



The Mohave Museum of History and Arts Mohave Memories

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LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

One fine February day, I was engaged in a heated conversation that ended when my adversary accused me of being “monochromatic” (in truth, the incident that really occurred was that my wife told me my shirt of choice did not match my pants of choice). I feigned artistic indignation, realizing that she might be accusing me of having only one crayon in the box.



After standing down and walking away, I decided to do some self-evaluation. I would walk through the Museum and examine each exhibit as though I was experiencing it for the first time. Roy Purcell’s collage was the first place I went and it was alive with bright oranges and yellows as if it existed in the top half of the rainbow. I proceeded to the room with the Navajo rugs and, although subtler in hues because of their native dyes and utilitarian nature, nonetheless it was still warm and inviting. I walked the rest of the Museum and continued to see the light dancing in objects, or reflecting off of them. My journey ended at the turquoise display cases. The carved pieces infused with copper matrix spoke for themselves. I was completely humbled by the realization that while the carving was magnificent, it paled in light of the copper-infused blue stone created by nature. I truly had seen the light!

My journey took place on the day of the Mohave Museum Board meeting, and after its finish, in the process of closing up and going home my eyes settled on a screen monitoring the security camera in a darkened Museum. Guess what? Everything was grey or monochromatic (so to speak). The moral to this tale (if there is any) is that we all live in a single-tone world until we open it up to the light. So, please, come on down and enjoy our Museum, we “will always have the lights on for you”.

Shannon

The Research Facility at Mohave Museum of History and Arts recently received a check from the Arizona Historical Society to help with costs of our map encapsulation project. This grant of funds was supplemented by another grant from the Arizona Historical Records Advisory Board, and matching funds provided by the Museum covers associated costs of labor. Combined, these monies should be sufficient to complete the encapsulation project. In the photo at right, AHS Board member, Robert Ballard, hands a check to MMHS Board president, Bill Wales, as the volunteers and staff gather in the background to celebrate.

(Photo Credit: Claire Whitley, 2019)



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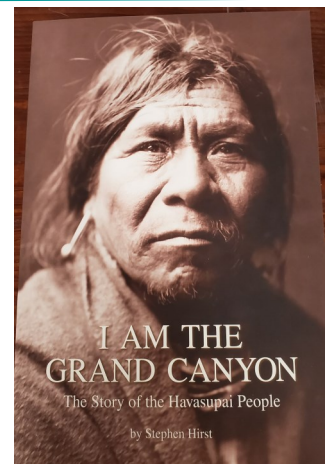
Andy Sansom and Robert Ballard stirred the ashes of an old plan to connect museums in northwestern AZ and along the Colorado River. The idea was to band together for mutual support, special training, and encouragement. Revival began in 2018; our third quarterly meeting in February 2019 was held at the Searchlight Historic Museum. This band of hardy souls now includes museums from Bullhead City, Chloride, Oatman, Parker, and Lake Havasu City in AZ. In CA it's Needles, and Goff's in Essex; in NV, Searchlight. At the February meeting we agreed on a basic communications structure and our official name. Ideas were exchanged for training classes and plans were made for the group's next gathering. Special guest was Mark Hall-Patton of Clark County Museum and personality on reality television's "Pawn Stars." An encouraging start for historic museums in our region.

GIFT SHOP BOOK REVIEW

I AM THE GRAND CANYON: THE STORY OF THE HAVASUPAI PEOPLE

BY STEPHEN HIRST

The cover caught my eye but as I began to turn the pages the story with its graphic, colorful photos kept my attention riveted. It is a documentary, presented in a creative-non-fiction way. That is, the facts are presented but personalities, situations, and realities take on life—the people involved live and breathe—Mr. Hirst did a great job with this third edition. The story tells of Havasupai beginnings and their struggle to regain their traditional lands. A tiny tribe, the Havasupai leaders stood tall for their people in 1971 when negotiating with the federal government. Hirst's forty years among the Havasupai enabled him to capture the essence of their story. Recommended reading: 249 pages (plus Notes, Bibliography, and Index), \$18.95



THE BIG SHOW COMES TO KINGMAN

CONTRIBUTED BY CHARLES COOK

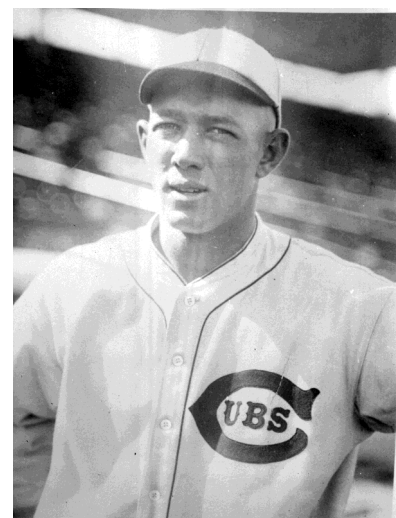
When I was a young pup I could hardly wait for spring. Spring was the renewal of life and the coming beautification of our natural landscape. Spring also signaled the start of baseball season, our national pastime. Baseball season coaxes Americans out of the doldrums of winter. A renewal of purpose and hope enters our lives as those of us who follow our favorite baseball teams think of the sounds, smells, and visual experiences of the game. Would you have believed me if I told you that in the Spring of 1924 Mohave County became a hotspot in the nation for Major League baseball?

After the winter of 1923, the small town of Kingman, Arizona, population 1,500 souls, tried to shake off the winter season. The folks who called this little town home became excited about a special event that would take place in only one small town in southwestern America.

The Chicago Cubs and Pittsburgh Pirates baseball teams were coming to Kingman to play an exhibition game on April 1, 1924. The Cubs used Catalina Island, off the coast of southern California, as their winter training camp. The Pirates also trained on the west coast. Both teams had to travel by rail through Kingman to get back to their respective cities in the east for the start of the 1924 baseball season. Through the gracious efforts of Cub's owner, Charles Wrigley, the Cub's management staff, the willingness of the Pirates' organization, and the enthusiasm of Chicago's second baseman, George "Boots" Grantham—who just happened to be a Kingman boy—the spectacle was arranged.



GRANTHAM AT BAT FOR CUBS, KINGMAN, APRIL 1, 1924
(MMHA #15556)



GEORGE GRANTHAM (MMHA #9559)

The town of Kingman also got their collective act together. The existing baseball field (where Locomotive Park is now situated) was expanded by added seating on each side of the existing grandstand to make room for at least 2,500 fans. Vendors and additional City staff were hired to make sure the event would succeed. Marching bands performed and there were parades. In the days before the event hotels in Kingman started to fill up with fans from the west coast as well as aficionados from eastern and surrounding states. This one-of-a-kind event motivated Kingman to be up to the task.

The actual game was a lopsided win for the Cubs. Local hero George Grantham got two hits, scored two runs, and made a number of double plays from his position as second-sacker. Grantham's major league career eventually spanned twelve seasons (1922-1934). He played for the Cubs, New York Giants, Cincinnati Reds, and Pittsburgh Pirates. He also participated in two World Series, and finished his big-league career with a .302 batting average. George came home after his illustrious career and was an admired fixture in our town until his death in 1954 at fifty-three years of age.

I was not originally a Chicago Cubs fan. When I was young I liked the Washington Senators. It must have had something to do with my own confidence level because the Senators were always a second-tier ball club, usually low in the American Baseball League standings. Or maybe it was due to a character trait that made me always root for the underdog—something I've not managed to shake off my entire life. But recently I've become a Cubs fan due to the Cinderella season they had in 2016, when they

won the World Series for the first time in one hundred and eight years. I must admit I've had some prodding along the way. My mother-in-law came from a large, scrappy family on the north side of Chicago and if you weren't a Cubs fan you could risk being verbally or, possibly, physically accosted.

In closing, I would like to praise our hometown hero. George Grantham was always bigger than life because he exemplified the high standard of what young people stood for in the 1920's. He was inspiring; he had to prove himself. You either succeeded or you were pushed aside. He worked hard and made good on his own merit. Wouldn't life be great to see more of this kind of success today?



RESTORATION PLANNED FOR WWI MONUMENT AT COUNTY COURTHOUSE

In 1928 citizens from all around Mohave County donated funds to build a monument to recognize the sacrifices made by military service members and to honor the memory of those who participated in World War One.

The effort was led by members of the local American Legion post which was named after Sam Swaskegame. A member of the Hualapai tribe, Swaskegame had volunteered for service in the US Army. Sadly, he was killed in France one month before the end of the war.

The American Legion conducted raffles, bake sales and dances to collect dollar-by-dollar enough to erect the monument in May, 1928. It was reported that even school children in Yucca contributed 25 cents to the effort.

The monument included a full-sized figure of a US Army doughboy holding a 1903 Springfield rifle in one hand and a grenade in the other, along with a figure of a US Navy sailor. Nicknamed the "Potato Digger," a Colt Model 1895/1914 machine gun was placed between the two figures. But sometime in the late 1990's, the monument was vandalized and the machine gun stolen. And over the years, alkali and silica deposits have collected on the lower portions of the monument, the result of over-spray from landscape sprinklers.



Today, a repeat, or "déjà vu," fund-raising effort is underway to restore the monument to its original historic condition. The machine gun will be replaced with an exact replica made of bronze/copper. Also proposed is additional lighting to enhance the landscaping, and surveillance equipment to preserve the dignity it deserves. This effort is being lead by a group of Marine Corps Veterans operating as an IRS 501 (c) 3 Non-Profit entity, known as the Arizona Military Order of Devil Dogs Charities, and is affiliated with the Marine Corps League. Individual community members, civic/veteran's organizations, and businesses throughout Mohave County are encouraged to be a part of this project.



Approximately \$11,000 of the needed \$20,000 for the project has already been collected or pledged. As in 1928, the donations have come from all over the county, along with some from previous residents who now live outside of Arizona. Several high school graduation classes are competing to see which one can raise the most funds. The intent is to generate wide-spread support and involvement throughout the county to restore this monument and rekindle the community pride that existed for many decades as it was a focal point in historic downtown Kingman.

Donations can be mailed to AzMODD Charities, 4435 N. Stardust Rd., Kingman, Arizona, 86409, or to make a donation electronically, go to www.GoFundMe.com, World War I Monument Restoration, Kingman, or, to PayPal, Account: [AzMODDCharities@cox.net](mailto:AzMDDCharities@cox.net). For more details, call 928 237-9358.

For the many men and women who served our nation in the Great War with faithful patriotic purpose, this monument is a fine representation of their dedication to service and freedom. Now, one hundred years later, the people of the Mohave County community are coming together again to keep the memory of their sacrifice and service alive with a respectable, restored monument. (Article & Photos courtesy of Bob Wallace, 2019)

In support of the restoration project, the Mohave County Historical Society, represented by MMHA Board members, present a \$1,000 check to Ben Leith of the Kingman American Legion post.

(L to R), Joe and Rhonda Hart, Andy Sansom, Sue Snell, Robert Ballard, Ben Leith, Bill Eckstrom, and Bob Wallace.



50 Years Ago from the Mohave County Miner

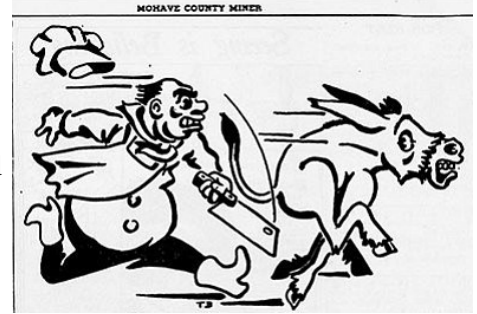
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The illegal use of drugs has definitely declined in Mohave County, Deputy Sheriff Don Parris told Kingman Lions recently. The reduction of illegal drug traffic was all related to a stern crackdown on offenders.

The Annual Burro Barbecue in Bullhead City is scheduled for May 31, and plans are underway to make this the most successful barbecue of all.

Another shipment of London Bridge stone has arrived in Lake Havasu City. This shipment of granite when it is all delivered will weigh over 2200 tons.

The new Mohave General Hospital on Stockton Hill Road is 52 percent completed says hospital administrator Preston Powell.



CARTOON CLIPPING (recent)

80 Years Ago From the Mohave County Miner

MAY—JUNE 1939



1939 STUDEBAKER CHAMPION COUPE

A. A. Grosbrenner purchased the first new Studebaker Champion which was sold from the Williams & Ireland agency in Kingman.

(Route) 66 travel tops all highways across Arizona. 15,200 cars entered Arizona on U.S. Highway 66 during the past month.

Big dance and vaudeville show at the American Legion Hall Saturday, May 20. Music by Hollywood Swing Masters 7-piece orchestra. All for \$1.00 per couple.

Four completely modern rock cabins are now ready for public use in the Hualapai Mountain Park according to an announcement made this week by W. D. Lawe, chairman of the Mohave County Board of Supervisors.

The new Assembly of God church was recently dedicated here. The attractive edifice is built of native stone and has a most attractive and well-arranged interior.

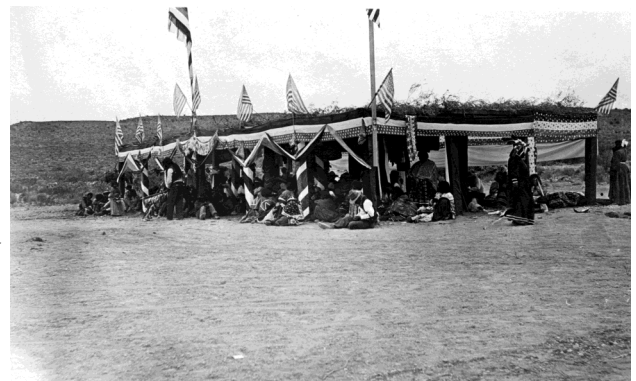
100 Years Ago From the Mohave County Miner

MAY—JUNE 1919

Many Wallapai Indians and squaws have gone to Needles where the big pow wow will be pulled off tomorrow. Employers who have had many of the bucks working for them could not get a single one to go to work yesterday morning unless they were paid a dollar an hour.

Kingman Teachers are to receive more pay next year. County Superintendent has received instructions from the trustees of District No. 4 that hereafter no teacher will be paid less than \$100 per month. An increase of \$5 per month will be granted each teacher annually until a maximum of \$125 will have been reached.

The scarlet fever quarantine has been lifted from the Raymond Carr's residence.



EXAMPLE: HUALAPAI POW WOW, 1930 (MMHA #1218)

Membership Renewal

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***We LOVE our
 ReNewing and New
 Members...THANKS!!***

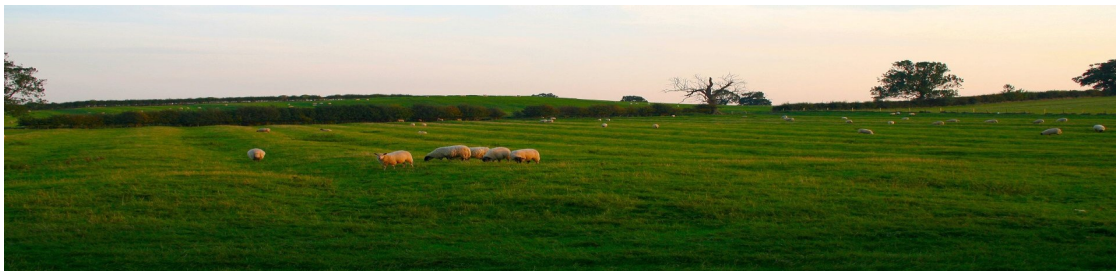
New Memberships

Teresa Seay Cossey and Michelle Seay, Surprise, AZ
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 Tadas Edelis
 Dave and Kathy Reimers, Belfair, WA
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If a Memorial donation is not designated for a specific purpose, it will be used at the Museum's discretion

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Ann "Dobbins" Robb-Tessman	Daughters of The Mohave County Pioneers



COMING ATTRACTIONS

SOUNDS OF KINGMAN EVENTS

May 19, 4:00-6:00 p.m.—Metcalf Park
Concert in the Park
“Lonesome Dick”

June 23, 4:00-6:00 p.m.—Metcalf Park
Concert in the Park
“Doug Barnett”

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