

FREMONT STREET MAIL



October 10, 2023

**Roundup Foreman's
Trumpet
Gary Smith**

On Thursday, November 2, at 7 p.m., local historian, **Mike Anderson**, will speak on *Entertainment in Early Cochise County*. They sang, they danced, they drank, gambled, chased wild women, and played baseball. There were legitimate and burlesque theaters as well as opera houses. We know Mike is devoted to Vintage Baseball, but which entertainments will he speak on? 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.



December 7th Poetry and Storytelling as we celebrate Christmas.

**Recorder of Marks and
Brands
Cindy Lehman**

November Meeting is Elections!

The Slate:

- a. Sheriff: Doug Hocking
- b. Deputy Sheriff: Liz Severn
- c. Ink Slinger: Doug Hocking
- e. Recorder of Marks and Brands: Jean Smith
- f. Keeper of the Chips: Debra Lewis
- g. Trail Boss: Bob Spahle
- h. Roundup Foreman: Gary Smith
- i. Corral "Rep": Debbie Hocking
- j. Statutory Agent: Doug Hocking

Tombstone Festival of Western Books:

It was decided to move this to **Friday, March 8, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.** and to ask for city and merchant participation.

The charge for authors will be \$30 with non-profits and "draws" free.

Budget runs to \$591 and 20 authors will bring in \$600 and we're expecting 30. Insurance was budgeted at \$141.

Christmas Fete at December Campfire:

Everyone is asked to bring snacks.

We allowed \$20 to start an amazing gift basket for raffle and Carol Markstrom will sing.

Finally, **POETRY & SHORT STORIES plus Show & Tell Antiques!** Let Gary know if you have something.

Keeper of the Chips
Jimmy Lehman

As of October 5, 2023:
Cochise County Corral of the Westerners has:

82? Ranch Hands
We have in Checking - \$1522.58
We have in Savings - \$1015.63
September Expenses: \$3223.99
October Expenses: \$67.47
September Income: \$402.50
August Income: \$2452.49
October Income: \$66.17

Trail Boss's Whip
Bob Spahle

We had a very successful Trail Ride to Cooke's Canyon, Fort Cummings and Hachita. Bob Spahle, Doug Hocking, Debbie Hocking (who said she wouldn't), Liz Severn, John Severn, Steve Anderson, Gary Seiss and Bob Block went along.

Sheriff's Star
Doug Hocking

Westerners is about having fun while learning about Western frontier history and perhaps displaying our own knowledge, sharing small bits of history, snacks, and Cowboy poetry. More than that, it's about fellowship and making friends. That's why we meet and break bread together. It's a chance to get to know each other better. This is why we go on Trail Rides together, meeting in one place, traveling, seeing sights/sites and eating together.

As Sheriff, I try to get around a greet and get to know everyone. I don't always make it, getting called aside on one emergency or another. I've always been terrible at remembering names. *Mea culpa*. But I try and I hope the other officers are trying as

well. This is how we bring people into the fold of friendship.

Other groups have fallen apart attacking each other and squabbling over history. We try very hard to bring you excellent speakers who provide accurate history. This doesn't mean we always agree with their opinions. Occasionally, I have to bite my tongue in order to keep the reception friendly. And there is no reason we should not be friends, even if we disagree. I think we've largely accomplished this.

Let's not forget them. These folks, all volunteers, keep us going in 2024:

Telegrapher: Debra Lawson
Bounty Trader (Raffle Tickets): Karen Peitsmeyer
Bartender (Refreshments): Donna Otto
Wrangler: Fred Otto
Faro Dealer (Librarian): Ann & Mike Costello

From the Home Ranch concerning the Gather, Bonney MacDonald, Chairperson:

Doug,

Congratulations are indeed in order for your whole corral. It was a grand Gather and it was clear that you, Debbie -- all the Debbies! -- put in so much care, work, and time. Thank you so much for hosting the Westerners Gather in Tombstone this year. All who attended were full of enthusiasm and praise for the talks, presentations, and tours.

I hope that you will pass along my appreciation and that of all who attended to all of your members. Certainly, feel free to forward this to the membership. You have a great corral with wonderful activities and programs, as was clear to everyone this last week!

Happy Trails to you and to all the membership. It was a such a pleasure to spend time with all of you!

Bonney

And my personal thanks to all who helped and contributed. Gary Smith especially was my strong right arm in time of need. Liz, Karen, Bob Spahle, Jean Smith and Ron, Heather, Fred & Donna and the Debbies were all great helps. *Doug*

Deep Thoughts on History

What about the Indians?

They say history is written by the victors and thus only provides their point of view. A great hero needs great challenges. Often that means great villains. We have portrayed Indians as great villains, savages who massacred everyone including women and children, who raped, and who scalped and mutilated the dead. They were wily and cunning and fearsome warriors. The greater the challenge they presented, the greater our heroes became by contrast.

The characterizations were overdrawn and often unfairly over-generalized. Plains Indian behavior was ascribed to the Apache who in truth weren't much into rape and who hated touching anything dead. If they scalped someone, it was an insult, and they threw the dead thing away almost immediately rather than retaining it as a trophy. Torture was relatively rare, and they didn't unnecessarily hazard their own lives.

Our press and histories made them more fearsome than they were. Our novels and movies, like legends and myths of old, left reality far behind. It should also be noted that

the challenge of the wilderness was also considerably overblown.

Our triumph came at the expense of the Indian. His land and way of life were taken. His existence was materially improved, and his life span extended at the cost of his pride. Most horrible was that the Indian became the poor stepchild of the state, neglected, and left with just enough to keep him alive and little chance of improving himself except by giving up all that is familiar, family and home and culture.

One people subjugating another has been the way of the world since the beginning of time. My ancestors were Celts who 3,000 years ago subjugated whoever was there before them so thoroughly that we can no longer say who they were. They were the forgotten builders of Stonehenge and that's all we know. The Celts were conquered by the Romans and the Romano-Celts under Arthur, or someone like him, were conquered by Anglo-Saxons who were conquered by the Norse and they in turn by the Norman French. Any bloodline far from being pure contains a frightening mix and other lines too numerous to mention. My son had his DNA tested and came up 52% Chinese. His mother was Chinese, but I must have supplied that other 2%.

The American Indian - Native American doesn't work since I was born here and my family has been here for 400 years, so I'm native, too. First Nation doesn't work well either since we now know that there were at least four waves of migration in the distant past, one of which may have come from Europe, so whose to say they were First, probably had ancestors who met people who were already here.

When we write about them, the best thing we can do is understand them as equals and as people, not poor benighted sods shackled by

their culture. They were and are intelligent people responding to their surroundings in reasonable ways, or as foolishly as we often do.

Blast From the Past
Gary Seiss

Gary Seiss sent this in concerning one of the places involved in our recent trail ride.

FLORIDA, NM - A Railroad Station
(Submitted by Gary Seiss)

The second transcontinental railroad line was completed in 1881, with the joining of the Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe Railroad with the Southern Pacific Railroad in southern New Mexico, at a place later named Deming. *The Grant County Herald* (December 11, 1880, p. 3.) announced that the AT & SF Railroad had reached a point 6 miles southeast of Ft. Cummings, in the area of Florida, by December 11, 1880.

Florida was established in 1881 with the completion of the railroad line. Railroads usually put in wells as needed along their tracks to supply water to their steam engines. At Florida this was not the case, since a good supply of water was readily available only 6 miles to the west at Cooke's Spring. A deal was reached between the Federal Government and the AT&SF Railroad in 1882 regarding the spring. The railroad would clean the spring and cover it, in exchange for half the water (estimated **at** 50,000 gallons a day), which would be piped to the tracks at their nearest point. Cooke's Spring was covered, and water piped to the railroad line located 6 miles away for use by the railroad in steam engines. The presence of water made the location a logical place for a station and section house. Porter Station (Florida) was established in 1882.



Figure 1. Cooke's spring house built by the AT&SF Railroad.

There is some discrepancy regarding the name Florida. It may have been named for the Florida Mountains located to the south, but possibly was named for the multitude of flowers on the slopes of Cooke's Peak. Florida was first named Porter Station, and then Cummings. The name of Florida was registered with the postal officials in 1900, but changed the same year to Cybar with that name becoming effective in 1904. In July 1927, an application was made to change the name of the post office from Cybar back to Florida. This name change became effective in 1928. The Florida post office remained in service from 1928 until post office consolidation in 1940.

Supplies for Fort Cummings were delivered by way of the new railroad station at Florida. The supplying of the fort continued until Fort Cummings was again closed in August 1884. It was reoccupied in 1886 because of renewed troubles with the Apaches. Fort Cummings closed permanently on October 3, 1886.

Florida was never actually a town. It remained a train station and housing for railroad crew until the section house and section crew house were closed in 1954. A post office, and later a school was built to serve the needs of the section crew and their families based in Florida. One ranch house (still standing) was built at Florida, taking advantage of the proximity to the train station.

The housing for the section crews consisted of long buildings made up of pairs of rooms, with a living room and a bedroom. Each section crew member, and whatever family he had with him, lived in these two-room suites. Section crews at the AT & SF Railroad were comprised of six

men. At the Southern Pacific Railroad, the section crews consisted of either six or eight men.

The railroad section chief lived in a free-standing, two-story, six-room frame house. A room on the second floor of the Florida section chief's house was rented by Ethel Measday who was the school teacher at the Florida school from 1933 through 1935.

Most supplies for the section chief and the crew were provided by the railroad, shipped into Florida once a month from the district office. After the end of World War II, supplies for the Florida section house were brought by truck from Deming.

For a number of years a small store, housed in a one-room adobe shed, provided a limited selection of basic merchandise to railroad employees and travelers. The store was operated by the rancher living adjacent to the station.

The train schedule was published in *The Deming Headlight*. In 1940, both a northbound and southbound train had daily scheduled stops in Florida. The railroads switched to diesel power in 1943. Although section crews continued to be used, repair shops were converted to diesel servicing, and water tanks were torn down. Use of the water tank at Florida was transferred to the local ranchers by the railroad, insuring its continued existence to the present day.

A school was put into operation by the railroad prior to 1920 (Figure 2), run as a private venture. Classes at Florida were first held in abandoned boxcars until a building could be constructed. The Florida school was transferred to Luna County and operated as a rural county school, with state certified teachers under the auspices of the State School Code of 1923. The Florida school operated as a rural county school until closing in 1938. The last teacher at Florida School was Mrs. Ruth Bibrey, who taught until 1938.

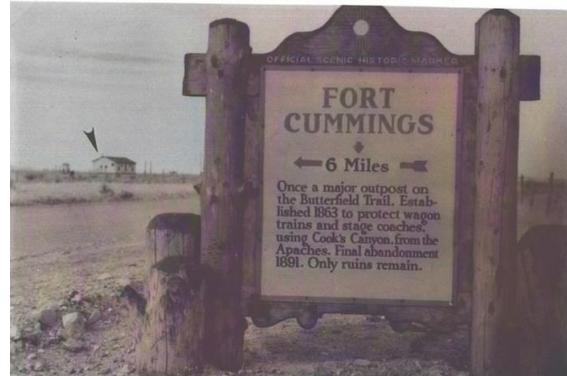


Figure 2. The Florida, New Mexico school (arrow) prior to 1958 (Deming Public Library)

Mining Shipments. Lead ore (containing some silver and gold) and later manganese ore was mined and shipped from the Cooke's Peak mining district by way of Florida. Mining expanded with the construction of the railroad station at Florida. This allowed direct shipments of ore to the smelters in El Paso making this the most valuable lead mining area of New Mexico. By 1897, 12 working mines were shipping 20 tons of ore a day, with a value of \$600.00 a ton, out of Florida Station.

A daily stage connected the Cooke's Peak mining district with the Florida station until 1897. Operated by Brockou Mitchell, the stage charged \$1.50 to go the 6 miles. Mail was carried to Cooke's Peak by the stage, but once the stage line stopped, it had to be picked up in Florida. Mail for Cooke's Peak was routed through Nutt instead of Florida after 1905. Little mining was being done after 1911, although efforts were made to revive the manganese mines in the Deming area during World War 11. Some manganese shipments did go out of Florida, but the ore wasn't rich enough for the mines to be viable.

Cattle Shipments. The AT & SF Railroads' Lake Valley branch closed in 1934, increasing the importance of both the Nutt and Florida Stations as cattle shipping points. This only slowed the decline in livestock taking place in the area. The decline continued through the 1930s, the result of both poor market conditions and prolonged drought. Decreasing numbers of cattle continued to be shipped from Florida until the AT & SF Railroad finally ceased shipping livestock from

Florida in the mid-1950s. Livestock raised in the Florida area is now shipped to markets in trucks by way of Deming.

Florida is now part of the Nunn Ranch, with Cooke's Peak owned by the Hyatt family. The Hyatts, living directly to the west, moved to the Cooke's Peak area from Fredricksburg, Texas, by way of Cloudcroft, in 1897. The Nunns have lived in the area since the 1890s. One ranch house (now the property of the Nunns), stock pens, and the water tank are all that remains of Florida (Figures 3, 4 and 5).



Figure 3. Historic Florida water tank. The area on Google Maps is designated as Cooks Springs Historic Site.



Figure 4. Google map overview of Florida area today showing the water tower, ranch, and the old cattle holding corral for shipments.



Figure 5. Google Maps view traveling on New Mexico Rt 26 with the historic Florida water tank on the right with the ranch on the left.

Departments of Our Publications

Here are some of the Departments of the *Fremont Street Mail* to which you are invited to contribute:

Blast from the Past (a piece of interesting history or an old newspaper article) If you find something good, send it to the Ink Slinger.

Poetry Corner (Cowboy and 19th Century Poetry especially if you wrote it) We'd like to see some of yours and this counts as publication for **the Fred Olds Award**.

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 (small items stumbled upon that answer some question) There are all kinds of things out there.

Tombstone Epitaph (a story from the Epitaph) We try to pick one from the current month, but we don't have the morgue for all early editions.

Places to Visit (Interesting museums, parks and places) Which places do you like.

Hollywood Trivia (fun stuff from the TV and Movies)

Corral Members at Large, Out and About (stories from Ranch Hands who have visited or hiked to some place of historical interest, or received recognition or participated in telling the world about Frontier History)

Photo Album (Photos submitted by Ranch Hands)

Local Events (flyers and notices of events of historical interest in southeast Arizona and southwest New Mexico)

Departments of the *Border Vidette*

Long Articles (about the Frontier West, with special attention to the local area; reprints are acceptable if the author has the rights)

Short Articles (little stories that might otherwise be lost or forgotten; some bit of history the author has stumbled across)

Reviews & Book Reports (both long and short, history and historical fiction about the Frontier West)

Recommended Books & Articles

Timelines

Send STUFF to the Ink Slinger, Doug Hocking, at dhocking@centurylink.net or InkSlinger@CochiseCountyCorral.org
Photos, historical tidbits you've found, Corral news, news of places to visit and events of historical interest. You can have fun mining old newspapers for stories at:

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>

Out & About

THE GATHER

Tombstone, AZ (Sep 19). From September 14 to 16, 2023, the Cochise County Corral of the Westerners hosted the annual Gather of

Westerners International. There were 38 in attendance with folks coming from Arizona Corrals, Texas, Colorado, South Dakota, and even foreign countries like California. In Paris, France, Cochise County Corral ranch hand, Elizabeth Richet, watched the proceedings via YouTube.



We convened in Schieffelin Hall, built as a theater in 1881, with the convocation by Episcopalian priest, Heather Rose, and a greeting from Chairman Bonney MacDonald and Delinda King. Doug Hocking gave a quick run down on the place of Cochise County in history, the *Great Corridor*, followed by a presentation on the *Exploits of the High Five Gang*. This was followed by an excellent presentation *Fred Dodge: Frontier Gambler, Lawman, and Wells-Fargo Detective* by Ron Woggon & Jean Smith. After lunch we held the board meeting and in the late afternoon Chris Douglas showed off the King Solomon 5 Masonic Lodge upstairs at Schieffelin Hall since its opening. The “jewels” of the Lodge, its officers’ badges of office, are made of Tombstone silver crafted in town long ago. Heather Rose then took us to St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, the oldest Protestant church in Arizona with fine architecture and beautiful stained glass. In the evening, we convened at Wyatt Earp’s Oriental Saloon and Theater for a review of the finer points of Tombstone history.

Friday was devoted to touring the town by trolley and visiting the Goodenough Mine



On Saturday, we toured Mescal Movie Studio where *Tombstone*, *the Quick and the Dead* (with Sharon Stone and Leo DiCaprio), *Dirty Dingus Magee*, *the Outlaw Josey Wales* and many other movies were filmed.



Cooke's Canyon Trip

that stretches under the streets of Tombstone. Some went on to the Birdcage Theater, the Rose Tree, Arizona Rangers, and Courthouse Museums. At 5, we met at the Tombstone Monument Ranch Saloon for cocktails and then headed over to the Barn for a delicious dinner and awards ceremony. Bob Spahle of the Cochise County Corral was totally surprised by receiving an award for his Cowboy Poetry. Ross Dillon appeared between Bonney and Delinda handing out awards while working his way through a second huge helping of Peach Cobbler and Ice Cream.

On September 22 & 23, the Corral went on Trail Ride along Highway 80, America's Broadway and first coast-to-coast highway, and Highway 9 that follows the El Paso and Southwestern Railroad and the border, to Hachita, Columbus, Deming and Cooke's Canyon. Those along included Doug & Debbie, Liz & John, Bob Spahle, and Steve Anderson, who, at Animas, were joined by Bob Block and Gary Seiss.



They stopped briefly at the Geronimo Surrender Monument in Apache, AZ. Apache is home to one of Arizona's last one-room schoolhouses and is the site of a 1916 train

robbery. Across the valley is Skeleton Canyon where in 1886, Geronimo surrendered and in 1896, the High Five Gang, Black Jack's Gang, ambushed the pursuing posse and escaped into New Mexico to rob the entire town of Separ, twice.



We next went off-road to Old Hachita where Heslet brothers got the jump on Leonard and Head, two of the March 15, 1881, outlaws that had ambushed the stage near Tombstone.



The Prince Albert tin, favored by prospectors since it was waterproof, was buried in this claim marker and once held information about the claim.

Here is the claim marker.



New Hachita is the rail junction of the El Paso and Southwestern, owned and operated by Phelps Dodge met the spur line from Clifton, AZ.



Along the way, restroom facilities were few and far between. New Hachita, without government support, has put in a rest area. In Deming at the Adobe Deli, this old road sign hangs on the wall. It used to hang at an intersection a few miles from Doug's hometown and is remarkable in that it isn't full of bullet holes. New Mexico has gone to Kevlar signs to fight this problem.



The Adobe Deli, in the middle of nowhere,



has been described as a museum. Here Bob and Debbie watch the big screen trail camera for an appearance of Big Foot. Debbie says the food was great. Gary and Doug were looking the wrong way.

This marker was set up In Sacred Memory of four California Column soldiers killed by Apaches in 1864 near this spot. It gives their names and ages.

This is the remnants of the walls of the Butterfield Overland Mail Station at Cooke's Spring proving that the station had stone, not adobe, walls as Conkling had said. Colonel Cooke and Mormon Battalion road builders passed this way in 1846. The station operated from 1858 to 1861. The stones were "borrowed" to build the wall around the graveyard and the foundations of Fort Cummings.



On the left are the twin stone-walled first floor of the guard towers that had adobe upper floors bracing the main gate. In 1935, DAR put up this marker declaring, incorrectly, that the gate to the fort was the Overland Mail Station. They meant well.

At least 25 people were killed by Apaches near here and maybe more. Presumably, their graves are here somewhere. One 49er was lucky enough to have his grave marked although he wasn't killed by Apaches. He went to bed feeling poorly and woke up dead.

These are the Narrows where, in 1861, the Apache ambushed the Freeman Thomas



party of 7 and the Arizona Wagon Train of people leaving Arizona for safety on the Rio Grande.



The Freeman Thomas party with one man wounded, and the Apache trying to get to their horses, ran for two miles to the pass where they sought cover.

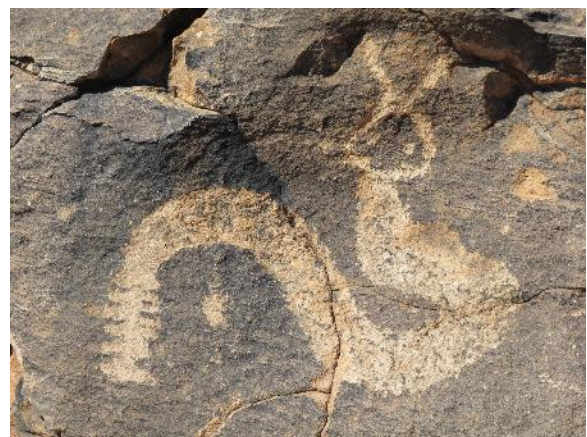


They held out in hastily constructed rock shelters for two and perhaps three days. Cochise said they were the bravest men he ever met.

Our last stop was the Pony Hills Mimbres Rock Art Site. Here is a turtle.



And a horned rattlesnake.



And a mountain sheep.



Tombstone Epitaph

Tom Jeffords’s of *Broken Arrow* fame, the friend of Cochise who negotiated the peace of 1872, was sutler at Fort Huachuca, a prospector, and was frequently proposed for public office.

“Jeffords for Sheriff of Cochise County,” *Tombstone Epitaph*, 14 July 1888.

Capt. [Tom] Jeffords is being urged to submit his name as a candidate for the office of sheriff of this county. Jeff is an old-timer and for twenty years has never failed in his allegiance to the Democratic party, and he has every qualification necessary to make a good Sheriff. Should he be nominated he can be elected over the strongest man the Republicans put up; and no man in the party has stronger claims to recognition than Captain Jeffords. -- Star

Places to Visit
Doug Hocking

Tucson Wagon and History Museum

4823 S 6th Ave Tucson, AZ 85714-3004
Thursday, Friday, & Saturday 0930 to 1530

Well worth a visit. If you want to properly describe a wagon from the past or just check to make sure it’s being described correctly in the book you’re reading, you will want to visit this museum. There were all sorts of wagon for all sorts of purposes and stagecoaches in Arizona weren’t what Hollywood led you to believe.



Southern Arizona Transportation Museum

414 N Toole Ave Tucson, AZ 85701-1815
Tuesday through Sunday, 1100 to 1500,
Friday and Saturday 1000 to 1600.

This little museum has a locomotive where you can climb aboard and learn how to drive a steam engine. The museum sets on the spot where Doc Holliday and Wyatt Earp gunned down Stillwell.



Last Campfire & YouTube

George White spoke about Rose Fulton’s FF Ranch in Texas Canyon. Her husband, William Shirley Fulton, funded and worked on archaeological digs and collected Indian artifacts through his Amerind Foundation which is endowed and still exists as a museum. Rose had her own foundation, the Fulton Foundation Ranch, and she collected horses and cowboys. Both were award winners. You can hear the talk at:



<https://youtu.be/O0l-gagSyQg?si=eLRZw3Lq9Pjtxg6Z>



The Fort Worth Westerners are also on line:

Topic: Fort Worth Westerners Monthly Program

Time: **7:00 PM third Tuesday of each month** (log on a little early)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoomus/j/99059884120?pwd=MkFJWXM5M1g5VmRlU1A2MkRHVkJFdz09>

[Programs \(fortworthwesterners.com\)](https://www.fortworthwesterners.com)

If you missed the Gather of Westerners International here in Tombstone. The opening and first talk were beautifully captured by Fred Otto. Here they are. Be sure to thank Fred.

<https://youtu.be/nOKCa3eEiKQ?si=Jw2S6O-i4Hw4h3TW>

<p>Coming Events Debbie Hocking</p>

October

October 12, **Bill Cavaliere, Chiricahua Apaches**, Tubac

October 13 & 14, **Historical Tours**, Mescal

October 14 & 15 **Patagonia Fall Fest**, Patagonia

October 14 **Bisbee Stained Glass Tour**, Bisbee

October 14, 10 am-1 pm **History in the Park at Fort Lowell Museum 2900 N. Craycroft Rd.**

October 20-22 **Helldorado**, Tombstone

October 21-22 10:00-4:00 **Historical Tours**
Mescal: 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM, 2:00 PM
Artillery Demonstration: 11:00 AM, 1:00

PM, 3:00 PM, Mescal

October 25-28 **Tombstone Territory Rendezvous**, Tombstone; several members are speaking

October 25-28 **Western History Assoc. Conf.**, Los Angeles

November

November 4 & 5 **Cowboy Festival**, Empire Ranch

November 11 & 12 **Native Treasures Show**, Tucson Expo Center, 3750 E. Irvington, Tucson

November 15, **Doug Hocking**, TBD, Catalina Corral, Tucson

November 24 & 25 **Cowboy Christmas**, Mescal

December

December 3, 11-2, **Cochise County Historical Society Annual Banquet**, Douglas

December 9, **Christmas at the Ranch**, Empire Ranch

2024**January**

January 20, 09:00 – 3:30. **History Relived, Tucson Wagon and History Museum**, Tucson

February

February 7-11, **Tubac Festival of the Arts, Tubac**

February 25, 3 p.m. **Southwest Train Robberies** (Southern Arizona Transportation Museum), Tucson

March

March 8, Friday. 9 – 5. **Tombstone Festival of Western Books**, Tombstone

March 9-10, **Tucson Festival of Books**, Tucson

March 13-16, **Gathering of Southern Trails Chapter**, Oregon-California Trails Association, El Paso

April

April 18-20, **Arizona History Convention**, Tempe??

Sources:

TTR <https://tr2022.carrd.co/>

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<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>

<https://tucsonpresidio.com/calendars/>



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:

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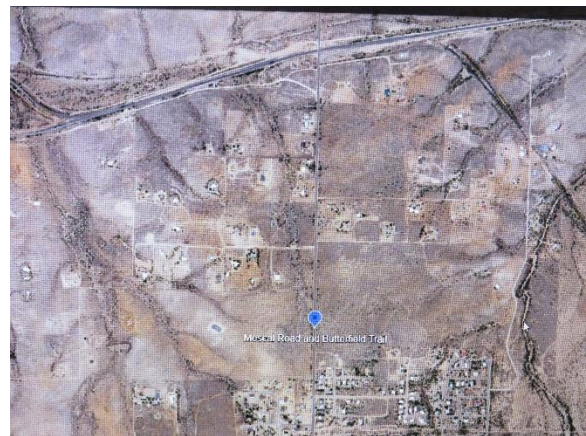
P.O. Box 673

Sierra Vista, AZ 85636-0673

Or call 520-450-0208

Or write luego@mac.com

At the middle of the curving swath marked with a blue balloon, the Butterfield Overland Mail Trail crosses Mescal Road just south of



the railroad tracks. This is one of few undeveloped spots where the trail can be seen crossing a public road. It might be a great spot for a monument someday. It is close to the Mescal Movie Studio. If you've been there, you crossed this spot.

Poetry Corner

Walkin' Buzzard Ranch

By Bob Spahle

I bought four beautiful acres in the Southwest.

I left San Diego and gave it my best.

It was a tough time at night, all alone out here,
But at least I can go to Buddy's Bar and have
a cold beer.

Being retired at 55 is the way it should be.
 Livin' life while you can is surly the key.
 Havin' bunnies and piggies come to your
 door,
 What more in the world could you ever ask
 for?

I call my place the Walking Buzzard Ranch.
 No, I didn't call it that by chance.
 It could be that I could stretch a lie
 Or just that we were too full of S—t to fly.

It took a lot of sweat to build a new home,
 Screamin' and cussin' workin' fingers to the
 bone,
 But in the end, I'm sure you'll agree
 It's nice to have a place indoors to pee.

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Rhonda Lomeli

51,000

July 1 July 2 July 3 1863

So many killed, missing, wounded.

Days pass. Weeks to months then to years

51,000 Not true What of the other wounded

The mothers, fathers the grandparents brothers

and sisters Who cites the beloved! The children

neighbors playmates. And the friends so near too

close during the battles. Never ceasing noise, heat,

smoke and suffering. No food no water no painkillers

no doctor. Glowing skyline Green trees Black cannon

balls Grey smoke Pale bodies Clear tears Crimson dirt

The end too late...1863 Gettysburg. Real lives crushed

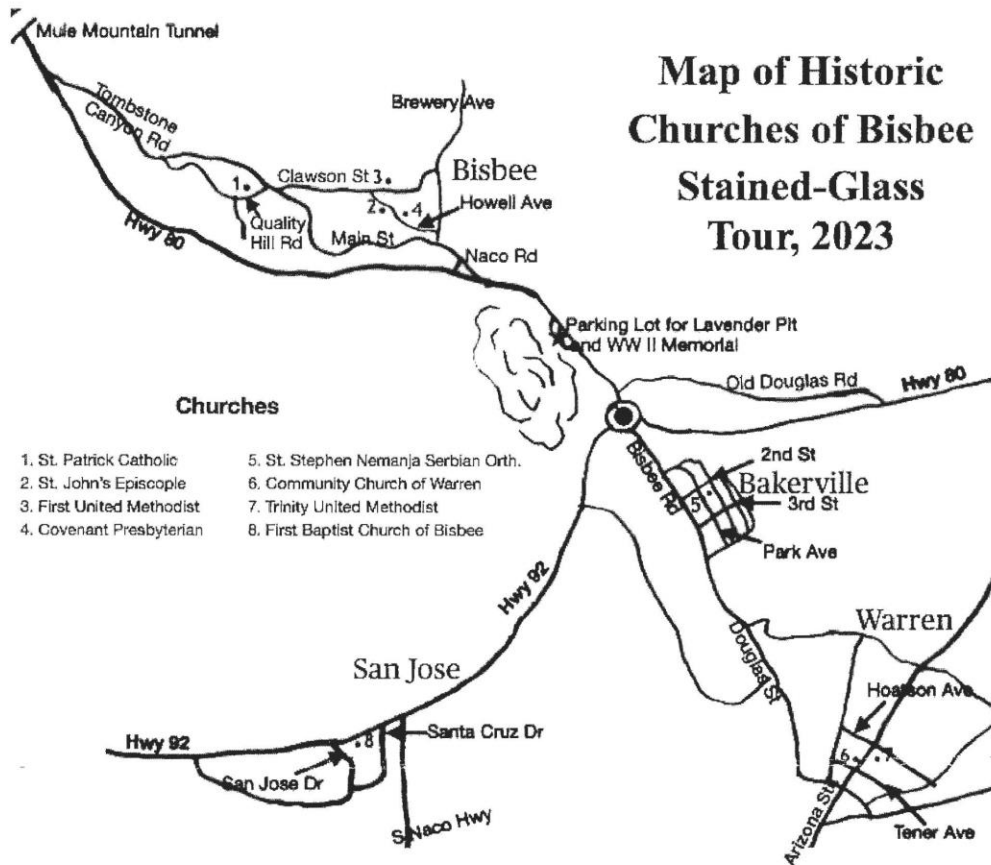
Forever transformed The departed Not merely numbers

The spirits wander Some say haunt, but who really knows

The Address 272 the number of words. Words of wisdom

Words with implications Words to ponder What of the *one*

the person, the most important. Given only one life significant most to one, the *one*



The Cochise County Historical Society is co-hosting a Stained-Glass Tour of Historic Churches in Bisbee on Saturday, October 14, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

We hope to provide a shuttle service, but the tour will also be self-guided with docents in each church providing history handouts and detailing the story of each church and its windows. Some of the churches highlighted will be also be holding fundraiser events for that same day.

The tour is free to the public, but we encourage participants to donate toward each church's costs for helping make this event possible. If you have any questions, please contact CCHS Vice President Craig McEwan at 520-558-0369, or email him at jraigmcewan@gmail.com. You may also contact Church-Tour Committee Chair Colleen Crowlie at 520-432-3107.



Mescal Movie Set Announces its “END OF SUMMER” Tour Schedule

Visit the historical movie set and walk in the footsteps of Western stars

BENSON, ARIZONA, UNITED STATES, AUGUST, 2023

The end of summer is approaching and it's a great time to visit the Mescal Movie Set before film productions start this fall. The tour schedule provides opportunities to catch an amazing sunset or beat the heat with a self-guided morning tour. Once the heat breaks, we will reopen our daytime Historical Tours.



The set has been used in over 100 film productions, including many of your favorite classic westerns. Guests taking a Historical Tour will visit buildings and street locations where memorable scenes from *Tombstone*, *Outlaw Josey Wales*, *The Quick and the Dead*, and many more occurred, including:

- The Mercantile Store built by Clint Eastwood for *Outlaw Josey Wales*.
- The OK Corral and Oriental Saloon from *Tombstone*.
- Virgil's and Wyatt's cottages from *Tombstone*.
- The Redemption Saloon from *The Quick and The Dead*.
- The Livery where Steve McQueen boarded his horse in *Tom Horn*.
- Paul Newman's "Jersey Lily" from *The Life and Times of Judge Roy Bean*.
- The Brothel frequented by Frank Sinatra in *Dirty Dingus Magee*.
- Plus, many more iconic movie scene locations!

"END OF SUMMER" Tour Schedule:

MORNING SELF-GUIDED TOUR

Sat Aug 12 Tours at 8:00 & 9:00 AM

EVENING SUNSET HISTORICAL TOURS

Sat. Aug 19 Tours at 6:00 & 6:30 PM

Sat. Sept 2 Tours at 5:30 & 6:00 PM

Sat. Sept 16 Tours at 5:30 & 6:00 PM

DAYTIME HISTORICAL TOURS

Fri. Oct 6 Tours at 9:00, 10:00, 11:00, 12:00, 1:00

Sat. Oct 7 Tours at 9:00, 10:00, 11:00, 12:00, 1:00

Fri. Oct 13 Tours at 9:00, 10:00, 11:00, 12:00, 1:00

Sat. Oct 14 Tours at 9:00, 10:00, 11:00, 12:00, 1:00

The walking tour is a quarter mile long and lasts about one hour. The cost is only \$15 per person with children 10 and under free. All proceeds are used to renovate the set to attract future film productions. Please, no pets, smoking, or weapons on set.

Future dates are subject to change because of film production. The set has a busy film schedule in 2023 but remains committed to hosting tours and special events between film productions.

MYSTERIOUS GHOST HUNT at the Mescal Movie Set

Can you handle being locked in a haunted movie set for 2 hours?

BENSON, AZ, ARIZONA, UNITED STATES, SEPT., 2023

Test your bravery on a Ghost Hunt in an eerie old western movie set. This is neither a scare attraction nor a tour. It is an interactive paranormal investigation. Tucson Ghost Company will provide equipment (K2, ghost meters, cell sensors, rad detectors, thermostat, dosing rods) at strategic locations so you can try and communicate with spirits known to haunt the set.



The set has been used in over 100 film productions, including many of your favorite classic westerns. Guests participating in the Ghost Hunt will hunt buildings and street locations where memorable scenes from *Tombstone*, *Outlaw Josey Wales*, *The Quick and the Dead*, and many more occurred. Including:

- The Mercantile Store built by Clint Eastwood for *Outlaw Josey Wales*.
- The OK Corral and Oriental Saloon from the movie *Tombstone*.
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- Plus, many more iconic movie scene locations!

"GHOST HUNT" at the Mescal Movie Set

Sat Oct. 7, -- 8:00 - 10:00 PM

The cost is only \$45 per person. Reservations are limited! Reserve your spot in advance at www.MescalMovieSet.com. All the proceeds are used to renovate the set to attract future film productions.

Participants must be 14 years of age or older. Anyone under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Do not enter if you suffer from Asthma, heart conditions, or any type of medical problems.

- A waiver will need to be signed prior to your ghost hunt.
- Please wear good hiking/walking shoes (no open-toe shoes)
- Please bring a flashlight and warm clothing.
- Please bring water.
- No smoking, pets, weapons, and alcoholic drinks are permitted.

For more information visit www.MescalMovieSet.com or call 520-255-6662.

Mark Sankey
Mescal Movie Set
1538 N. Mescal Rd/ PO Box 833 (mailing)
Benson, AZ 85602
info@mescalmovieset.com

About the Sponsor

The Mescal Movie Set is the historical home to 100+ classic western movies. The set is being renovated to promote western history and culture while bringing filming back to southern Arizona.

GHOST HUNT

THE MYSTERIOUS MESCAL MOVIE SET



**CAN YOU HANDLE BEING LOCKED IN A
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AT NIGHT . . . WITH NO ELECTRICITY?

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PARANORMAL INVESTIGATION. TUCSON GHOST COMPANY WILL PROVIDE
EQUIPMENT AT STRATEGIC LOCATIONS SO YOU CAN TRY AND COMMUNICATE
WITH SPIRITS KNOWN TO HAUNT THE AREA.**



OCT, 7, 2023

8:00 PM - 10:00 PM

\$45 / PERSON

LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE

RESERVE YOUR TICKETS ONLINE

WWW.MESCALMOVIESET.COM

MESCAL MOVIE SET -- 1538 N MESCAL RD, BENSON, AZ 86602 -- 520-255-6662

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.

**These are available for \$5
And make excellent Christmas Gifts.**



COMING TO TOMBSTONE HELLDORADO WEEKEND

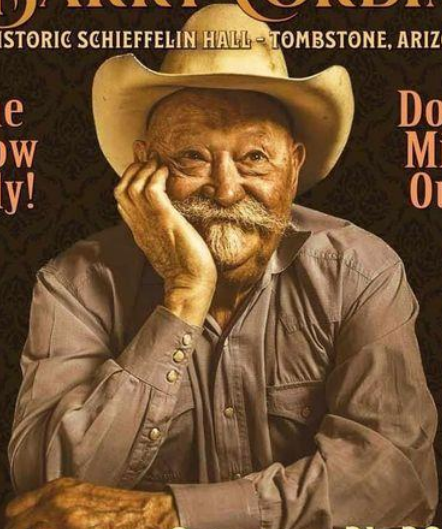
An Evening With

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IN HISTORIC SCHIEFFELIN HALL - TOMBSTONE, ARIZONA

One Show Only!

Don't Miss Out!



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2023

Doors open at 5:00PM · Show starts at 6:00PM



General Admission - \$50 ~ VIP Seats - \$75

TICKETS ARE LIMITED SO GET YOURS EARLY!

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Tickets available online at DiscoverBoothill.com

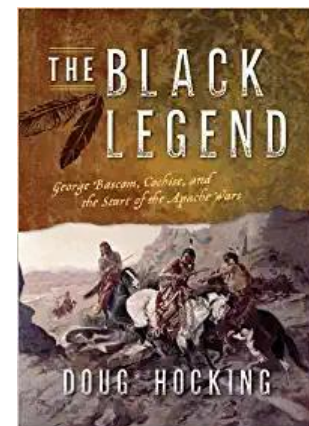
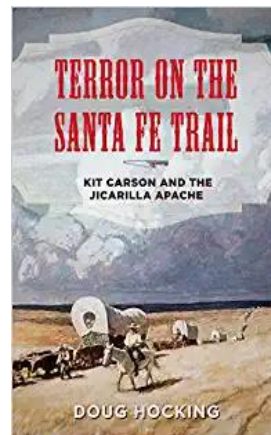
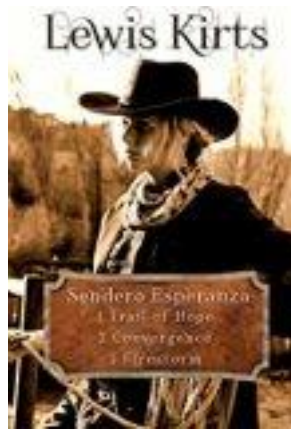
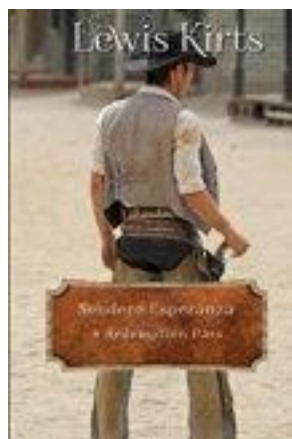
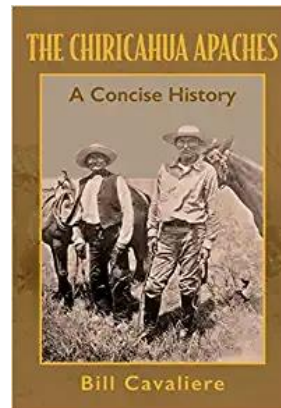
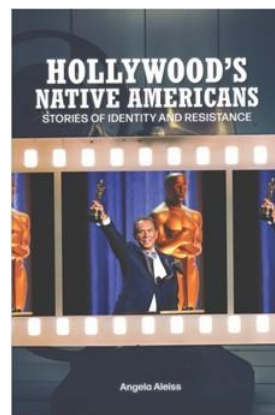
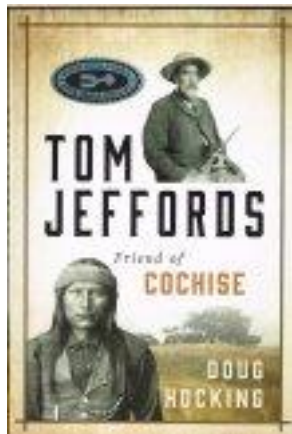
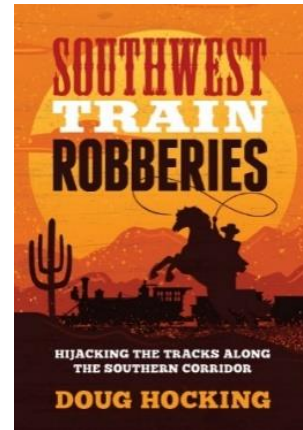
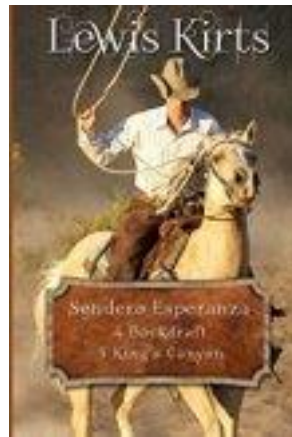
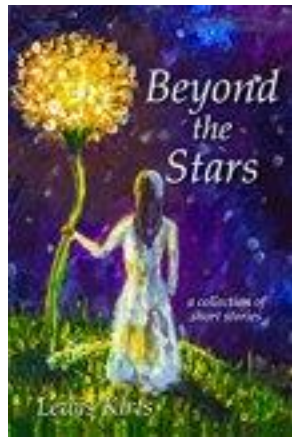
For more information call (520) 457-2202

**Updated Invitation to the 2024 Second Annual
Tombstone Festival of Western Books
Friday, March 8, 2024**

Sponsored by the Cochise County Corral of the Westerners
and the Cochise County Historical Society

1. Western Authors & Friends. The festival is for authors of Frontier and Modern Westerns including novels, historical fiction, history, travel, mystery, cookbooks of Western recipes. It is also open for Friends of Western Literature *as space allows*, including:
 - a. Historical Societies and libraries
 - b. Historical Sites including museums, movie sets, historic ranches.
 - c. Actors & Reenactors including gamblers and bunco artists and others whose arts can reasonably be performed indoors and who can reasonably be seen as *draws*.
 - d. *Voices of the West* podcast and *True West* Magazine.
2. The event is for authors as an occasion to sell their books and meet their public. To this end entry fees are kept to \$30. Friends of Western Literature and sponsoring historical societies will be allowed table space without charge *as space permits*. Also, as space permits: bookstores, editors, publishers (\$50).
3. The event will be held **on the Friday before the Tucson Festival of Books**, March 9 & 10, 2024. On **Friday, March 8, 2024**, the event will be held in **Schieffelin Hall**, Fremont St. (Highway 80) at 4th St., **Tombstone, AZ**.
4. Applications must be received prior to the last day of January including check for the fee. Acceptance and awarding of space will be communicated via email by the end of the first week of February. (Those not selected will have their check refunded, promptly).
5. Coffee and lunch will be provided in a small socializing area behind the stage. *No food or beverage will be brought into the main hall*.
6. Authors and exhibitors will be allowed about 3.5 feet of table (half of a large table). Table assignments are the purview of the organizers but requests to share tables will be honored when possible.
7. The event will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
8. Authors will arrive at NLT 8 a.m. to set up. Authors and exhibitors agree to arrive on time and remain until 6 p.m. so as not to disrupt others.
9. Checks will be made out to *Cochise County Corral of the Westerners* and applications sent to:
Cochise County Corral of the Westerners
P.O. Box 393
Tombstone, Arizona 85638
10. All authors and exhibitors, excluding non-profits, must have a Transaction Privilege Tax (Arizona sales tax) license. This is a state requirement, and the organizers must keep a list. The license is inexpensive. Information and licenses may be acquired on line at: <https://azdor.gov/transaction-privilege-tax/tpt-license/applying-tpt-license> Be sure to go to an azdor.gov site and no other. About the **Transaction Privilege Tax (sales tax)** license. If you are selling books for profit, the state requires that you collect sales tax. The state requires that the organizer, Cochise County Corral, maintain a list of all license numbers. The only exception is non-profit organizations.





COCHISE COUNTY CORRAL OF THE WESTERNERS

Thursday September 7th, 7 PM at Schieffelin Hall

FREE

Mike Anderson



On Thursday, November 2, at 7 p.m., local historian, **Mike Anderson**, will speak on *Entertainment in Early Cochise County*. They sang, they danced, they drank, gambled, chased wild women, and played baseball. There were legitimate and burlesque theaters as well as opera houses. We know Mike is devoted to Vintage Baseball, but which entertainments will he speak on? 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.



See You at Schieffelin Hall 4th and Fremont in Tombstone

Regular meetings at 7 PM on the first Thursday of each month
Join a Renowned Corral winner of Heads Up Award
for Best Corral 2013, 2014 & 2021

Pre-meeting dinner, 5:30 PM at the Longhorn Restaurant, 5th & Allen



- ★ Enjoy learning about Western Frontier History in a fun, informal environment
- ★ Enjoy Monthly meetings with presentations of Cowboy Poetry, Short History and Western History

- ★ Exciting Trail Rides (field trips) to visit places important in our Western history
- ★ Read the interesting *Border Vistas* and the *Fremont Street Mail*

For more information www.CochiseCountyCorral.org
Or contact Doug Hocking at 520 378-1833 or InkSlings@CochiseCountyCorral.org

The Cochise County Corral of The Westerners is a 501c3 organization.

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Membership Form November 2022



The Cochise County Corral of the Westerners

invites you to renew a fun, informal group of people
2023 RENEWAL

Every First Thursday of the Month
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

At Schieffelin Hall

On Fremont Street

Dinner 5:30 at the Longhorn Restaurant

Membership Benefits:

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- ❖ 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
- ❖ Subscription to the *Buckskin Bulletin*
- ❖ The Cochise County Corral is affiliated with Westerners International which represents over 148 local Corral around the world
- ❖ Monthly newsletter – *Fremont Street Mail* – Quarterly journal – *Border Vidette*. www.CochiseCountyCorral.org
- ❖ **Join the Corral that has twice won the coveted Heads Up Award for Best Corral 2013 & 2014 & 2021**



Membership only \$20 per person per year
(Feel free to visit a few times before you join)

My name and changes renewing member of the Corral - Membership \$20 for 2023
Cochise County Corral of the Westerners, P.O. Box 393, Tombstone, AZ 85638

Name _____ Date: _____

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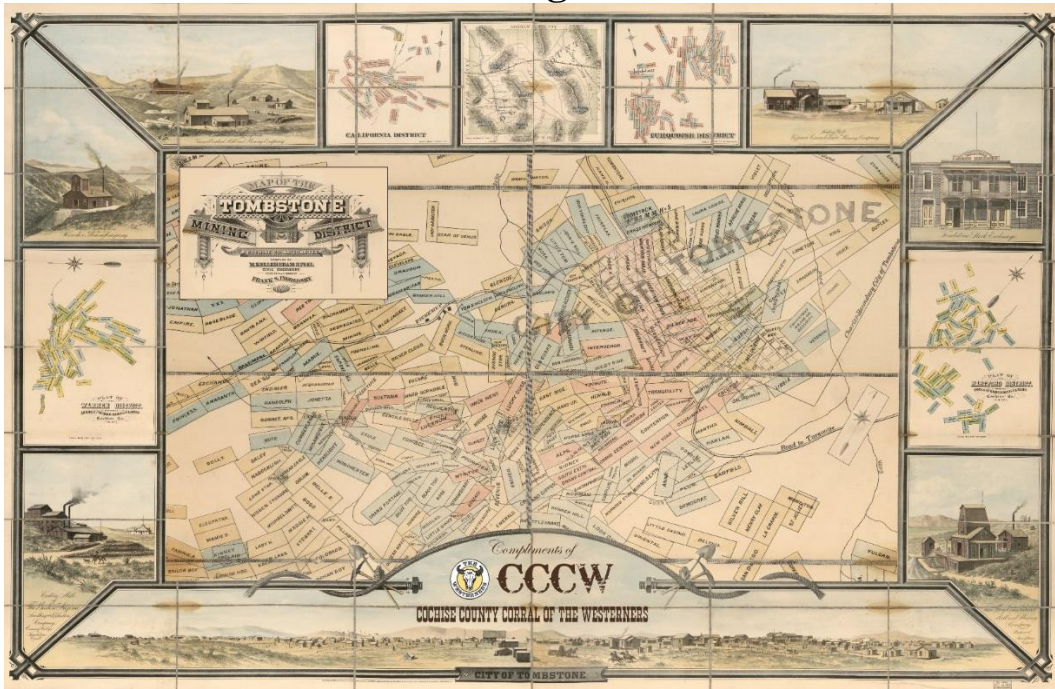
The Cochise County Corral meets at Schieffelin Hall, Tombstone, AZ
Information contact: Sheriff Doug Hocking (doug@doughocking.com) or Nevada Smith at (520) 642 7601

Registration <https://cochisecountycorral.org/gather-registration>
Schedule and info <https://cochisecountycorral.org/2023-gather>

Send Completed Application and check for \$20 to:
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Tombstone, AZ 85638

**Map of the Tombstone Claims
And Surrounding Communities**



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