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January Meeting

Wed January 8, 2025 7:00 PM

Meeting Location: Heritage Heights Clubhouse, 3030 E. Mission Dr, Phoenix

General Information: Meetings are held every month, except July and August, on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm.

VISITORS & GUESTS are always invited!

Loss Of A Member

We have received word that longtime member Anne Colton passed away in November of this year. Anne and her husband Earl were two of the original members of our club, when it was a club of bottle diggers. Anne was 89 years old, and she and Earl are married for 69 years. No services or gatherings are scheduled.

Anne, we miss you.

PABCC is a proud member of the Federation of Historical Bottle Collectors since 1966

January Program

Please note that the January meeting will be held January 8

Russ Kazmierczak, Jr., a cartoonist who publishes Amazing Arizona Comics will be our guest presenter in January. Mr. Kazmierczak is also a fan of The Monkees musical group from the late 1960s, and he collects Monkees memorabilia. The Monkees, featuring Davy, Michael, Peter and Micky, was a pop/rock band that started as a fictional band for a TV show, but then legitimately contributed dozens of singles and 9 LPs during the 1960s. You might as well admit it, you know the words and can sing along to at least five Monkees songs. Your Auntie Grizelda knows what I'm talking about. Valleri, I'm a Believer in Pleasant Valley Sundays, and I'm also a Daydream Believer, but I'm Not Your Steppin' Stone!



Dig out your Monkees collectibles for the next meeting!



REFRESHMENT VOLUNTEERS

January—Lauren Kormylo and Lesley Moosman

February—Kristine Hubbard and Bob Temarantz

March—Open

Please contact Lisa Helm if you are able to contribute snacks at an upcoming meeting.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

January 2025

A happy post Merry Christmas to all. Hope everybody enjoyed your Christmas holiday and Santa came through with something good for your collection. Just want to wish everyone a happy collecting New Year. Speaking of New Year's Day we will not meet on the first Wednesday of January but will see you on the 8th instead. We can look in earnest for our upcoming PABCC show in February.

I came across some recent auction results which may interest you. Heritage actioned off a pair of Ruby Slippers which Judy Garland wore in The Wizard of Oz. The pair is one of four known. Pre auction estimate was between two and three million dollars. They sold for \$28 million dollars plus the buyer's fee of \$4.5 million totaling \$32.5 million dollars!

Another auction featured a small plain-looking silver coin minted in Boston, MA in 1652, a Massachusetts threepence coin weighing just 1.1 grams. The coin only says NE (for New England) on the front and III on the reverse. It was found in an old piece of furniture and sold for \$2,520,000.



Looking forward to seeing you on the 8th.

Bob Temarantz, President
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Looking Ahead

Wow! It's Home Tour Season coming up! See below for dates and times for historic neighborhood home tours, some of which have not held a tour in two years or longer.

Jan 4 Thieves Market 18401 N 32nd St 8am-2pm thievesmarketvintageflea.com

Jan 8 PABCC Regular Monthly Meeting Heritage Heights Clubhouse 7pm **(note the date change)**

Jan 19-22 Sweet Salvage 10am-6pm each day sweetsalvage.net

Feb 16 Willo Historic Neighborhood Home Tour & Street Fair 10am-5pm willophx.com/home-tour/

Feb 21-22 PABCC Annual Show & Sale North Phoenix Baptist Church 2pm-6pm Friday, 8:30am-3:30pm Saturday

Feb 23 2025 Coronado Historically Modern Home Tour & Street Fair 10am-4pm thecoronadoneighborhood.com

Mar 16 Encanto-Palmcroft Historic Neighborhood Home Tour 2025 www.encantopalmcroft.org

Apr 25-27 Junk In The Trunk Vintage Market Westworld of Scottsdale junkinhetrunkvintagemarket.com

Please contact me if you know of an event that could or should be listed here.

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December Holiday Dinner



Presidents Table



Chow Time

Merry Christmas!



Ready for the Gifts to be distributed



December Holiday Gifts



Mistress of Ceremonies



Something For Everyone



Lesley and Fred went home with some good stuff.



A big Thank You to Karen and Rick Hopwood for the year-long project of searching out our gifts for this season. Well done, you two!

480 Year Old Cannons Found in Arizona

Article by Lauren Kormylo

A bronze cannon, believed to be from the expedition of Francisco Vazquez de Coronado, was found by archaeologist Deni Seymour in southern Arizona along the Santa Cruz River, near Nogales. The 42 inch long, 40 lb. cannon is the oldest firearm ever found in the continental US. It was discovered in 2020 on the floor of an eroded adobe and stone structure in what was known as the Spanish settlement of San Geronimo III. It is the first gun ever found from the Coronado expedition. The discovery excited archaeologists and has rewritten the history of the route of the expedition.

The goal of the 1539-1542 expedition was to discover the famed Seven Cities of Cibola, legendary for its riches of gold. Vazquez led more than 2500 Spanish soldiers and natives north from Mexico through what is now the American Southwest and up to present-day Kansas. He never found the riches he sought, only Pueblo villages which he looted. The site of the cannon, San Geronimo III, was a temporary Spanish settlement that was eventually attacked and overrun in 1541 by the native Sobaipuri O'odham people, whose direct descendants are the Tohono O'odham at San Xavier.



This cannon, also called a wall gun, had a range of 700 yards and could breach adobe or wooden walls with lead balls or buckshot as ammunition. The absence of black powder residue in the cannon's barrel shows that it was probably never fired. Through radiocarbon dating and because of the plain and crude design, researchers believe it may have been sand cast as early as 1500-1520 in Mexico. Other artifacts found at the San Geronimo III site include olive jars, pottery, broken swords, daggers, fishhooks, chain mail armor, a horseshoe and spur, and parts of copper vessels.

Archaeologist Seymour has kept the exact location of the find a secret but gave a presentation to the public showing a large photo of the cannon. A few members of the audience told her that they had found a similar one 13 years previously, but had thought it was mining equipment. They took her to it, and she confirmed its validity as a Coronado artifact. Then in March of this year, a third cannon was found by Seymour's team at the same San Geronimo III site, but this one had definitely been used in battle. All 3 cannons were not made particularly well, but this one had a very off-center bore which caused the metal to be thinner on one side. It blew up in use, likely destroying the structure it was fired from.

The Spaniards were brutal to the native Sobaipuri O'odham, causing them to attack the few hundred Spaniards in San Geronimo III in the fall of 1541, killing many in their sleep. One account says that there were only 6 Spanish survivors, who then fled the area. This was the first time that Native Americans defeated the Spanish in North America, and no European expeditions returned to southern Arizona for 140 years.

The Phoenix Antiques, Bottles & Collectibles Club wishes you health and happiness for the coming year and beyond. Join us at a meeting soon; we can't wait to hear your stories!

