabited periodically from 930 AD through 1450AD.

—Grace Schoonover



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Docent's Corner

CONSIDER THIS MINIMUM SHOPPING LIST for one adult: flour-200 pounds, meat-75 pounds, coffee-15 pounds, sugar-25 pounds, yeast-2 pounds, and salt-10 pounds. Don't forget the citric acid; scurvy isn't any fun.

It's time for a six-month, cross-country, adventure in a "mobile home." The starting point was often, one of several settlements along the Missouri River with Independence, Missouri a favorite two-week staging area. The end point varied except for one common parameter: go West!

Oregon, California, the New Mexico territory (which included present day Arizona) or maybe the Great Salt Lake were life-changing destinations for travelers. From around 1836 through 1869; (the latter date was the initial year for the trans-continental railroad), nearly half-a-million rugged and determined pioneers started this risky 2000 mile-plus journey. Thousands started but didn't finish the westward-trek.

Their home-on-wheels was the Conestoga wagon, also known as the "prairie schooner." The "covered wagon" was the iconic symbol of the tenacious pioneers' spirit defined as "Manifest Destiny"-take the West because it belongs to America!

The Conestoga wagon was developed by Dutch and German settlers (thought to be Mennonites) in the Conestoga Valley, of Pennsylvania, around 1750.



In pre-revolutionary times the wagon was used to haul crops. During the French and Indian War, General Edward Braddock, British Commander-in-Chief of the 13 colonies, utilized a modified Conestoga wagon. A later incarnation was to use it as a freight wagon to open commerce to Pittsburgh and Ohio. For western treks, a smaller and lighter version was made to contend with the continual, axel-breaking terrain.

Four to eight oxen (castrated bulls), in pairs, were called "yokes", and provided the "pulling-power." The smartest and toughest oxen were the "Longhorns." Walking on the front left, driving or steering the oxen, was the teamster or drover who used whip-cracks and verbal commands like "Yee," for right and "Haw," for left, and "Whoa" to stop the sturdy animals.

The Cave Creek Museum is filled with stunning western art. I invite you to see Jasper D'Ambrosi's bronze sculpture called "Way West." It is a thoroughly- researched, magnificent and precise representation of the Conestoga wagon. If you don't experience the Museum's western art, the yoke will be on you!

Kraig Nelson, Docent

(How Pieces Fit continued from page 1)

was Silver Star, Montana, a town that consists of two houses, an antique store and a private mining artifact collector who has about 15 acres of old mining equipment. The owner is an elderly collector named Lloyd Harkin. I had been to his place several times over the years and have established a good working friendship.



APS cranes move stamp segments.

Vacation travels with my wife brought us to Silver Star. Since Lloyd is hard to catch at his house, I called ahead to set up a time to meet. We arrived and were greeted by many barking dogs running free. I stayed in the car and called Lloyd on my phone. After 15 minutes or so he emerged from his home and put the dogs away. I told him what I was interested in and we spent about two hours before we actually got to where his bearings were located.

He only had two bearings that were 4 1/2-inches, not 5-inches. He felt bad about the bearings, but I was used to dead ends. He insisted that I take the bearings and maybe trade them for the correct size. He would not take any money for the bearings.

Our next stop was Virginia City, Nevada, where I met with Chris Kiechler, the owner of the mine. He had just what we needed, so we loaded them into the truck and continued on our vacation.

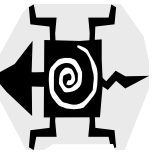


Installation of ore feeder

The bearings had no babbet in the housings, (babbet is a soft metal that is placed in bearing housings to act as a wear agent), but that was not a problem since we have poured babbet on previous bearings, but that is another story...to be continued...

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COWBOY CHRISTMAS 2011 ...
May the fun and wonder of the season carry into 2012 and beyond.
HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Left: "Cowboy Claus" and trusty Dusty make the day merry and bright!

More than 50 children enjoyed an afternoon of holiday fun, games and treats at Cowboy Christmas. Thanks to all the volunteers who gave their time to make the day a success,



If those little kids can do it, so can I!



Right: Diane and Joe Dollison help with Cowboy Christmas activities on December 4.



(The Goldberg/Stallcup Legacy continued from page 3)

notation that Evan's application was cancelled in late 1936.

Evan went on to become the City Manager for Phoenix, lasting only one year, from May of 1936 to May, 1937. He was the 20th City Manager since 1914. Phoenix city managers did not survive in office for long in those early years of the city management form of government. Evan then served as City Water Works Superintendent for a time in 1937 and then resigned to become Assistant City Attorney, where he specialized in annexation. Evan Stallcup died prematurely in December, 1938 of heart problems. Mabel went on to raise their three children by herself and became Governor Sidney Osborn's Secretary in 1941 (the Stallcups had been close friends with the Osborns), serving for him and four other Arizona governors over the next 24 years. Mabel Stallcup passed away in July of 1965. Her two daughters currently live in Glendale and Carefree.

NOTE: Read more about the contributions of Chester and Ann Goldberg to life in the Desert Foothills in the February, 2012 issue of the "Nuggets."

Patrick Grady, Historian

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