



**February 10, 2026**

**Roundup Foreman's Trumpet**  
**Gary Smith**

**March 5**, at 7 p.m., at Schieffelin Hall, **Mike Anderson** will present **The History of Lowell**. Lowell was once a large community with a fine shopping district. Between 1950 and 1976 much of it disappeared into the Lavender Pit. Today the rest is threatened by rising copper prices.

**MIKE  
ANDERSON**  
**HISTORY  
OF LOWELL**



There will be an optional no host pre-meeting **dinner 5:30 at the Longhorn Restaurant** on Allen Street. The public and guests are welcome.

**April 2** - "Geography and Politics in New Mexico and Arizona Economic Ties, 1750-1870" by Dawn Santiago

**May 7** – "Murder Spree: The Tragic Lives of Mark and Effie Lamb" by Craig McEwan

**June 4** – "B.A. Packard" by Cindy Hayostek

**Recorder of Marks & Brands**  
**Jean Smith**

**Friday, March 13**  
**9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**  
**TOMBSTONE FESTIVAL OF**  
**WESTERN BOOKS**

**Tell your friends. Spread the word!**

**Authors Participating:**

- Ajamie-Boyer, Elizabeth Phoenix
- Archuleta, Mark Green Valley
- Bernfeld, Betsy Wilson, Wy
- Bever, Michelle Tombstone
- Boyer, Timothy J. Phoenix
- Brown, Joe Albuquerque
- Cleere, Jan Oro Valley
- Courtney, Bradley Prescott
- De Haas, David San Juan Capistrano
- Enss, Chris Grass Valley, CA
- Earp, Wyatt Tombstone
- Grasse, D. W. Payson
- Heisner Eric Austin, TX
- Helton, Buck Tucson
- Hillerman, Anne Albuquerque
- Hocking, Doug Tombstone
- Jance, J.A. Tacoma, WA
- Lawson, Deborah Cochise
- Lewis, Debora St. David
- Luce, Robert J. Sierra Vista
- Markley, Bill Pierre, SD
- Markstrom, Carol Oro Valley
- Martin, Eileen, Geronimo Phoenix
- Mihaljevich, Michael Phoenix
- Mullen, Christopher Richmond, TX
- Nace, Shannon Tempe
- Redmond, Mark Apache Junction

Schneider, Manuela	Germany
Thompson, Pamela	Meridian, ID
Turner, Thadd	Pass Christian, MS
Walker, Vicki	Prescott
Weeks, Ruth	Springdale, AR
Williams, Dennis	Willcox
Wills, Clarissa	Springdale, AR

Cochise County Corral Westerners  
P.O. Box 393  
Tombstone, AZ 85638

**Keeper of the Chips**  
**Debora Lewis**

**Schieffelin Hall Setup:**  
Thursday, March 12, 1 pm to 4 pm

**Sales desk, ushers, food**  
**Need Volunteers**  
**Friday March 13, 8 a.m. to 3:30 pm**

**Cleanup**  
Need Volunteers  
3:30 to 5 pm March 13<sup>th</sup>

**Tombstone Festival of Western Books**  
**Anne Hillerman** will be our **Guest Author**.  
Anne continues her father’s series of  
mysteries involving Navajo Tribal police,  
Leaphorn, Chee, and Manuelito.

**J.A. Jance** will be with us after 2 p.m.

**Annual Awards from**  
**Westerners International**  
(See the Sheriff’s Star for details)

**Novelty Items For Sale at**  
**TOMBSTONE FESTIVAL OF WESTERN BOOKS**

The Corral purchased the new electric sign  
you may have seen for \$205. It’s  
programable. We also purchased 36 mugs  
with the Buffalo Bill Wild West Show design  
featuring the Tombstone Festival of Western  
Books for \$297. Tell your friends. We’ll be  
selling them.

**Invite your friends**  
Last page of *Fremont Street Mail* has a  
membership application with address to send  
in dues. Invite your friends to attend and join.  
The address is:

As of January 31, 2025:  
Accounts Reconciled  
56 Ranch Hands paid for 2025 (64 on roster)  
Checking: \$3634.21  
Savings: \$1021.80  
Nov 1, 2025 – Jan 31, 2026 Income:  
\$1565.50  
Nov 1, 2025 – Jan 31, 2026 Expenses:  
\$571.24  
Book Income: \$702.00  
Book Expenses: \$62.30

Website Metrics:  
[www.CochiseCountyCorral.org](http://www.CochiseCountyCorral.org)  
Visitors –January:  
Visitors 2,048, 125 in last 30 days  
Social 1,126, 36 in last 30 days

**Trail Boss’s Whip**  
**Bob Spahle**

In January we tagged along with the New  
Mexico Chapter of the Butterfield Overland  
Mail National Historic Trail Association to  
Stein’s (pronounced steens) Peak Station on  
a very successful Trail Ride.

**March March**  
**With TTR**  
**Tuesday & Wednesday**  
**March 17 & 18**

The TTR Annual March March is our Field  
Trip Event, which focuses on historic sites  
related to Tombstone, Cochise County and  
Arizona Territorial History. Join us for our  
March March of the Gunfighters, March 17-  
18. We will visit the burial location of  
gunfighter Johnny Ringo, Dos Cabezas,  
Wilcox, Brunckow Mine location, Millville

and Charleston. This is a carpool event, we will drive to the locations, have historic discussions, and those who chose may hike the trails in the area. Lunch is included for both days in the registration fee. Registration is available via the link below. If you have any questions about the event, please email Nancy Sosa at [ttrnsosa@gmail.com](mailto:ttrnsosa@gmail.com)

We look forward to seeing you for this fun event!

Register before March 1, \$50

After March 1, \$65

Control-Click to register

[Registration](#)

**Sheriff's Star**  
Sheriff Liz Severn

Now that everybody's recovered from the holidays, it's time to start thinking about upcoming things to do for the Corral.

Soon we need to get our Corral dues in to Westerners International. This means we need to pay \$9 for every Ranch Hand we have. We can't do that unless everybody pays their dues to the Corral. If you haven't done so already, please do that.

We also have Westerners International awards coming up. If you would like to submit books, articles, presentations, poetry, etc., please check out the following categories to see if you qualify:

**The Co-Founders "Best Book" Award** recognizes the best non-fiction book written by a member of Westerners concerning an aspect of the American West (1<sup>st</sup> place: plaque, certificate, and \$250; 2<sup>nd</sup> place: certificate and \$100)

**The "Coke" Wood Award** goes to the best book or article dealing the Western American history based on individual research, personal knowledge, or family records. The monograph or article can be published by a university or commercial press, a historical society, the author, or by a corral or posse. (1<sup>st</sup> place: \$100, plaque, and certificate; 2<sup>nd</sup> place: certificate and \$50)

**The Philip A Danielson Award** is given for the best presentation or program on the American West delivered to a corral or posse. (1<sup>st</sup> place: plaque, certificate, and \$150; 2<sup>nd</sup> place: certificate and \$100)

**The Heads Up Award** In this category, three separate awards are given. One to smaller corrals or posses, one to larger corrals or posses, and one to a foreign corral or posse. Judging is based on programs, membership, publications, activities, and community contributions.

**The Fred Olds Poetry Award** recognizes outstanding contemporary cowboy poetry in the tradition of Badger Clark, S. Omar Barker, and other great Western poets.

**Westerners International \$500 Scholarship for Academic Excellence** A \$500 scholarship goes to a graduate or undergraduate student member of a Westerners corral or posse who is currently enrolled in a college or university. Required: 8-10-page essay on a topic of the American West and letter of recommendation from faculty sponsor who is a member in current standing of a Westerners corral/posse.

One last word: On Friday, March 13, 2026, we are hosting the Tombstone Festival of Western Books for the fourth year in a row. We could sure use some help setting up and taking down the event, as well as a couple of greeters to sit at the front door and tell authors where their tables are. Greeters would also be selling our mugs, maps of the silver mines,

and possibly our books *Running Iron* and *Hot Iron*.

**Deep Thoughts on History**  
**Doug Hocking**

Some archaeologists harbor the conceit that they are somehow the harbingers of science that can be used to school historians. The validity of this schooling is in doubt and brings us to the important question of how we know things.

Recently Ranch Hand Gerald Ahnert spoke of an excellent presentation he had witnessed from an archaeologist talking about emigrant graves. Several of the techniques used were talked about. One is ground surveillance radar which is useless where the ground is uneven. There are other modern techniques used in these cases but all they can show is a shape, size, and depth of disturbance which with experience may lead them to suspect a grave. *Only excavation can confirm the actual presence of a corpse.* Gerald asked about the use of cadaver dogs. This was affirmed as the least desirable and least useful technique. Among other things, the dogs have learned to please their masters for treats and affirmation and will give a false alert if there is any hint that the handler is showing interest in the spot.

In the end, once a grave is confirmed by excavation, only the historical record can name the person lying there. The archaeologist may find artifacts associated with the person but must still rely on the historical record to confirm the association.

Recently I've been reading from the "minor" histories, that is, the ones that are not about important people or events. They can still be interesting, even important. People involved in important events don't write about the commonplace or usual. As a military

commander, one learns that the troops one has the most contact with are those who misbehave and they enter the record more often than their companions leaving the impression for historians that misbehavior was the order of the day when it was not. Cruel and unusual military punishments enter the record because they were unusual leaving the impression that they were usual and frequently employed.

Most of you are probably not familiar with Sam Walker for whom the Walker Colt is named. He was also important in Colt's development of the six-shooter. In 1841, Sam was in Florida. He wrote:

It is possible that I may return here again, as I have a positive assurance of employment at \$75 dolls [sic] specie per month payable the first of Jan. 1842 though the situation is by no means desirable, and one of such great exposure that I could scarcely expect to pass the summer with sickness, especially if I was working on credit as I am very apt to doubt men's ability to pay according to promise, though they may be honest. Florida money at present is only worth fifty cents on the dollar and very scarce at that. Our banking institutions in Florida are all calculated to injure the prosperity and demoralize the community.

*The Life of Samuel H. Walker*, David M. Sullivan & James Worham, 2025.

There's a lot of interest here. Working men were living on credit getting paid at the end of a cycle or job. Getting paid was uncertain. Getting paid in specie, that is, gold and silver, desirable. The United States had no national bank in 1841 and local or state banks printed money. Florida money was worth half the face amount. He was offered \$75 per month

in specie. That was high for the time and one of the reasons he was in Florida where labor was scarce. There was danger of sickness.

Walker soon got yellow fever but recovered. He talked about his hopes for the city where the job was offered but everything was in flux. It was bound to be an important port but only if the railroad came. The city's fortunes rose and fell. It was also a violent place and Sam was challenged by a man with knife and gun. He responded with fists. Both were fined though the fellow with the gun was fined twice as much.

### EPITAPH

“Hold!” *Tombstone Daily Epitaph*, 16 March 1881.

*Here is John Clum's account of the holdup that starts the Earp Saga.*

#### **Hold!**

**Eight Road Agents Attempt to Stop Kinnear's Stage**

**The Terrible “Hold!” Followed by a Volley!**

**“Budd,” the Driver, and One Passenger Killed.**

**A Good Man Gone to Meet His Marker.**

**Brave Bob Paul on Deck as Usual**

**He Answers the Robbers Shot for Shot.**

**Contention City, Tombstone and Benson Aroused.**

**Three Bands of Armed Men After the Robbers.**

**Probability that They Will be Soon Captured.**

At about 11 o'clock last night, Marshal Williams received a telegram from Benson stating that Kinnear & Company's coach carrying Wells Fargo & Co's treasure, had been stopped near Contention and “Budd”

Philpot, the driver, killed and one passenger mortally wounded. Almost immediately afterward A.C. Cowan, Wells Fargo & Co.'s agent at Contention City, rode into this city, bringing a portion of the details of the affair. In a few minutes after his arrival, Williams, the Earp brothers, and several other brave, determined men were in the saddle, well-armed, en route to the scene of the murderous affray. From telegrams received from Benson at the *EPITAPH* office, the following particulars of the affair were gathered:

As the stage was going up a small incline about two hundred yards this side of Drew's Station and about a mile the other side of Contention City, a man stepped into the road from the east side and called out “Hold!” At the same moment a number of men - believed to have been eight - made their appearance, and a shot was fired from the same side of the road, instantly followed by another. One of these shots struck “Budd” Philpot, the driver, who fell heavily forward between the wheelers, carrying the reins with him. The horses immediately sprang into a dead run. Meanwhile, Bob Paul, Wells, Fargo & Co.'s messenger, one of the bravest and coolest men who ever sat on a box-seat, was ready with his gun and answered back shot for shot before the frightened horses had whirled the coach out of range. It was fully a mile before the team could be brought to a stand, when it was discovered that one of the shots had mortally wounded a passenger on the coach named Peter Roering. As soon as the coach could be stopped, Paul secured the reins and drove rapidly to Benson, and immediately started back for the scene of the murder. AT Benson a telegram was sent to the *EPITAPH* office, stating that Roering could not possibly live. There were eight passengers on the coach, and they all united in praise of Mr. Paul's bravery and presence of mind.

At Drew's Station the firing and rapid whirling by of the coach sent the men at the station to the scene of the tragedy, when they found poor "Budd" lying dead in the road, and by the bright moonlight saw the murderers fleeing rapidly from the place. A messenger was at once despatched [sic] to inform agent Cowan of the circumstances, and within twenty minutes after the news arrived Mr. Cowan had despatched [sic] nearly thirty well-armed volunteers after the scoundrels. He then rode rapidly into Tombstone, when the party above mentioned started out to aid in the pursuit. This, with Mr. Pall's [sic] party, makes three bodies of determined men who are in hot chase, and Mr. Cowan stated to an EPITAPH reporter that it is almost impossible for the murderous gang to escape, as the pursuers are close at their heels and have the moonlight in their favor. Should the road-agents be caught they will meet with the short shift which they deserve.

"Budd," the murdered driver, whose real name is Eli Philpot, was one of the most widely known stage-drivers on the Coast. For years he has borne a high reputation as a skillful handler of the "ribbons," was on the principal stage lines in California, and during a year's residence in Arizona, most of the latter time in the employ of Kinnear's (formerly Walker & Co.'s) line. He will be sincerely mourned, not only by hosts of personal friends, but by thousands of passengers who have ridden on the box-seat with him and been captivated by his simple manners and frank, manly ways. It was a rare treat to "make the trip" with him, for his memory was rich in reminiscences of the "old stage days" in California, and when he so willed he could keep a companion's attention riveted by by his quaint, droll conversation. He has a wife and young family at Calistoga, California, who had the tenderest [sic] place in his big heart. And now there is another

little home in the world which has been desolated and despoiled by the ruthless bullet. There is something inexpressibly sad in the sudden death of such outwardly rough, but inwardly brave, true-hearted men and no better representation of this class could be found that the man whom the murderers last night sent unwarned to his home. He was as proud and fond of his team and the big new coach on which he met his death as if they were human, and the horses always seemed to know when "Budd" was at the other end of the lines.

"Budd" has had a presentment of coming evil ever since the night, a short time ago, when the stage was stopped between Tombstone and Contention, a a bullet sent whizzing between him and Jack Allman. The latter gentleman, between whom and "Bud" a strong friendship existed, states that only on Monday morning last he mailed for his friend a long and loving letter to the dear ones at home. But before the missive reaches its destination the wires will have borne the crushing intelligence that will cause the bitterest of all human heart-aches.

Jack, who is agent for Kinnear & Co., probably had himself a narrow escape, from the fact that his usual place with the coach was behind "Budd" on the upper box seat, and the only reason why he was not there last night was the fact that the withdrawal of an opposition stage line made unnecessary his nightly trip to Benson.

### Poetry Corner

#### Larry

By Mark Finley

At 80 years Larry was still a heck of a cowhand.  
He fell off a hay truck, no soft spot to land.

Busted up a hip that had been busted before.  
Wound up knockin' on the emergency room door.  
Doctor said, "It looks like its surgery for you  
And you'll be down for a month or two.  
And if you have a successful surgery,  
You'll have six months of physical therapy."

After two months of layin' in a hospital bed  
Larry started therapy like the doctor said.  
The rehab process was a six-month campaign  
Designed to get Larry walkin' again.  
By just layin' around and exercisin' his hip,  
Larry's upper body strength began to slip.  
Though Larry wasn't very tall and kinda thin  
He was right anxious to be cowboyin' again.

Finally home, he was ready to climb in the saddle  
And take a ride out to check on his cattle.  
Though his muscle power had nearly gone away,  
He was goin' to saddle up and ride anyway.  
He tried to throw the saddle on his horse's back.  
But it hit the horse's side and bounced right back.  
This didn't stop Larry cause he was a real fighter.  
He just got a saddle that was a little bit lighter.

His horse was finally saddled and ready to go,  
But he couldn't reach the stirrup by a foot or so.  
He was just too weak to jump high enough.  
But, he finally made it with a huff and puff.  
Now back in the saddle, the ride was feelin' great  
But a water gap was out and fixin' it couldn't wait.  
With the water gap fixed, he was ready ride,  
But he couldn't reach the stirrup on his horse's side.

So he led the horse a quarter mile to a mountain side  
Cause from the uphill slope the stirrup wasn't so high.  
A water tub was runnin' over cause the float was broke  
But after fixin' it, getting' back on his horse was a joke.  
So he climbed on the side of the tub to mount his horse.  
But his foot slipped and he fell in the water tub of course.  
Soakin' wet, he made it on the horse with the second try  
And he headed home as near five hours had gone by.

He only rode about an hour, cause he had a real battle.  
Spent four hours spent tryin' to get back in the saddle.  
Larry was a Christian man, loved the Lord with all his being  
He humbled himself and started to pray as he began kneeling.  
And Larry prayed to the Lord sayin', "I need your help of course.  
If I can't get my foot in the stirrup, I can't mount my horse.  
I need your help someway and how doesn't really matter".  
Next morning, beside his horse was a brand-new stepladder!!!

## **The Gunfighters**

By: Mark Finley

It was in the tradition of the Old West  
Two gunfighters to see who was best.  
They approached from each end of town  
Knowing one of them was going down.  
Shiny new pistols on their hips  
And sweaty hands on the pistol grips.  
Finally, they were only ten feet apart  
And soon a bullet would find one's heart.

Hondo was the first to speak.  
 He said, "Bronco, I know you're weak  
 And you only think you're fast,  
 But this gunfight will be your last."  
 Bronco grinned and then replied,  
 "You'll go down like the last man that tried.  
 I'm faithful to God and he'll protect me  
 From the foolish gunfighter you are tryin' to  
 be.

Hondo said, "You only think you're tough,  
 But, I'm here to call your bluff.  
 Cause you didn't know that ever where I ride  
 Jesus protects me and He's always by my  
 side.  
 So here's to grit in your craw and spit in your  
 eye,  
 Today's the day you're gonna die."  
 Bronco snickered, "That's somethin' that'll  
 never be  
 Cause on my pistol, you'll be notch number  
 twenty-three."

Then a voice came out of the blue  
 Sayin', "Boys the gunfight is through

Cause you gotta come in and git outta the  
 cold  
 And go to bed early when you're only ten  
 years old."

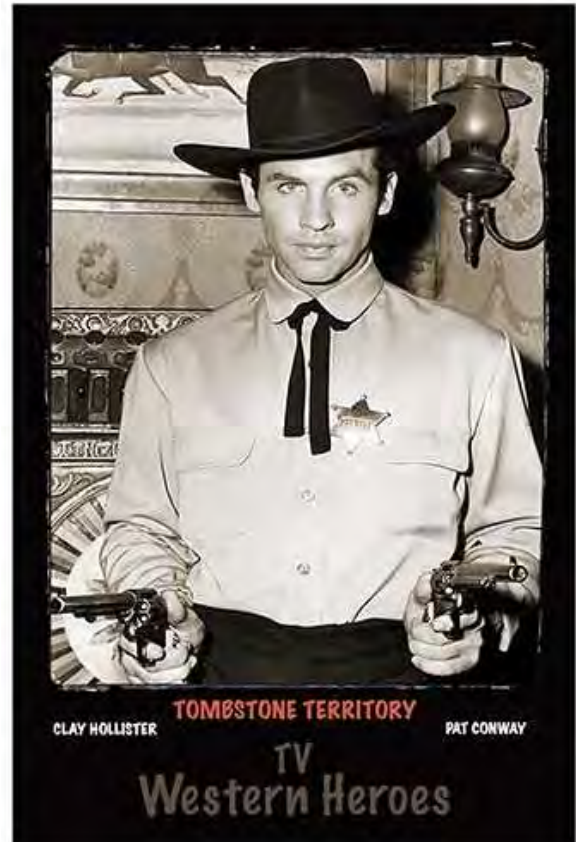
### Hollywood Trivia

*Tombstone Territory* aired on television between 1957 and 1960. The show claimed to have an historian on staff. Richard Eastham, playing the editor, would appear in the window of the newspaper offices and his voice would intone: "An actual account from the pages of my newspaper, the *Tombstone Epitaph*. This is the way it happened in 1889. . ."

My favorite episode was one called "Geronimo," starring John Doucette in the title role and Angie Dickinson as blonde doxie, Delores. In 1889, Geronimo was hiding in Tombstone, in a

poolhall, shooting pool, and smoking a stogie with Delores on his arm. Sheriff Pat Conway got word of the Apache presence from an old saloon soak. His deputy said: "I think that old drunk is seeing pink Indians. Geronimo in the Pool Palace, ha." The sheriff replied: "Won't hurt to check. Geronimo's picked up a lot of things from the white man, most of 'em bad."

Turns out, Geronimo was shooting pool and buying ammunition and the sheriff chased him out the back door, into a saloon tent, under the wall of the tent, into an arroyo and away into the night. I thought the whole account was the absolute height of the ridiculous. After all, in 1889, Geronimo had already been in Florida in enforced retirement for three long years. Then, while researching Sheriff John Slaughter, I found the story in the 1889 *Epitaph* and Hollywood had only gotten a few details wrong. Angie Dickinson wasn't there. In her place there was a Mexican girl. And Geronimo, the Apache, was actually



Geronimo Miranda, the Mexican outlaw, and the poolhall was in nearby Charleston.

### Blast from the Past

*Weekly Arizona Journal-Miner*, 23  
December 1881

#### **The Tombstone Outrage - What the Papers Say**

*(Epitaph)*

The assault upon the Benson stage by would-be assassins, Wednesday night, within four miles of town, is the greatest outrage ever perpetrated upon the traveling public of Arizona, and is an event calculated to do more harm to the business interest of Tombstone than all other causes operating against us put together. It is a well known fact that the night stages do not carry either treasure or the mails; therefore the ordinary excuse for plunder cannot be alleged as an incentive to the deed. \*\*\*\*

That the affair of Wednesday night was intended for the murder of John P. Clum, we are fully satisfied. The threats of the last few days have been too well authenticated to leave any doubt on that point. That the damnable deed miscarried, does not rob the event of one jot or tittle of its enormity.

*(Nugget)*

The Nugget was in error in stating that our Mayor abandoned the vehicle to its fate at the first fire of the ambushed miscreants. Not he. He valiantly maintained his position in the bottom of the coach, occupying as little space as possible, until a halt was compelled by the falling of the wounded animal at a distance of about one mile from the scene of the ambush. Then, in company with the driver and other passengers, he descended to the ground to assist in cutting out the fallen horse. But now like an inspiration, the whole diabolical plot of the would-be assassins was revealed to the mind of our city's ruler. It was

not booty they were after. Ah, no; it was something far more precious than that; it was his own august person. It was a scheme to assassinate him, or mayhap abduct and hold him for ransom. But our worthy Mayor was not to be thus ensnared. In short, he was too "fly." Acting upon his suddenly conceived inspiration, and in order to thwart his would-be captors, our Mayor abandoned his companions and commenced a go-as-you-please retreat amidst the darkness and through the sage-brush, mesquit [sic] and cacti in the direction of the Grand Central mill. This haven of refuge being reached, he next, by an extraordinary flank movement, eluded his supposititious [sic] pursuers and finally arrived at Contention, where he procured a horse and dashed rapidly off toward Benson. Reaching the latter place, a feeling of safety sufficiently quieted his perturbed mind to enable him to indite a telegram to his anxious constituents setting forth the facts of the attempted abduction and daring escape. Such is substantially the history of his most remarkable attempt upon the life or liberty of Tombstone's first citizen.

### Last Campfire & YouTube

At the February Campfire there was a great presentation by Bill Gillespie on "Camp Rucker." Camp Rucker was a remote army post in the Chiricahua Mountains established during the Apache Wars in the late 1870s. Events there may have sparked the feud between the McLaurys and the Earps. It is available on YouTube at:

<https://www.youtube.com/live/ydW1seM4qdU?si=cqUw28Ot21fY3KpH>



September Campfire

<https://www.youtube.com/live/3qfq4wW6Y6Q?si=E48QCciqj9VeF54n>

Dr. Leo Oliva's "Network of Conquest, Military Posts and the Santa Fe Trail" to be on YouTube. The Friends of History at the Museum of New Mexico have recorded Dr. Leo Oliva's Rendezvous program, "Network of Conquest, Military Posts and the Santa Fe Trail" and will present it on YouTube at 12 p.m., MST, on Feb. 5. The link is [https://youtu.be/TZSFLHYh1Wc?si=OkUI7XmE68q2p\\_Si](https://youtu.be/TZSFLHYh1Wc?si=OkUI7XmE68q2p_Si)

**Places to Visit**

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Brunckow's Cabin



Once owned by Tom Jeffrords this was the scene of a number of murders.



Millville, across the San Pedro from Charleston, contains the ruins of two stamps mills

No alcohol was allowed in Millville. In Charleston, on the other hand, that's most of what folks did. It was a major Cow Boy gang hangout.



Johnny Ringo is buried here under the tree where he was slain, by himself or others, no one knows.



Dos Cabezas is a ghost town. Big Nose Kate spent many years here.



Much of the historic downtown of Willcox remains as it was.



Main Street in Charleston where Billy the Kid and Judge Barnett arrested John Jeffords, brother of Tom.

**Odd Bits**  
**Recipe from the Trail**  
**Debbie Hocking**

**Coutellets de Cochon with Sauce Robert**

Adapted from Sherry Monahan’s *Taste of Tombstone: A Hearty Helping of History*.

- 6 Pork Cutlets, ½ inch thick
- 2 Tbs Butter
- 1 Tbs Olive Oil
- ½ Cup Onion, minced
- 2 Cups Beef Broth
- 3 Tbs Dijon Mustard
- 2 Tbs Fresh Parsley, minced
- 1 Cup Dry White Wine

In a skillet, cook minced onions in one tablespoon of butter until translucent, about two minutes. Add wine and allow to reduce by 2/3 volume, to about 4 tablespoons. Add beef broth, bring to a boil, reduce heat, and simmer for 12 minutes. Remove from heat and whisk in mustard and parsley.

In a large skillet, cook cutlets in butter and oil over medium high heat until no longer pink inside, about 15 minutes. Remove cutlets to a serving platter. Cover with sauce and serve.

<b>Coming Events Telegraphers Code</b>
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## February

February 10, **End of Judging, Cochise County Historical Society, Essay Contest.**

February 11, 6 p.m. **New Mexico Chapter, Butterfield Overland Trail Assoc.** Zoom

February 19, 2-4 pm, **Doug Hocking, Incident at Apache Pass, Oro Valley**

February 21, **Butterfield Overland Trail Across Chiricahua Apache Country, Tubac Presidio, \$15**

## March

March 10, 6 p.m. **New Mexico Chapter, Butterfield Overland Trail Assoc.** Zoom

March 13, **Tombstone Festival of Western Books, Tombstone.**

March 14 @ 10:00 am - March 15 @ 2:00 pm  
[\*\*Tombstone's Wild West Days\*\*](#)

March 14-15, **Tucson Festival of Books**

March 22, **12 pm Huachuca Museum Society Roundup, 1538 Drive Way, Benson**

## April

April 18 @ 8:00 am - April 19 @ 4:30 pm  
[\*\*Schieffelin Days and Tombstone Donkey Dash 2026\*\*](#)

## May

May 26, 6 p.m. **Doug Hocking, Butterfield Overland Mail Across Chiricahua Apache Country, Adobe Corral, Pinnacle Peak**

Sources:

TTR <https://ttr2022.carrd.co/>

BJ Bulletin board for TTR Schedule  
<https://nediscapp.com/indices/39627?page=1>

<https://www.empireranchfoundation.org/ranch-events/calendar/>

<https://saintdavidheritage.org/events/>

<https://tombstoneweb.com/coming-events/>

<https://tucsonfestivalofbooks.org/>

<http://sonoitafairgrounds.com/labor-day/>

<https://southerntrails.thetaleofthetrail.org/>

<https://visitwillcox.az.gov/local-events>

<https://www.mescalmovieset.com/upcoming-events>

<https://www.tubacpresidio.org/events>

## Chiricahua Regional Museum

127 E. Maley St., Willcox, AZ 85643  
520 384-3971

Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The **Fort Huachuca Museum Society** is looking for new members and the cost is only \$20 per year. The society runs the museum store and members get a 10% discount. To join contact Casey Jones at:

HMS

P.O. Box 673

Sierra Vista, AZ 85636-0673

Or call 520-450-0208 / Or write  
[luego@mac.com](mailto:luego@mac.com)

<b>Departments of Fremont Street Mail &amp; Border Vidette</b>
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**Encouraging Ranch Hands to Contribute in any way they can is why we have so many departments in the Fremont Street Mail.** I put this in here every month to let

you know ways you can contribute to our publications. We really do want to display your work, your articles, your photos. These are your publications.

The following Departments of the *Fremont Street Mail* are open to your contributions. We can stretch them or add to them if you have an idea:

**Blast from the Past**, old newspaper & diary articles.

**Poetry Corner**

**Deep Thoughts on History** (Philosophy of how to do history) If you have thoughts on how to do history, send them in.

**Tidbits from History** Anything interesting  
**Tombstone Epitaph**, an article from an historic Arizona newspaper

**Places to Visit**

**Hollywood Trivia**

**Out and About:** If you did it, we only know about it if you tell us and send photos.

**Photo Album**

**Local Events**

**Recipes from the Trail**

Departments of the *Border Vidette*

**We really need some articles right now to get out another edition!!!!**

**Long Articles**

**Short Articles**

**Reviews & Book Reports**

**Recommended Books & Articles**

**Frontier Recipes**

Send STUFF to the Ink Slinger, Doug Hocking, at [dhocking@centurylink.net](mailto:dhocking@centurylink.net) or [InkSlinger@CochiseCountyCorral.org](mailto:InkSlinger@CochiseCountyCorral.org)

We ask that material be in Word, Times New Roman, 12 pitch, without indentation, single space between paragraphs. Please do not embed photos in text. Photos should be jpgs. Do not send pdfs.

**Our website and how to get there:**

<https://cochisecountycorral.org/>

What you'll find there:

The *Fremont Street Mail* (monthly):

<https://cochisecountycorral.org/fremont-street-mail>

The *Border Vidette* (quarterly):

<https://cochisecountycorral.org/the-border-vidette>

Our Scrapbook:

<https://cochisecountycorral.org/scrapbook>

**Facebook:** Cochise County Corral Deborah Lea is on board as Telegrapher but won't be able to do much for the next few months. She can post and highlight, share, and create events. If you want to know what's happening, the information is on our page. <https://www.facebook.com/CochiseCountyCorral>

It really helps the Corral if you share our Facebook and other social media postings. It helps to get the word out.

## Out & About

On January 10, the Corral went on Trail Ride joining the New Mexico Chapter of the Butterfield Overland Trail Association to travel to Stein's Peak Station on the Arizona-New Mexico border. It is the best preserved station. Nineteen sturdy but cheerful souls braved the cold to walk to the station and across the border to JJ Giddings's grave.





On January 13, the board of the Cochise County Historical Society met in Douglas. They will support our Festival of Western Books. Ranch Hands Doug Hocking, George & Ruth Van Otten, Bill Cavaliere, Craig McEwan, Alison Vigil, and Kathy Klump are all members of the board.

The Cochise County Historical Society high school and junior high school historical history contest concluded in December 2025. Many of our Ranch Hands are among the judges. Word is that there are many worthy entries with county children showing interest in county history. Pass the word. This contest will be run again next year. Winners will be announced before the end of the school year.

Westerners International offers a college scholarship based on an essay. The season to make that submission is now if you know a worthy college student. This is also the

season to be thinking about Westerner's International Awards for poetry, books, best presentation, best corral and best article. The Corral and its Ranch Hands have won in the past in all categories.

On January 15, the Tombstone Festival of Western Books committee met at Doug & Debbie Hocking's house. We're going to sell mugs this year for about \$16 (see design). Volunteers are needed. We need folks to share and reshare our announcements on Facebook and other social media. It was a great meeting with much accomplished.



On January 24, Doug & Debbie Hocking represented the Corral at the annual event at the Tucson History and Wagon Museum. Mescal Movie Studio, Empire Ranch and many of our friends will participate. The museum also has a great selection of wagons of all sorts many of which have participated in the Tucson Rodeo Parade in the past.



**It time to start thinking about and telling all of your friends about the Tombstone Festival of Western Books coming Friday, March 13, 2026. Anne Hillerman will be our special guest. Here are some photos from last year.**



**TOMBSTONE FESTIVAL OF WESTERN BOOKS**

**Participating Authors 2026**

**Friday, March 13, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

1. Ajamie Dwyer, Elizabeth	Poetry	Historical Fiction
2. Archibald, Mark	Grain Valley	History
3. Benfield, Betty	Wilson, WY	Western Poetry
4. Beyer, Michelle	Tombstone	Ghost Stories
5. Dwyer, Timothy J.	Poetry	Historical Fiction
6. Eason, Joe	Albuquerque	Fiction
7. Clara, Jan	Oro Valley	History/biography
8. Cunnery, Bradley	Prescott	Local History
9. DeBlasi, David	Salt Lake City	Southwest History
10. Egan, Chris	Grain Valley, CA	Western & Women's History
11. Eary, Wyoif	Tombstone	
12. Farkis, John	Michigan	Movie History (Musical)
13. Grasse, D. W.	Payson	Local History
14. Heister, Eric	Austin, TX	Western Adventure
15. Helton, Duane	Tucson	Fiction
16. Hillerman, Anne	Albuquerque	Western Mystery
17. Hocking, Doug	Tombstone	History/Historical Fiction
18. Janis, J.A.	Tacoma, WA	Southwest Mystery
19. Lawson, Deborah	Cochise	Fiction
20. Lewis, Debora	St. Gerald	Fiction
21. Lane, Robert J.	Sierra Vista	Adventure/Mystery
22. Mackley, Bill	Sierra, SD	Western History
23. Makstrom, Carl	Oro Valley	Music/Children's Anthropology
24. Martin, Ellen, Germano	Poetry	Fiction
25. Mihajlovich, Michael	Poetry	Tombstone History
26. Muller, Christopher	Richmond, TX	Fiction
27. Nace, Shannon	Tampa	Historical Fiction
28. Radmond, Mark	Apache Junction	Seventeenth Century Fiction
29. Schneider, Marcella	Germany	Fiction
30. Thompson, Pamela	Mexican, ID	History
31. Turner, David	Pais Christian, MS	Historical Fiction/Children's
32. Walker, Vicki	Prescott	Historical Fiction
33. Weeks, Ruth	Springdale, AR	Western Adventure
34. Williams, Dennis	Willcox	Traditional Western
35. Wilts, Christina	Springdale, AR	Children's books





### **General O.O. Howard-Cochise Peace Agreement of 1872 Commemorative Coins**

Kathy Klump of the Sulphur Springs Valley and Bill Cavaliere of the Cochise County Historical Societies had coins struck commemorating the General O.O. Howard – Cochise Peace Agreement of 1872 on its sesquicentennial.

**Coins are available for \$5**



### **The Gather Commerative Mug Only \$12**

**Map of the Tombstone Claims  
And Surrounding Communities  
Only \$5**

**Get yours from Debora, Keeper of the Chips**





**COCHISE COUNTY CORRAL OF THE WESTERNERS**  
**March 5th, 7PM at Schieffelin Hall** **FREE**

Presenter:  
**Mike Anderson**



## The History of Lowell

Almost gone but not forgotten. Why did Lowell come into existence? What led to the destruction of most of Lowell? What is the future of Lowell? Bisbee historian Mike Anderson will tell the fascinating story of Lowell's role in the copper mining history of Bisbee.

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**DOUG HOCKING**



**BUTTERFIELD OVERLAND MAIL ACROSS  
CHIRICAHUA APACHE COUNTRY 1858-1861**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21**

**2PM | \$15**

[tubacpresidio.org/events](https://tubacpresidio.org/events)



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WESTERN BOOKS**  
**FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 2026**  
**9 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.**

*Also Comming*  
**J.A. Jance**

*Also Coming*  
**Geronimo**

*Special Guest*  
**Anne Hillerman**

*Wyatt Earp*  
**Wyatt Earp**

**Schieffelin Hall, Fremont Street  
Tombstone**



**COCHISE COUNTY CORRAL OF THE WESTERNERS**

**April 2nd, 7PM at Schieffelin Hall** **FREE**

**Presenter:**  
**Dawn Moore Santiago**



*Geography and  
Politics in New Mexico  
and Arizona Economic  
Ties, 1750-1870*

How did Tall mountains and the Gadsden Purchase change trade routes and politics in the southwest? Explore the evolution of the flow of trade and politics in New Mexico and Arizona through the Spanish and Territorial eras during this fascinating presentation by historical publications editor and lecturer Dawn Santiago.

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**COCHISE COUNTY CORRAL OF THE WESTERNERS**  
 May 7th, 7PM at Schieffelin Hall **FREE**

Presenter:  
**Craig McEwan**



## Murder Spree: The Tragic Lives of Mark and Effie Lamb

The Lambs were married in Kentucky. Later they resided in Pearce, Bisbee, Douglas and Globe. What role did the first Governor of Arizona play in this tragic story? Cochise County historian Craig McEwan will tell their fascinating story of love, murder, prison and murder again.



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# EMPIRE RANCH

## SPRING TRAIL RIDE

*Saturday, March 28, 2026*

*East Empire Ranch Road, Sonoita, AZ*



**2-Hour Rides Depart at:**

**8:00 am, 11:00 am & 2:00 pm**

**Rent a Horse: \$155 or Bring Your Own: \$55**

Live Music  Guided Tours  Lunch for Purchase

**[EmpireRanchFoundation.org](http://EmpireRanchFoundation.org)**

Register by March 23, 2026

*The Huachuca Museum Society  
Welcomes You to our...*

# SPRING ROUNDUP

*and guided tour of the  
Mescal Movie Set*

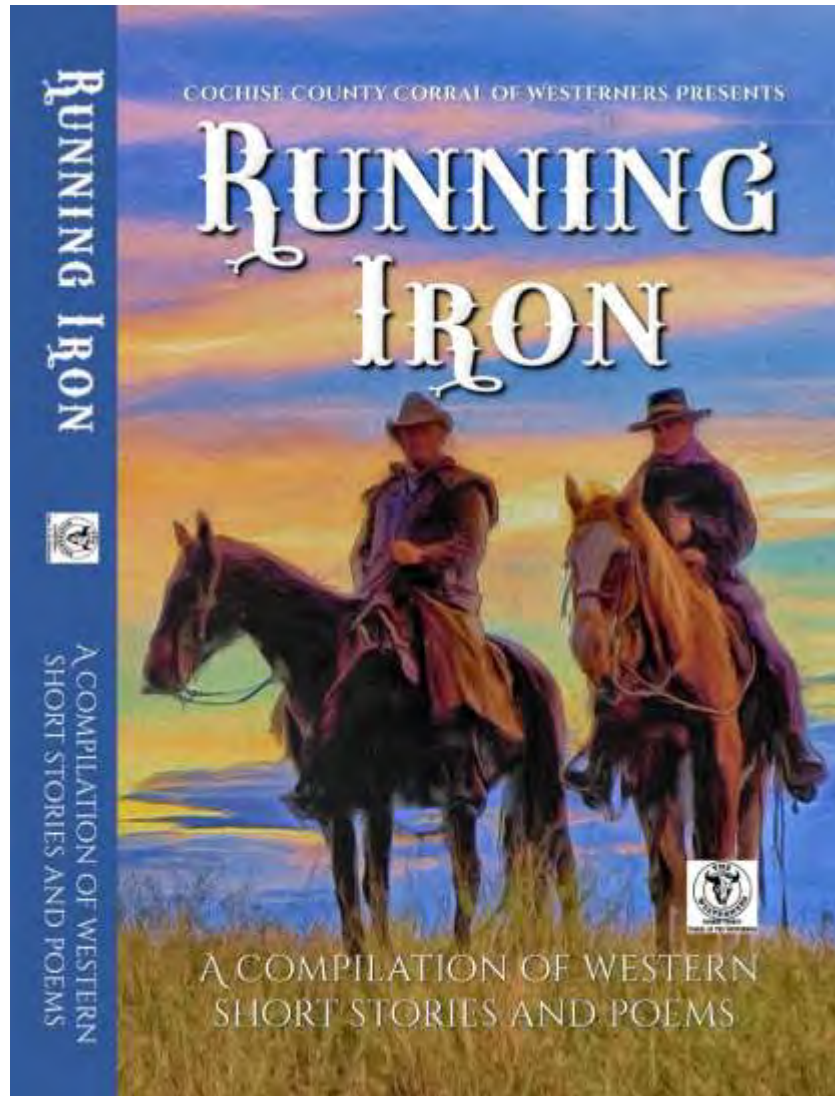
**SUNDAY MARCH 22<sup>ND</sup> AT 12:00 PM**

Refreshments will be Provided  
\$20 Members - \$30 Non-Members

1538 Drive Way, Benson, AZ  
Directions to be provided upon RSVP

**RVSP by Feb 20th to (520) 255-8152  
or  
hms.membership2@gmail.com**

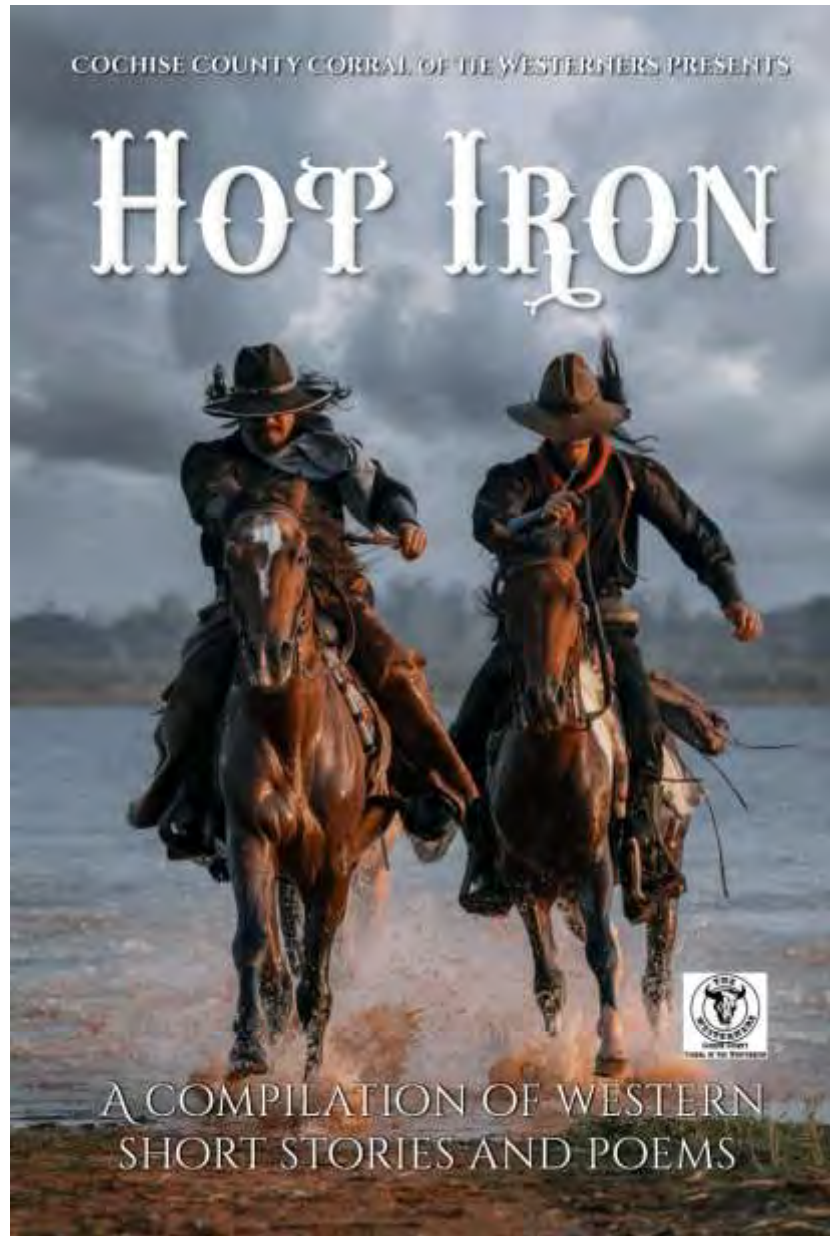




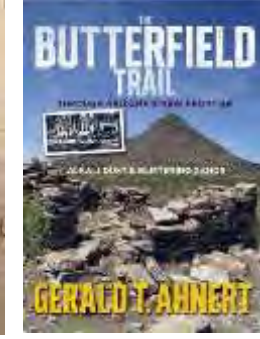
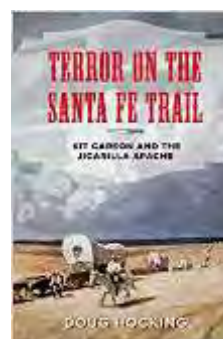
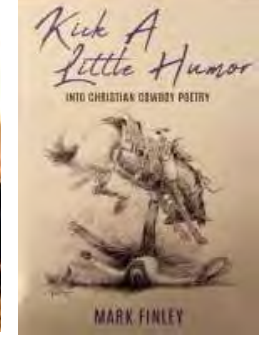
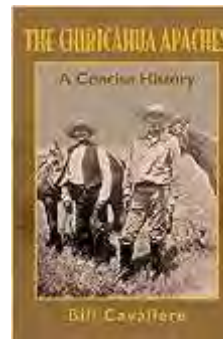
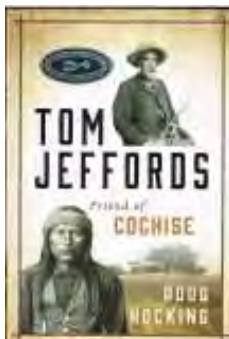
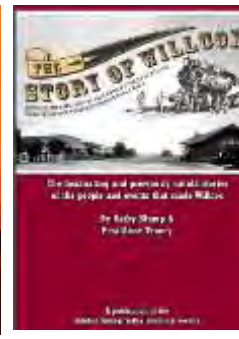
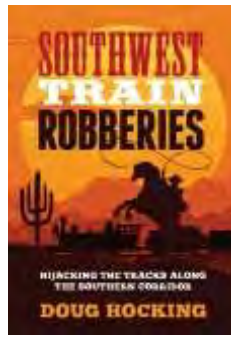
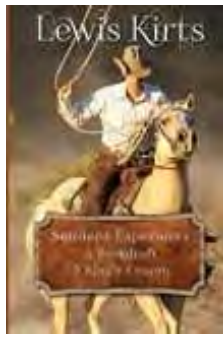
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New Cowboy Poetry & Short Stories**



Membership Form October 2021



# The Cochise County Corral of the Westerners

invites you  
to join a fun, informal group of people

**Every First Thursday of the Month**  
**7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**  
**At Schieffelin Hall**  
**On Freemont Street**  
**Dinner 5:30ish at the Longhorn Restaurant**

### Membership Benefits:

- ❖ Enjoy learning about Western Frontier History in a fun, informal environment
- ❖ Historians will find this a place to present their new research, make contacts and swap ideas
- ❖ Enjoy monthly meetings with presentations of Cowboy Poetry, Short History and Western Frontier History
- ❖ Pre-meeting dinners and fellowship at a local restaurant; post meeting snacks
- ❖ Four exciting Trail Rides (field trips) to visit places important in our history
- ❖ Support local historical and educational activities and the **Tombstone Festival of Western Books**
- ❖ Subscription to the *Buckskin Bullenn*
- ❖ The Cochise County Corral is affiliated with Westerners International which represents over 148 local Corrals around the world
- ❖ Monthly newsletter - *Fremont Street Mail* - Quarterly journal - *Border Videote*. [www.CochiseCountyCorral.org](http://www.CochiseCountyCorral.org)

❖ **Join the Corral that has thrice won the coveted Heads Up Award for Best Corral 2013 & 2014 & 2021 & 2023 and awards for Poetry, Presentation, Best Article & Best Book**



**Membership only \$20 per year**

(Feel free to visit a few times before you join)

Yes, I would like to become a member of the Corral - Membership Only \$20 -  
**Cochise County Corral of the Westerners, P.O. Box 393, Tombstone, AZ 85638**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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Information contact: Sheriff Lt. Severn Ink Slinger@CochiseCountyCorral.org or (520) 221-6313

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