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2021 Officers

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Michelle Lovato

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Carol Wiley

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Mary Dutro

Julia Jackson

Jack Magro

Mike Phillips

Rick Schmidt

Future Meetings / Fieldtrips

Feb. 27 Lone Wolf Colony

Mar 27 Hesperia Museum

Apr 22 Zen Center

May 27 AV Curiosities

Jun 24 Monument Tour

WELCOME!

New Members

Patricia Brander

James Fenelon

Leslie Irving

Ramona Muldoon

Tom Pinard

All Annual Members paid up in 2020 are carried over to December 2021.

President's Corner

Greetings MHS members. The 2021 MHS board is now sworn in and legal. The outdoor ceremony on the grounds of the Apple Valley Inn worked out well. We got lucky on the weather, and Mary Dutro was back at her job selling books! Other MHS volunteers that made the day a success were Roger Morgan, Stormie Reid, Bryan Taylor, VP Michelle Lovato, and Director Mike Phillips. In addition to the 8 officers being installed, 14 others attended the ceremony, the Honorable Honorary Mayor of Oro Grande added a display, one new member signed up, \$180 worth of merchandise was sold, and 23 people signed up for the fieldtrip to Camp Cajon Jan. 23.

Business items of interest to members:

1. We will most likely not be resuming meetings at the Redeemer Church. They have done extensive remodeling, and the meeting room may not be available to outside groups. If this pandemic ever ends, we will probably have a new indoor meeting place.
2. The MHS By-laws and Policies & Procedures, last updated in 2015, have been revised and brought up to date by board members Rick Schmidt, Mike Phillips, Marcy Taylor, and Mary Dutro with advice from Past President Jim Mustra. Some important, but previously omitted, procedures such as book sales and insurance requirements have been added, as well as wording to reflect "unforeseen circumstances," such as we are experiencing now. Copies will be distributed by email to members who receive The Muse electronically. Paper copies are on hand at the Apple Valley Legacy Museum during open hours Mon. through Sat. 10-4 and Sunday 12-6:00, as well as at the general membership meeting at the Lone Wolf Colony Sat. Feb. 27. Passage depends on a 2/3 vote of members present. Email votes of "yea" or "nay" may also be sent to mltaylor@gmail.com by Monday Feb. 22.
3. At the January meeting, the MHS board voted to apply the money paid to the Lone Wolf Colony for the 30 dinners that were to be served at the cancelled Christmas event, to an outdoor picnic lunch following the Feb. 27 tour of the Lone Wolf Colony and Bell Telephone Museum. Since we paid for 30 meals, they will have 30 meals available. Many people said not to worry about refunding money, but you can indeed request a refund if you are unable to attend Feb. 27. If you consider your \$15 a donation, I'm sure someone on the trip will be happy to eat! Itinerary: MHS meeting 10-10:30, Tour of the grounds 10:30-11:30, Telephone Museum 11:30-12:00, Lunch at 12:00. Times are approximate.
4. Many Membership Directories have been picked up. Some people have requested theirs be mailed. Unclaimed copies can be picked up at the AV Legacy Museum or at the spring meetings / fieldtrips. Some corrections have been made. Please change Carol Wiley's phone number to read 8734, not 8737.
5. The Mohave Historical Society Monument Booklet is in the works. A group of devoted members saw the importance of identifying some of the many monuments

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that have been placed over the years, per our stated purpose. The booklet was developed and written by Marcy Taylor, formatted and printed by Michelle Lovato, with helpful advice, input, historical background information, and even a few photos from Fran Elgin, John Marnell and Stormie Reid. We will likely schedule our June meeting as a driving fieldtrip to most of the monument sites. Participants will be provided with a location map. The full booklet with photos and documentation will sell for \$5.00.

6. The Apple Valley Legacy Museum held a successful book and collectibles sale last July on the museum porch following COVID-19 guidelines. The MHS installation last Thursday included three MHS tables, one for book sales, one for fieldtrip sign-ups, and another for information and memberships. So, why not combine the two? At the Jan. board meeting, the MHS was invited and agreed to join the President's Day weekend Vintage Collectibles porch sale Feb. 13, 14, and 15. It will include a raffle and silent auction, results to be determined at 3:00 Sunday. We've been lucky on the weather so far. Will we be lucky again? See the flyer for further information.
7. Thanks to our friends at the Mojave River Valley Museum for including our Camp Cajon fieldtrip info in the Jan. issue of Desert Tailings. You guys are the best!

We will look forward to seeing many of you at our outdoor social distancing events this spring.

Marcy

2021 MHS Board Sworn in.



Therese Moore
Correspondence
Secretary

Jack Magro
Director 2

Julia Jackson
Director 4

Mike Phillips
Director 3

Marcy Taylor
President

Mary Dutro
Director 1

Carol Wiley
Treasurer

Michelle Lovato
Vice President

Rick Schmidt
Director 5

Our mask-wearing social distancing installation ceremony of the 2021 Mohave Historical Society (MHS) Board of Directors was held on the grounds of the Historic Apple Valley Inn, Thursday January 7 at 1:30 P.M. And did we ever get lucky on the weather! Doing the honors of swearing in the board was MHS member Bryan Taylor.

Director #1 - **Mary Dutro** has held her position longer than anyone in the history of MHS. She sells the books and keeps very accurate records. She will continue in her position for another three years 2021-2023.

Director #2 - **Jack Magro** is starting the second year of his three-year term 2019-2021. Before the shut-down he assisted in several capacities at general meetings, and is currently responsible for picking up the mail.

Director #3 - **Mike Phillips** has two more years on his term 2020-2022. He has the time-consuming job of writing, producing, and distributing the monthly newsletter.

Director #4 - **Julia Jackson** is returning to the board with a term of 2021-2023. She has been instrumental in working in the MHS history room at Victor Valley College (VVC) until the shut-down.

Director #5 - **Rick Schmidt**, prior Recording Secretary, is returning to the board as a Director for the year 2021. In addition, he has joined the Camp Cajon Committee as the MHS representative. He also has dedicated many hours to working in the MHS history room at VVC.

Treasurer - **Carol Wiley** is new to our board but not new to non-profits. She previously served as Treasurer of the Sierra Club. We are happy to welcome Carol to the MHS board.

Corresponding Secretary - **Therese Moore** is returning for a second year. She takes care of Thank-Yous' and other correspondence, and recently developed our Membership Directory.

Vice-President - **Michelle Lovato** is also new to the board, but not new to local history. Her term runs 2021-2022. She is the author of "Images of America: Apple Valley," which we sell, and is already working on another publication for us, the MHS Monuments Booklet. We are happy to welcome Michelle to the board.

President - **Marcy Taylor**, former Vice President, is finishing out the 2020-2021 term of President vacated in September. She previously served as Corresponding Secretary for six years.

Marcy would like to thank the following MHS members for helping to make the day a success: Michelle Lovato doing the check-in, Mary Dutro selling books, Stormie Reid handling fieldtrip sign-ups, Roger Morgan manning the museum, Mike Phillips taking photos as usual, and Bryan Taylor for swearing us all in and photographing the new board.



MHS members socially distancing and registering for the January 2021 meeting and the 2021 MHS Officers Oath of Office ceremony.

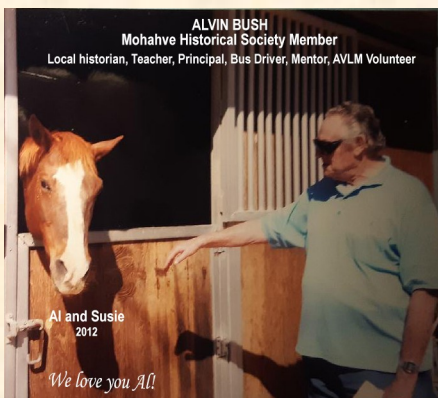


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Book Sales Corner with Mary Dutro



VP Michelle Lovato and President Marcy Taylor
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Tribute to Al Bush By Marcy Taylor

Many of you have probably read about long-time Mohahve Historical Society member, Apple Valley pioneer, and local historian, Al Bush, in "Mohahve 6," a MHS publication. An Oct. 15, 2009 interview, conducted by Fran Elgin, and Nick and Phyllis Lamb, entitled "Al Bush: Bus Driver, Custodian, Teacher, and Principal," touts Al as an important figure in Apple Valley School District's history.

Al came to Apple valley in 1953 when he was hired to teach 6th grade at the Apple Valley School, now Yucca Loma School. At that time there were 2000 people living in Apple Valley, with 200 students in grades K-6. Al served as teacher, principal, bus driver, and custodian, sometimes all at the same time. During his tenure with the district, Al was an amazing mentor, taking his students on exciting fieldtrips to experience science and history firsthand.

Al and his son Robert Bush were dedicated MHS members, always attending meetings and fieldtrips. Al was a founding member of the Apple Valley Historical Committee, helping to record and preserve the unique history of the Town. He was instrumental in the development of the Historic Points of Interest booklet, and placing markers on designated properties.

When the Apple Valley Legacy Museum was preparing to open in 2015, Al was right there, serving as historian on the advisory board. He was invaluable in training volunteers and educating visitors, often providing the answers to questions of historical significance. He was a father figure, lending his wisdom at volunteer meetings and community events. He was also handy with tools, as we learned when we took apart an old adobe building with wonderful salvagable doors and windows. Al volunteered every Tuesday morning for several years until he felt it was time to give up driving and move to Sterling Inn.

In the four years that he resided there, Al continued educating those around him, including staff and visitors, with his knowledge of local history. He even attended a few MHS board meetings, and one of Leo Lyman's book signings, held at the facility.

On October 25, 2020, we lost a true friend and Victor Valley pioneer. R.I. P. Al. Due to the pandemic, there was no formal funeral, but the immediate family held a small memorial the following week. For more information, visit [Alvin Bush Memorial](http://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/victorville-ca/alvin-bush-9867214) www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/victorville-ca/alvin-bush-9867214



Mohahve Historical Society Apple Valley Legacy Museum Books and Collectibles Sale!

Presidents Day Weekend - Feb. 13, 14, 15

**Apple Valley Inn - 28681 Highway 18, Cottage #153
Sat. Sun. Mon. 12:00PM - 4:00PM**



**Roy Rogers/Dale Evans Originals
Local History Books
Route 66 Collectibles**

Raffle & Silent Auction

Ongoing all 3 days / Results Mon. 3:00pm

**Museum will be open for visits all days following
social distancing guidelines.**

For further info, call (760) 985-1918

**Antique Tractors & Engines
Display on Sunday**

Vintage AV Ranchos Items

Carl Cambridge's Indian Museum Heritage Lives On By Marcy Taylor



Carl Cambridge, an Apple Valley pioneer, arrived in 1940 and became a dairy farmer. After his retirement in 1961, he curated his own Indian Museum in the family home on Bear Valley, just east of Apple Valley Rd. There he displayed the many Native American artifacts he had collected, educating locals, tourists, and students about their culture and way of life. He was instrumental in the formation of the Mohave Historical Society, becoming the Charter President in 1964.

Carl's grandson, Robert (Bob) Cambridge, a current MHS member, gave a wonderful PowerPoint presentation to the organization the spring of 2019, complete with a large display of artifacts from the original museum. He graciously donated a large part of his grandfather's collection to the Mojave River Valley Museum in Barstow, to be housed in their soon-to-be-built new section. Just before Christmas Bob surprised the volunteers at the Apple Valley Legacy Museum by donating a large (and heavy) collection of mortars and pestles, metates and manos, along with a large supply of corn for grinding. Visitors can try their hand at grinding the corn into flour to make cornbread or tortillas the Native American way. In addition, he donated an interesting basketful of shiny black obsidian stones, from which volunteer Jason Schmidt painstakingly carved a bird point arrowhead and a skinning knife blade, using only the other pieces of obsidian as tools. Obsidian, not local to the desert, was obtained by trading goods with northern tribes.



So come to the Apple Valley Legacy Museum soon to check out our new displays and grind some corn.

Our three-day special President's weekend collectibles porch sale,

February 13, 14, and 15
12:00pm - 4:00pm

would be an opportune time.

However, since we are open seven days a week, come on by anytime Mon. through Sat. 10-4:00 or Sun. 12-6:00. Call 760-985-1918 for more info.



In Memoriam

Another one of our long time members and past officer has passed on. Lorena Gragg passed away 1-27-2021 in Bullhead City AZ.

Lorena was Treasurer for many years and was active in other MHS activities including cooking for the annual Christmas dinner. She always wore a smile and loved field trips. Some of her favorite field trips involved visiting petroglyph sites, hot springs and fishing. She was a member of and involved with the Searles Valley Historical Society. She was a volunteer cook at the Hesperia VFW and enjoyed attending festivities at the VFW. She enjoyed photography while on field trips and other outings she participated in. Lorena will be missed by many friends and family that enjoyed her company and sense of humor.



Lorena placing rock at Traveler's Monument on Mojave Road