



A Letter from Our President Deb Poteet

Hello Las Senoras Ladies,

What a year! On December 19th, Betty Watt and I presented Dan Finley with a \$37,000 check for our annual donation to the Desert Caballeros Western Museum. An outstanding result of all the efforts of the Las Senoras Board and our members. None of this could have happened without you! Thank you!

Let's look back at 2022! We kicked off 2022 with our luncheon and annual meeting in January at the Learning Center. We had a fun Valentine's event in February at the Saguaro Theater. The ladies enjoyed a vintage Western film and chocolate roses. In March, we had our first Spring Sale, which was such a success that it will most likely become an annual event. In April, we had our Ladies' Night Out at the Museum with lovely snacks, wine, music, and of course, Great Cowgirl Up art. May brought a fun Mother's Day Sip and Shop. In June, July, and August, the Board took the summer off, and in September, we resumed meetings and planned the balance of the year's

activities. In October, we had our Welcome Back Luncheon. We had great Western entertainment and much fun. In November, we hosted our 42nd Home Tour, now called our Home and Garden Tour. We closed our fundraising year in December with another Sip, Shop, and Support. Thirteen stores participated, and all you shoppers helped take our end-of-the-year figures over our 2021 proceeds! Well done!

As our year ends, we look forward to 2023 and more fun events. Please watch for our save-the-date notices and calendar. You can always reach us at contact@lassenoras.org as well. Please visit our website for updates, too. www.lassenoras.org.

I want to encourage current members to renew their membership this January and invite friends to join us. Even our dues add to what we can contribute to the Museum. The Museum can only open its doors if it has volunteers. Many members, myself included volunteer our time at the Museum. Cowgirl Up needs many extra volunteers, so please give this some thought.

It has been my pleasure to serve as your President for the last three years. Working alongside such talented and generous ladies has been such a gift. I thank my previous and present board members for their friendship, dedication, and service.

In closing, I want to thank the many members who have stepped up to serve on committees, helping wherever needed and sharing their time, talents, and gifts. Thank you! I wish you all a healthy, happy, and safe New Year!

Deb Poteet President, Las Senoras



Deb Poteet and Betty Watt deliver the \$37,000 check to Dan Finley, Director of the Desert Caballeros Western Museum

Kickoff New Year Luncheon to be Held January 23rd



Kiki Shumway Guest Speaker

Our first meeting of the new year will be a rodeo-themed luncheon to be held at the Museum's Cultural Crossroads Learning Center on Monday, January 23rd. We are delighted to have as our guest speaker Kiki Shumway. Kiki has been involved in every aspect of the Miss Rodeo America Pageant, serving as past President for many years. She also served on the Miss Rodeo America Executive Board for fourteen years. In 2017, she was inducted into the Miss Rodeo America Hall of Fame. Kiki will be sharing her experiences of working with the Pageant for all those years.

A short business meeting will follow to elect our 2023 Las Senoras board members.

Lunch will be catered by the Onery Pig Barbeque. Wine will be available by donation and we will be having a fundraising raffle.

Ladies, wear your favorite western attire and join us for this fun afternoon!

When: Monday January 23, 2023

Time: 11:30 am to 1:30 pm

Where: Museum's Cultural Crossroads

Learning Center, Desert Caballeros Western Museum, Wickenburg, AZ

Tickets and reservations can be made Online:

\$30 *Member \$35* Guest

Reservations are required due to planning for the meal count. Please purchase your ticket or make reservations no later than Monday, January 16th. Thank you!

Buy Luncheon Tickets Here

Need to renew your membership? Link here!





Who Knew? Member Spotlight

Tiffany Spaulding arrived in Wickenburg in April of 2020 ready to warm up and dry out after living in the Pacific Northwest for 35 years. When asked why Wickenburg, Tiffany shared "I love the sun and heat! There's no better place for that than Arizona. We chose Wickenburg for the small-town lifestyle and the community." Tiffany's career as an entrepreneur has included 15 years in restaurant management and ownership, followed by nearly 20 years of owning her own craft and hobby company "Totally-Tiffany.com". The Totally-Tiffany brand focuses on craft supply storage and organization products. In 2020, Tiffany sold her company to a larger craft company based in the UK. "I'm still working for the Totally-Tiffany brand. I really enjoy working, but I'm also looking forward to having time to get more involved locally." In her free time, Tiffany enjoys playing golf and cactus gardening." I admit I have become addicted to golf, since learning to play, but the big addiction for me is cactus! I started with a couple of basic plants in my yard and now my cactus garden has grown to over 250 of the pokey little guys," adds Tiffany. When asked how she got involved with Las Senoras, Tiffany shared "I was so impressed with the museum, which lead me to Las Senoras." You can find out more about Tiffany at her new website and blog, www.LifeInTheWick.com. On a personal note, Tiffany has 2 adult sons, London (Mesa, AZ) and Maxfield (Tacoma, WA). She's married to Park Kitchings and they have one small and very spoiled miniature Dachshund, Petey.



Save the Date: Spring Cleaning Sale Friday and Saturday, March 17th & March 18th

Our second annual Las Senoras Spring Cleaning Sale will be here before you know

it! We need all of our Las Senoras gals to get involved this year. We need your gently used items donated for the sale. We also need your neighbors, items too, so spread the word! So don't throw anything away, please save it for our sale. All sales proceeds benefit the museum. We will be accepting donations two weeks prior to the sale and information will be provided on drop off locations closer to the sale. Last year we raised over \$5,000 at the sale! We look forwarded to a record breaking sale in 2023.

Our Wish List of Donated Items:

Clothing

Boots & Shoes

Decor Items

Mirrors and Pictures

Small Appliances

Small Furniture (We must be able to move with two ladies)

Saddles & Tack

Garden Items including potted plants (live)

Antiques & Collectibles

Books and Videos

Toys & Children's clothing

Lamps

Linens

Bedspreads

Flower arrangements

Jewelry

Charlee Brotherton (918-629-2977) and Linda Reardon (715-889-4448) are cochairing the event. Please call either one for questions.

Volunteers Needed



Would you like to get involved?

Please let us know! contact@lassenoras.org Volunteer Coffee To Be Announced!

Committees

- Marketing & PR
- Luncheons
- Spring Clean Sale
- Home & Garden Tour
- Ladies' Night Out at Cowgirl Up!
- Cinema Girls Film Event



Wickenburg Remembers the Museum Fire 50 years Later

In the early morning of December 21, 1972 Wickenburg lost their treasured Museum to a fire. The museum had only had their doors open for less than 3 years. The Wickenburg community rallied behind the museum founder, HK MacLennan and the news of the day was "We Will Rebuild." Not only was their financial help in rebuilding the museum but also historic items were donated by residents. In addition, prior to the fire, the museum was considered a historical museum, but after the fire, many of the cherished and important works of art that are displayed in museum today were part of the donations that poured in to help build the Desert Caballeros Western Museum we have today. Exactly, three years from the date of the fire, the new museum re-opened on December 21, 1975.

Las Senoras de Socorro means Ladies of Help. We have been fundraising for the Desert Caballeros Western Museum since 1974 and those early volunteers were intregal in helping raise funds to rebuild the museum. Today our volunteers continue the work of the ladies that came before us. Thank you to all of the contributions yesterday, today and in the future.

For more information on the fire, there is a wonderful article in the December 21, 2022 edition of The Wickenburg Sun, written by Ron Eland.

In Memory of Board Member Carroll Pulis



Carroll returned home to her heavenly father at her residence in Wickenburg, Ariz, on December 2, 2022, after a hard-fought battle with cancer.

Carroll was born in Orange, N.J. to James Thomas Barnes and Mary Vroman Barnes. She graduated from high school in Madison, New Jersey and Kathrin Gibbs School in Montclair, New Jersey. Her early working carrier was as a legal secretary for a major pharmaceutical company until she returned home to raise three wonderful children. In 1981 she and her family moved west to Wickenburg and then Durango, Colo. where she spent much of her time in outdoor activity including hiking, horseback riding, and skiing along with probably her all-time favorite job working in the rental shop at Purgatory Ski Resort .

She traveled considerably with her husband, Art, to Europe, Asia, South America, and New Zealand. Some of her most exciting trips were to Ukraine, Tibet, Nepal, and India while connected with the international missionary organization Youth With A Mission.

Upon moving back to Wickenburg in 2001, Carroll continued to be active with outdoor activities, including the women's riding group, Las Damas, and Las Senoras de Socorro, where she served on the board of directors. In 2009 she wrote and published a children's book, "Lightning Reed, A Mighty Fine Steed." Local artist Patti Georgas beautifully illustrated the book.

We all loved Carroll and her gentle spirit. We will miss her greatly. Memorial gifts may be made in her name to K-9 Connection in Wickenburg.



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