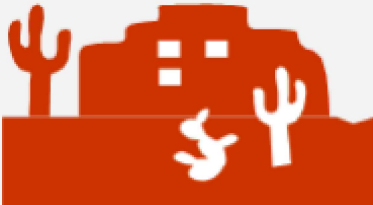


# A—Z COLLECTOR

## November 2024

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## November Meeting

Wed November 6, 2024 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!**

### **(Member) Vendor Contract for 2025 PABCC Show and Sale**

The vendor contract/application for PABCC club members for the 2025 Show is once again found on the last two pages of this newsletter. Club members get the first opportunity to purchase table space before the room is opened to non-members very soon, so hurry to get this in to Betty Hartnett if you want to display at the show in February.

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

## **November Program**

In November our speaker will be Lisa Hegarty, Executive Director of the PW Litchfield Heritage Center. She will talk about the museum and discuss the history of Paul Litchfield in Arizona. Paul Litchfield was the first CEO of Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co., and is credited as the founder of the towns of Goodyear and Litchfield Park. We are honored to have Ms. Hegarty attend our meeting and appreciate her insights of the history of the southwest Valley.

## **December Holiday Dinner**

Our annual Holiday Potluck Dinner will be happening as usual at the Heritage Heights Clubhouse, Wednesday December 4. Please note that the festivities begin at **6:30 pm**, earlier than the typical meeting time. Lisa Helm (Hospitality Director) will be out of town for the November meeting but would like to remind everyone to sign up for your participation. If you plan to attend and haven't signed up by Nov 26, please call/text/email Lisa (602-999-9959, [hlh51@aol.com](mailto:hlh51@aol.com)). She would also like to know how many people are in your group. Mark your calendar!

## **January Program**

In January we are excited to welcome Russ Kazmierczak, Jr., a cartoonist who publishes Amazing Arizona Comics; Mr. Kazmierczak is also a fan of The Monkees musical group from the 1960s, and he collects Monkees memorabilia. The Monkees, most of us will remember, was a pop/rock band that started as a fictional band for a TV show. As a legitimate band they released 10 albums from 1966 to 1976, and in 1967 sold more records than The Beatles and The Rolling Stones combined!

## **REFRESHMENT VOLUNTEERS**

November—Liz Gordon and Seth Carroll

December—Club Holiday Potluck Dinner

January—

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



# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

November 2024

Hello to the PABACC family members:

Appreciate everyone who attended our October meeting. We had a club record 50/50 raffle totaling \$30. Hope you had a good month of October collecting and adding to your collections. I did. Some Native American items, a couple of vintage knives and a "good for" trade token from Bonita, Arizona. Bonita is a near ghost town about 20 miles from Safford. Bonita is where Billy the Kid "did in" his first victim, allegedly by self defense.

The heat appears to finally be leaving us so anticipate seeing you at our November 6th meeting. Our (tentative) speaker will be from the P.W. Litchfield Heritage Center to speak on the rich & unique history of the southwest Valley.

Bob Temarantz, President  
nmtokens@gmail.com



## Looking Ahead .....

Nov 2 Thieves Market 18401 N 32nd St (parking lot of PV Community College) 8am-2pm [thievesmarketvintageflea.com](http://thievesmarketvintageflea.com)

Nov 6 PABCC Regular Monthly Meeting, Heritage Heights Clubhouse 7pm

Nov 10 Antique Gatherings Parking Lot Sale 10615 N 32nd St

Nov 21-24 Sweet Salvage 4648 N 7th Ave 10am-6pm [sweetsalvage.net/](http://sweetsalvage.net/)

Dec 4 PABCC Holiday Dinner Heritage Heights Clubhouse **6:30 pm**

Dec 7 F.Q. Story Home Tour 11am-7pm [www.fqstoryhometour.org](http://www.fqstoryhometour.org)

Dec 14 Thieves Market 18401 N 32nd St (**note the date change**) 8am-2pm [thievesmarketvintageflea.com](http://thievesmarketvintageflea.com)

*Please contact me if you know of an event that should be listed here.*  
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# Minutes from the October Meeting

PABCC – October 2, 2024

Call To Order and Pledge Of Allegiance – Bob Temarantz, President

Members in attendance: 21

New members/guests: Tom Barnes. He enjoys collecting coin-operated machines and stamps. He rebuilds Coca Cola and various types of gum dispensing machines. He owns a business called “Coin Drop Shop.”

## Committee Reports

SECRETARY: Kristine Hubbard read highlights from September's meeting minutes.

TREASURER: Jackie Gustafson provided the Treasurer's Report.

TRIPS: Lauren Kormylo reminded members of a PABCC day trip on November 18 to the Arizona Commemorative Air Force Museum. The museum is located at the Falcon Field Airport, 2017 N. Greenfield Rd., in Mesa. Admission is \$15 per person. The tour will begin at 10am. Lauren will be selecting a location nearby for lunch following the tour. Currently 16 members have signed up.

NEWSLETTER: Donald Holmes requested that club members continue submitting articles for future newsletters.

SHOW: Betty Hartnett reported that contracts are available to members for the 42nd annual PABCC Show & Sale to be held February 21-22 at North Phoenix Baptist Church. Non-members will be able to apply in mid November. There will be a limit of 3 tables per dealer.

HOSPITALITY: Lisa Helm thanked Karen and Rick Hopwood, George Paulson, Bob Temarantz, and Lesley Moosman for providing refreshments for the meeting. Lisa also passed around a sign-up sheet for the Holiday Potluck that's scheduled for December 4 at 6:30pm.

PUBLICITY/WEBSITE: Patty George had nothing new to report.

GIFTS: Karen Hopwood reported that the holiday gift buying was almost complete. Next year, Jerry and Patty George will take over the holiday gift-buying responsibilities.

PROGRAMS: The club is still in need of a program director.

## Unfinished Business

DATE CHANGE: The first meeting of 2025 will be on January 8 at the Clubhouse.

## New Business

OCTOBER PROGRAM: Jerry and Patty George gave an interesting presentation on Carnation brand. Jerry's grandfather worked for Carnation, which inspired him to begin collecting memorabilia from the 125 year old company. Jerry's extensive collection featured housewares, accessories, and advertisements from the original canned milk brand.

## Show & Tell

Betty Hartnett, Seth Carroll, Ed Dobbins, Steffany and John Knirsch, Donald Holmes, Lisa Helm, Lesley Moosman and Dave Carr all shared new finds/collectibles.

## Raffle & 50/50

Raffle item winners were George Paulson, Betty Hartnett, Steffany Knirsch and Jerry George. Patty George was the winner of the 50/50 raffle.

## Announcements/Reminders

- Nov 2 Thieves Market, PV Community College parking lot 8am-2pm
- Nov 6 PABCC regular monthly meeting, Heritage Heights Clubhouse 7pm
- Nov 16 PABCC day trip to the Arizona Commemorative Air Force Museum in Mesa 10am
- Dec 7 F.Q. Story Home Tour 11am-7pm

Minutes recorded and submitted by Kristine Hubbard, Secretary.



## October Program

Patty and Jerry George entertained us with the Carnation Dairy story, and specifically the history of Carnation Dairy in Arizona. Jerry's grandfather worked for Carnation Dairy, and he left them a few very nice collector items which they brought for display. Thank you Patty and Jerry for sharing.



Mirrored Ad



Pocket protectors and awards, and a near perfect child's cardboard Indian headdress



Carnation milk is the best in the land  
Here I sit with a can in my hand  
No teats to pull, no hay to pitch  
Just punch two holes in the son-of-a-bitch



Ashtray and playing cards



Milkman's hat





# October Show & Tell



Vintage post cards from Betty. She says such items are becoming quite scarce, and valuable!



Steffany brought in this piece of family mourning jewelry, a ring containing woven hair but unfortunately no engraving to help trace the history.



Bob's skull lantern from the 1950s



Donald found this 1950s RC Cola bottle in a long-abandoned farm field near Picacho.



John added to his Borden collection when he found this milk bottle in a Globe antique store. The bottle dates to 1945.



Lesley's spooky items include vintage fine children's literature and a colorful scary pterodactyl.



Seth's recent acquisition is this beautiful custard glass toothpick holder, proclaiming Douglas, AZ as The Smelter City, July 4 1908.



This PET milk can opener, contributed by Lisa, would punch those two holes in the pesky evaporated milk cans. She also has milk bottles from two Tucson dairies.



Ed now collects plates such as this from the Tovrea Stockyard Café, the precursor to The Stockyards Restaurant.



Dave showed and told about this kerosene railroad torch from Pennsylvania Railroad (late 1800s), a jar from Woodbury Glass Co. with an unusual closure ca. 1880-1890, and a great Dutch Onion Bottle from the late 1700s.



Raffle Items

# Desert Dioramas of the Landscape View Company

by Ed Dobbins



For years I have searched shops for vintage Arizona desert diorama wall art. At one time examples could be found in local antique stores although the framed scenes have become scarcer in the past few years. I was aware they were made in Tucson, likely in the 1950s, but had little other information on them until the recent publication of the book *In the Name of Saguaros* by William L. Bird, Jr.

Bird relates that the dioramas were created and marketed as decorative souvenirs for the home by Guy Wellington Knauff and family in Tucson. The Knauffs operated as the Landscape View Company and began making the items after arriving in the state in 1933. Their dioramas displayed natural desert grasses and cacti made of clay and wire. A painted curved piece of cardboard background gave the scene a sense of depth.

Guy's widow Mary sold the company in 1956 to Homecrafters of Tucson, an Easter Seals sponsored venture that employed physically disabled workers. By this time, the Knauff family was estimated to have produced 80,000 dioramas that sold in stores locally and by mail throughout the United States and several other countries. I have not been able to find information on how long Homecrafters continued to make the desert scenes.

The Knauff dioramas typically portrayed a road winding through the desert toward a mountain range that often looked very much like the Santa Catalinas. Despite the overall similar look, scenes varied in the details of plant selection, plant placement, and background mountains. Because they were handmade, no two were identical. The views were enclosed behind glass and held together with a saguaro rib frame. At least five sizes of dioramas ranging from 6 to 19.5 inches in length were made. A sticker describing the materials used to make the scenes and patent information was attached to the back.

I have encountered only three dioramas that portrayed scenes different than the standard road through the desert view. One was simply a variation that depicted the desert at night under a full moon. The other two were a view of 'A Mountain' in Tucson and an image of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane. As of a few years ago, prices for the Landscape View Company dioramas ranged between \$40 and \$150 depending on size and condition.





## Upcoming Club Trip to The Commemorative Air Force Museum

Join us for our club day trip to The Commemorative Air Force Museum - Airbase AZ at 10:00AM on Saturday Nov. 16, located at **2017 N. Greenfield Rd, Mesa** (cross street is McKellips, at Falcon Field.) The website for the museum is [www.azcaf.org](http://www.azcaf.org).

We'll see rare vintage military aircraft and exhibits including Tuskegee Airmen, Doolittle Raider, WASPS, and a Huey UH-1B helicopter. We will also go inside the working maintenance hangar where they do restoration. That day there will also be a military vehicle show on the grounds and in the museum, although our tour will be just for the aircraft.

Admission for our guided tour is \$15 per person, and it will last approximately 1.5 hours. The maximum is 20 people per tour, and we have room for 2 more members as of now. After the tour, we'll meet for lunch at **Vito's Pizza & Italian Ristorante, 1947 N Lindsay Rd, Mesa**. Please get to the museum early and allow extra time for parking since it may be a little more crowded with the military vehicle show that day. We'll need to be ready for the tour right at 10am. Please sign up with Lauren by the November meeting if you'd like to go. Lauren's email address is [owl4343@msn.com](mailto:owl4343@msn.com).



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## Magician's Spirit Photograph Scares Up High Price

From Kovel's Komments Oct 23, 2024



A sepia-tone albumen print shows a man sitting in an ornate chair, a book in his hands, facing a ghostly shrouded figure. Is it a Victorian spirit photograph? Proof of the supernatural? No, it's one of the many great tricks by magician [Ricky Jay](#) (1946-2018), whose personal collection of over 10,000 items relating to magic, confidence games, and entertainment history sold in a series at Potter & Potter Auctions. This photograph was a highlight of the August 17 auction, the third and final in the series, where it shattered expectations by selling for \$9,000 against a high presale estimate of \$4,000.

Ricky Jay had a long, celebrated career as a magician, first performing on television in 1953 when he was seven. He went on to perform at venues as varied as comedy clubs and rock concerts, building a reputation for his skill as a performer and his expertise in the history of stage magic and related entertainment. A 1993 *New Yorker* profile called him "perhaps the most gifted sleight-of-hand artist alive." He was also an actor and, through his firm Deceptive Practices, provided practical effects for many film and stage productions. He wrote eleven books on the history of stage magic, lectured at universities and museums, and exhibited material from his collections.

His collections included many antique books and ephemera related to magic, circuses, and other stage entertainment, but the photograph was much more recent. The man in the photograph is Mr. Jay himself, and the shrouded figure is described as a "Circassian Spirit." The Circassians are an ethnic group originating in the North Caucasus region of Europe. P.T. Barnum displayed women he claimed to be "Circassian Beauties" in his shows.

The photograph was taken (and signed) by [Stephen Berkman](#), who, like Ricky Jay, keeps antique arts alive—or undead, as the case may be. Mr. Berkman specializes in nineteenth-century photographic techniques, often involving strange subjects or illusions. Spirit photography emerged in the Victorian era, combining new photography technology with popular spiritualist beliefs. Early photography required the subject to sit perfectly still. Any movement would result in a ghostly translucent image.

Camera technology has advanced since the 1800s, but spirit photography still has appeal, as photographs like this one show. If you would like to create your own ghostly illusions, National Parks at Night has a [guide to spirit photography](#) with modern equipment.

## Memorial Service for Robert "Bob" Luffman November 14, 2024

Peace Lutheran Church  
10 am Celebration of Life  
11 am Lunch reception  
18265 N 89th Ave Peoria AZ 85383  
<https://maps.app.goo.gl/aL6GckXxQyQdWKbr8>

Link for Memorial Service Livestream  
[Peace Lutheran Church AZ - YouTube](#)

National Veterans Memorial Cemetery  
1 pm Military Honors  
Interment of Bob and JoAn Luffman  
2929 E Pinnacle Peak Rd Phoenix AZ 85024  
<https://maps.app.goo.gl/qykMiiZHx6v5z1kz7>



## This Infamous Sports Jersey Just Became the Most Valuable Sports Collectible Sold at Auction

by Vittoria Benzine August 26, 2024, artnet news



Baseball behemoth Babe Ruth has earned yet another accolade. This weekend, the jersey that the 'Sultan of Swat' purportedly wore during his fabled 'called shot' of the 1932 World Series sold for \$24.12 million with Heritage Auctions, making it the most valuable sports collectible in the world—and shattering records set by Michael Jordan's 1998 NBA finals jersey for the most expensive game-worn gear ever sold, and by a 1952 Mickey Mantle Topps Rookie card for the most expensive sports collectible of all time. Both previous records were set in 2022. Heritage Auctions was behind the gavel-smashing Mantle.

Ruth was the most important athlete of his era. He had a penchant for showmanship that paved the way for successors like Muhammad Ali. The slugger's 714 home runs between 1914 and 1935 set a league record which the Atlanta Braves' Henry "Hank" Aaron only broke in 1974.



The mythology surrounding Ruth's 'called shot' home run during the 1932 World Series, however, transcended baseball. That year's championship was highly contentious. The Cubs taunted Ruth mercilessly as he stepped up to the plate during game three (of four.) With a count of two balls and two strikes, legend has it that Ruth looked at his opponents' dugout, gestured to center field, and claimed he was about to hit a home run right there—then promptly did.

The papers latched onto Ruth's 'called shot.' He confirmed the story several times, too. But, the only concrete evidence that this all happened is a home video that someone in the crowd shot without sound. It's not clear who Ruth was really talking to, or what he said, before hitting the home run. Ruth's stardom, however, fixed the moment in history.

A release from Heritage Auctions says Ruth held onto the jersey from that game until the 1940s, when he gave it to a golfing buddy. That recipient passed it along to their daughter, who sold it for six figures in the 1990s to "an early sports auction pioneer." Then, that buyer sold the jersey immediately to an anonymous collector, who consigned the jersey again in 2005, when it was put up for sale as only "attributed to" the 'called shot.' It sold for \$940,000.

Heritage Auctions owes this weekend's astronomical price—reportedly achieved after a six hour bidding war—to several assessments stating this jersey was, in fact, the one Ruth wore during the 'called shot.' Debate around that claim's veracity have dogged the garment. The first authenticator that the New Jersey-based consignor contacted in 2019 couldn't provide a conclusive confirmation, but MeiGray and PSA offered subsequent claims by photo matching the jersey's button placements and embroidered letters, as well as a small stain.

*Thank you to Bob Temarantz for finding and submitting this article*

